

November 16th 2025 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Trigésimo Tercer Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario* - 16 de Noviembre del 2025

"YOU WILL BE HATED BY ALL
BECAUSE OF MY NAME,
BUT NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD
WILL BE DESTROYED.
BY YOUR PERSEVERANCE
YOU WILL SECURE YOUR LIVES. ."
—LUKE 21:17-19



"TODOS LOS ODIARÁN
POR CAUSA MÍA. SIN EMBARGO,
NO CAERÁ NINGÚN CABELLO
DE LA CABEZA DE USTEDES.
SI SE MANTIENEN FIRMES,
CONSEGUIRÁN LA VIDA."
—LUCAS 21, 17-19

CATHEDRAL HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7:00 AM — 7:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

4:00 PM Vigil

SUNDAYS

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM (*)

12:00 PM *en Español* (**)

5:30 PM

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:45 AM & 12:15 PM

- *Children's Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the Month
- **Bilingual Mass on the Second Sunday of the Month

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CLOSED





Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) by young-catholics.com

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to reflect on our actions and the end times. The readings remind us of the importance of staying faithful and diligent.

- **Judgment Day:** Malachi speaks of a fierce day when the arrogant and wicked will be punished. This day will bring justice and healing for those who honor God.
- **Hard Work:** In 2 Thessalonians, Paul emphasizes the value of hard work. He warns against idleness and encourages everyone to earn their keep.
- **Future Trials:** Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and describes future hardships. He speaks of wars, disasters, and persecution that followers will face.
- Faithfulness in Persecution: Jesus promises to give wisdom to those who are persecuted for their faith. He assures them that they will be preserved if they endure these trials.
- **Endurance:** Endurance is highlighted in the Gospel as necessary for salvation. Those who stand firm in their faith will be saved.

The readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to remain faithful and diligent in our work and faith. They remind us that despite the trials we face, God's justice and healing will prevail.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of the Month (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

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Every Friday (7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.
At the RECTORY
(By the Carport next to restrooms)
Also available by appointment

EVENING PRAYERMondays at 7:00 p.m.



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Mass Intentions Nov. 15th – 23rd

Saturday, Nov 15 -

4:00 pm: +Joseph & Stella Flores

+Virginia Lucido +Giuseppe V. Spadaro

Sunday, Nov 16 - XXXIII ORDINARY

7:30 am: +Carol Aspesi

+Vicenta Gonzales Int. of Patt Guinone

9:00 am: +Vicent Torrente

+Francine "Fran" Aliotti

+Frank Martin

10:30 am: +Jeannine & Charles Tucker

+Mateo & Ursula Ciolino

+Maria Tringali

12:00 pm: +Steve Ferrara

+Sgt. Ryan Kenedy

+Roberto de Vera

5:30 pm: For All SCC Parishioners

Monday, Nov 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

7:45 am: +Rev. Frank J. Dunne

12:15 pm: +Joe Anastasi

+Chris Vallejo

+Francesco & Francesca Aliotti

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Dedication of St. Peter & St. Paul Basilicas

7:45 am: Int. of Esteban Solis 12:15 pm: +Paul & Gerry Verga

Int. of Yong Huchinson

Wednesday, Nov 19 -

7:45 am: Int. of Violeta Chavez Solis

12:15 pm: +George Alkire +Irene Storkan +Enzo Guerra

Thursday, Nov 20 -

7:45 am: +Alice Wabby

+Gloria & Theodore Gargiulo

12:15 pm: +Joe Rappa +Giuseppe Aliotti

Friday, Nov 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 am: Int. of Brisa Garcia
12:15 pm: +Tom Dorney
+Fred & Sara Smith
+Frank Hernandez

Saturday, Nov 22 - Saint Cecilia

4:00 pm: +Joseph Peter Rossi

+William La Luz +Bob Fredianelli

Sunday, Nov 23 - SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

7:30 am: For All SCC Parishioners

9:00 am: +Francis Joseph Davi

+Joseph & Eleanora Sampognaro

+Joe Sampognaro

10:30 am: +Benjamin Latty

+Les & Eva Flores

+Joe, Victoria & Vickie Real

12:00 pm: +Nohemi Bercovich

+Sgt. Ryan Kenedy +Roberto de Vera

5:30 pm: Int. for Safety of All Travelers



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) by Sr. Sharon McMillan, SNDdeN

After celebrating the feasts of All Souls and the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the readings of the Church Year return to those of Ordinary Time. There are 34 weeks in Ordinary Time, and the focus of these last weeks is the events at the end of time and the glorious return of Jesus as Christ the King.

Pope Francis asked us to consider this year as the Year of Hope and to claim our identity as Pilgrims of Hope. All around us this year we have been face to face with the world's "culture of death," which relies on increasingly inhuman weapons of war, terror, famine, greed, and violent disregard for the precious lives of our brothers and sisters. This challenge which seems intensely real to us in November 2025 will continue to resound in today's readings and will then take us into the new Church Year 2026 as the holy season of Advent begins. Besides being urged to remain strong in faith, we find that our hearts also turn to thanksgiving, to the abundant blessings of this Year of Hope, guided as we have been by the Gospel of Luke. We remember Pope Francis' vision of the Church as a field hospital for the wounded, a poor Church for the poor. This vision offers us the unfailing source of hope – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus whom we seek to follow as faithful servants. With grateful hearts, let us thank our good God for this Year of Hope and pray for one another as this Year draws to a close.

The Gospel Luke 21:5 - 19 As St. Luke describes this scene, Jesus is in the Temple, and the whole crowd is listening to him. He speaks of the destruction of the Temple but also covers the catastrophe at the end of the world and the glorious coming of the Son of Man. Jesus first tells us of the events to come; then he gives instructions on how Christians are to react. They must not let themselves be led astray, but must remember that wars and tumults are not signs of the end. Persecutions are part of the normal Christian condition, for we are constantly bearing witness to the unfailing power and presence of God amid a world whose allures will never bring true peace or true joy. Each Christian then must grow in patience. "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The First Reading Malachi 3:19-20a After reading this Gospel, it is easy to see why the biblical scholars in the late 1960s chose this text to be in harmony with today's Gospel. The final prophet and book of the Old Testament is Malachi, whose name is based on the Hebrew word "my messenger" (mal'ākî). God's messenger speaks to the Jewish community returned from exile. God's intent is to rebuild the covenant with them as well as cleansing them from sinful ways. This very brief reading highlights Israel's final cleansing when God will separate the wicked from the righteous. This purification is ultimately for healing for all whose hope is in God even in the midst of destruction.

The Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7 - 12 As is the pattern during the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the Second Reading is completely independent of the Gospel and First Reading. Paul is distressed to learn that some community members are so anxious about the coming of the Day of the Lord that they have abandoned all work and just spend their time talking about the end of the world. Paul reminds them that he has always worked for his livelihood, and insists that a Christian is one who works. He is not giving advice – this is an order! Don't be busy bodies, minding each other's business. Work quietly with heart and mind set on Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING ESPECIALLY FOR:

Frankie Littlewood, Eloise Sierra, Rosa Caruso, Harold Jackson, Madeline Gourel, Christa Erlat, Jeannine Beaumont La Force, Christina Mora, George Terrell, Laura Hastings,, Lisa Guidone, Diane Davies, Linda Gnipp, Cathy Shelton, Kevin Ferguson, Maureen Ferguson, Lynn Hammond, Sharron & Peter Erickson, Kelemete Fanene, Amelia Battistella, Debra G. Bomactao, R.C., Charlotte Lombardi, Shirley Stagar, Meredith Tibbey, Natalie Hinojosa, Bill Martinez, Margaret Pittelkow, Terry Nance, Anna & Joe Smith, Katrina Lund Madison, John Wallingford, Reyna Castellanos, Ana Flores Hernandez, Carol Clayton, Marisa Martinez, Michael Leonard, Nick Venturino, Sophia Isabella Carlson, Ryan Braff, Roger Thorsnbury, Bill Martinez, Marlyn Padilla, Lenice Bleckbee, LuLuBelle Johnson, Jacob Jenkins, Marita Esteban, Ellen Barrett, Lieland Axel Hensley, Oscar Brown, Desmond Fischer, James Yoshida, Jeff Devens, Mary & Jackson, Mary Ann Cutino, Janice Rayman, GiGi Andrada, Angelina Diaz, Dolores Billa, Benny Benedictos, Edward Hanratty, Vicky Juarez, Estrellita Quindara, Arthel Cake, Maryellen Aisenberg, Kian Anabo, Gabriel Hernandez, Sandra Ontiveros, Angie & Rosario Favalora, Delgado Family, Danny Aliotti, Anna Fierro, Marlyn Padilla, Gary Giboney, Jeremiah Mekhael, Matthew Ferguson, Jim Kern, Jesus Villa, Dee Powell, Nguyen Family, Alan Doughtery, Chris Wallingford, Juanita Escovido, Lesley Anne Stephens, Mary Spry, Mia Gatagna, Diane Wallingford, Eduardo Perez, Ernie Damasco, Susan Barron, Alex Ponce, Dolores Howard, Amelia Davila, Tuney Panggat, Eugene Merkel, Alice Alado, Ryan Cahallan, Colleen Kahn, Matt Ferguson, Jayme Layman, Ninfa Mineo, Phil Maestas, Kaitlyn Williams, John Mulchaey, Alexander Bruce, Paul Naewman Lee, Anthony Campo, Lia Nevoloso, Baldo Amato, Hailey Mann, Jenna Roscelli, Tony Davi, Susan Luke, Joanne Reyes, Kontrena McPherson, Doug Wachter, Gary Kuennen, Allegra Scarano, Sherry Tyler, Susan Dodds, Delfina Monroy, Demetrio Santiago, Sebastian Saldana, Jasmin Reate, Martha Rodriguez, Maria Valtierra, Tom Ghigliotto, Loretta Manjor, Most Rev. Sylvester Ryan, Richard & Penny Cruickshank, Denis Marie Martin, Gary Kress, Nina Andrada, Sandra Logsdon, Philippos Savvas Christoforou, Irving Argüello, Sonia Sharp, Erik Elken, Nora Dial, Judy Fisher, Louise Demateo, Anne Roberts, Randy Riddle, Romulo Uy, Julie Jordan, Leigh Franklin, Lynette Puccinelli, Sheila Bowman, Bonnie O'Brian, Jose Ordaz, Jerry Simonich, Arturo Bazaldua, Margie Pruitt, Eilene Troncatty, Gary Barlettani, Gill Berger, Ellen Ladd.

Please call the office to Add, Remove OR Update names in our prayer list. Thank you! 831-373-2628 x10



THANK YOU for your generous contributions. At this time, the Food Pantry is NO longer in need of:

-Canned string beans -Spaghetti

-Rice -Dried beans

We do NEED, however these next items, which can be found at the following places:

...at DOLLAR TREE:

Almond shelf beverage

Oat shelf beverage

Whole shelf cow's milk

Condensed canned milk

Ready to eat soup

Chef Boyardee ravioli or lasagna

Canned chicken

Canned sardines

Mayonnaise

Cooking oil

Vacuum packed tuna one serve pkgs

Canned mixed veggies

Canned peaches

Canned mixed fruit

Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly

...at **Costco**:

Microwave Mac and Cheese cups

Ramen Cup of Noodle chicken or beef

Toilet tissue

Kirkland baby wipes

Kerns canned juice

Sunny D orange juice

Cases of small bottles of water

...at **SAFEWAY**:

Canned Progresso Ready-to-eat Soup

Campbell Ready-to-eat Soup

Canned chili beans

Canned chicken

November 8 & 9: Dedication of Lateran Basilica

Plate Collection: \$ 14,414 Online: \$ 2,675 Total: \$ 17,089

Preservation and Maintenance

 Plate Collection:
 \$ 1,887

 Online:
 \$ 155

 Total:
 \$ 2,042



THANK YOU for your generous support!

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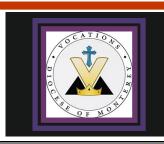
AMA 2025: (as of 11/10/2025)

Parish Goal: \$ 100,000 Diocesan Goal: \$ 46,400

Pledged: \$ 101,015.00 Received: \$ 99,313.31







NOVEMBER 4 TH
FEAST OF
St. Charles
Borromeo
—OUR PATRON—
SAINT

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	XXX ORDINARY 28 7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass	7:45am—Mass	St. Simon & St. Jude 28 7:45am—Mass
-	10:30am—Children's Mass 12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm—Mass	12:15pm —Mass	12:15pm —Mass
100		7:00pm—Evening Prayer	
0.00	CONMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS 2 7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Mass	St. Martin de Porres 3 7:45am—Mass	SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO 4 7:30am—Mass
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	DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA 9 7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass	St. Leo the Great 10 7:45am—Mass	St. Martin of Tours [Veterans Day] 11 (OFFICE - CLOSED) 7:45am—Mass
	10:30am —Mass 12:00pm — <i>Misa</i> (Bilingual) 5:30pm —Mass	12:15pm —Mass	12:15pm—(NO MASS)
		7:00pm—Evening Prayer	
10.00	XXXIII ORDINARY 7:30am—Mass 9:00am—Mass	St. Elizabeth of Hungary 17 7:45am—Mass	Dedication of Basilicas: St Peter & St Paul 18 7:45am—Mass
	10:30am—Mass 12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español)	12:15pm—Mass	12:15pm —Mass
	5:30pm—Mass	3:30pm —Liturgical Ministers Workshop 7:00pm —Evening Prayer	7:00pm—Liturgical Ministers Workshop
	CHRIST THE KING 23 7:30am—Mass	St. Andrew Dung-Lac 24 7:45am—Mass	St. Catherine of Alexandria 25 7:45am—Mass
	9:00am—Mass 10:30am—Children's Mass		
	12:00pm — <i>Misa</i> (Español) 5:30pm —Mass	12:15pm—Mass	12:15pm —Mass

7:00pm—Evening Prayer

4 NOVIEMBRE
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—NTRO. SANTO—
PATRONO

I ADVENT (YEAR A) 30

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

God our Father, source of all goodness and grace,

we open our hearts in trust as we await the selection of a new bishop for our Diocese of Monterey.

Bless those chosen to make this decision, giving them the Spirit of Wisdom to discern your will.

May Our new bishop be a loving Shepherd blessed with a compassionate heart.

May our prayers, respect ,and enthusiasm support him in his ministry to serve your people with joy; challenging and collaborating with us as together we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries of Christ.

May our desire to humbly accompany him, serving together as witnesses of your love in our world, bring him courage and peace.

We ask this through the intercession of our Lady of Bethlehem and Saint Junipero Serra. Amen.





"I will give you shepherds after my own heart."

Jeremiah 3:15

"Les pondré pastores según mi corazón".

Jeremías 3,15

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:45am —Mass	29	7:45am—Mass	7:45am—Mass	ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1
12:15pm —Mass		12:15pm —Mass	12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—Adoration (Divine Mercy)	2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass
7:45am—Mass	5	7:45am—Mass	7:45am—Mass 8:30am— <i>Exposition</i> (First Friday)	8
12:15pm—Mass 6:30pm— <i>Youth Group MRY</i>		12:15pm —Mass	12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—Saint Cecilia SING! Concert @ SCC	2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass
St. Josaphat 7:45am—Mass	12	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 13 7:45am—Mass	7: 45am —Mass	15
12:15pm —Mass		12:15pm—Mass 6:00pm— <i>Young Adults MRY</i> @ Madonna del Sasso	12:15pm—Mass 7:00pm—Adoration (Divine Mercy)	2:30pm—Confessions 4:00pm—Mass
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(OFFICE – CLOSED) 7:45am—Mass	26	[Thanksgiving Day (USA)] 27 (OFFICE - CLOSED) 7:45am—(NO MASS) 9:00am—Thanksgiving Mass	(OFFICE – CLOSED) 7:45am—Mass	2:30pm—Confessions
12:15pm—(NO MASS)*		12:15pm—(NO MASS)	12:15pm—(NO MASS)* 7:00pm—Adoration (Divine Mercy)	4:00pm —Mass

Dios Padre nuestro, fuente de toda bondad y gracia,

ORACION POR UN NUEVO OBISPO

abrimos nuestros corazones confiadamente en la espera de la elección de un nuevo obispo para nuestra Diócesis de Monterey.

Bendice a los elegidos para tomar esta decisión, concédeles el Espíritu de Sabiduría para discernir tu voluntad. Que nuestro nuevo obispo sea un pastor amoroso, bendecido con un corazón compasivo.

Que nuestras oraciones, respeto y entusiasmo lo respalden en su ministerio para servir a su pueblo con alegría; aceptando los retos, colaborando y celebrando con nosotros los Sagrados Misterios de Cristo.

Que nuestro deseo de acompañarlo humildemente, sirviendo juntos como testigos de tu amor en nuestro mundo le conceda valor y paz.

Te lo pedimos por intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Belén y San Junípero Serra. Amén.



Sunday, NOV, 16th MASS @ 9AM/12PM Regular Class Christmas Play Sign-Ups

NEXT Sunday, NOV. 23rd (Confirmation Retreat) MASS @ 9AM/12PM **NO Class**

Domingo, 16 NOV. MISA @ 9AM/12PM Clase Regular Registro P/Obra Navidad

PRÓXIMO Domingo, 23 NOV. (Retiro de Confirmación) MISA @ 9AM/12PM NO Clase

For Youth Ages 18-35

WEDNESDAYS

(2nd & 4th of the Month)



San Carlos Cathedral YOUNG ADULTS

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, Nov. 19th at 7:00 рм





ADVENT PREPARATION WORKSHOP

for SCC LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, **USHERS** and **CANTORS**

If you are a member of these Liturgical Ministry at San Carlos Cathedral, please save the date and come to this wonderful and prayerful presentation that will help us prepare for the upcoming celebration of the Advent Season, presented by Sr. Sharon McMillan on

Monday, November 17th from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Same presentation will be repeated on

Tuesday, November 18th from 7:00—8:15 p.m.

You are invited to choose and attend only one session. Both presentations will take place in the Cathedral Hall.

SPECIAL NOTE to LECTORS: **Lector Workbooks** will be provided! **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, Nov. 19th @ 6:30_{PM}

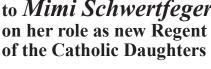


San Carlos Cathedra YOUTH GROUP



For Youth Ages 12-17 WEDNESDAYS (1st & 3rd of the Month)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mimi Schwertfeger





Special THANK YOU

to Maiko Schran

for her role as former Regent to the Court#1505—Ramon Mestres in the Monterey Peninsula





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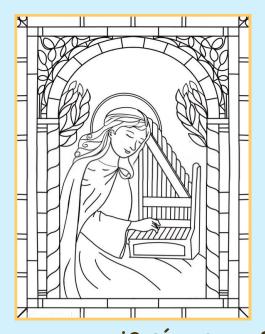


Pickup our weekly <u>MagnifiKid!</u> issue at the SCC Kiosk every Sunday!

iRecoje tu edición Semanal de MagnifiKid! en el Kiosco de SCC cada Domingo!



DID YOU KNOW THAT ..? Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of Music and Musicians (singers, composers, makers of instruments, poets) because she "sang in her heart to the Lord" on her wedding day.

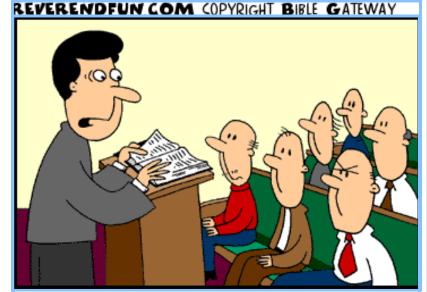


¿SABÍAS QUE...? Santa Cecilia es la patrona de la MÚSICA y de los MÚSICOS (cantantes, compositores, creadores de instrumentos, poetas) porque "cantó en su corazón al Señor" el día de su boda.

San Carlos Children's Liturgy of the Word

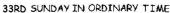
"Let the children come to Me!" (Mt 19:14) Bring your child to Christ!

Children are invited to come forward and participate in the reading and sharing of Sacred Scripture, every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



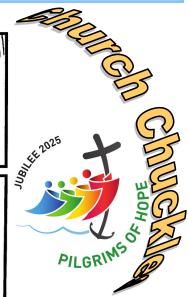
Today's Gospel Reading in Luke 21:18... "but not a hair on your head...will be destroyed.

Hoy, en el Evangelio de Lucas 21, 18... "Sin embargo, no caerá ningún cabello...de la cabeza de ustedes".









GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us for an evening as we explore grief in the middle of the "most wonderful time of the year".

LOCATION:

San Carlos Parish Hall 500 Church Street Monterey, CA 93940

PROGRAM INFO:

This is a drop-in session. Registration is not required.





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CATECHETICAL Topic: The Feast of Saint Cecilia by SC Liturgy Team

Dear San Carlos Parishioners,

Every year, on November 22nd, the Church celebrates St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, whose life sings a hymn of fidelity to Christ amid the clamor of a hostile world. The Acta Sanctae Caeciliae, an early account preserved in the Church's tradition, recounts her story. Born into a noble Roman family around the late second century, St. Cecilia consecrated her virginity to God from a young age. Though compelled to marry a pagan nobleman named Valerian, she revealed her vow on their wedding night, declaring: "I have an angel of the Lord who guards my body with great zeal" (Acta, chapter 3). Through her witness, Valerian and his brother Tiburtius converted, received baptism, and later crowned their faith with martyrdom under the prefect Almachius.

St. Cecilia herself faced persecution for burying the martyrs and refusing to offer sacrifices to idols. Ordered to suffocate in the baths, she emerged unharmed, singing God's praises, in a way so vivid that the Acta describes her as "singing in her heart to the Lord" (Acta, chapter 7). Finally beheaded, her blood flowed for three day, which the faithful collected as relics. Pope Urban I consecrated her home as a church, the Basilica of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, where her incorrupt body was later found in 1599, as documented in the official relatio of Cardinal Sfondrato.

The Church honors Saint Cecilia as patroness of musicians, a tradition rooted in the Acta's vivid image of her wedding procession: "While the musical instruments played, Cecilia sang in her heart to the Lord alone, saying, 'Let my heart and body be undefiled, that I may not be confounded" (Acta, chapter 2). The Roman Martyrology (22 Nov.) echoes this, and the Litany of the Saints invokes her alongside David and the heavenly choirs. Her song was not of earthly melody but of interior praise, transforming profane music into prayer. Thus, the Church sees in her the model for all who make music a vehicle of divine worship. as the Vatican Council II affirms: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112).

Let us imitate Saint Cecilia by offering our lives as a canticle to Christ, especially through sacred music that lifts hearts to God. As community of San Carlos Cathedral, we give thanks for our parish cantors, choir members, instrumentalists and directors, who share their time and talent to glorify the Lord in our liturgies. Through the intercession of Saint Cecilia, may their voices and instruments resound eternally in the heavenly symphony.

Saint Celicia, pray for us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AND ATTENDED AT OUR CONCERT OF **SAINT CECILIA SING!** ON FRIDAY, NOV. 7^{TH} .

Thank you for join your voices with ours in prayer!

Tema: La Fiesta de Santa Cecilia

RINCÓN **CATEQUÉTICO DE SAN CARLOS**

Queridos feligreses de San Carlos:

Cada año, el 22 de noviembre, la Iglesia celebra a Santa Cecilia, virgen y mártir, cuya vida es un himno de fidelidad a Cristo en medio del clamor de un mundo hostil. La Acta Sanctae Caeciliae, un antiguo relato conservado en la tradición de la Iglesia, narra su historia. Nacida en el seno de una familia noble romana a finales del siglo II, Sta. Cecilia consagró su virginidad a Dios desde muy joven. Aunque fue obligada a casarse con un noble pagano Ílamado Valeriano, reveló su voto en su noche de bodas. Dijo: "Tengo un ángel del Señor que guarda mi cuerpo con gran celo" (Acta, capítulo 3). Gracias a su testimonio, Valeriano y su hermano Tiburcio se convirtieron, fueron bautizados y, después, fe fue coronada con el martirio bajo el prefecto Almachio.

Santa Cecilia misma sufrió persecución por enterrar a los mártires y negarse a ofrecer sacrificios a ídolos. La condenaron a ser asfixiada en los baños, pero salió ilesa, cantando alabanzas a Dios con tal viveza que la Acta la describe "cantando en su corazón al Señor" (Acta, capítulo 7). Finalmente fue decapitada, su sangre fluyó durante tres días, y los fieles la recogieron como reliquia. El papa Urbano I consagró su casa como una iglesia, la Basílica de Santa Cecilia en Trastevere, donde hallaron su cuerpo incorrupto en 1599, según consta en la relatio oficial del cardenal Sfondrato.

La Iglesia venera a Sta. Cecilia como patrona de los músicos, una tradición arraigada en la víva imagen de su procesión nupcial en la Acta: "Mientras sonaban los instrumentos musicales, Cecilia cantaba en su corazón al Señor, diciendo: 'Que mi corazón y mi cuerpo permanezcan puros, para que no sea avergonzada" (Acta, capítulo 2). El Martirologio Romano (22 nov.) hace eco de esto, y la Letanía de los Santos la invoca junto a David y los coros celestiales. Su canto no era de melodía terrenal, sino de alabanza interior, transformando la música profana en oración. Así, la Iglesia ve en ella el modelo para todos aquellos que hacen de la música un vehículo de culto divino, como lo afirma el Concilio Vaticano II: "La tradición musical de la Iglesia universal es un tesoro de valor incalculable" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112).

Como Santa Cecilia ofrezcamos nuestras vidas como un cántico a Cristo, especialmente a través de la música sacra que eleva los corazones a Dios. Como comunidad de la Catedral de San Carlos, damos gracias por nuestros cantores, miembros del coro, músicos y directores, quienes comparten su tiempo y talento para glorificar al Señor en nuestras liturgias. Por intercesión de Santa Cecilia, que sus voces e instrumentos resuenen eternamente en la sinfonía celestial.

Santa Cecilia, ruega por nosotros.



Nuestro agradecimiento a TODOS LOS QUE PARTICIPARON Y ASISTIERON A ESTE PASADO CONCIERTO DE SANTA CECILIA Canta! EL VIERNES 7 Nov.

Gracias por unir sus voces a las nuestras en oración!