

St. Cecilia's Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 16, 2018

TODAY

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily. But how do you do this?

You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you.

But if anything whatever is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever. This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But, then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily.

If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial.

In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him.

He wants to live. He does not want to die.

But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict. He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done.

So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us. To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours.

This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied. But if you crucify yourself in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, September 17

- 10:00 am - Pedro - Collins Center
- 12:00 pm - Computers - Collins Centers
- 2:00 pm - Current Events - Current Events
- 6:30 pm - Young Lady's Institute - Green Room

TUESDAY, September 18

- 9:00 am - French - Collins Center - Collins Center
- 10:00 am - Italian - Collins Center
- 11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
- 1:00 pm - Bingo - Collins Center
- 6:00 pm - Young Men's Institute - Green Room
- 7:30 pm - Baptismal Class - Collins Center

WEDNESDAY, September 19

- 7:30 pm - First Eucharist & Confirmation meeting - Lower Church
- 7:30 pm - Legion of Mary - Legion Room

THURSDAY, September 20

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 and Crochet - Collins Center

FRIDAY, September 21

10:30 am - Adult Faith Formation with Dr. Braga - Collins Center
11:00 am - Exercise - Collins Center
1:30 pm - Homebound Mass - Collins Center

SATURDAY, September 15

10:00 am - Centering Prayer - Collins Center
11:30 am - League of the Sacred Heart Fall Luncheon - Collins Center
4:30 pm - Vespers & Benediction - Our Lady's Chapel

9:30 A.M. FAMILY MASS COFFEE & DONUTS

Today there is no Coffee and Donuts. Please join us at the Parish Picnic

Next Sunday's Host the Confirmation Program will host the coffee and donuts.

COOK WANTED

Follow a simple menu to fix dinner at St. Cecilia Rectory for 4 priests. Thursday through Saturday, 4:30 to 7:30pm. \$18 per hour. Contact Fr. Landi at 415-664-8481.

MEN OF ST. CECILIA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: If you have no more children of junior high school age, you are eligible for MOSC lifetime membership. Drop a check for \$75 at the Rectory in an envelope marked "MOSC LIFETIMERS" with a slip of paper with your name, address, phone, and email address. In by 9/23 at 5pm gets September 24th Dinner Meeting charge waived. As they say, membership has its privileges! Questions? Call Tom at 415 385 2853.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

The 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) has been underway for a few months, and we thank those parishioners who have made a gift thus far, and we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider making a contribution. Your generosity changes lives. The Archdiocesan Appeal is the annual opportunity for parishioners throughout our archdiocese to unite in a single mission. Your gifts support retired priests, seminarians, social justice, schools, and other ministries. Your gifts also support the Cathedral and many archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources, and others that assist our pastors and save money for our parishes by providing centralized services. Our assessment this year, based on last year's ordinary income, is \$161,866. We still have a long way to go. We have received \$75,286. For online payments to the Annual Appeal please visit the San Francisco Archdiocese website at SFArch.org/AAA.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

There will be an informational PARENT meeting for our Parish Confirmation Program on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Church. All 7th grade and older students from the Children's Faith Formation Program and the School are invited. For more information please contact Lorna Feria at Lorna_Feria@stcecilia.com.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM YOUTH MINISTERS

College students and/or young adults are encouraged to apply to be Youth Ministers for the 2018-2019 Confirmation Preparation program. Youth Ministers must be active in their faith and committed to working with Confirmation candidates from the Parish and be a team player on our Confirmation Team. Please contact Lorna Feria at Lorna_Feria@stcecilia.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CFF) REGISTRATION

Our Children's Faith Formation program is an important way of providing religious education for our parish children who attend non-Catholic schools. Our program will run on Sunday mornings and our first class will be held on **Sunday, September 23, 2018** at 9 am in the Collins Center. CFF tuition is \$50 for one child, and \$40 for each additional child. If you would like to enroll your child, please call the parish office to have registration forms sent by email or U.S. mail. Applications are also available at the parish office. Please register and submit your tuition payment to the rectory by September 23rd. For more information contact Lorna Feria.

CFF TEACHERS NEEDED

Our CFF program is looking for volunteer teachers and teacher's aides. Parents and high school students who are interested in working with the children of the parish or wish to complete community service hours are encouraged to apply. For more information please email Lorna Feria at Lorna_Feria@stcecilia.com.

JOIN ST. CECILIA ADULT CHOIR!

Singers Wanted!

Join St. Cecilia's Adult Choir

Our Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the Green Room. We provide the Music Ministry for the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. Once a month, we sing for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening vigil Mass. It is not necessary to have a trained voice to sing in our choir. Vocal instruction is provided by our music director. The ability to read music is helpful but not required. Please consider participating in this most worthwhile ministry; praising God through song! For more information, please contact Mr. Russ Ferreira at (650) 588-7493.

PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

Please join us in thanking the Archdiocese of San Francisco's retired clergy with a gift to the Priests Retirement Fund Collection at Masses on September 22 and 23. Support of the Fund helps alleviate the financial burden of living, healthcare, and extended care expenses, and ensures that clergy and religious can spend retirement in continued engagement with their communities. The Priests Retirement Fund is an expression of gratitude to these men for their lifetime of ministry and service to others.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested? Come and see...

We invite all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to join our group. The group is open to adults interested in finding out more about Baptism and reception into the Roman Catholic Church, as well as adult Catholics seeking the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Come, and bring a friend! For more information, please call Cynthia Ziganti at 415-664-8481.

RCIA starts at the beginning of October!

2018 - 2019 SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten (K) Only

Presentation and Tour: 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 (A-L last name)

Thursday, September 27, 2018 (M-Z last name)

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Applications for TK and K will be available beginning Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

Grades TK – 6

Presentation and Tour: 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Grades 1–6

Presentation and Tour: 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Applications for Grades 1-6 will be available beginning Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

"St. Cecilia School mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits student of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or make available to students at this school. St. Cecilia School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and nationality and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs."

RECENTLY MARRIED

**Diana & Maria Incer & Christopher Isam Totah
Ciera Marie Combs & Rian William Dineen
Lauren Marie Connolly & John Gallagher Swain**

We PRAY for THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

Kevin Michael Mullaney

Sunday Ministries for Next Weekend

5 P.M. Saturday - MUSIC: Frances Peterson; Presider: Msgr. Arcamo; Lectors: Marco Celi; Euch. Min: Marco Celi, Tina Celi, Garrett Scanlan, Kathleen McKeon; Altar Servers: Lila Kopp, Ruby Kopp, Eddy Dudum, Priscilla Diaz

7:30 A.M. Mass - Presider: Msgr. Vergara; Lectors: Sharon Hupf & Christ Radich; Euch. Min: Sharon Hupf & Chris Radich; Altar Servers: Zoe Perez, Colin Mulkerrins, Luke Wachowicz, Nora Mannion

9:30 A.M. Family Mass: Confirmation Program - MUSIC: Cecilia Cardenas; Presider: Fr. Lilledahl; Euch. Min: Rita Mazzei, Kathy O'Connor, Mimi Pratt, Meredith Mannion, Serena Lee; Altar Servers: Lorenzo Caniglia, James Nicholson, Isabella Turok, Alexandria Konopaski

11:30 A.M. Mass - MUSIC: Adult Choir; Presider: Fr. Landi; Lectors: Kathy Erigero & Mary Mangan; Euch. Min: Kathy Erigero, Mary Mangan, Cecilia Vargas, Therese Roomian; Altar Servers: Siobhan LaRocca, Audrey Roomian, Anthony Monares, Brianna Kyne

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, September 17

7AM - Bernadine Steyart

9AM - Reno & Donald Tonegato

5:30 - Howard Meehan

Tuesday, September 18

7AM - Philip C. Kwan

9AM - Dennis O'Sullivan

5:30 - John Moyan, Living

Wednesday, September 19

7AM - Lolita de Guzman

9AM - Harry Phelan

5:30 - John Libby

Thursday, September 20

7AM - Kathleen McEntee Lapuyade

9AM - John Corry

5:30 - Pedro Aristegui

Friday, September 21

7AM - Julie Dean

9AM - Howard, Sr. & Virginia Arata

5:30 - James Deasy

Saturday, September 22

7AM - Genoveva Cinco

9AM - Frank Jimenez

5PM - Rod Montgomery

Sunday, September 23

7:30 AM - Kennedy Family

11:30 AM - Amanda Solis