



st. cecilia church
lagunitas



st. mary church
nicasio

March 24, 2024

Mision 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) ✦

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 #823 in Music Book for the readings & to participate in the Passion of the Lord (#823B)

PALM SUNDAY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1--15:7

Today's Gospel is about the suffering and death of Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus endured suffering. He was nailed on the cross and died. He was taken down from the cross and buried in the tomb. Throughout the Holy Week, we will hold onto this mystery of Jesus' death, until the next Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Lord – his triumph over the power of death. We wonder *why Jesus died for us?*

He died for us just because God is love. He loves us even when we are still sinners; even when we, like Judas, betray him, and like Peter, deny him.

It is hard for us to understand the fact that a holy God died for sinful humans. However, we are sure that love can do everything, even craziest things. Because God loves us, as Saint Paul said, "what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom." There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. Jesus did so: *he died for us*. He laid down his life for us, because he loved us.

He died for us. Many of us have heard this phrase so many times that we seem to take it for granted, without showing any gratitude or emotion, or without knowing any meaning about why Jesus died for us.

There is a story about a man who bravely died for the misdeeds of his brother. The two orphan brothers have struggled to survive since their parents passed away. The elder brother was a good man, working hard to take care of his little brother. The younger was a bad guy: dishonest and substance-abusing. The younger man often came home late, drunk... Sometimes he brought home lot of cash. The elder brother tried to tell him to mend his way of life, but he did not listen; he never changed at all.

One night the younger ran into the house with smoking gun and blood-stained clothes, being out of breath, telling his brother: "I have killed a man." In a few minutes the house was surrounded by police. The two brothers knew there was no escape. The younger brother was so nervous, stammering: "What

can I do now? I don't want to die. I did not mean to kill that man." And he cried... Now the police kept knocking at the door. The elder brother had an idea: asking the younger to take off his clothes. Then, he exchanged his clothes with the blood-stained clothes of his killer brother. By the time, the police broke the door, entered the apartment, and arrested the elder brother and took him away... Eventually, he was tried and condemned to death for murder. He was executed. He died for his younger brother to live.

We can see that this story of crime and death is basically a story of love. This story may help us think deeply about the power of love. Love empowers us to do anything – even extraordinary thing, or even craziest thing.

We would expect the younger to show repentance with all gratitude to his elder brother, and so amend his life. Gratitude to his generous brother should make him turn away from his past, and never go back to a life of crime. Gratitude should make him keep the memory of his brother alive. He would never forget that his brother died for him to live.

Similarly, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus, which we heard in the Passion, is basically a story of God's love for us. How do we respond to God's love?

In the same way, what God expects from us today is gratitude, repentance, and conversion – gratitude strong enough to make us hate our sins; strong enough to change our old way of life, and to enable us to love as God has loved us.

MASS INTENTIONS: *from Sunday, March 24 to Saturday, March 30*

Sunday	9:30 am	SC ...	George Kerbs & Family (pray for his health)
	11:15 am	SM ...	Joseph Tien & Ana Nguyen (repose)
Monday	8 am	SC ...	Yordanos Stefanos (birthday)
			... Taylor (pray for healing)
Tuesday	no Mass
Wednesday	8 am	SC ...	Serina Greer (pray for her health)
			... Al & Sharon Cuthbert (repose/birthday)
			... Susan Pineda (birthday)
Holy Thursday			... Pray for All Parishioners
Good Friday			... Pray for All Parishioners
Holy Saturday			... Pray for All Parishioners

2024 Annual Appeal

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Goal	\$ 8,036.00
Received	\$ 9,366.00
Exceeded	\$ 1,330.00

THANK YOU!

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Goal	\$ 5,533.00
Received	\$ 2,847.00
Needed	\$ 2,686.00

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 9:30 am at St. Cecilia (SC); 11:15 am at St. Mary (SM).

Holy Thursday: March 28... no morning Mass, but we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 pm at SC – commemorating the day Jesus instituted the Eucharist, and with the washing of feet... The Eucharistic Adoration will continue right after the Mass until 11 pm when closing the church... Please join the Adoration.

Good Friday: March 29... the Good Friday Liturgy starts at 3 pm at SM. We honor the tradition by starting the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 pm (the hour Jesus died); including 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion... Walking the Stations of the Cross and Sacrament of Reconciliation to follow after.

Holy Saturday: March 30... Easter Vigil starts at 7:15 pm at SC.

Easter Sunday: March 31... Mass schedule is as usual: 9:30 am at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas; 11:15 am at St. Mary Church, Nicasio.

Last Week Collections

<u>St. Cecilia</u>	
Offertory	\$ 566.00
Maintenance	\$ 400.00
Total	<u>\$ 966.00</u>

<u>St. Mary</u>	
Offertory	\$ 225.00
AAA	\$ 82.00
Total	<u>\$ 307.00</u>