



st. cecilia church
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October 16, 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.
		<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 st 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.

Please see #939 in your Music Book for the readings

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

There was a young couple Sean and Helen, having been married for many years, but having no children. They prayed, and prayed, and prayed very earnestly. One occasion when Fr. Patrick, their pastor, was going to visit Rome, they gave him some money for the trip and asked him to light some candles at St. Peter Shrine to pray for their intention. Their prayer was granted. Helen got pregnant... and again, and again... Just five years after Fr. Patrick's trip to Rome, Sean and Helen had already got five children; and Helen was pregnant again waiting for the sixth child. Life became busier and busier for them. Now, Fr. Patrick was going to visit Rome again. With humor, Sean and Helen asked him: "Father, could you please stop by St. Peter Shrine and blow out some of the candles you lit before for us?"

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, emphasize the necessity of prayers. Sean and Helen prayed for the fruit of their married life, and God granted them many children. Jesus usually reminds us: "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." This is the strongest reason telling us why we need to pray. Furthermore, we learn from today's gospel, not only to pray, but pray with humility, trust, and consistence.

The widow in the gospel was the symbol of all who were poor and defenseless. But the only weapon she had was persistence. Because of her persistence in prayer, she was eventually treated with justice. The Gospel tells us: "God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him." So, the poor widow was granted what she asked.

The Lord loves in us that kind of persistence in prayer. Pray, as St. Paul emphasizes, that we may "remain faithful to what we have learned and believed." For "the one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work." Pray that we may "be persistent" in proclaiming the word of God "whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Let us be persistent as Moses who kept his hands raised up, so that the Israelites had the better of the fight, and the promises of God came true.

Through the gospel story of the widow's persistence in prayer, Jesus encourages us to persevere in our daily prayers too. He said: "pray always without becoming weary." Let us be persevering in our prayer, because: "our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

God listens to our prayers. God, our loving Father, always cares for us and he grants us what we need. God knows our hearts, our thoughts, even before we ask him...

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. We should never be discouraged in prayer. However, we should focus more on spiritual gifts rather than merely asking for material things. Let us make sure to ask for what we need not what we want. Let us pray that we delight what God delights. Our prayer to God should be: "Thy will be done, O God, not mine."

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, October 16 to Saturday, October 22

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC ... Kevin Kenneally (repose)
	11:15 a.m.	SM ... Elizabeth Paganini (repose)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC ... Laura Thomas (for health intention)
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 a.m.	SC ... Audrey Massucco (birthday intention)
Thursday	8 a.m.	SM ... Suzanne & Rich O'Toole (birthday intention)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC ... Tanner Family (for healing)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM ... Archbishop Cordileone (special intention)

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

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

St. Mary
Goal \$ 3,906.00
Received \$ 4,298.00

WE'VE MADE IT

THANK YOU!

Last Week Collections:

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 860.00
Maintenance \$ 150.00
Total \$ 1,010.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 573.00
Preservat'n \$ 570.00
Total \$ 1,143.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October Counts:** this weekend is the second time of the four counts.
- Second Collection:** a special collection today requested by the Archdiocese to help the victims of Hurricane Ian.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. This Wednesday, Oct. 17 will be at Kate and Wes Andruess' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato, CA.
- 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 & H. Contact Ruth A. Cawley racawley60@gmail.com for more details.
- No on Proposition 1:** Our best hope is to defeat Proposition 1 which will allow unlimited abortion up until birth with no restrictions. That is why it is important to vote **NO ON PROP 1 to SAVE LIFE.**