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# SAINT CECILIA PARISH

## PARISH OFFICE

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Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Email: stcecilia@stcecilia.com  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

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)

## PASTOR

Rev. Rene R. Ramoso

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Rev. Celestine O. Tyowua

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Diane Weinkauff, Collins Center Director  
Maggie Baglin, Youth Minister



*The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## 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

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

## ANointing of the Sick

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

## ROSARY

Monday-Saturday @ 8:35 a.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
and ends with Benediction at 5:15 p.m.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - December 31, 2023

**First Reading**  
*Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*  
(or the first reading from Cycle A: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14)  
God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalms 105:1-6,8-9* (or the psalm from Cycle A: Psalm 128:1-5)  
A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.

**Second Reading**  
*Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19* (or the second reading from Cycle A: Colossians 3:12-21)  
Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

**Gospel Reading**  
*Luke 2:22-40* (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)  
Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**  
Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth. According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering. Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
Tomorrow, January 1, 2024 is the Solemnity of Mary. According to the 1992 general decree of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the precept to attend Mass is dispensed when this solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday. All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on this day but are not obliged. Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church. They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan? In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it. For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.

*May You All Enjoy A Blessed & Happy New Year !*

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CECILIA**  
Sunday Offertory for December 9th & 10th  
Sunday Envelopes - **\$14,131** Online Giving - **\$4,009.50**  
Christmas Offering - **\$29,279** Total donation - **\$47,419.50**

**COFFEE & DONUTS FELLOWSHIP**  
Our next Coffee & Donuts will be on  
January 07 - Eucharistic Ministers and Readers  
January 14 - Saint Peter's Prayer Group  
We thank our ministries for volunteering to serve.

**NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
On January 1st & 2nd,  
there will only be a 9:00 a.m. Mass.  
with no evening masses.  
The Church Office will open on January 3rd.  
The Collins Center will reopen on  
Monday, January 8th.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Wishing you gratitude for years past, joy in the present,  
hope for the future, and many blessings from God.

**THANK YOU ST. CECILIA ADULT CHOIR**



We thank Russell Ferreira, our Music Director,  
John Pavik, Organist and Pianist,  
Sopranos: Deborah Bialik, Virginia Fabi, Jacqui Farfan, Luisa Jereza, Maria Little, Mai Manglo, Jessica Shost,  
Altos: Margie Arce, Katherine Bernard, Mishayla Binkerd, Myrna Cadelinia, Lynna Runyon, Maret Wilson,  
Tenors: Samuel Cadelinia, Betty McCunniff and  
Bass: Don Bialik.  
We thank you all for bringing the Spirit of Christmas to all of us through your beautiful music ministry.  
We enjoyed the evening of Lessons and Carols and we look forward to enjoying our Christmas celebrations enhanced with your beautiful gift of song.  
*Join the Adult Choir - Call Russ Ferreira at (650) 588-7493*

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS - PLEASE COME BY THE OFFICE TO REQUEST MASSES.**

<p><b>MONDAY, Jan. 1</b> Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. No Evening Mass</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, Jan. 2</b> <b>9am</b> Marian Callan <b>5:30pm</b> No Evening Mass</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3</b> <b>9am</b> Raymond McEntee Rebecca Austria Ver (1 year) <b>5:30pm</b> Norbert Foo Mary Scanlon, Living</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, Jan. 4</b> <b>9am</b> Stephen McEntee, Living Pat Fergus</p>	<p><b>5:30pm</b> Alex Celi Dominic Foo Rita Derham</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, Jan. 5</b> <b>9am</b> Alex Celi McEntee Family <b>5:30pm</b> May Sze</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, Jan. 6</b> <b>9am</b> Brian McEntee, Living</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY VIGIL, Jan. 6</b> <b>5:00pm</b> John Wong Frank &amp; Kathleen O'Keeffe Felicia Plas Gerry McManigal</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, Jan. 7</b> <b>7:30am</b> McEntee Family <b>9:30am</b> People of Saint Cecilia <b>11:30am</b> George Morey Morey Family, Living</p>
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**2023 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
Campaign Goal :**\$135,985**  
Amount Received: **\$76,988**  
Balance Due: **\$58,997**

**2024 CRAB FEED**  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH @ 6PM**



**ST. CECILIA PARISH**

For more information or reservations for the MOSC's Annual Crab Feed, please send your emails to:  
mosc.president1917@gmail.com

**ST. CECILIA YOUTH MINISTRY RETURNS!**  
For information regarding the St. Cecilia Youth Group Ministry, please email Maggie Baglin, Youth Minister at **magsbags101@gmail.com**



**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION -ALSO NEW TEACHERS ALWAYS WELCOME-**  
**Register online at [bit.ly/StCeciliaCFF](https://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 **stceccilia@stceccilia.com**

**COLLINS CENTER CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
The Center will be closed December 22 - January 7  
The Collins Center is a place where we gather to enjoy social activities together every week.  
New interested members should check us out in the New Year...  
We look forward to seeing everyone starting Monday, January 8, 2024.  
*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year dear members!*