

November 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

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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			
	M onday	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		
	5	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.		
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.		

See #954 in your Music Book for the readings OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today, we the Church celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. I wonder why the Church does not choose other passages about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where he was greeted like a king. Why does the Church choose this gospel passage for this celebration which merely describes the suffering and death of Jesus, nothing about his kingdom, his majesty, his sovereignty, or his kingship at all? When we say: Christ the King, what kind of king is this who only receives mockery and humiliation?

But let us carefully listen to the message once again: "The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, 'he saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.' Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine, they called out, 'if you are King of the Jews, save yourself.' And above him there was an inscription that read, 'this is the King of the Jews.' And one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, 'are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.""

At first, we may have a hard time to understand this, because when hearing the title Christ the King, we normally think about the rule, the power, or the authorities which all worldly kings have. But let us recall when Pontius Pilate asked Jesus: "Are you a king?" Jesus clearly declared: "you say that I am a king... But my kingdom does not belong to this world" (see Jn 18:36).

From today's first reading, the Jews, in suffering, looked ahead to a messianic, David-like king to deliver them from oppressors. Jesus was that king, sent to them by God, but they did not recognize him. He certainly was disguised in a most unexpected way: being born in a manger, and finally being hung upon the cross! Pilate intended to further humiliate and mock the people, by placing on Jesus' cross the inscription INRI meaning: Jesus Nazareth, King of the Jews. This has become Jesus' title: Christ the King.

Kings and queens of this world exert power over their subjects. Down through history, thousands and millions of subjects have died for their kings; but it is hard to understand that, Jesus is the King who dies for us his people. If we look up to the cross, we may wonder why Jesus doesn't use his power to get off the cross, smash his enemies and declare the arrival of the kingdom?

The other rulers of the world and even some religious authorities use their power to achieve their own purposes; they choose others powers and principalities – greed, violence, indifference, cruelty, aggression, etc. But Jesus Christ the King is showing us the power of the cross. Jesus' power is shown in

his service to us and his willingness to lay down his life for us. Jesus accepted crucifixion as a perfect act of obedience to God the Father.

St. Paul tells us in today's second reading that Jesus, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the human likeness; he humbled himself, obediently accepting even death on a cross. Jesus is offering himself to God the Father for our sake because he loves us: "there is no greater love than laying down one's life for one's friends."

Being members in the reign of God, under Jesus' kingship, can be very discouraging at times as Jesus said: "if you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your daily cross and go with me." However, let us follow our Lord's example by accepting the cross to be in solidarity with the lowly, the poor, the suffering... as loval servants of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, November 20 to Saturday, November 26

Sunday		SC Elizabeth & Hilary de Rutte (repose)		
	11:15 a.m.	SM Mary Hohm (repose)		
Monday	8 a.m.	SC Joseph Pham Canh (repose)	2022	1.1.
Tuesday	No Mass			<u>hdiocesan</u>
Wednesda	y 8 a.m.	SC Kenny Massucco Family (special intention)	Annua	<u>l Appeal:</u>
Thursday	8 a.m.	SC All Parishioners (Happy Thanksgiving)		
Friday	11 a.m.	SC for Gianna, Kylen & Jack (Newly Baptized)	St. Cecilia	
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM Jean Frugoli (repose)	Goal	\$ 6,774.00
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Second Collection today Sunday, Nov. 20 for Campaign for Human Development (USCCB)

2. Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary: Wednesdays at 5 pm. Please sign up. *** But we take a break this Wednesday before Thanksgiving, therefore, NOROSARY.

3. Happy Thanksgiving: let us come to celebrate the Thanksgiving Mass this Thursday, Nov. 24, at St. Cecilia Church, at 8 a.m.

4. Mass with Baptism for Children: Friday, Nov. 25, at St. Cecilia Church, at 11 a.m. *** Please note: there is no 8 a.m. Mass this Friday.

5. No Padre Pio Mass this Saturday November 26: but we have regular Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Mary Church.

6. First Sunday of Advent: next Sunday, November 27, begin Year A.

7. St. Cecilia's Christmas party: Saturday, December 3. Cocktails & appetizers start at 5 pm... Dinner at 6 pm. The Boylans will cook the meal. Any questions contact Ginny @ 415-488-9694 or georgekerbs@comcast.net

8. St. Mary's Christmas Concert: join your community for the 15th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Mary's on December 11, 2022 commencing at 2:00 pm hear joyous voices in concert including Jenny Matteucci, Mwanza Furaha, Mike Duke, the Nicasio Creek Singers, Daniel Lockert, Antonia Van Becker and Greg Lee. Performance followed by a reception with local wines, cheeses and hors d'oeures as well as a silent auction. Tickets \$100 per person. For further information or tickets contact lgleagles @gmail.com or call 415.450.0567

St. Marv Goal \$ 3,906.00 Received \$ 4.298.00 **THANK YOU!** Last Week Collections St. Cecilia Offertory \$ 655.00 Maintenance \$ 400.00 Total \$ 1.055.00 St. Marv

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