



st. cecilia church lagunitas

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 28, 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) +



st. mary church nicasio

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.

BE PERSISTENT IN PRAYER

From last Sunday's gospel, we find two models of Christian life in the story of Martha and Mary. Martha shows her love for the Lord through service; whereas Mary shows her love for the Lord through prayer. Both service and prayer are important and necessary. However, **prayer must go first**, then through prayer we are inspired to love and strengthened to serve.

Today's readings also emphasize the necessity of our prayer life. St. Paul urges us to pray that we may endure the "cross" of our life and "become one with Christ." Abraham, through prayer, negotiates with God, asking for his mercy and compassion over the two sinful cities: Sodom and Gomorrah; and God spares them. Jesus encourages us to pray constantly, saying: "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is the strongest reason telling us why we need to pray.

Very often, we are not persistent in prayer. We are not patient enough. Sometimes we think we pray but God doesn't hear our prayers. Yet, Jesus encourages us to pray constantly by

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Mass Intentions: Week of July 28, 2019

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	... People of our Parish (thanksgiving)
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	... Martha Ho Thi Thom (RIP)
Monday	8 a.m.	... Anna Nguyen Thi Doi (RIP)
Wednesday	8 a.m.	... Dona Emiliana Taaca (thanksgiving for healing)
Thursday	8 a.m.	... Anna Maria Ly (RIP)
Friday	8 a.m.	... Joseph Man (RIP)



giving us the example of a person who goes to his friend at midnight asking for bread... With persistence, he is given what he asks for.

Jesus wants us to be persistent in prayer.

Perhaps in prayer, we usually focus on material gifts, but rarely think about spiritual gifts. As Jesus clearly reminds us, if we, who are imperfect human beings, know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more will the Father in heaven, who is the Perfect One, give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him? In prayer, let us be sure to ask for what we need not what we want. Let us pray that we delight what God delights: **Thy will be done, O God, not mine.**

From the Pew

Remember in our **daily prayers** the sick and the departed. Get well for Ann Gregory, Kay Winchester, Joyce Vagasy.

Today 2nd collection is for the monthly maintenance.

Chicken BBQ at Lafranchi Deer Camp, next Sunday, August 4th, 12:30 PM. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's. For info, contact Martha.

Installation Mass for Fr. Phan, Sunday, September 22nd, Bishop Bill Justice will officiate the occasion. One Mass 9:30 a.m. (combining St. Cecilia & St. Mary that day), Reception to follow. More details to come. Looking for event planning chair.

Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, August 8th, 7 p.m. at St. Cecilia's.

Finance Council Meeting, Saturday, August 17th, 1 p.m. at St. Cecilia's.

New parishioners? Change of address? Let us know, email stcecilia.lagunitas@yahoo.com

Last Sunday's Collections:

St. Cecilia, Lagunitas	\$ 364.00
St. Mary, Nicasio	\$ 498.20
Total:		\$ 862.20



Mark your Calendar

- Aug 4 ... Chicken BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp
- Aug 8 ... Parish Council 7 p.m.
- Aug 17 ... Finance Council 1 pm
- Sep 22 ... Fr. Ngoan V. Phan's Installation Mass

THANK YOU NOTES CORNER

My gratitude to All for the wonderful welcome party for me last Sunday, especially thanks to those who helped organizing this event and giving delicious food and drinks. **THANK YOU!**



Mother Teresa's Wisdom:

"Everything we do is just a drop in the ocean... But if we don't do it, that drop will be missing forever."

Did you know?

Mother Teresa died in 1997. She was beatified on October 19, 2003. Only in 6 years. How fast!

2019 Annual Archdiocesan Appeal (AAA)

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