# October 2, 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





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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 (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 <sup>st</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Please see #933 in your Music Book for the readings

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Today's readings, especially the gospel, give us some insightful way to see our faith. Faith is a gracious gift from God. It can neither be earned nor bought, but only responded to with works of love and service. A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God, the Rock of our salvation, will guard us from all harm.

How wonderful for a person with faith! If you have faith, then you can do marvelous works. "If you have faith, only the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." If you have faith, you can do everything even hardest thing. Furthermore, the gospel brings us back to some basic questions such as: why does God create me, or for what purpose do I exist in this world?

Why does God create us? The answer is because of love. This is really abstracting answer, but as we learn, from nothing, God brought us into existence. God created us because he loved us. God so loved us that he gave us his Son Jesus; if we believe in him, we shall have everlasting life.

To the question: for what purpose do I exist in this world, the Catholic Catechism gives us the answer that: we exist in this world to know God, to love God, to serve God, and so finally to be with God in heaven. From nothing, God brings us into existence, so we journey through a good life, doing good works, with hope that by the end we will be welcomed back to God – our Origin.

Talking about good works, when we do a favor for somebody, we normally expect gratitude, or at least the word "thank-you" from that person. That is our human nature; that is our human way. But today's gospel shows us a different angle to understand: how great is God's love for us and the necessity that we need to give thanks to God always.

The gospel parable today is like a story of our daily life. A servant comes home after a day working hard in the field. We think his master would praise him and ask him to sit down at the table and have dinner; but rather, the master told the servant: "Prepare my dinner. Wait on me while I eat and drink. You may have your meal when I am finished." That is a normal way a master would treat his servants.

When we do good things for God, for the parish, for the Church... we normally hear say: "Thank you for your help! Thank you for your contributions! May God repay you for your good works!" It sounds very nice according to our human way; but in the light of today's gospel, we can see the matter from a different angle. Just as the master in the above story does not owe anything to the servant, God does not owe us anything. God does not need to thank us for the good works we do, and we ourselves need to thank God for inspiring us to do the good works and to live accordingly with his commandments.

This weekend is Respect-Life Weekend. Because of God's love for us, every life is valuable because it is created by God. And every life has a purpose, a call, to give glory to God. In the words of Pope Francis: "we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." We pray for "human life" to be respected from the very first moment being formed in the mother's womb, until a "natural death." We pray that people show respect for life by stopping any form of killing: stop war, stop terrorism, stop abortion, stop euthanasia...

Faith gives us the realization that all things we have are the gifts from God. God entrusts these gifts to us so that we can use them to serve God and serve one another. We exist in this world to know God, to love God, to do the will of God, and by the end of our life journey, we hope to be seated at the banquet God has prepared for us in heaven. When we have done all we have been commanded, just humbly say the words of that humble servant in the gospel: "Lord, we are unprofitable servants; we have only done our duty. We have done what we were obliged to do."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 2 to Saturday, October 8				
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC	Joseph Man Nguyen (repose)	
	11:15 a.m.	SM	Alfred Cuthbert (for healing)	
Monday	8 a.m.	SC	Teri Gregorio (birthday 10/4)	
Tuesday	No Mass			
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC	May Velloza (repose)	
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM	Collin Dallara & Family (for healing)	
Friday	8 a.m.	SM	DeRutte Family (special intention)	
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM	Mamita & Pineda Family (special intention)	

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. October Count: will begin next Sunday, October 9
- 2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Oct. 5 will be at Kenyon & Cynthia Larsen's home, 20 Tern Court, San Rafael, CA 94901.
- 3. St. Cecilia's annual rummage sale: Today is the last day. Hours are 10:30am - 2:00pm. Please stop by after Mass, and support the cause! Help is needed on Monday 10/3, starting at 10:00am, with post-sale clean-up and takedown of the tables. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to bring this annual fundraiser back to life!
- 4. 40 days for Life: continues until Nov. 6. You are invited to join other Christians to pray for an end of abortion: stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood San Rafael at 4th and H. Please contact Ruth Ann Cawley at racawley60@gmail.com for more information, especially if you'd like to volunteer to help.
- 5. Rosary Novena to defeat Proposition 1: continues until Oct. 7. Sign up at sfarch.org/noonprop1. NO ON PROP 1
- 6. First Friday Mass and Adoration: at St. Mary's Church. Mass at 8 am, and Adoration until noon, this Friday, Nov. 7.
- 7. Confirmation: next Sunday Oct. 9 at St. Mary's 11:15am Mass.

# 2022 Archdiocesan **Annual Appeal:**

St. Cecilia

\$ 6,774.00 Received \$ 6.774.00

St. Mary

\$ 3,906.00 Received \$ 4,298.00

### **WE'VE MADE IT**

THANK YOU!

# **Last Week Collections:**

St. Cecilia \$ 594.00 Offertory Maintenance \$ 250.00 2<sup>nd</sup> collect'n \$ 324.00 Total \$ 1,168.00

St. Mary Offertory \$ 266.00  $2^{\text{nd}}$  collect'n \$ 104.00 \$ 370.00 Total