

June 23, 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 #887 in Music Book for the readings

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Job 38:1...11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

It was in the midst of a peaceful night; a man was standing on the balcony outside of his 7th floor hotel room, enjoying the beautiful view of the city by the sea. All suddenly, a tornado came. The powerful wind knocked him fallen of the balcony... All the power was shut off. It happened so fast – no electricity, no light, all dark... In fear, he cried out: “Jesus, save me!” Miraculously, he got hit by a rope coming from nowhere... He grasped the rope immediately, and lucky enough, he caught a knot on the rope that helped him hanging outside the building’s wall for a while. He kept crying out: “Jesus, help me!”

In the dark of the night, he heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him: “Do you really believe that I can save you?” He said right away: “Yes, Lord, I believe.” Jesus challenged him: “If you believe so, then let go of the rope.” He cried out loud: “No, I am scared. It is too high, and too dark. I don’t see anything down below.” Jesus said: “So, you don’t trust me. If you don’t let go of the rope, how can I catch you?”

The man had no choice; he was too exhausted to keep holding onto the rope; he had to let go of the rope, screaming in fear... Fortunately, he was not hurt because he was hanging above the ground only a few feet...

We hear a similar story from today’s gospel that the disciples faced a heavy storm from the sea when Jesus was on the boat with them. The boat was in danger of sinking. The disciples were terrified. They cried to Jesus and said: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And Jesus rebuked the wind, and calmed the sea...

My brothers and sisters, have you ever experienced a “stormy” situation in your life, and eventually you got through it? Did you realize God’s powerful hand in those situations?

Today’s first reading is a short passage from the Book of Job. As you probably have known, Job suffered considerable misfortunes in his life, but he eventually realized that everything he had in his life

came from God. With that grateful attitude, he accepted all the hardships by saying: “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1:21).

The Book of Job teaches us a valuable lesson about our faith, trust, and love for God in every circumstance of our life, even when we have to endure the most critical time or death...

Perhaps, it is easy for us to say that we believe in God, we trust in God’s protection... But when we are in difficult situations, such as natural disasters, or sickness, or death, we seem not having enough faith in God, in Jesus, our Lord and Savior. In those difficult situations we hear people asking challenging questions: “Where is our God? Where is Jesus in this critical time?” Like the disciples who think that the “sleeping” Jesus does not care as “they are perishing,” we with our “little faith” feel vulnerable in those time of testing, too, since we are not aware that the Lord is with us always to give us comfort: “Be not afraid! I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.”

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

There are still difficult times in life, such as losing job, living in poverty, accident, natural disaster, sickness, and even the death of a loved one; and these challenging moments test our faith, no matter how many times we hear about Jesus and his teachings. It is not easy for us to say “yes” to Jesus in those difficult situations.

But we should realize that: saying “yes” to Jesus does not assure us of easy life. Saying “yes” means that we open our hearts to Jesus, and let him quiet those storms inside us, and he helps us make it through if we only place our trust in him.

Whenever we have to face a “stormy” situation, if we turn to Jesus – our stronghold, our Rock, our refuge – then we would be confident to sing to the Lord this beautiful song: “No storm can shake my inmost calm since to that Rock I’m clinging; since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?” (based on Psalm 145, by Robert W. Lowry).

MASS INTENTIONS: for Sunday, June 23 & Saturday, June 29 only

Sunday 9:30 am SC ... Carol Bennetts (repose/anniversary)
11:00 am SM ... Agnes Men & Joseph Ly Phan (repose)
No Mass from Monday, June 24 thru Friday, June 28
Saturday 8 am SC ... Fr. Lou, Fr. O’, Fr. Phan (special intentions)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Second collection:** for Peter’s Pence today, Sunday, June 23, to support the Pope for his ministries to the universal church and the world.
- First Communion:** Congratulations to Sophia Silva as she receives her First Communion at St. Mary’s 11:15 am Mass today, Sunday, June 23. Let us keep Sophia in our prayers.
- No weekday Mass this week:** Fr. Phan is away this week from this Sunday afternoon until Friday, June 28, for the clergy retreat week at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, in Menlo Park.
- Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul:** Saturday, June 29. Mass at 8 am, at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. There will be a baptism during the Mass for two new-born babies: Clement Peter Semling and Irene Elise Litchfield who are grandchildren of Wes and Kate Andruess. Congratulations to the Andruess Family.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 462.00
Maintenance \$ 300.00
Funeral \$ 300.00
Total \$ 1,062.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 295.00
Preservat’n \$ 50.00
Total \$ 345.00

2024 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia
Goal \$ 8,036.00
Received \$ 9,366.00
Exceeded \$ 1,830.00

St. Mary
Goal \$ 5,533.00
Received \$ 5,633.00
Exceeded \$ 100.00

THANK YOU!