

July 10, 2022



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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.
		<i>** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of the month</i>	
	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
		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.
<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 Confirmation Prep.</b>	Monday	St. Cecilia	3:45 to 4:45 p.m. (1 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please see #897 in your Music Book for the readings  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C**

We learn in catechism: there are two kinds of sins – mortal sins and venial sins. I assume that you know what they are. But I would like to introduce to you today two types of sins which I learned in the seminary: sins of commission and sins of omission.

Sins of commission are sins that we commit by doing something we shouldn't do. It is something that we obviously know it is wrong, but we still do it intentionally. Sins of omission, as you may guess, are sins we commit by not doing something we should do. A person may be guilty of a sin of omission if he or she fails to do something which he or she is able to do and ought to do. For example: failing to pray regularly, failing to tithe, failing to provide for family or raise children, failing to help other persons... These sins of omission might be called: sins of ignorance or indifference...

Probably, there have been times that you and I may have ignored others who were in need of our help. The lawyer in today's gospel proudly answers Jesus' question by quoting correctly the Old Testament law: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." However, he is not even sure "who is his neighbor?" How can we say we love God, who is invisible, if we don't love our neighbors whom we meet in our everyday life?

Just like that lawyer, we Catholics may attend Mass every week, and we try not to do anything wrong. Nevertheless, we may challenge ourselves with this question: "Is it OK for me to try not doing anything wrong, but not willing to help those in dire need?"

We see in the gospel this attitude from the priest and the Levite as they saw a wounded man on the roadside. They did nothing wrong. They just remained at a safe distance. They passed by on the other roadside and walked away. I just feel ashamed that the priest and the Levite did not even stop and say a prayer for the victim.

We can see how Jesus judged their indifferent attitude as he asked the lawyer a concluding question: "Who is the neighbor of the wounded man?" When the lawyer answered that the Samaritan is

the victim's neighbor, Jesus said to him as an order: "You, go and do likewise." Do like that Good Samaritan. Don't imitate those indifferent priest and Levite.

The Good Samaritan's example brings back to my memory a good Chinese man whom I never forget. In 1990, I left Vietnam for Hong Kong by boat, with 26 other people: men, women, and children. The small open boat was struck by a heavy storm that threatened our lives. The storm brought our boat to a shore in China. We turned the boat upside down, to stay on the beach for two weeks in sharp cold weather of January in China. Every day, we walked to nearby villages begging for food, old clothes, blankets... There was a Chinese man coming to visit us almost every day. After work, he rode his scooter to the beach, bringing two full bags of rice, and meat or fish, to give us. We survived the hunger thanks to that good Chinese man. To me, he was indeed a Good Samaritan. I would never forget him.

"Love God above all and love neighbors as yourself" is the commandment written in our hearts; this commandment is formed in our conscience, as we hear from the first reading today in the Book of Deuteronomy. This commandment of love is not mysterious and not remote for you and me; it is in our hearts and souls. The word is very near to us. We have only to carry it out.

We have learned a beautiful example from the Good Samaritan, and as Jesus demands us, let us "go and do likewise." Jesus wants to remind us that: "love God and love neighbor" not only by the words on our lips, but by the actions of our lives. My brothers and sisters, God doesn't have hand but you and I are God's hands! Let us reach out to help! Let us be a Good Samaritan! Don't be afraid to do a good work of charity when you have a chance, and your name will be beautifully written in heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, July 10 to Saturday, July 16

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Kathleen Forsner (birthday)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Fr. Piers Lahey (health)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ed Illig (health)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Ann Kalayjian (birthday 7/12)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Hung & Lan Do (thanksgiving/new home)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Carol Bennetts (repose)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Nick & Audrey Massucco (wedding)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- On Sunday, August 7, right after St. Mary's 11:15 a.m. Mass, we will be holding the McNeil Memorial BBQ at the Lafranchi Deer Camp in Nicasio. As a fundraiser for St. Mary's enjoy the companionship of friends and neighbors as we feast on a chicken BBQ. Martha and Jan McNeil started this tradition and we aim to keep it moving forward. Due to the location, it is limited to 40 participants with a cost of \$50.00 per person. There is sign up sheet at St. Mary's or email Margaret at [Igleagles@gmail.com](mailto:Igleagles@gmail.com) to reserve your place.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: every Wednesday at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. This Wednesday, July 13 will be at Daphne & Ken Massucco's home: 51 Castle Rock Ave, Woodacre, CA 94973.
- Thank you for your contributions to the AAA. As you can see from the report, St. Cecilia's community has reached the goal for the AAA 2022. St. Mary's community has done slightly over halfway. Please continue helping the parish to meet the goal.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

St. Cecilia  
Goal \$ 6,774.00  
Received \$ 6,774.00

THANK YOU!

St. Mary  
Goal \$ 3,906.00  
Received \$ 2,448.00  
Need \$ 1,458.00

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia  
Offertory \$ 813.00  
Maintenance \$ 450.00  
Total \$ 1,263.00

St. Mary  
Offertory \$ 386.00  
PalmSun/Apr \$ 225.00  
Preservat'n \$ 30.00  
AAA \$ 500.00  
Total \$ 1,141.00