

May 5, 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) ✦



st. mary church
nicasio

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 #839 in Music Book for the readings

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Acts 10:25...48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

In today's Gospel, Jesus both challenges and commands the disciples and all of us to love one another. He says, "as the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus has come into the world to be the model of God's love for us to follow. He urges us, "remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my father's commandments and remain in his love." Jesus wants us to remain in God's love for us. We remain in his love, not only by our empty words, as easy to say: Jesus, I love you, but it requires our concrete actions, as doing something good for one another. Love one another as Jesus has loved us. Care for one another as Jesus has cared for us.

We hear this phrase: "Love one another" repeated many times throughout the readings today. It seems easy to say, but not easy to do. Martin Luther King said this: "We have learned to fly in the air like birds and to swim in the sea like fish. But we have not learned the simple act of living together." We have not learned how to love.

The theme "love one another" is mentioned in all reflections and articles in the bulletin today. For example, there is a question asking about gossip; is it good or bad? Here are some thoughts. Gossip is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down... To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as Christians, in all that we do, we follow Jesus' commandment: "love one another as I love you" (*Jn 15:12*).

In the words of Pope Francis: "to love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be... Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others."

You probably would like the story of two sapling trees by Fr. Joseph Juknialis. When he planted the trees, he tried to shape them growing in the way he wanted. However, after three years they seemed to insist on growing their own way: one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. He came to a conclusion that: "it seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were." It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later, we find ourselves needing to "love them the way they are." We may try to reshape them, but as the Gospel suggests, God has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus.

The disciples were commanded by Jesus to love one another as he had loved them. See how Jesus loved his disciples: he humbled himself to wash the disciples' feet. He laid down his life for them. He also demonstrated to them that he was serving them not as a superior serves an inferior but as an equal friend – or even as a servant.

Before approaching this Eucharistic table to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are challenged to practice his command: "Love one another as I have loved you... The world will know you are my disciples if you love one another."

Brothers and sisters! Let us "remain" in Jesus' love, to bear fruits of our faith, hope, and charity.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 5 to Saturday, May 11

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	Jonah & Collin Dallara (prepare for marriage)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Joseph Minh (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	George Kerbs (for health)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Jamie Byrns (healing)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Joseph Hien (repose)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Geore Thorton (healing)
Saturday	8 am	SC ...	Fr. Peter Thiet (repose)

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

- Second Collection:** next Sunday, May 12, to support Catholic Charities.
- 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 12:30 pm, Eucharistic Adoration at St. Sebastian Church, Kentfield ... 1:30 pm, Eucharistic procession to Albert Park, San Rafael (151 Alderson Dr) ... 2:45 pm, Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Church ... 3:15 pm, Eucharistic Adoration at St. Raphael Church ... 6 pm, Hosted dinner for all pilgrims at St. Raphael Parish ... For more information, contact Sandra Kearney (415.614.5505) kearneys@sfarch.org.
- First Holy Communion:** we keep in our prayers for our children: Arria Lafranchi and Ellie Lafranchi. They have been prepared for the First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:15 am Mass, at St. Mary Church, Nicasio.

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 548.00
Maintenance	\$ 250.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 222.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,020.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 250.00
Preservat'n	\$ 250.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 63.00
Total	<u>\$ 563.00</u>