

April 21, 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 #833 in Music Book for the readings

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

As we learn from history of God's people, from Old Testament to New Testament, there have been good shepherds, as well as bad shepherds. There are shepherds who own the flock; there are shepherds who are hired by a farmer to protect and care for sheep that belong to someone else. The good shepherds would fight hard to protect their sheep when danger comes; sometimes they even get hurt badly or die for their sheep. The hired shepherds, however, run away when danger comes, just for their own safety.

Today is fourth Sunday of Easter season, as we celebrate the Good Shepherd Sunday, we see especially from the gospel a beautiful image of a good shepherd caring for his flock.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. We are his flock. In time of danger, he would fight to the bitter end for us. He even gives his life to protect and save us. This shows us how much he loves us and cares for us. It also shows us how powerful he is that he can lay down his life for the sheep and take it up again. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the only one we can safely follow in order to be saved, as Peter mentions in the first reading today.

People who went for pilgrimage to Holy Land talk about the experience they could see in the relationship between a shepherd and the sheep. Every morning, the shepherd leads his flock to green pasture to feed them, until the sunset he leads the sheep back to their cage. The shepherd just simply walks in front of the sheep, playing his flute; the sheep hear the shepherd's voice and follow behind him. The sheep trust their shepherd; they know how much they depend on him, as Jesus says: "I am the good shepherd... I know my sheep and mine know me... My sheep hear my voice..."

This should be the relationship between us and Jesus. See how wonderful God's love for us is. Behold the amazing gift of love the Father has given to us. Though we are still sinful children of this world, through the Baptism we are called children of God. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He wants us to

have faith in him, trust in him and follow him. If we don't know Jesus very well, we need to spend more time with him in our prayer.

We need to make our choice: to listen to the voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd talking to us through his Commandments, or to follow the voice of devil tempting us to sin and pulling us away from God's love. We pray that the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom to make the right choice, to listen attentively to the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and faithfully follow him all the days of our lives.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has also been designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." In his message for this day of prayer, Pope Francis speaks to the importance of the vocation God calls us to—whether to the priesthood, consecrated life, or marriage. He says: "Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves."

Let us keep in our prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, and also for family life. We pray especially for those who have gone astray like lost sheep, that they will hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to come back home in his one flock.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, April 21 to Saturday, April 27

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	Fr. Joseph E. Richard (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Fr. John Balleza (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	John Hieu (repose)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Anna Vuong (repose)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Maria Le (repose)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Joachim Dinh V. Tuong (repose/anniversary)
Saturday	10 am	SC ...	Zoraida Medeiros (for health)

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meeting with Representatives of the Archdiocese:** Fr. Andrew Spyrow and Fr. Thomas Martin will be at St. Cecilia, Lagunitas, at 3 pm, today 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.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion:** at 10 am, Saturday, April 27, at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas.
- Second Collection:** next Sunday, April 28, to support the Catholic Home Missions (USCCB).
- Save the date:** WALK WITH JESUS across the Golden Gate Bridge: Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 11 am, Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco... Monday, May 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm ... Walk Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Parish via Albert Park (151 Alderson Dr. San Rafael). Contact Sandra Kearney (415.614.5505) kearneys@sfarch.org for more information.

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 602.00
Maintenance	\$ 350.00
Total	\$ <u>952.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 435.00
Preservat'n	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ <u>435.00</u>