

May 19, 2024



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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 #846 in Music Book for the readings

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3...13; Jn 20:19-23

People probably think that the celebration of Pentecost is normally like another ordinary Sunday. Actually, all Masses are important for us who believe, because either on Sunday or weekday, whether a solemnity or an ordinary, Mass is a Eucharistic celebration from which bread and wine are consecrated to become the Body and Blood of Christ to nourish our bodies and souls. However, Pentecost seems to be one of the three most important celebrations in the Church calendar: they are Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church – the day on which God sent his Holy Spirit upon the Church. Pentecost, meaning the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection, marks the day when the apostles received the strength of the Holy Spirit through Jesus; so, they no longer feared, but had courage to go out on the mission: to witness to the Risen Lord, to do their ministries, to heal the sick, and to preach the Gospel of love and forgiveness. As we learn from the Acts of the Apostles: "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the apostles were all in one place together. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

The feast of Pentecost is special for us, since the Holy Spirit plays an important role in our lives. The Spirit is hard to picture, but we can experience the presence of the Spirit within us when we are in God's grace. The Spirit is like the air we breathe, the light that goes on when we have an idea, the fire that burns in our hearts. These symbols: the fire, the light, the air... are used to help us know the Spirit.

From the first reading, the Spirit is a strong driving wind; whereas in John's gospel, the Spirit is the gentle breath of Jesus who breathes on his apostles and says: "Receive the Holy Spirit." In either case, whether as a powerful wind or a gentle breath, the Spirit is like the invisible air we cannot live without. For without the Spirit, we are trying to breathe without air, think without light, and love without fire.

God wants us to know him and to love him; and the Spirit helps us to know and to love God. But because the Spirit works quietly within us, we seemingly are not aware that the Spirit is even there. Because God is invisible, if we want to know God, there is no way we could find God, but only in Jesus Christ we can see God and know God. But we cannot know Jesus Christ without the help of the Spirit; Saint Paul tells us: "No one can say: Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit."

So, the Holy Spirit is important for us since the Spirit makes the Scriptures alive for us and helps us to be aware of God's presence with us and God's love for us. When Christ's followers gathered together in one place, they experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was on the Church that God sent his Spirit. Where there are two or three or more people gathering together and praying in Jesus' name, the Spirit of God is present among them.

The Spirit gives different gifts to different members of the Church, so we can help each other to know and experience God and his love. If we want to experience the fullness of the Spirit, we need each other; we need to come together; to worship together; to share our gifts with one another.

As we celebrate the Pentecost Sunday, we pray that the Lord send the Holy Spirit to come and live in our hearts, to dwell in our minds, and to be our companion on the journey of life.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT,
FILL OUR HEARTS AND KINDLE IN US
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 19 to Saturday, May 25

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	Jerry Thompson (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Fr. Peter Thiet (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	John Thi & Ana Cay (repose)
Tuesday			no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	George Kerbs (repose)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Andy Smith (repose)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Baby Semling (for safe delivery)
Saturday	10am	SC ...	Baby Litchfield (for safe delivery)

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!

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 453.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 177.00
Maintenance	\$ 450.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,080.00</u>
<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 415.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 98.00
Preservat'n	\$ 182.00
Total	<u>\$ 695.00</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Second Collection:** today Sunday, May 19, for Catholic Communications Campaign.
- Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 22 at 4:30 pm in Parish Hall.
- Padre Pio Mass & Devotion:** Saturday, May 25 at 10 am, at St. Cecilia's
- Walk with Jesus across the Golden Gate Bridge:** today, Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 11 am, Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco... Tomorrow, 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) keameys@sfar.org.