



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 14, 2019

Mission 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	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. (M-W-F)
		at St. Mary's	8 a.m. (Th.)
Adoration	Monday	at St. Cecilia's	after 8 a.m. Mass
Padre Pio Devotion	4 th Saturday	at St. Cecilia's	10 a.m.
Confessions	Sundays	at St. Cecilia's	9 to 9:25 a.m.

A GREETING FROM NEW PASTOR FATHER NGOAN VAN PHAN

Dear People of God at Saint Cecilia & Saint Mary Parish,

Even though I officially arrived in our parish from July 1, I am still overwhelmed with many new aspects of our parish's life and activities. I give thanks to God for sending me on this new mission to be a new pastor of our parish community. I also would like to sincerely thank all of you for welcoming me into your home as your new leader. One of the challenging aspects for me in a new assignment is getting to know new people, to learn new names again, and try to remember people by name. To help start us off as we get to know each other, I would like to introduce myself to you with a brief story of my life.

Born into a Catholic family in Hue City, Vietnam, on February 24, 1965, I am the fifth child of my parents' ten children: one girl and nine boys. I grew up in Vietnam, enduring the hardships caused by the Vietnam War. At the age of 25, I risked my life leaving the country by boat and arriving in Hong Kong as an asylum seeker. Unfortunately, 1990 was already too late for Vietnamese boat-people to be welcomed as refugees. Like thousands of other boat people, I had been confined in refugee camps in Hong Kong for almost seven years.

However, in suffering, I was enlightened to realize God's love existing among people through the dedicating service of priests and nuns to the unfortunate – the refugees. In those difficult years, I met Fr. Anthony E. McGuire in a refugee camp in Hong Kong. Fr. McGuire who is currently retired at Serra (cont.)

Mass Intentions: Week of July 14, 2019

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... Mary Jane Nigro RIP
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Thanksgiving for the people of our Parish Community
Monday	8 a.m.	... Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8 a.m.	... Agnes Phan +
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Conversion of the fallen-away Catholics
Friday	8 a.m.	... Bishop Robert F. Christian, OP RIP

Clergy House in San Mateo was my first model of a loving priest. He inspired me to discern priesthood vocation. He guided me and encouraged me to fulfill my dream of becoming a priest.

Enduring those seven difficult years, I was eventually released from the refugee camps in June 1997, and arrived in San Francisco as a refugee. With the sponsor of Fr. McGuire, I applied to study for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. I entered Saint Francis Seminary in San Diego, California, in August 1998, meanwhile attended school at the University of San Diego. Having graduated from the USD in summer 2002, I continued my Theology studies at Saint Patrick's Seminary & University, in Menlo Park, California. I was ordained a deacon in November 2006. As I completed my studies in May 2007, I was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on June 9, 2007, by Archbishop George H. Niederauer.

My first assignment was at Saint Raphael Parish in Marin County where I served as a parochial vicar for seven years. My second assignment was at Saint Andrew Parish in Daly City for four and a half years. Then I was sent to be Administrator at Saint Peter Parish in Pacifica for the last six months. Now I am given a new assignment at Saint Cecilia & Saint Mary Parish as your new pastor. With the help of the Holy Spirit, and following the footsteps of Jesus our Holy Master, I am looking forward to being a humble servant among the people of God, to walk with you on our journey of faith, hope, and charity.



Many Thanks to everybody who has been helping Fr. Phan settling in. Especially Ken & Daphne Massucco, Brian McCarthy and the Marin County Fire Department. (Furniture donated by Trumbull Manor via Carmen Maguire.) Also Ginny, Martha, Barbara, Margaret, ... THANK YOU!



Welcoming Party for Fr. Phan, Parish Picnic –

Next Sunday, July 21st, 1 PM.

at St. Cecilia. BBQ will be provided. Bring a side dish/ appetizers to share. All are welcome. Come and introduce yourself to Fr. Phan.



Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 749.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 404.00
Total:		<u>\$ 1,153.00</u>

Upcoming Events:

Mark your Calendar

- July 21 ... Parish Picnic for Fr. Phan Welcoming
- Aug 4 ... Chicken BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp

From the Pew

Pray for the sick & the departed, remember in our daily prayers. Get well for Ann Gregory, Kay Winchester, Simon Straube.

Our Auxiliary Bishop Robert Christian, OP died suddenly Thursday. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Chicken BBQ at Lafranchi Deer Camp, Sunday, August 4th, 12:30 PM. \$45 per person. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church. Please give check to Martha McNeil.

New parishioners? Change of address? Send an email to stcecilia.lagunitas@yahoo.com

2019 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal (AAA)

	Goal	Raised	NEED
St. Cecilia	\$5,569	\$4,113	\$1,456
St. Mary	\$4,578	\$2,078	\$2,500