

April 7, 2024



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

Mision Statement of St. Cecilia's & St. Mary's

To be nurtured by Christ's Word, supported by a Faith Loving Community, and to serve the Needs of Others as called to Minister

✦ St. Joseph Church, Magdalena, Colombia (sister parish) ✦



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MASS	Sunday	St. Cecilia	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	11:15 a.m.
	Monday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m.
	Thursday	St. Mary	8 a.m.
	Friday	St. Mary (1 st Friday)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fridays)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Saturday only)	10 a.m. Padre Pio Mass & Devotion
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		or by appointment call:	(415) 488-9799
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #828 in Music Book for the readings

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

“Unless I see him, unless I touch his nail marks, I will not believe.” Thomas said this because at first, he did not believe the resurrection of Jesus. Nevertheless, when encountering the Risen Lord, Thomas was changed from doubt to a profound belief as he uttered the most theological statement: “My Lord and my God.”

Living in this so-called realistic world, it is challenging for us to believe what we have never seen. How difficult for us to accept the story that Jesus suddenly came and stood in the midst of his disciples while all the doors were locked.

With scientific mentality, we tend to examine, analyze, experiment, and try to verify anything before we believe. However, resurrection still remains a mystery of our faith. No question, but believe. Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe.”

Faith is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We have come to believe in God, through Jesus Christ, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit. We find it more meaningful since the resurrection of Christ is the centrality of our Christian faith. Faith should be understood in a more profound level than what we can touch and see.

In his encyclical “Deus Caritas Est” (God Is Love), Pope Benedict XVI said: “We have come to believe in God’s love: in these words, the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his or her life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” This fundamental decision brings us to encounter the person of Jesus, who is God’s love dwelling among us. This love manifested itself to us

through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, which we have just celebrated during the Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Today is second Sunday of Easter, also named Divine Mercy Sunday, reminding us to acknowledge God’s mercy and love. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” St. Faustina, through a vision, gives us a powerful message of the Divine Mercy. By his sorrowful passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus offered his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity to the Eternal Father, in atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.

The resurrection of Jesus gave the first Jerusalem Christians a new hope. Witnessing of Jesus’ resurrection and his love for us, the early Church – the community of believers “was of one heart and mind” and “they had everything in common.” They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they dedicated themselves to the good of others; they were selfless and generous. As we encounter the person of Jesus, and the events of the cross and resurrection, we are invited to give gladly and voluntarily, too.

Divine Mercy is the love of God revealed to us through the pierced side of Jesus, as Saint Bernard said: “The secret of Christ’s heart – which is the love of God – is revealed to us through the clefts of his body.” Resurrected Christ is centrality of our faith, reason for our hope, and dynamic of our charity. So, we are called to love one another as Jesus has loved us. May our faith, hope, and love be firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord. Like Thomas, we profess: “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God,” and like St. Faustina we confidently pray: “Jesus, I trust in you!” Jesus, we believe in you, our Lord and our God.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 7 to Friday, April 12

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	George Kerbs (for health)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Alfred Cuthbert (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	Ken Massucco (birthday)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Steve Linh N. Dinh (birthday)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Peter & Maria Nguyen (repose)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Fr. Cyril O’Sullivan (special intention)
Saturday	no Mass

2024 Annual Appeal

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 8,036.00
Received	\$ 9,366.00
Exceeded	\$ 1,830.00

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 5,533.00
Received	\$ 5,533.00

THANK YOU ALL!

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Easter	\$ 1,168.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,268.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Easter	\$ 1,532.00
Good Friday	\$ 207.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,739.00</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save the Date:** Fr. Andrew Spyrow and Fr. Thomas Martin will be at St. Cecilia, Lagunitas, at 3 pm, Sunday, April 21, 2024 to meet with the parishioners of St. Cecilia’s & St. Mary’s. This meeting is to discuss the July 1st change of priest assignment. All are welcome to attend.
- Home Visit and Rosary:** next gathering for Rosary with be at Corey & Teresa Dallara’s home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas. Wednesday, April 17, at 5 pm.