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Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
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CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Church

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ROSARY
Monday-Saturday @ 8:35 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
and ends with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8

All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about [Jesus walking on the water](#) and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. -Loyola Press || Sunday Connection



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE VISIT

Saint Cecilia Parish ||| Wednesday ||| August 30th

2:00 PM Arrival ||| 2:15 PM Veneration until 7:30 PM Departure

Rosary every hour ||| 3:00 PM Divine Mercy ||| 5:30 PM Mass

Individuals and families will be enclosed in the mantle of the Blessed Mother.

Couples may renew their vows before the Blessed Mother at any time.

Parishioners and guests are invited to join us during veneration and mass.

WELCOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF

St. Cecilia School Mission Statement

St. Cecilia School is a Catholic elementary school of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, whose purpose is to develop students who are active Christians, lifelong learners, socially responsible citizens, effective communicators, and problem solvers.

May you all enjoy this new school year!

We are already grateful to our Men's Club (MOSC) who held their annual "School Yard Clean Up" which benefits us all. We also thank the St. Cecilia Mothers' Club for hosting the "First Day of School Welcome Event."

Another note: Save the dates for the upcoming Parish Festival "Mardi Gras 2023" to be held on October 13th, 14th, & 15th, thanks again to volunteers from our school and parish community.

Save the date for the League of the Sacred Heart Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show Fundraiser to be held on Sept. 23th in the Lower Church. Complete details will be posted in the bulletin soon!



Interested in passing on the Catholic Faith to the next generation? Come help teach! We are looking for volunteers (students in high school, college, or adults); there are two different opportunities:

1. **Children's Faith Formation (CFF)** program is on Sundays, 8:30-9:15am, and serves students who attend public school or non-Catholic private school in grades 1–8.
2. **Children's Liturgy** is on Sundays during the 9:30am Mass and serves the younger children, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten.

Teaching background is not required. Help spread God's Love – You can make a difference!! All materials are provided. Grab a friend and co-teach.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mary Molly in the parish office 415.664.8481
FaithFormation.SF@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CFF) REGISTRATION

CFF is now open for registration.

This is our parish Religious Education Program for students who attend non-Catholic schools from 1st to 8th Grade.

We also prepare children for First Communion and Confirmation.

The program begins Sunday, September 12, at 8:00 a.m.

Online registration form: bit.ly/StCeciliaCFF

Please contact Mary Molly at 415-664-8481 or email faithformation.sf@gmail.com

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On behalf of those throughout the Archdiocese who benefit from the Annual Appeal, thank you.

Campaign Goal : **\$135,985**

Amount Received: **\$ 60,809**

Balance Due: **\$ 75,176**

Annual Appeal Envelopes are in the pews and vestibule of the church. You may place your donation in the donation boxes located in the church or leave them at the Rectory Office. Please don't forget to write 2023 AAA on the memo line if donating by check.
Thank you for helping us achieve our goal.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)



Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or maybe exploring the idea of becoming Catholic? Come join us in September as a new session of the RCIA program begins.

Please call Deacon Iwan or the rectory at (415) 664-8481 for information or to sign up.

All are welcome!

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Most Activities are from 1:30 - 3:30 pm
(*Exception - Exercise & St. Martha Prayer Group)

Monday - August 21 - Pedro

Tuesdays - August 22 - Bingo, French, Italian

Thursday - August 24 - ***11:15 am Exercise**, Bridge, Knitting, and Scrabble

Friday - August 25 - ***8:30 am St. Martha Prayer Group**
Movie: "Rainbow Island" starring Dorothy Lamour

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 21

9am

Paul Naughton
Ernesto Balajadia

5:30pm

Michael Murphy

TUESDAY, August 22

9am

Maria Stone
Theresa Egan
Vilma Flores

5:30pm

Marie Gavney

WEDNESDAY, August 23

9am

Phil Murphy
Mary Arce
Deceased Galvin Family Members

5:30pm

Elizabeth (Lillo) Price

THURSDAY, August 24

9am

Gregory Morris
Jessica Cerreira, Living

5:30pm

Tom & Charlotte O'Callaghan, Living

FRIDAY, August 25

9am

Thomas Kennedy
Rich Wood
Ernesto Balajadia

5:30pm

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SATURDAY, August 26

9am

Sister Kathleen McGrath B.V.M.
Fil Alano

SATURDAY VIGIL, August 26

5:00pm

Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero
Elizabeth (Lillo) Price
Sean Murphy

SUNDAY, August 27

7:30am

Mary Agnes Rigg
Patricia Vella
Edgardo Casayuran

9:30am

People of Saint Cecilia

11:30am

John, Winnie, and Pat McHugh
Manuel Fonseca
Tommy Kennedy
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