



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

December 31, 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) ✦



st. mary church
nicasio

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 #800 in your Music Book for the readings](#)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105; Heb 11:8...19; Lk 2:22-40

Today, together with the universal Church, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We learn that the Holy Family is a perfect model of love which sets an example for every family, for every one of us, as children or parents, to achieve the perfection of God's holiness.

We can see this same remark throughout the Scripture readings today. From the first reading, the Lord God grants a son – Isaac – to the elderly Abraham and Sarah, as a sign of reward from the Lord to them for their righteousness, for their faith and trust in the Lord. From this offspring, Abraham's descendants will be "as numerous as stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore." Children are blessings of God for the parents, especially in their old age. For all parents, and indeed for all human-race, children are the sign of joy, hope, and happiness in life.

Each and every one of us has a time to be a son or a daughter to our parents, and to be a father or a mother to our children. How do you live your life, how do you live your faith, in order to be a good son or a good daughter to your parents, or to be a role model of a parent to your children?

Love is the starting point of family life. In the life of a family, the most important thing the parents can do for their children is to show their love for each other. The children can learn how to love by observing how their parents love each other, and how they are loved by their parents. St. Paul teaches us through his letter to the Colossians urging husbands and wives to show their love for each other with mutual respect. He also urges children to respect and obey their parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. In everything you do, put on the armor of love.

Although we have no doubt that Jesus is the Son of God, but his immediate parents are Mary and Joseph who bring him up, who take care of him, who teach him how to speak, who lead him step by step, who look after him every moment in his earthly life.

Jesus, like each and every one of us, learns to love in his childhood by being loved. Jesus learns about God's love from experiencing the human love of his parents Mary and Joseph. We can look at the fruits and know the tree. From human perspective, the wisdom that Jesus teaches us surely reflects the holiness of life in the family of his earthly parents Mary and Joseph.

Let us learn from the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Children, love your parents! Obey your parents! Don't do things that cause sorrow or suffering for your parents! Parents, love your children! Be a good model for your children! Be a holy living example for your children! If you can give your children a cell phone, a smart phone, or an iPhone, why can't you give them a Rosary? If you want your children to prayer the Rosary, you have to keep praying the Rosary first. Remember that you cannot give what you don't have. If you want your children to go to church on Sundays, you yourselves have to attend Mass regularly and faithfully.

On this Feast of the Holy Family and here at this holy table, we are filled with God's love through Jesus, and Mary and Joseph. At the same time, we are called to share that love with other people: who are our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. So, let us learn from the Holy Family, to be holy as God the Father in heaven is holy.

WISH YOU & FAMILY A HOLY & BLESSED NEW YEAR 2024!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, December 31, 2023 to Friday, January 5, 2024

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	The Massucco Family (for New Year Blessings)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Mary Lafranchi (repose)
Monday	9:30 am	SC ...	Fr. Anton Tran Dinh Phuc (repose/anniversary)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Dallara Family (special intention)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Molly Bernard (repose)
Friday	8 am	SM ...	Jacky Quinn (repose)
Saturday	no Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God & New Year Mass & Adoration:** at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Mass starts at 8 am, Monday, January 1.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** this Wednesday, January 3rd will be at Teresa & Corey Dallara's home: 95 La Cuesta Ave, Lagunitas. Please continue to sign up for the prayer at your home.
- First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration:** at St. Mary Church, Nicasio, Friday, January 5, 2024. Mass at 8 am, and Adoration until 12 noon.
- Pray for little girl Paisley and family:** Paisley (not yet 2 years old) from St. Mary's Church was diagnosed a form of Leukemia. She is now at Oakland's Children Hospital for Chemotherapy. Let us earnestly pray for healing miracle for Paisley.

2023 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia
Goal \$ 7,295.00
Received \$ 7,295.00

St. Mary
Goal \$ 6,095.00
Received \$ 6,095.00

We've reached the goal
THANK YOU!

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia
Offertory \$ 358.00
Maintenance \$ 200.00
X'mas \$ 4,000 .00
Total \$ 4,558.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 285.00
X'mas \$ 5,541.00
Preservat'n \$ 50.00
Total \$ 5,876.00