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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 steecilia.com)

PASTOR

Rev. Rene R. Ramoso

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But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

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.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter form, Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17)

Massa is given the Ten Commandments

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11

A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25 Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Lent is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. It is a 40-day time of preparation before Easter, the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. For example, someone may abstain from chocolate or alcohol by not consuming them. Particular days of abstinence during Lent are Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. As canon law states, Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays throughout the Lenten Season (Canon 1250 - 1253).

During Lent, Catholics are also encouraged to undertake some sort of personal penance or abstinence. Examples include giving up sweets, a favorite TV show or not listening to the radio in the car on the way to work. Giving up these things isn't some sort of endurance test, but these acts are done to draw the faithful closer to Christ.

For example, a person may give up his favorite TV show, but if he simply turns the television to another channel, the Lenten penance really does not mean as much. Instead, the person should consider devoting the spare time to prayer or perhaps his family.

As always, when considering acts of penance that are stricter than the norm, it is important that the Catholic would speak with a priest or spiritual director. Any act of penance that would seriously hinder one's health or the health of others would be contrary to the will of God.

FASTING

Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (Canon 97). On such days, those fasting may eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength. However, together, the smaller meals should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not encouraged, but liquids are allowed.

It is important to understand that the Church excuses certain people from these obligations. Examples include those who are frail, pregnant or manual laborers. The Church understands that certain people are not able to commit to the Lenten fast.

The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

FUNERALS

Maria Cecilia Luna Barrios Michael Angelo Fanucchi Joseph Philip Shasky, Jr.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. It is with sincere gratitude that we give thanks for the gifts of these beloved members of our Saint Cecilia Family.

ELECTION DAY

The Collins Center will be closed this Tuesday, March 5 as it is a polling site.

Let your voices be heard. Please Vote.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Time to "spring forward." Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour next Sunday, March 10.

REFURBISHED CONFESSIONALS

Our heartfelt thanks to the League of the Sacred Heart who recently refurbished the confessionals used by Father Rene, Father Celestine and the visiting priest. They are now equipped with grab bars making it easier to stand after kneeling. The kneelers and hand rests have been re-upholstered so they are like brand new. Stop in to see the very comfortable atmosphere and spend a couple of moments with a priest - what better time than during Lent?

NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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Today March 3 - Grade 3 of St. Cecilia School

March 10 - Pastoral Council - Celebration of Fr. Rene's 35th anniversary of becoming a priest - Please come celebrate!

March 17 - Irish Community - St. Patrick's Social included We thank our ministries for volunteering to serve.

FYI - There will be no donuts for Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday

FR. RENE WILL BE CELEBRATING **35 YEARS AS A PRIEST**

We thank God for Fr. Rene's service and all that God has done in his life. We thank the Lord for His grace and mercy and for the privilege of praying for Fr. Rene on his 35th anniversary. May God continue to bless and keep him safe in His loving arms. Please join in celebrating Fr. Rene's anniversary after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church next Sunday, March 10th.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, March 17th Our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Reception will take place on that day after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church.

We will serve Irish bread & libations as well as coffee & donuts!

ATTENTION IRISH BREAD BAKERS

It would be most appreciated if you would bake a loaf of Irish bread for our Annual Saint Patrick's Social. Please call the rectory at (415) 664-8481 to let us know if you plan on participating.

Bread can be brought to the Lower Church before the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Saint Patrick's Day.

We thank you in advance!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CECILIA

Sunday Offertory for February 24th & 25th Sunday Envelopes - \$6,092 Online Giving - \$2,538 Total donation - \$8.630

2024 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Campaign Goal: \$136,891 Received: \$1,325 Balance Due: \$135,566 "Love your neighbor as yourself."

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Cecilia Mothers' Club Spring Fundraiser March 23, 2024 "Rewind to the 90's!!"



-Special Note-

"Dancing Through the Decade with Ru" Hip Hop Dance Lessons will be taking place on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Lower Church This is your chance to get prepared to dance like a professional at the Fundraiser! Lessons will continue up until the Event.

YOUTH MINISTRY

To join, please contact Maggie Baglin at magsbags101@gmail.com





LENTEN MUSICAL REFLECTIONS

Sunday, March 10, 2024 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church

All are invited to attend this prayerful musical offering. St. Cecilia's very own John Pavik will share organ music connected to Lenten themes and Scripture.

There is no cost to attend.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

-ALSO TEACHERS STILL NEEDED-This is our parish Religious Education Program for students who attend non-Catholic schools. Show up on Sunday at the Collins Center 2560 - 18th Avenue at 8:30 a.m.

COLLINS CENTER - 2560 18TH AVE. (415) 664-8481

Activities begin at 1:30 - *Please note exceptions Monday 3/4 - Pedro, French

TUESDAY 3/5 - NO CLASSES - ELECTION SITE

Thurs. 3/7 - *11:15 a.m. Exercise, Bridge, Knit, Scrabble Fri. 3/8 - * 8:30 a.m. St. Martha Prayer Group

Movie: "Starlift" with an All-Star Cast

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 4

9am

Reinhardt Schuckenboehmer

5:30pm

Aldo Rosasco

TUESDAY, March 5

<u>9am</u>

Tom Moore

5:30pm

Ronald John Tomasello

WEDNESDAY, March 6

9am

Gary McEntee

5:30

Kristine Ann Quinn

THURSDAY, March 7

9am

Sean Hannan

5:30pm

Patrick Needham

FRIDAY, March 8

9am

Vicente Chiang Martin & Colin Connolly

5:30pm

Benedict Manalae, Living

SATURDAY, March 9

9am

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 9

5:00pm Louise M. Phelan Joyce Elizabeth Nocetti Dr. Edward & Anthony Erigero

SUNDAY, March 10

7:30am

Frances Gaffey

9:30am People of Saint Cecilia 11:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

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