



st. cecilia church
lagunitas

February 25, 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 #812 in your Music Book for the readings

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

Gn 22:1...18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

God has put Abraham to a test. We hear this in the first reading. Once, God asked Abraham to leave his fatherland behind and go to a new land that he had never known. Now, God asked Abraham to take his only son Isaac up on the mountaintop to sacrifice him “as a holocaust” and offer to God. At first, Abraham got scared, but with his strong faith and trust in God, Abraham obeyed God’s command with no question. Abraham offered the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all as mentioned in the second reading.

What would you do if God asked you to “take your only child whom you so love, and offer as a burnt sacrifice to God?” We wonder how a loving God would do such awful thing to people. However, as we see the result after the test, we are reaffirmed by the truth that: light always comes at the end of the tunnel. The ups and downs of life help us to see how mature our faith is, and how firm do we put our trust in God’s love and care.

God called Abraham to obey his will. Abraham obeyed God’s command, to have faith in God, so he became our father of faith. “God blessed Abraham abundantly and made his descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sand of the seashore.”

As we follow Jesus on the journey of faith, we have to go through many challenging tests, too. Will you have courage to leave everything behind to follow Jesus if he calls you? To follow Jesus, sometimes, we have to give up what is so dear to us, as Jesus once said: “Unless you love me more than your mother and your father, more than your very life, you are not worthy of me.”

As the gospel tells us, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the mountain and let them see the glory of God through his transfiguration. The highlight of the transfiguration is the voice of God coming from the cloud, identifying Jesus as “my beloved Son,” and then giving them the mandate: “listen to him.”

God urged the disciples to listen to his holy Son Jesus. God also calls us to listen to him, so he can change us, he can make our lives better, especially through this Lenten season. For us, the transfiguration means a transformation of our life from bad to good. It is a call to conversion.

Faith helps us to see more deeply. Transfiguration assures us that reality is revealed; the story of transfiguration has one primary purpose – to reveal the true divine identity of Jesus. Not only he was a Galilean carpenter, but he was, he is, and he will be forever the Son of the living God.

We all must be transfigured. As Christians, we are members of Christ’s own body; we are called to be sons and daughters of the living God, to become better and more authentic Christians.

Faith tells us of the true nature of life. Living out our Christian faith enables us to see beyond the ordinary appearance of things, through faith, to the truth. For example, the Eucharist offers us a glimpse of Jesus in the appearance of bread and wine. It takes faith to see through to the deeper reality in front of us. When receiving the Eucharist, we move beyond appearance to a deeper truth and a more profound understanding of who God is and who we are as Christians.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are inspired by the transfiguration of Jesus to make any change in our lives that we need to do, so we will be ready to meet our God in eternal glory. We are encouraged to open our ears to listen to Jesus and open our arms to embrace the mystery of the cross, so that we are able to share in Christ’s transfigured glory.

MASS INTENTIONS: from Sunday, February 25 to Friday, March 1

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	All Souls in Purgatory
	11:15 am	SM ...	Dc. Bruce & Ellen Hall (for health)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	Gary Frugoli (repose)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Maria Khuyen (repose)
Thursday	8 am	SM ...	Fr. Honesto Gile “Fr. Junior” (repose)
Friday	8 am	SC ...	Peter Nguyen (repose/anniversary)
Saturday	no Mass

2024 Annual Appeal

St. Cecilia	
Goal	\$ 8,036.00
Received	\$ 3,065.00
Needed	\$ 4,971.00

St. Mary	
Goal	\$ 5,533.00
Received	\$ 2,332.00
Needed	\$ 3,201.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Archdiocesan Annual Appeal of 2024:** As the suggestion and decision of the Parish Council from last meeting, we continue taking the 2nd collections for AAA 2024 every Sunday until we meet the goal. Thank you for understanding and support.
- Wednesday Home Visit & Rosary:** on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays only. Please continue to sign up to host a gathering at your home.
- Stations of the Cross:** During Lent, we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday, at St. Cecilia Church, right after the Mass.
- Day of Adoration for Lent:** Friday, March 1, at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas. Mass at 8 am. Adoration to follow until 4 pm.
- Save the Dates:** *Palm Sunday, March 24 at both churches as usual schedule; *Holy Thursday, March 28 at St. Cecilia Church: 7:15 pm; *Good Friday, March 29 at St. Mary Church – starts at 3 pm; *Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30 at St. Cecilia Church: 7:15 pm; *Easter Sunday, March 31 at both churches as usual schedule. More details to come.

Last Week Collections

St. Cecilia	
Offertory	\$ 792.00
Maintenance	\$ 350.00
AAA	\$ 442.00
Total	\$ 1,584.00

St. Mary	
Offertory	\$ 250.00
AAA	\$ 1,589.00
Preservat’n	\$.00
Total	\$ 1,839.00