



st. cecilia church
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January 14, 2024

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

1 Sm 3:3...19; Ps 40:2...10; 1 Cor 6:13...20; Jn 1:35-42

Today, we examine the power of God's call for us and how well we respond to his calling. "The call and the response" is the theme we may reflect from the readings today. The 2nd reading tells us that through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples, as also mentioned in the Gospel. How attentive do you and I listen to God's voice speaking to us? How generous do we respond to his call? How willing are we to do his will?

From the first reading, we see how God called Samuel. Samuel was an important person of Israel in the Old Testament. A great prophet, he anointed King Saul as Israel's first king, and later he anointed David of the house of Jesse to be king. He had a great influence over both religious and political aspect of his days in Israel.

Samuel's mother, Hannah, was unable to have children and she suffered bitterly over the fact that she was barren. She promised God if she had a son she would dedicate him to God, which was what she did. When Samuel was still a young child, Hannah brought him to the Temple, to be raised and taught by the priest Eli, and eventually, Hannah dedicated her only son to the service of God and his people Israel.

From today's gospel, Andrew was one of the first disciples called by Jesus? Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman. He became a disciple of John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was the one whom people were looking and waiting for. At once he left John to follow the Divine Master – the Great One.

Jesus then asked Andrew, "What do you seek?" When Andrew answered that he would like to know where Jesus lived, the Lord replied, "Come and see." Andrew realized Jesus was truly the Christ, the Messiah. Andrew was thus the first disciple who followed Jesus. Then, he brought his brother Simon Peter and other disciples to him. Most of the first disciples were fishermen, but when the Lord called

them, they left everything behind: their nets, their boat, their business, and even their family, in order to follow Jesus.

Now, here is the question for us today: have you ever heard the voice of God calling you? I think we all, one way or another, have experienced that call. Usually, God speaks to us through others, through a religious person like John the Baptist or even through a relative or friend. The call could be an inner voice that God speaks to us through an event in our daily life. How do we listen to the call? How do we recognize God's voice? How do we respond to the call? The call could affect us and make change in our lives.

God does speak to us and call us in different ways, different ministries. We hear God's call through the Scriptures. We hear God's call in the sacraments. How do we answer him? It doesn't have to be some big thing like going into religious life, to become a priest or a nun. It can be something as simple as volunteering for some kind of service to others or praying a little more.

As we come together for the Eucharist, Christ is with us in each other. St. Paul just reminded us of this in our second reading: "our bodies are members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit." Christ is also with us in our prayers and songs, in the Scriptures and in Holy Communion. However, we have a common goal regarding God's call for us; that is to achieve holiness in life: "to be holy as God the Father is holy." Let us be more attentive to Jesus' call, and more generous to respond to the service of God and his people through the Church. O holy Jesus, help us listen to you more attentively, know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 14 to Friday, January 19

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	Ellis Family (special intention)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Kathy & Harold Drady (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	Haley Dallara (birthday intention)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Massucco Family (special intention)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Grace Farley (special intention)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Andrues Family (special intention)
Saturday	no Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** this Wednesday, January 17 will be at Kate & Wes Andrues' home: 12 Country Ln, Novato, CA 94945, at 5 pm. Please continue to sign up to host a prayer gathering at your home.
- Walk-for-Life West Coast:** on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Mass with Archbishop Cordileone at the Cathedral at 9:30 am, and the Walk-for-Life rally and walk at 12:30 pm, beginning at Civic Center Plaza. Visit the website walkforlifewc.com for an update list of events.
- 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 \$ 722.00
Maintenance \$ 800.00
Christmas \$ 75.00
AAA \$ 100.00
Total \$ 1,697.00

St. Mary
Offertory \$ 269.00
Preservat'n \$ 00.00
Total \$ 269.00