

# St. Cecilia's Bulletin

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 2018

## **THOUGHTS ON THIS 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus proclaimed the *gospel* of God, saying, "This is the time of *fulfillment*. The kingdom of God is *at hand*. Repent, and believe in the gospel." And St. Paul wrote, "[T]he world in its present form is passing away." The words may sound a bit frightening, but the message really is good news because *God* is calling us. *God* is with us.

In our first reading, we hear how God sent Jonah to announce the coming destruction of the great city of Nineveh. Such a warning does not sound like good news, but the fact that it is a message from God is good news because God is God. The ultimate happiness of each and every human being consists in seeking to do God's will. And part of the good news for us today is in the fact that the people of Nineveh believed God! When God saw how they had turned from evil, he spared their city!

God wants us to repent of our sins, too, and so experience his blessings and forgiveness. Like Nineveh, we are called to repentance, because we really are headed for *destruction*! Our society is falling apart! The "punishment" for our sins is what we bring upon ourselves: See all the broken homes, homeless people; marriages that have withered and died; people enslaved by drugs, by sex, by materialistic idols that cause more and more loneliness; the violence of our society; mass murder; terrible perversion; decades of legalized killing of unborn babies which has brutalized our nation and our world; pornography everywhere, infecting and perverting God's gift of human sexuality; terror, war, and the threat of more war, bringing death and destruction and hatred—as war always does.

It goes on and on and on. Our world is in a mess!

So what is the good news? The good news is that the kingdom of God is at hand. God is aware of our problems. God is with us! We have gathered together in God's house, the Church of St. Cecilia. If we live in the faith, repent of our sins and ask for God's help, we may yet be spared the inevitable consequences of human sinfulness. God spared Nineveh. God may spare us and our families, our nation, and other nations. We cannot save ourselves! But with God, all things are possible. That's the good news. This is the time of fulfillment. If we will only believe and put our trust in God, and humbly ask for help, God will help us.

## **THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, Jan. 22**

10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center  
12:30 pm - Computers - Collins Center  
2:30 pm - Qi Gong - Collins Center

**TUESDAY, Jan. 23**

9:00 am - French - Collins Center  
10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center

11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center

1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24

7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, Jan. 25

10:00 am - Scrabble - Collins Center

10:00 am - Bridge/Bridge Lessons - Collins Center

10:30 am - Beginning Bridge Lessons (Full) - Collins Center

1:00 pm - Knitting & Crochet - Collins Center

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal - Green Room

FRIDAY, Jan. 26

8:30 am - St. Martha Prayer Group - Collins Center

10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center

11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center

12:30 pm - Movie: "Hell on Frisco Bay" - Collins Center

6:30 pm - Indonesian Prayer Group - Convent

7:30 pm - Patricians - Serra Room

SATURDAY, Jan. 27

10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Convent

4:30 pm - Vespers & Benediction - Our Lady's Chapel

### **9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS**

Today the Indonesian Prayer Group will host Coffee & Donuts.

Next Sunday the School will host Coffee & Donuts.

### **COLLINS CENTER MOVIE**

Movie: Filmed in San Francisco in 1956, "Hell on Frisco Bay" starring Alan Ladd and Edward G. Robinson will play at the Collins Center this Friday at 12:30 p.m.

### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia's !

Welcome to St. Cecilia! We would like to welcome all those who are visiting our Church. If you would like more information about the Catholic faith, we invite you to join our Inquiry group which will start in February. Come, and bring a friend!

For information:

Call Betty McCunniff at 415-664-8481.

### **ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of one or two people to assist with the upkeep of the sacred linens used during Masses. The ministry involves laundering and ironing purificators, baptismal towels, finger towels and few other items. The schedule is flexible but requires a weekly commitment.

Call Tina Celi at 415-753-8322 if you are interested.

### **SCHOOL OPEN-HOUSE SCHEDULE**

St. Cecilia School will conduct one more Open House for the 2018-2019 school year. Please invite families to join us if they have a child ready to enter 1st grade - 6th grade.

Presentation & Tour

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Applications for Grades 1 - 6 are currently available

WE PRAY FOR  
THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:  
Charlie Conefrey & John Francis Corry

**WALK for LIFE—WEST COAST on January 27**

Join Saint Cecilia's contingent at the Walk for Life!

We'll gather outside Our Lady's Chapel at 11:50 a.m., and walk up the block to take the L Taraval streetcar downtown to Civic Center where the Rally begins at 12:30PM in Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk down Market Street begins at 1:30PM.

Visit: [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)  
or call 415-658-1793.

**S**t. Cecilia's has paid for a membership in

**Formed.org for you!** Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org), and click on "Register" (lower right of page). Enter our Parish Access Code: **RZDPQZ** along with your email, create a password (to log-in, later), and enjoy your Catholic faith with films and articles.

We hope that you'll check it out!

**MARRIED COUPLES.** How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, in San Jose. Visit our website: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.

***The 2019 Mass Intention book is now open.***

**Class of 1978: Your class is planning a reunion!**  
Connect with your classmates on Facebook  
(St. Cecilia's Class of 1978 Reunion) for info!  
Questions? Contact the Alumni Office 415-753-3917  
or [alumni@stceciliaschool.org](mailto:alumni@stceciliaschool.org)

## **PILGRIM REFLECTIONS:**

**Our 8 high school pilgrims have returned from a pilgrimage to Rome, and we will share with you some of their reflections.**

### **ST. PETER'S SQUARE BLESSING BY POPE FRANCIS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY** by Tara Flynn

Our group sat in the lobby of our Pilgrim House waiting to go see Pope Francis. We gathered our rosaries and many other significant items we had purchased for ourselves and loved ones to get blessed. We headed to the square and were amazed as thousands of people flocked into the square. We excitedly awaited the appearance of Pope Francis and felt blessed to have the opportunity to hear him speak. Our eyes were set on the second window to the right not wanting to miss the entrance of the Pope. He came forward and we listened and watched even though we did not understand what he was saying. Even though we did not understand what Pope Francis was saying in Italian, his appearance and message still attracted our attention. As a Catholic I frequently hear the message of Pope Francis and I am always left in complete admiration for his emphasis on unconditional love for the human person. This is why I believe that, even though we did not understand the words he was speaking, his messages of mercy, love, and peace made us stand as faithful Catholics ready for his words. As Pope Francis left the window our group quickly sought an exit as we pushed our way through the crowd of people. When we were finally able to exit we turned to each other expressing our satisfaction with being able to witness Pope Francis speak. This experience allowed me to grow in my faith as I saw the thousands of people flocking to the square to hear and see the Pope. I was able to recognize that many other people are on a similar faith journey and seek to establish peace and justice in our world as our Faith calls us to do.

### **CATACOMBS OF ST. CALLISTUS** by Lauren Sullivan

Walking through dark, damp, and narrow halls of St. Callistus' catacombs was not where I would have imaged to have such a profound reflection on my faith and on my journey as a Catholic throughout the years. We started our walk through the catacombs descending down a steep, spiraling staircase, the temperature continuing the plummet with every step. I, along with everyone else in my tour group, was freezing and I was almost looking forward to the moment I could sprint back up those stairs to the more bearable temperatures and less dingy atmosphere. However, the rich history of the tomb and the reflective nature of our repetitive walks through the halls completely made up for it and gave me the space I didn't know I needed to really think about what it meant to be a Catholic in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, versus what it means for me to be a Catholic today. As the tour guide spoke to us about the history of the tombs themselves and the lives of the five hundred thousand martyrs, popes, saints, and common Catholics buried in its walls, I couldn't help but reflect on how grateful and lucky I felt to have grown up with my faith in a time where it was acceptable to do so. These early Christians used these tombs not only as a place to bury and revisit their dead, but as the center of their community, a place where they could come together and practice their religion in times of both great sadness and great joy. Christianity has been an important aspect of countless people's lives and being part of this community is something that I came to value even more wandering through these dark halls. Even though these tombs carried a quite dark connotation, they were still one of the many highlights of my trip as I was able to reflect on both my faith and the rich community aspect that comes with it. As we walked back up those steep steps towards the light above, I walked with a sense of respect and pride for the ones who came before me to make my current faith life a reality.

## **Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend**

### **5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC: Frances Peterson**

**Presider: Fr. Summerhays**

**Lectors: Iwan Soegiharto, Monique Zmuda**

**Euch. Min: Iwan Soegiharto, Monique Zmuda, Tina Celi, Garrett Scanlan**

**Altar Servers: James Nicolson, Aidan McVeigh, Collin Murtagh, Bryant Odena**

### **7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Fr. Liliedahl**

**Lectors: Donna Bruno, Michael Biehl**

**Euch. Min: Donna Bruno, Patricia Barsotti, Kathleen McKeon**

**Altar Servers: Zoe Perez, Tori Dalton, Nora Mannion, Ella Parashis**

### **9:30 A.M. Family Mass: School**

**MUSIC: Cecilia Cardenas**

**Presider: Fr. Taheny**

**Euch. Min: Rita Mazzei, Kathy O'Connor, Fatima Singson, George Ibarcena, Michaela Vo, Connor Vo**

**Altar Servers: Lila Kopp, Ruby Kopp, Ashley Yoshii, Emily Yoshii**

**11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir**

**Presider: Fr. Dandou**

**Lectors: Kathy Erigero, Mary Mangan**

**Euch. Min: Kathy Erigero, Mary Mangan, Cecilia Vargas, Dick Lowry**

**Altar Servers: Luke Wachowicz, Isabella Turok, Gavin Haskell, Will Haskell**

## **This Week's Mass Intentions**

### **Monday, Jan. 22**

**7AM - Donald Miller, Jr.**

**9AM - Lida Lalanne, *Living***

**5:30 - Irene B. Thomas**

### **Tuesday, Jan. 23**

**7AM - Cornelius & Bridget O'Callaghan**

**9AM - Holy Soul**

**5:30 - Michael Fallon**

### **Wednesday, Jan. 24**

**7AM - Pacita Casino**

**9AM - William Dalton**

**5:30 - Ruth H. Ferreira**

### **Thursday, Jan. 25**

**7AM - Anthony Dito**

**9AM - Marcella Pryor**

**5:30 - John Shanley**

### **Friday, Jan. 24**

**7AM - John Shanley**

**9AM - Richard Phipps**

**5:30 - William Nanry, Jr.**

### **Saturday, Jan. 25**

**7AM - John Shanley**

**9AM - Rose Sau Hing Kwan**

**5PM - Msgr. Michael Harriman, *Living***