

## August 14, 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.	
		** 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	
	-	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.	
	5	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. $(1^{st}$ thru $6^{th}$ graders)	
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	
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## <u>Please see #912 in your Music Book for the readings</u> TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Christianity began in Vietnam since 1553. People heard the Good News; they accepted Christ; and they were baptized Catholics. The more people were converted to Catholic faith, the more persecution took place. Indeed, I learn from history of the Catholic Church of Vietnam that persecution began since Catholicism was taught in Vietnam. More than 130,000 people died for faith over the centuries; in 1988 Pope John Paul II canonized 117 of them to be Vietnamese Martyrs. The group was made up of 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spaniards, and 10 French. Eight of the group were bishops, 50 were priests, and 59 were lay Catholics.

Jesus says this in today's Gospel: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Then the disciples and we, too, may ask: "Just what are the teachings of Christ? Did he come to bring peace or more war?" The answer is both. It is the same as asking: "Do stairs go up or do they go down?" The answer is both.

Jesus' teaching is something like that. It brings peace to those who seek truth; it brings war to those who seek opposition, lie, hostility, vengeance... Baptism frees us from sins and calls us to the ways of justice. Consequently, we may experience conflict on account of our faith. What might you do when someone you love rejects Jesus' teaching because he or she is closed to truth?

Jesus said that he has come to bring not peace, but the sword. This statement of Jesus seems contrary to the popular belief that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Indeed, Jesus himself is the Prince of Peace. But the kind of peace that Jesus gives us isn't like the peace that this world can give. To receive the peace God gives us through Jesus Christ is to make a challenging decision. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life given equally to everyone. Those who welcome Jesus are blessed; those who don't believe in Jesus deny the true peace. God grants peace to the world, but there are people who still support war. God gives life to the world, yet people choose the culture of death. The Gospel message is preached to everyone, but some accept it, others deny it. That is why there are martyrs – those who die for faith.

Another beautiful image Jesus mentions in today's Gospel is the fire of God's love as he says: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." Pope Benedict XVI writes that this fire is Christ's own passion of love, "a fire that is given to us to be handed on. Whoever comes close to him must be prepared to be burned. This is a fire that makes things bright and pure and free and grand. Being a Christian, then, is daring to entrust oneself to this burning fire." Christ comes to divide us from whatever divides us from him. He comes so that, looking at him, we may glimpse God.

We pray that God enkindle in us the fire of love, peace, charity, support, patience, humility, solidarity... We pray that God extinguishes in us the fire of hatred, war, selfish, egoism, hot-temper, arrogance, division...

God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts. May the Lord of peace himself give us peace at all time and in every way!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, August 14 to Saturday, August 20 9:30 a.m. SC ... Ryan Dallara (repose) Sunday 2022 Archdiocesan 11:15 a.m. SM ... Peter Tien + Anna Hinh (repose) **Annual Appeal:** Monday 8 a.m. SC ... sister Maria Nhi (repose) Tuesday No Mass St. Cecilia SC ... Chung Ngoc Phan (41<sup>st</sup> birthday) Wednesday 8 a.m. \$ 6,774.00 Goal Thursday 8 a.m. SM ... Carol Bennetts (repose) Received \$ 6,774.00 Friday  $\rightarrow$  see announcement for Ryan Dallara's Funeral at St. Sebastian's **THANK YOU!** SM ... Linda Pavlova (repose) Saturday 8 a.m. St. Mary **ANNOUNCEMENTS**: Goal \$ 3,906.00 Received \$ 2.698.00 1. MANY THANKS to Randy & Nancy Lafranchi, and Margaret Need \$ 1.208.00 Farley & the Team for your generous help to make a wonderful BBO party last Sunday. Thanks also to parishioners and friends for supporting this annual fundraising event for St. Mary's Church. 2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up. Please note: Last Week Collections: there is NO ROSARY this Wednesday, since we are preparing for the funeral of Ryan Dallara to come. St. Cecilia 3. Funeral Mass for Ryan Dallara: at 11 am, Friday, August 19, at Offertory \$ 619.00 St. Sebastian Church: 373 Bon Air Rd., Kentfield, CA 94904. May he Maintenance \$ 425.00 rest in peace! Total \$ 1.044.00 4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Mass & Holy Hour at St. Cecilia Church at 8 am, Monday, August 15. 5. St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale is returning this Fall, around St. Mary Offertory \$ 545.00 the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is an initial planning meeting today \$ 450.00 Preservat'n right after 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish hall. Your help is needed, to \$ AAA 00.00 volunteer your time, to donate items, to spread the word, and of course, Total \$ 995.00 to shop. Thank you!