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March 20, 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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<b>MASS</b>	Sunday **	St. Cecilia	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	11:15 a.m.
		** Children Liturgy, last Sunday 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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Fri.)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (other Fri.)	8 a.m.
		St. Cecilia (last Sat.)	8 a.m. Padre Pio & Rosary Devotion
		St. Mary (other Sat.)	8 a.m.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		St. Mary (except last Sat.)	8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
<b>Religious Education</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
<b>Confirmation Prep.</b>	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**SEE # 816 (or # 814 for St. Mary's Church) IN MUSIC BOOK FOR READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C**

*Ex 3:1...15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1...12; Lk 13:1-9*

People normally think that: I am better than others. If something good happens, we might proudly say: I have done it. On the contrary, if something bad happens, we usually blame others' faults.

When talking about natural disasters such as wildfire, storm, flood, or plagues, or war, some people blame the sins of others as the cause for these disasters; other people blame the sins of society as the cause for the wrath of God.

We should not blame others. Do not judge and you will not be judged. But the natural disasters or tragedies are the opportunities for each and every one of us to examine our own consciences. These may be the warnings – the signs of time – to remind us looking at our ways of life, and repent. Lent is a fitting time calling us to conversion; a time for us to repent and to change.

In the Gospel, quoting the incidents, such as the death of the Galileans, or the falling of Siloam Tower, Jesus asked the people of his time, and all of us today, this question: "Do you think that because these [unfortunate people] suffered in this way [through the natural disasters] they were greater sinners than others [who are still alive]? But I tell you," Jesus warns us to be aware of ourselves, "if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did."

By "repent," Jesus means to tell us: to turn away from sin and believe in Jesus' words, his teachings and his commandments. "Repent" means to cleanse our hearts and souls for God to dwell in.

God commanded Moses upon his approach the burning bush that he has to "remove the sandals from his feet, for the place where he is standing is holy ground." As Moses has to remove his sandals before approaching the holy ground, we need to remove our sins, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, before approaching this Eucharistic table to worthily receive the Body and Blood of God's Holy Son.

By "repent," St. Paul reminds us: "Whoever thinks he or she is standing secure should take care not to fall." We always pray this in the "Our Father" for our spiritual strength to stand firm against evils: "God, our Father! Lead us not into temptation, or do not let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Our God is the God of love and justice. He rewards the virtuous, but punishes the evil. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in kindness. God is patient in waiting for our conversion. He is generous enough to give us a second chance to live, to repent, to change our life, and to produce fruit. Don't let ourselves being cut down and being thrown into flame like the fruitless and useless fig tree.

The parable of the fig tree reminds us to cultivate the holy ground in our hearts, our souls, and our minds for God to dwell. May the love of God encourage us to fertilize this soil for the tree of our life to grow healthily and bear good fruits, particularly in this Lenten season – the fruits of fervent prayers and sincere fasting, so we can give generously to the service of God and the poor who are in need.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **A second collection next Sunday, 3/27/22** to help the victims of war in Ukraine.
2. **Living Lent:** Lent calls us to pray, fast, and give-alms. For almsgiving this Lent, each household is asked to take home a **Poor Box**. You are to give your change every day to the little piggy bank. We will collect them by the end of Lent, to be given to St. Vincent de Paul.
3. **Preparing lunch boxes for the needy:** Margaret Farley and the catechism classes will be at St. Cecilia's kitchen on Sunday, 3/27 in the afternoon to prepare lunch boxes to be given to SVDP.
4. **The Annunciation of the Lord:** Solemnity – Friday (3/25) at St. Cecilia's. There will be a half-day Adoration for Lent, right after 8 am Mass until 12 noon.
5. **Friday Home Visit & Rosary:** Please join the prayer group to visit and pray the Rosary at parishioners' homes on Fridays at 5 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards, or please contact Daphne Massucco (415) 488-4833 to register and know more details. This Friday (3/25) will be at Kate & Wes Andruess' home: 12 Country Lane, Novato, CA.
6. **Padre Pio monthly Mass & devotion:** at St. Cecilia's Church... 8 am... Saturday, 3/26/22.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** from Sunday, March 20 to Saturday, March 26

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Cecilia Hong Pham (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Bob R. Bridwell (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Maria Thom (repose)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Joseph Hien (repose)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Peter Van (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... pray for victims of war in Ukraine
Saturday	8 a.m.	SC ... for Padre Pio members (special intention)

**Last Week Collections**

<b><u>St. Cecilia</u></b>	
Offertory	\$ 472.00
Maintenance	\$ 290.00
St. Pat' Party	\$ 1,655.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,417.00</b>
<b><u>St. Mary</u></b>	
Offertory	\$ 383.00
Preservat'n	\$ 00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 383.00</b>