



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

December 3, 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	9:30 a.m.
		St. Mary	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 (1 st Friday)	8 a.m. Holy Hour follows
		St. Cecilia (other Fridays)	8 a.m.
	Saturday	St. Cecilia (last Saturday only)	10 a.m. Padre Pio Mass & Devotion
Reconciliation	Saturday	St. Cecilia	4 to 4:30 p.m.
		or by appointment call:	(415) 488-9799
Confirmation Prep.	Wednesday	St. Cecilia	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

See #784 in your Music Book for the readings

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

Is 63:16...64:7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

We begin our Advent with the prayer of the people of God as in the first reading today: “Oh Lord, that you would rend the heavens and come down” (*Is 63:19*). The people in the Old Testament kept waiting for the God’s coming to deliberate them from hardship, injustice, war, and death. They longed for the Lord’s coming to fill up the missing parts in their life, and free them from the darkness of sin, sadness, loneliness, selfishness, and hatred... And furthermore, we pray today for ourselves that we will have courage to return to the Lord, as in the responsorial psalm we pray: “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved” (*Ps 80:4*).

We celebrate today the First Sunday of Advent – also the first day of a new year in the Church Calendar. Advent brings us the awareness of our longing or waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It might be the anniversary of his first coming as we celebrate the Christmas – Christ’s Birthday. It might be his second coming at the end of time.

The end of the world is known only to God. It is Jesus’ Second Coming. It is his secret. We do know that the end of this world for each one of us is at the moment when we breathe our last breath. It is the moment when we have to leave this world behind, and enter a new future world that we know exists.

For some very good reason, Jesus does not tell us when this moment will be. If many Christians knew the day and hour of their death, they would postpone their conversion until that last moment. As human nature, we probably have this tendency of procrastination. We

postpone everything for tomorrow, until the last minute. In today’s Gospel, Jesus repeatedly reminds us: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come!” (*Mk 13:33*).

Saint Augustine said this: “It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us – so that we would be on the lookout for him every day of our lives.”

Through this holy season of Advent, we look for the coming of the Lord, so that – as St. Paul says in the second reading – “we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ” (*1 Cor 1:7*).

We await his coming among us when we open the scriptures and celebrate the sacraments. We look forward to the celebration of his birth in Bethlehem. Perhaps most importantly, we long and yearn for his coming again in glory at the end of time.

We do not know when the Lord of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. Let us ask the Lord to keep us always expectant of his coming that he might not find us unaware.

Let us be watchful, so that we are mindful of the Lord in our ways. And if the Lord suddenly comes at an unexpected time, he might meet us doing right.

May Advent be certainly for us a season in which we are reminded of our heart’s desire for Christ. May we prepare the home of our heart and soul for Christ, that when we abundantly receive Christ Jesus, we may generously share the gifts with our brothers and sisters in need!

The Lord of the house is coming. Be watchful! Be alert!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, December 3 to Friday, December 8

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ... John Massucco (repose)
	11:15 am	SM ... Estelle Nadal (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ... John Legnitto (repose)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ... Francesca Previtali (special intention)
Thursday	8 am	SM ... Pete de Rutte (special intention)
Friday	8 am	SC ... Victor Frugoli (repose)
Saturday	no Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** Friday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 8 am at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas.
- Our annual St. Cecilia-St. Mary Parish Family Christmas Party & Buffet Dinner:** will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, in the St. Cecilia Parish Hall. No host cocktails and appetizers start at 5:00 pm; dinner at 6 pm. Dinner is potluck (we’re providing the ham). Bring your favorite hors d’oeuvre, side dish, salad or desert; sign-up sheets are at both churches. Drink tickets will be sold at the door; donations are gratefully accepted. For more information or questions, please contact Daphne or Ken Massucco at: dmassucco@gmail.com
- 2nd Collection next Sunday, Dec. 10:** for Retirement Fund for Religious

2023 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia

Goal \$ 7,295.00

Received \$ 7,295.00

We’ve reached the goal

THANK YOU!

St. Mary

Goal \$ 6,095.00

Received \$ 5,652.00

Need \$ 443.00

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia

Offertory \$ 717.00

Maintenance \$ 200.00

Total \$ 917.00

St. Mary

Offertory \$ 325.00

Preservat’n \$.00

Total \$ 325.00