

May 26, 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 #848 in Music Book for the readings

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Dt 4:32...40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity today invites us to reflect on the mystery of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Who is God? What does God look like? Can we describe God? Not really, because God is invisible; God is mysterious. We cannot see God face to face, but we can see God through the Son Jesus Christ. Jesus told us: "if you see the Son, you see the Father." We can experience God through the Spirit of goodness in us that guides us to do good and to avoid evil.

We believe in the Most Holy Trinity: One God in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But what does that mean by One God in Three Persons? It means the three Persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – have the same God-ness, the same divinity, the same divine life: Three Persons in One God. Three persons unite with one another in love; although they are distinct persons, they are so perfectly united in every way that they are one. There are no boundaries; there is nothing that separates them. Everything that belongs to the one belongs to the others.

Probably nobody, including great theologians of the Church, dares to say that we clearly understand the doctrine of the Trinity. We experience the love of the Triune God in our everyday life, but we never fully comprehend the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

I would like to share with you my conversation with a man, challenging me about God. This is a long conversation. So, please be patient with me. He asked me: "Does God really exist?" I answered: "Yes, absolutely." Question [Q]: "Do you see God?" Answer [A]: "No." [Q]: "How can you say that something you don't see exists?" [A]: "Well, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I see God in Jesus Christ through the Bible." [Q]: "Do you see Jesus?" [A]: "No." [Q]: "Can you tell me what the Holy Spirit looks like?" [A]: "No." [Q]: "You start to get me crazy. How can you believe in the God, the Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, whom you have never seen? You are nonsense at all." [A]: "I don't want to get you crazy. You ask me, and I just tell you what I believe. I believe in the Only One God in Three Persons: God the Father is the Creator; God the Son Jesus Christ is the Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit is

the Sanctifier." Then I told him: "Well, you have asked me many questions. Now, may I ask you only a few things?" And he said: "Yes, of course. Go ahead."

I asked him: "Do you believe that you come from your ancestors?" He said: "Yes, of course." [Q]: "Do you see any of these ancestors, let's say, from ten generations ago?" [A]: "Of course not." [Q]: "Do you believe that these ancestors of yours exist?" [A]: "Yes, of course. What a silly question!" [Q]: "Another question: Do you see the air?" [A]: "No." [Q]: "Do you believe that the air exists?" [A]: "Yes, of course. How can you breathe without the air? I can't stand you anymore." I told him: "Calm down, my friend. It is the same with the mystery of God. How can you and I be brought into existence without the Creator God? How can the human race know God is love if the Son of God did not come to tell them? How can we live our lives rightly without the guidance of God's Holy Spirit?"

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity has a claim on all of our hearts, even though we can't clearly explain this concept in black and white. God who is love pours his love and divine life into our hearts through the sacraments. Every prayer we pray is Trinitarian. At every Mass, we praise and worship the Father through the Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross is in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. We are surrounded by the Holy Trinity: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in our belief, in our worship, in our Eucharistic celebration, in all Sacraments we receive, and in every event of our life.

This is our belief in the Triune God. God the Father created us. God the Son redeemed us. God the Spirit sanctified us. The Father – the Creator of heaven and earth – exists from eternity to eternity. Then in the due time, God sent his eternal Son – born into the world – to tell the world that God is love. When Jesus left this world to go to heaven, God continued to send the Holy Spirit – the Advocate, the Helper – to be with us and to guide us.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, May 26 to Saturday, June 1

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ... Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan (healing)
	11:15 am	SM ... Msgr. James E. O'Malley (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ... the Massucco Family (special intention)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ... Susan Pineda (healing)
Thursday	8 am	SM ... Dona Emiliana Taaca (birthday)
Friday	8 am	SC ... Sharon & Alfred Cuthbert (repose)
Saturday	8 am	SC ... Peter Hoa & Peter Luc (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!

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 653.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 207.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,010.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 230.00
2 nd Collect'n	\$ 83.00
Preservat'n	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 363.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** next gathering will be at Daphne & Ken Massucco's home: 51 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre... at 5 pm... on Wednesday, June 5.
- 2. Funeral Mass for George Kerbs:** at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11 am. May he rest in peace!
- 3. First Holy Communion:** Arria Lafranchi and Ellie Lafranchi will receive the First Holy Communion next Sunday, June 2, 2024 at St. Mary Church – 11:15 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for them.

