

st. cecilia church lagunitas

January 8, 2023

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 St. Mary ** Children Liturgy, last Sunday of	9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
	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 st thru 6 th graders)
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #803 in your Music Book for the readings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

What is Epiphany? Epiphany is the revelation of God – God reveals himself to us. On this day, God reveals his Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Epiphany is the manifestation of the Son of God to the world as we sing from the psalm today: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." All kings shall pay him homage. All nations shall serve him.

On this day, as also prophesied by Prophet Isaiah: "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Nations shall no longer walk in darkness, but in the light, to find the Lord and adore Him, our God, our Savior, our Light, and our Hope... All peoples shall come, bearing gold and frankincense to offer him, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

All dreams of the people in the Old Testament have been fulfilled as we hear from the gospel today. There were three magi from the east arriving in Jerusalem to search for the Lord. They were overjoyed at seeing the child Jesus, the newborn King. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gold to proclaim Christ's kingship, incense to adore his Godhead, and myrrh to acknowledge his mortality; this is as a prophecy that Jesus was born to die for love.

The three magi represent different peoples/nations/countries. All peoples/nations come to adore God in Christ Jesus. St. Paul tells us in the second reading: "Now it has been revealed that the gentiles are coheirs of the promise." See on this day, God reveals himself to the non-Jews, the gentiles, so they may share in the light of salvation. The Messiah came to establish his church for all peoples and nations. By God's eternal plan, the Church opens door to all people who wish to enter. In this sense, the Church belongs to all people of all nations, races, colors, and tongues.

Because of a deep desire to see God, the magi left everything behind: their homeland and families, so that they could begin their journey to seek God. They followed the leading star to find the Baby Jesus – the newborn king, the Son of God.

Celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we give thanks to God for having revealed himself to the gentiles like us; for we ourselves were once gentiles, but now we are children of God through Baptism. Baptized as infant, we might have the same complacent attitude as of the religious leaders of the time of King Herod, practicing our faith as in our daily routine fashion. Yet, we need to search for the Lord every day. We need to see his presence in our life. We still have to seek him, seeking his way of love, holiness, wisdom, justice, and peace.

There is another point in the gospel for us to reflect on. "Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi departed for their country by another way." When we meet Christ, we no longer go back to our same old way of selfishness, uncharity, or sinfulness... but the light of Christ changes our life, and leads us home by another way. We may need to ask ourselves: does Christ Jesus, of whom we celebrate at Christmas, Holy Family, Epiphany, and every day Mass, make any difference in our lives, or just remain the same? When receiving Holy Communion, it means we have seen Christ Jesus, we have been changed into a new being. We are reminded to "change another way" – a better way – as we go back from the Eucharistic table to the life of every day.

May God, who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon us! May we perceive the Lord with clear sight, so to bring the light of Christ to our brothers and sisters! May God make our hearts firm in faith, hope and charity!

Oh, Infant Jesus, when the magi searched for you, your star guided them to Bethlehem to worship you. Teach us, Lord, to sincerely seek you day by day, that we may truly know your presence in our life.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 8 to Saturday, January 14

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	SC Fr. Anton Tran D. Phuc (repose/anniversary)
	11:15 am	SM Bob Bridwell (repose/anniversary)
Monday	8 a.m.	SC all souls in purgatory
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wedneso	lay 8 a.m.	SC Ryan Dallara (repose)
Thursday	/ 8 a.m.	SM John Thuc (repose)
Friday	8 a.m.	SC Daphne & Ken Massucco Family (blessings)
Saturday	8 a.m.	SM Cecilia Hong (repose)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. **Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary**: only twice a month on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5 pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board, please sign up to host. Next rosary visit will be on Wednesday, January 18, at the Dallaras' home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas.
- 2. <u>Memorial Mass for Arthur Garcia:</u> at 1 pm, Thursday, January 12, 2023. St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas.
- 3. Walk for Life West Coast: in San Francisco, Saturday, January 21, 2023. Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. More information on the bulletin board or contact Daphne Massucco.
- 4. **Fr. Phan will be visiting his family in Vietnam for 3 weeks:** from January 30th to February 21st. There will be no weekday Mass during this time, but only Sunday Masses helped by guest priests, Fr. Te Nguyen and Fr. Luello Palacpac.

2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: St. Cecilia Goal \$ 6,774.00 Received \$ 6,774.00 St. Mary Goal \$ 3,906.00 Received \$ 4,298.00

Last Week Collections

THANK YOU!

St. Cecilia Offertory Maintenance Total	\$ \$ <u>\$</u>	651.00 50.00 701.00
St. Mary Offertory	\$	283.00
Xmas gifts	\$	625.00
Preservat'n	\$	7,406.41
Total	<u>\$</u>	8,314.41