



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 14, 2008

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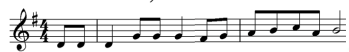


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Mass Schedule	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9:30 a.m.
		at St. Mary's	11:15 a.m.
	Weekdays	at St. Cecilia's	8 a.m. (Mon. Wed. Fri.)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Thur.)
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

If as with Herod, we fill our lives with things, and again with things. If we consider ourselves too important that we forgot our lives are linked to every moment. When do we take the time to make the long, slow journey across the burning desert as did the Magi, or sit and watch the stars as did the shepherds, or look upon the Christ as did Mary? For each of us, there is a desert to travel, a star to discover, and a being within ourselves to bring to life.



On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me



Special thanks to Marie Dhority for her creative & beautiful Christmas decorations.



Mass Intentions:

Week of December 14 th		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bernard Reilly
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	Manuel Leal
Monday	8 a.m.	Jerry Drohan
Wednesday	8 a.m.	John Lawson
Thursday	8 a.m.	Maylan Farley
Friday	8 a.m.	Joy Duffy's Brother

St. Cecilia & St. Mary Christmas Party, Friday, December 5th. Many thanks to Ginny Kerbs, Chair, Drady's, Bohman's, Rob Hoges, Guido Mori-Pranje, Paul Conley, and all the volunteers, the entertainers, and for all who came and made the event a successful, wondrous Christmas Party.

From the Pew

Christmas Masses

- ✦ St. Mary's, Wednesday, December 24th, 5:30 p.m.
 - ✦ St. Cecilia's, Thursday, December 25th, 9:30 a.m.
- Both Masses will be liturgies focused towards children.

Jesse Tree in the Sanctuary during Advent. Those who wish to donate Christmas gifts for needy families, place your intentions in the envelopes on the trees. Make check payable to Valley's Toys and Joys Program.

St. Mary's Christmas Concert. Today, December 14th, 2 p.m. Adults \$50, Children under 12 \$10. For tickets, contact Spike Drady, 662-2276 or Fr. O'.

Last week to sign up for those interested in the Parish Death Valley Trip in mid-February. Let Fr. O' know. If we do not have enough for this trip, we will try another one and take the Death Valley Trip in another year.

The Archdiocese initiated the Parish/School Financial Review Program requiring a review at least every three years. This year, our parishes have been selected for review. The CPA firm charges \$3,000 for the audit, St. Cecilia & St. Mary is to be audited before Christmas. This sum is excessive for our small parishes, so I have to have a 2nd Collection next Sunday to alleviate these costs.

Kids Night. Saturday, December 20th, 5:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall. Miracle on 34th Street. To sign up, call Margaret Farley, 488-0122.

Soups for Seniors once a month. Sign up: Cia Donahue or Kathy Drady.

St. Cecilia's Food Bank. Every week in the month of December.

Motto: "United in the Spirit of Faith, Service and Love", by Mary McCaffrey.

2nd Collection this week is for Priests Retirement Fund.

A cell phone that was loaned to Fr. Peter during the summer has been returned to me but I do not know whose cell phone it belongs to. Contact Fr. O'.

Sock Drive. St. Mary's catechism students are collecting adult male socks for St. Vincent de Paul. Now 'til December 30th.

New parishioners or change of contact information, please send your name, address, phone, e-mail to the parish e-mail address: stcecilia.lagunitas@yahoo.com or stmary.nicasio@yahoo.com or drop off the info at the rectory.

<u>Last week's collections:</u>	St. Cecilia's, Lagunitas	\$ 578.00
	St. Mary's, Nicasio	\$ 463.00
	Total:	\$1,041.00



"The Gospel Message is Forever the Same. Prayer, Repentance, Conversion."

