



st. cecilia church  
lagunitas

January 21, 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) ✦



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 <sup>st</sup> 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 #860 in your Music Book for the readings

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Jon 3:1...10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

We have just begun the Ordinary Time, but it seems like the message of Lent coming early this year: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mk 1:15). We begin our reflection today on Prophet Jonah’s message of repentance to the people of Nineveh in the first reading. Nineveh was one of the most prominent foreign cities in the Old Testament. It was the capital of the neo-Assyrian empire in the late 7<sup>th</sup> century B.C. “The great city of Nineveh” was known as Sin City for having been a great, lawless, and ruined city under the rule of evil kings, with all kinds of moral issues: violence, murders, corruption, prostitutions, demons, sinfulness, and more... When Prophet Jonah came to the great city of Nineveh announcing, “forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,” the people of Nineveh believed in God. They proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth, and put ashes on their foreheads, as a sign of repentance. And “God repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out” (Jon 3:10). When we face natural disaster, wildfire, flood, earthquake, or when we struggle with difficulty, hardship, sickness, or death, there are questions relating to the wrath of God or the warning of God to the sins of humanity: is this the sign of time or the end of the world? The answer is: nobody knows, but it could be the warning of God. If people don’t turn from their evil ways of life, then who knows what more could happen... Let’s remember Jesus’ message in Luke’s gospel, calling us to repentance. When people told Jesus about the falling of the tower at Siloam that killed eighteen people, and they

asked him if those eighteen people were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem, Jesus answered them: “I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did” (Lk 13:5). The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways, thus experiencing the Lord’s compassion. Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus? Do we believe in the Gospel and choose the eternal kingdom of God? Or do we rely on “this world which is passing away”? (1 Cor 7:31) As we hear from the readings today, at a moment when “time was running out” for evil Nineveh, God did something extraordinary: he raised up Jonah to preach repentance to “the great city.” More extraordinarily, God sent his only begotten Son Jesus into the world to preach the message of God’s love and compassion. God called the first disciples and then all of us to continue spreading the message of God’s love and forgiveness throughout the whole world. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and patient to wait for our repentance. There is a reminder for us in the previous chapter of today’s second reading, saying: “Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God?” (1 Cor 6:9). In the kingdom of God, there is no room for the evildoers. God’s kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Let us pray that we may live the life of the kingdom we proclaim in Christ. May God change whatever evil way in our life, and shape in us a heart of love, that we may live in prayer and good works, in love and compassion, in truth, justice and peace today and every day of our lives!

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, January 21 to Saturday, January 27

|           |          |         |   |
|-----------|----------|---------|---|
| Sunday    | 9:30 am  | SC ...  | Tony Dallara (repose)                     |
|           | 11:15 am | SM ...  | Joan & Bob Bridwell (repose)              |
| Monday    | 8 am     | SC ...  | Nathan Andrues (special intention)        |
| Tuesday   | .....    | no Mass | .....                                     |
| Wednesday | 8 am     | SC ...  | Massucco Family (special intention)       |
| Thursday  | 8 am     | SM ...  | Serina (healing)                          |
| Friday    | 8 am     | SC ...  | Carol Mori-Prange (for health & wellness) |
| Saturday  | 10 am    | SC ...  | Joseph Dinh Xuan Canh (repose)            |

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays only. Please continue to sign up to host a prayer gathering at your home. Next gathering will be at Carol Mori-Prange’s home: 24 Elm Ave, Woodacre. Wednesday, February 7, at 5 pm.
- Monthly Padre Pio Mass & Devotion:** Saturday, January 27, at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Mass starts at 10 am and devotion to follow.
- 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.

Last Week Collections

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| St. Cecilia |             |
| Offertory   | \$ 645.00   |
| Maintenance | \$ 300.00   |
| AAA         | \$ 100.00   |
| Total       | \$ 1,045.00 |

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| St. Mary    |           |
| Offertory   | \$ 286.00 |
| Preservat’n | \$ 40.00  |
| Total       | \$ 326.00 |