

st. cecilia church

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January 22, 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. 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 st thru 6 th graders)
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #859 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Is 8:23...9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

We hear from today's gospel that: "when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee..." We may wonder why Jesus withdrew to Galilee. Actually, he did not run away for fearing of the persecution of Herod; but he came to Galilee to begin his ministry from there: preaching God's word, healing the sick, and forgiving of sins. From that time on, Jesus walked from village to village, preaching the word and calling people to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus started his ministry, but in order to accomplish it to the end, Jesus began to recruit helpers. The gospel tells us how Jesus called the first disciples; and they generously responded to his invitation, to follow and work with him, to spread the Good News throughout the whole world today. We may reflect on Jesus' call for us, not only on religious vocations but also on our ordinary life as we faithfully live our baptismal call to be followers of Jesus.

When Jesus invites us: "Come after me..." he challenges us to respond to the essential call to the discipleship. The gospel tells of a great sacrifice by the first disciples: Simon, Andrew, James and John. They were fishermen. Nets and boat were their livelihood, and their security. Yet, at Jesus' call, they immediately left everything behind: nets, boat, and even their family, in order to follow Jesus. Since they have decided to follow Jesus, they made no turning back, no hesitation. Why? If we could have asked them, they might have said something like this: "You would have known this man Jesus. There was something about him that made it impossible to say no to him.

Pope Paul VI, when reflecting on the call of Jesus, said this: Vocation is... a voice with a singular accent, mysterious, but unmistakable, grave and delicate at the same time, calm and powerful. A voice which is at the same time an invitation and an order. A voice simple as a sigh and profound as a drama. Christ's voice, today too, today more than ever, says, "Come follow me!" As Christ's voice spoken to his first disciples, his voice, today too, calls us: Come follow him!

When praying for vocations, we may question: is God's call only for religious professionals, priests, deacons, and nuns? No. Neither did Jesus promise us that if we come follow him, he will make us materially rich, or successful people... God calls us in different ways – different vocations. Jesus calls us not only to become a priest, a deacon, or a nun, but to be a good Christian – a good mother, father, husband, wife, a teacher, a doctor, a worker.

Here in the gospel, Jesus promises us a very simple thing: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." He calls us to walk with him, to be so full of his love that others will see the joy on our faces and want what we have, and to become Jesus' followers. If you and I totally give ourselves to Jesus, he will make us the instruments and witnesses of God's love.

In whatever vocation God might call us, there is one thing in common – to be a good disciple of Christ – following him to proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom and to cure every disease among the people, to love and to serve God and one another through our family, and particularly here and now in our parish community.

				Last Week Collections		
MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 22 to Saturday, January 28						
Sunday 9	9:30 a.m.	SC Ryan Dallara & Marian Olson (repose)	St. Cecilia			
1	11:15 am	SM Joseph Tien & Ana Nguyen (repose)	Offertory	\$	537.00	
Monday 8	3 a.m.	SC Peter Tien & Ana Hinh (repose)	Maintenance	- 1	300.00	
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Wednesday 8	8 a.m.	SC Christina & Matt Sasan (wedding Anniversary)	Total	<u>\$</u>	1,137.00	
Thursday 8	8 a.m.	SM Ana & Maria Khuyen (repose)	St. Mary			
·		Colby Polifka (special intention)	Offertory	\$	327.00	
Friday	8 a.m.	SC Danielle Leaf (repose)	Wedding	\$	500.00	
-	8 a.m.	SM Jameson Zamilch (repose)	Preservat'n	\$	150.00	
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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, February 1st, at the Andrues' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato.
- 2. <u>Padre Pio Mass and Devotion:</u> Saturday, January 28 at St. Cecilia Church. Mass at 8 am, and prayer/devotion to follow.
- 3. **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.
- 4. Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023: First of all, I sincerely thank you all for your generous supports to help our parish reaching the goal every year. Now, the AAA for 2023 is coming again, you will be receiving the AAA letter in your mail to know more information. However, since I will be away for three weeks from Sunday of January 29, I earnestly ask for your help again, to begin taking the second collections from next Sunday for the AAA 2023. Thank you again for your help!

Here are some pictures of the Rosary and blessing of the Dallaras' home last Wednesday:

