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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.
(All masses are livestreamed at stcecilia.com
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CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
or email irmalavitoria@stcecilia.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
or email iwan.soegiharto@yahoo.com

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Please contact the Parish Office at least six months
prior to the wedding date (415) 664-8481
or email irmalavitoria@stcecilia.com

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Please call the Parish Office (415) 664-8481
Emergency Number (415) 734-7445

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.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

The Lord’s salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Mary sings praise to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday’s Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John’s Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark’s Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John’s Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the “prologue.” This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus’ existence with God since the beginning of time. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world’s darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John’s Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John’s denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John’s response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus’ presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means “rejoice,” is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday’s Mass. This theme is echoed in today’s second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. ~ Loyola Press

2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Lessons and Carols for Advent

December 17 | 4:00 p.m. | Adult Choir

Advent Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi)

December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 | 5:30 p.m.

December 17, 23 | 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses | Sunday | December 24

5:00 p.m. | Adult Choir with Orchestra

Carol prelude at 4:15 p.m.

8:00 p.m. | Sung Mass with Cantor, Piano and Guitars

Christmas Day Masses | Monday | December 25

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. | Adult Choir with Orchestra

Carol prelude at 9:10 a.m.

11:30 a.m. | Sung Mass with Cantor and Organist

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 17 @ 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for a program of scripture and song celebrating the Advent Season.

SCHOOL ADVENT POSTERS

We are thankful to all the Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade and Third Grade students, and their teachers and aides for the wonderful advent posters. They now beautifully adorn the walls of the church. They are the perfect addition for spreading the true meaning of Christmas.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Michael and Annina Fortes
Christopher and Amanda Granger
Olin and Maureen Johanssen
Jiries and Martha Naser

We are thrilled to have you join our parish community!

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Nina Jane Radanovic

May your path be filled with love and divine blessings!

The third Sunday of Advent is **Gaudete Sunday**. It is symbolized by the rose color vestments. *Gaudete means Rejoice!*
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CECILIA

Sunday Offertory for December 9th & 10th Sunday
Envelopes - **\$6, 858** Online Giving - **\$3,183**
Total donation - **\$10,041**

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign Goal :**\$135,985**
Amount Received: **\$70,472**
Balance Due: **\$65,513**

COFFEE & DONUTS FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday in the Lower Church following the 9:30 am Family Mass
We thank our ministries for volunteering to serve.

**Today - December 17 - Men’s Club
Pancake Breakfast!!!**

**No Coffee & Donuts December 24 and December 31
Holiday Weekends**

January 07 - Eucharistic Ministers and Readers
January 14 - Saint Peter’s Prayer Group

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to contribute towards beautifying our church for Christmas, please look for the “Christmas Flowers” envelopes near the church entrances. The 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the people whose names are written on the envelopes. Please deposit your envelopes near St. Joseph’s statue.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

-ALSO NEW TEACHERS ALWAYS WELCOME-
Register online at bit.ly/StCeciliaCFF and/or show up on Sunday at the Collins Center 2560 - 18th Avenue at 8:30 a.m.
If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 415-664-8481 or email stceciliala@stceciliala.com

THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS - PLEASE COME BY THE OFFICE TO REQUEST MASSES. WE HAVE OPENINGS.

MONDAY, Dec. 18

9am
Frank Gardner
5:30pm
Geoffrey Shirvani

TUESDAY, Dec. 19

9am
Peter Clancy
5:30pm
Deceased Members of the Galivan Family

WEDNESDAY, Dec 20

9am Jack Harrington, living
Pat Fergus
Marcelina Paras Ysip
5:30pm Jack Daly
Jack Harrington, living

THURSDAY, Dec 21

9am
Morrison Gardner
John Shanley
5:30pm
Laurence Lo

FRIDAY, Dec. 22

9am Joy Jasko
Pat Turrentine, living
5:30pm
Anne Co

SATURDAY, Dec. 23

9am William McLaughlin
Stan Richardson
Elizabeth Price
Deceased Members of McNicholas Family

SATURDAY VIGIL, Dec. 23

5:00pm Mendoza Family
Frank & Kathleen O’Keeffe
John Libby

SUNDAY, Dec. 24

7:30am John Gaffey
Sinsin Uang
9:30am People of Saint Cecilia
11:30am
George Morey
Morey Family, Living

BE A BLESSING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities “Be a Blessing” campaign this Christmas provides toys and gifts to children and families through Dec.18th. Volunteers can host a toy/gift drive at work, school or home to benefit this program. Toys/gifts are needed for children from newborn babies to 16-year-old teenagers. Blankets, coats, hats, socks, as well as toiletry items and kitchen essentials are needed for our adults with disabilities and isolated seniors.
Contact: Darlene Wilson dawilson@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



ST. CECILIA YOUTH MINISTRY RETURNS!

St. Cecilia Parish’s Youth Group Ministry would like to invite Catholic junior high and high school students, St. Cecilia Parishioners and alumni, between the ages of 13 and 19 to join the new Teen Club, which will feature a variety of parish service and social youth events within St. Cecilia Parish and our San Francisco community. If interested, please fill out the quick Google Form. For any questions, please email Maggie Baglin magsbags101@gmail.com

COLLINS CENTER

2560 18th Ave - (415) 566-2690

Activities begin at 1:30 pm

***Exception Exercise 11:15 a.m.**

Monday - December 18 - Pedro

Tuesdays - December 19 - Bingo, French, Italian

Thursday - December 21 - *** Exercise 11:15 a.m.**

Bridge, Knitting, Scrabble

Friday - Dec. 22 - Closed