

st. cecilia church lagunitas

January 30, 2022

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	Sunday **	St. Cecilia	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	11:15 a.m.
		of the month	
	Monday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	8 a.m.
	Thursday	St. Mary	8 a.m.
	Friday	St. Mary (1st Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
Religious Education	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 st thru 6 th graders)
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Jer 1:4...19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." This saying of Jesus is a reminder for us about an ironical truth of our human behavior: *rejection*. Rejection is a negative term. Nobody wants to be rejected. We don't want to hear about it, or to experience it.

Unfortunately, rejection happens very often in our daily life through relationships among people. Friends betray each other. Lovers break up. In family life, brothers fight against each other; sisters speak ill of one another. Parents are irresponsible to their children. Children abandon their elderly parents. Couples divorce. Family life is broken. Community is divisive.

Each and every one of us somehow has probably experienced rejection in life. We may have rejected others; or we may have been rejected by others. We may be rejected because of our bad behaviors; but we may also be rejected because of our good deeds.

From today's first reading and the gospel, both Jesus and Jeremiah encountered rejection or opposition by people and their "lack of faith."

Jeremiah was appointed by God for a special mission, to be "a prophet to the nations" to go and speak to people about God's commands, to tell them to repent, and to save them from their evil ways and punishment it incurred. But they did not listen to him. They arrested him and treated him like a criminal. It was an uneasy task to be a prophet among rebellious people. It was even more challenging for Jeremiah when God foretold him what's going to happen: "they will fight against you." But then God encouraged Jeremiah to go, not to be afraid, for "I am with you" always to protect and deliver you from harm.

The same thing happened to Jesus in the Gospel. He came back to his native place to speak to his people about God's laws and love. But they rejected him. They mocked him: "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" In the eyes of the villagers, Jesus was merely the son of a poor carpenter. His mother was a lowly woman in their village. Even Jesus appeared to them with wisdom and super power, which could

only be given from above, but they hardened their hearts, they closed their eyes, and they did not believe in him. But the love of God the Father kept him speaking the truth, regardless of persecution.

Reflecting on the difficulties that Jeremiah and Jesus encountered when being sent by God to go and carry out the challenging tasks, I could see myself in those difficult situations too. When the Archbishop asked me to be pastor of St. Cecilia/St. Mary Parish, I first struggled with the feeling of unworthiness, fear, hesitation, but then trusting in Jesus comforting words: go and be not afraid, "I am with you" always, I responded with confidence: "Yes, here I am. Send me!" And here I am with you during these years. I trust in God's help, and with your help, I continue to walk with you on our spiritual journey to reach our common goal.

How about you, my brothers and sisters in Christ? What will you answer if the Lord invites you to share your gift with the Church, to give a helping hand to the parish? Sometimes we hesitate, another time we doubt. Sometimes we probably say: I don't want to get out of my comfort zone, or I am unworthy, or I do not have the ability to carry out that job, or I do not have time, I am so busy with my family... However, we should be confident that with God nothing is impossible, and as his promise to Jeremiah and also to us: "I am with you" always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Second collection for AAA 2022 begins today, Sunday January 30.
- 2. Make a Plan to Take the Disciple Makers Index Survey! Pope Francis invites the entire Church to participate in the preparatory process for the 2023 Synod of Bishops on synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and disciple-making. To take the survey, go to our parish website: http://www.stcecilia-lagunitas.org, and click on the link 'Synodal Process Survey'; from there click on your church's specific survey link. Online surveys are available in 18 different languages. Responses are submitted anonymously. A limited number of paper surveys (in English) are available at the back of each church. Survey closes on February 14. Questions? Email Robyn Torres at: wakerobyn425@gmail.com, or visit www.sfarch.org/synod for more details.
- 3. First Friday Mass & Adoration: Friday 2/4, at St. Mary Church. Mass at 8 am and Adoration until noon.
- 4. St. Patrick's Priestly Discernment Retreat led by Bishop Thomas Daly. February 25-27, 2022, at St. Patrick's Seminary: 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Is God calling you or someone you know to the priesthood? To discern your vocation is to discover God's purpose for life. Come to St. Patrick's discernment retreat and investigate where God may be calling you. If you are interested and want more details, please contact the Vocation Director, Fr. Cameron Faller: 415.614.5683 or faller.cameron@sfarch.org

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 30 to Saturday, February 5

Sunday			Maria Phuong Nguyen (repose/1 st anniversary) Pray for Vocations (priests/deacons/religious)	<u>S</u> C N
Monday	8 a.m.		Phillip Joaquin Torres (repose/anniversary)	T
Tuesday	No Mass			
Wednesday	y 8 a.m.	SC	Joanne Boorty (birthday)	<u>S</u>
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	Sandy Guinter (for healing)	P
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	George Kerbs (for healing)	Т
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	Grandma Maria Nguyen (repose)	

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 565.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 655.00
St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 456.00
Preservat'n	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 456.00

Last Week Collections