

June 9, 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 #881 in Music Book for the readings

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13...5:1; Mk 3:20-35

God is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (everywhere), omnipotent (all-powerful), and omnibenevolent (all-good). God is timeless. God is infinitely merciful, kind, and loving. By an act of his omnipotent will, God created all things, both visible and invisible, including human beings. By nature of his goodness, God created all things “good,” yet man was far from good – man was doing what was evil and dishonoring the Creator... One of man’s “doing of evil” was the attitude of arrogance – pride – as we reflect on the readings today.

A wisdom from the book of Proverbs says: “Pride goes before disaster, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be humble with the meek than to share plunder with the proud” (*Prv 16:18-19*). The truth of this wisdom is clearly seen in the first reading and the gospel today.

Pride made the first parents, Adam and Eve, to disobey the divine command. They wanted to be independent of God. They wished to be his equals.

See what happened when the first parents sinned. Right after having eaten the forbidden fruit, they realized their nakedness. They felt ashamed, guilty, and tried to hide from God. Then the man blamed the woman who gave him the fruit. By blaming his wife, he indirectly put the blame on God himself: it was God who gave him a wife!

The blame kept going on... becoming chaos... destruction... Then they put blame on the serpent – the original form of Satan or devil who tempted them to sin. The serpent told them: “eat the forbidden fruit, and you will be like gods.”

Satan or evil spirit is always present in the world to injure God and human race, to bring destruction to the world which God has created. The scribes and pharisees in today’s gospel are also blinded by this evil spirit. Because of their sinful pride, they don’t see good thing coming

from Jesus, the Son of God. Because of their sense of superiority, they oppose the miracles done by Jesus. Sinful pride leads them to blasphemies. They absurdly claim that all miracles of Jesus are merely the work of Satan.

Accusing Jesus of being in league with Satan was blasphemy against God, through whose Spirit Jesus worked his miracles. As Jesus mentioned in today’s gospel, it was blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It was the worst of sins. It was not be excused on the plea of ignorance. The scribes and pharisees continued in their blind pride to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. They could not be forgiven while they refused to ask for forgiveness, even though Jesus always reminded them: “the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (*Mk. 1:15*).

What about us? God has endowed us with intellect and free will, but we may become proud of ourselves and our “gifts.” Sometimes we don’t see why we should thank God for anything, or reverence God as our Maker. As the consequence of this arrogance, we sometimes make ourselves our own master and do things as we please... and the result is chaos... we mess up our own lives...

While we can thank God for the humble spirit, we may have learned from following the teaching of Jesus, we still need to be aware of ourselves about this bad attitude: complacency, pride or arrogance that may keep us from believing in the presence of God in our lives and in the lives of others.

May the Lord Jesus help us today as we hear God’s voice; and harden not our hearts as we listen to the words of God!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, June 9 to Saturday, June 15

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| Sunday | 9:30 am | SC | ... Jonah & Collin Dallara (Wedding) |
| | 11:15 am | SM | ... Fr. Phan’s 17 th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination |
| Monday | | no Mass | |
| Tuesday | | no Mass | |
| Wednesday | 8 am | SC | ... Maria Nguyen My Linh (repose) |
| Thursday | 8 am | SM | ... Maria Khang & Paul Loc D. Tran (repose) |
| Friday | 8 am | SC | ... Vincent Hai (repose) |
| Saturday | 11 am | SC | ... George Kerbs (funeral) |

2024 Annual Appeal

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

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

THANK YOU!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Mass on Monday:** Fr. Phan is out of town for a funeral service in Sutter Creek.
- Ordination of David A. Mees to the Priesthood:** at St. Mary Cathedral, San Francisco, Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10 o’clock. We pray for Vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life.
- Funeral Mass for George Kerbs:** at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11 am. May he rest in peace!

Last Week Collections

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| <u>St. Cecilia</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 550.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 250.00 |
| Total | \$ <u>800.00</u> |

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| <u>St. Mary</u> | |
| Offertory | \$ 375.00 |
| Preservat’n | \$.00 |
| Total | \$ <u>375.00</u> |