St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California
May 13, 2018
Ascension of the Lord

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, & giving glory to God.
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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

PARISH GOAL: $23,000.00
Funds Raised: $31,595.00

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**BAPTISMS:** Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class before reception of the Sacrament.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at least eight months prior to the wedding.

**FUNERALS:** We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** To place an announcement in the bulletin, email request to: bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com. The deadline for requests is no later than noon on Fridays one week prior to the date of the bulletin in which the announcement is requested to appear. Please submit requests in advance of the event date and the deadline. Submissions should be brief and will be edited and approved by parish clergy before being published. Allow ample time for the approval process. Every attempt will be made to include the submission when requested; though, not all submissions are guaranteed placement. Marketing flyers/announcements must have approval in the form of a signature from the Pastor, Principal, or Deacon before posting on the premises; and fundraisers must have the name of the designated beneficiary of the proceeds; as well as followed by a gratitude submission which includes the amount of profits raised. The kiosk bulletin board outside the hall is for the parish use for Diocesan, Parish, School, and group announcements.

**EARLY DEADLINES:** Closely watch early deadlines imposed by the publisher and plan ahead accordingly. Deadline for May 20 has passed. The next deadline for submissions for the weekend May 27 all items must be submitted by FRI MAY 18 by noon. Please direct your inquiries to the email above. Thank you.

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SAT** 5/12 4:30 McLoughlin & Curtyn Families †

**SUN** 5/13 7:00 Nonnie Chambers & Nora Cordova †
8:30 Danny Cowell †
10:30 Our Lady of Fatima & SPRSI †
12:30 Dolores Cardenas & Julia Polina †

**MON** 5/14 7:30 Precisa Della Maggiora †

**TUE** 5/15 7:30 Richard & Patricia O’Neil

**WED** 5/16 8:00 Stacey Bellato †

**FRI** 5/18 7:30 Int. Rosemary Cook & Paul Cook—Birthday Blessings

**SAT** 5/19 7:30 Int. Lily Quisumbing—Birthday Blessings
4:30 Walter & Michael Narodzonek †
Jenny Samules †

**SUN** 5/20 7:00 Arthur, Blanch & Richard Brouette †
8:30 Int. Rev. Clarence Zamora
10:30 Rodolfo & Crispina Salgado †
12:30 Int.St.Catherine of Siena Parish & School

**YOU ARE INVITED**

Mary Help of Christians Society
Annual Mass Honoring Our Lady
Sunday, May 27 @ 12:30 pm
St. Catherine of Siena Church
Presided by Msgr. Antonia A. Valdivia
Any questions, contact jwcardenas@aol.com

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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2018 Bishop’s Appeal Goal Summary
Parish Goal: $23,000.00 Funds Raised: $31,595.00

% of Goal Raised: 137.37%

**JOIN US AT THE BEAUTIFUL**

Annual Outdoor Memorial Mass at the old Siena Historic Cemetery
Honoring our Pioneer Parishioners
Saturday, May 26, 9 AM

The St. Catherine Cemetery is located on the Carquinez Scenic Route passed Rankin Park.
Bring a hat and water. Some folding chairs will be available
The Cemetery gates will open at 8:30 AM

St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family; and, the repose of the soul of

Patricia Ann Dempster
who entered eternal life.
From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator

Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of Our Lord
A LETTER TO ALL MOTHERS

Dear all mothers,

On the occasion of the Ascension of our Lord which coincides with the Mother's Day weekend, I would like to share with you a reflection on the vocation of being a mother.

It is time now for the Lord to go. He says it is better for them, the disciples that He goes away. He goes to prepare a "place" for them. He goes so that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit may come, overshadow, and lead them to all truth. The purpose of the Ascension, therefore, is all for the sake of the disciples and their mission-to proclaim the Good News to all the world.

We must ask, what "place" does Jesus possibly prepare for them? To answer this question, we must travel back in time, even beyond the moment of the Incarnation. St. John tells us that before the Word became flesh, the Word was with God, who transcends space and time; though He acts in time and space, but He does not confine himself to them.

At the Incarnation, however, the Word descended from the invisible realm of God into the realm of creatures, specifically, of humanity, flesh and blood. It means that He assumed a new mode of being God in a visible form as a human being, weak and subject to all that is of man.

Thus, the Incarnation signifies the fact that God had freely chosen and willed to be limited by time and space. This is a great act of self-emptying and descending from the realm of God to the realm of man.

Only in light of this revelation, can the meaning of the Ascension become clear to us. The Ascension is truly the return of our Lord to the invisible divine realm of God. The Creed uses the phrase "...seats at the right hand of God" to describe this reality. However, we must remember that the Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ returns to the Father with the humanity He once assumed, suffered, died, and risen with. The glorified body does not subject itself to time and space. Christ, in other words, has elevated and brought our humanity with him into the divine realm of God, beyond the physicality of the visible world.

Precisely here we understand the "place" that Christ prepares for us. It is not a physical place, but God himself, the realm of incorruptibility and invisibility and divinity. We become divine partakers of what properly belongs to God, the divine Life.

So as Christ "returns" to this realm of God He brings our humanity with him. He accomplishes this for us once and for all. It is up to us now to receive and cooperate with his grace in realizing this eternal life, which already begins here on earth.

To aid us on this path to the eternal life with God, the Lord Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to the newly founded family, the Church, his spouse. According to his will, Christ has gathered and formed a community of believers, the Church as his body and bride. Those who are part of this body through the waters of baptism rightfully inherits this gift of the eternal life.

Christ promised to be with his bride to the end. He entered a covenantal Union with the Church, sealed it with his own blood. The fruits of this spousal Union are those who were born at the font of baptism. The Church is always fruitful and receptive because of the presence of the Holy Spirit in her. She will continue to conceive and give birth to countless spiritual children. By being fruitful as such the Church as the Mother of all believers, is in fact fulfilling the promise of salvation proclaimed by God from the very beginning.

The woman of the great promise, first and foremost, is our Lady, Mary, the new Eve, the Mother of the Savior. Mary is what the Church will become in the end, the spotless bride of Christ and the mother of all the living.

The way in which the Church fulfills her destiny is precisely through her motherhood. The motherhood of the Church has a special role in the plan of salvation as the motherhood of Mary was to Christ. The fruitfulness of the Church depends on her receptiveness of Christ' words and Spirit. Thanks to this act of receiving and giving life, she remains as a mother and spouse of Christ.

This motherhood of the church and of Mary is the divine call God extends to all women whose nature is to be receptive and fruitful.

By nature (biologically and spiritually) a woman is created to complete whatever is lacking in a man. She was made to be a receiver and giver of life. With a man (male-person), she is a co-creator with God. Thanks to this act of receptiveness, the family of God/a great nation, promised to Abraham, becomes possible. The hope for the salvation of the world becomes credible as well because the promised family is realized in the Community that Christ formed and remains as her head.

Moreover, woman's receptivity is not only made for man, but made for God himself. It is a woman who was made and called to completely be at the receiving end of the giving act of God. Only woman can truly and really accept the totality of God's act of total self-giving as He became man in her womb. This happened at the Incarnation. In light of the Incarnation, the promised salvation is realized definitively in Christ thanks to God's great act of giving and a woman's great act of receiving. God will forever be with humanity in an absolute union, concretized in the person of Christ.

Because of what had happened in history we dare to say that Jesus was a man and a son and a brother to all of us because Mary, the Church in person, was a woman and a mother. Jesus was a savior and Mary was his companion and a helper. Christ has ascended to the realm of God and Mary has been assumed to the same place. Jesus ascended so that we can present to God always and God to us.

Here I think of you all mothers. You have a great vocation. You are called to continue to be, with all women, a promise bearer, a receiver and giver of life. You are called to be like Mary and the Church, a companion with her Son, with his disciples and you are called to conceive Christ in your heart and make visible the invisible Christ in the world, communities, workplaces, homes. I believe you have done that in many ways. With the grace of God and intercessions of Mother Mary as your model, please continue to live out your vocation as woman, sister, wife and mother today and forever.

Happy Ascension of Our Lord and Mothers' Day!
Fr Anthony Le
Meet Our New Principal

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Families,

It is an honor to serve and partner with the parish, staff, parents, and students as your principal. I enter this position after being principal at Our Lady of Grace School in West Sacramento as part of the Sacramento Diocese. I am happy to come home to the Oakland Diocese as I began my ministry as a student at Holy Rosary, teacher, and Vice Principal at Queen of All Saints School. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary’s College. I also hold a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and an Administrative Credential.

I come to St. Catherine with my strengths in curriculum development, knowledge in STEM, communication, and strong fiscal management skills. With sincere gratitude and joy, I am eager to lead the school community that is rich in tradition and history while focusing on faith formation and serving the needs of the students. I absolutely love visiting classrooms, watching learning happen, and getting to know our students.

My family and I are excited to become part of this dynamic parish and school community. I am a mother of three young children and I could not be successful in a leadership position without the support of my husband and extended family.

Thank you for being part of this community. Thank you for choosing Catholic Education and I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Blessings, Mrs. Jessica Griswold

FORMED

Meet Our New Principal

The son of a Protestant minister, Matthew Leonard is now an internationally known Catholic speaker, author, and the Executive Director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. In this presentation, Matthew discusses the nature and role of beauty in life, particularly how it sheds light on the nature of God and assists us in achieving our glorious end, which is Heaven itself.

SCS ACCESS: Go to Internet Explorer and click https://formed.org. Enter Code: XPTJK8 (case sensitive)

St. Catherine of Siena School News

St. Catherine of Siena second grade students received First Holy Eucharist over the past two weekends. Pictured below are Liam Sullivan, Xavier Rubio, Gia Mallo, Isa Schepp, Ava Nygard, Owen Briley (front), Roman Gadek, Logan Cayou, Chauncy Stewart, Jillien Manalo, Andrew Patino, Sophia Lujan, and Josh Islas.

The performance of “Little Shop of Horrors” last weekend was a monster hit! Students in grades 6 - 8 worked hard on this production behind the scenes as well as on the stage. Our dedicated faculty and administrative staff were also on hand to support the students in any and all ways. What a great showing of St. Catherine School spirit!

Pictured left to right: Connor Silorio, Elisabeth Marks, Lena Nguyen, Preston Rosselli, Armaan Sidhu, Craig Morgan, Ashmin Sidhu, Lexi Gonzalez, Desie Armstrong, Reagan Ferreira, Sienna Coward, Isabelle Cooley, Angelina Balogh, Caitlin Silario, Katie Castro, Gabriela Jensen and Amelia Vicza, Mychael Carroll and Alum Olivia Vicza (not pictured) —Diana Corsetti

The World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing the national Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the USA to our parish on SAT. MAY 19 @ 7:30 AM—7:30 PM
This image of Our Lady was blessed and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima. All are invited to come see her to obtain peace and put an end to abortion & the moral corruption that is afflicting our country today. The custodian will discuss how the message of Fatima applies to our country and the world today and explain what we can do to earn the blessings that Our Lady promised if her requests are fulfilled.

7:30 am Morning Mass
8:00 am Information shared by custodian briefly
8:15 am Prayer to the Mother of Perpetual Help
8:30 am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
9:00 am Informational talk by the custodian of the statue
10:00 am Veneration of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue
11:00 am Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick
12:30 pm Simple Lunch in the Parish Hall

BREAK

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Vigil Mass
5:30 pm Information shared by custodian briefly
6:00 pm Veneration of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue
7:00 pm Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
7:30 pm Closing
HAVE I PARTICIPATED IN OR APPROVED OF EUTHANASIA?

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OR IN VITRO FERTILIZATION?

HAVE I ENGAGED, IN ANY WAY, IN SINS AGAINST HUMAN LIFE SUCH AS

HAVE I ENCOURAGED OR CONDONED STERILIZATION?

HAVE I MUTILATED MYSELF THROUGH ANY FORM OF STERILIZATION?

HAVE I HARBORED HATRED IN MY HEART?

HAVE I BEEN ANGRY OR RESENTFUL?

HAVE I GIVEN SCANDAL TO ANYONE, THEREBY LEADING HIM OR HER INTO SIN?

HAVE I ABUSED ALCOHOL OR DRUGS?

HAVE I PHYSICALLY HARMED ANYONE?

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6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Have I wasted time at work, school, and home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
- Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor’s wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor’s goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? - Am I greedy or selfish?
- Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?

- Am I careful to dress modestly?

- Are there other “gods” in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

- Have I ever deliberately held a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

- Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Are I sincere in my dealings with others?

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential?
- Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

- Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions?

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- Am I careful to dress modestly?

- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

- Have I respectd all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:** 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM

**SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM
8:30 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30 AM
12:30 PM Spanish

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:30 AM Except Wednesday

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:00 AM

**HOLY DAYS:**

**WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM**

*Note: Thursday is a Communion Service*

**ADORATION:**

**RECONCILIATION:** Fridays from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**ADORATION:**

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Week-at-a-glance dates, times, and locations are taken from the website calendar: www.stcmtz.org. If further clarification is needed, please contact the parish office at 925.228-2230 extension 0.

**Sunday, 5/13** Ascension of the Lord

**World Day for Social Communications/Mother’s Day**

Off site Confirmation Retreat

8:00 AM PH NO Hospitality

2:00 PM CH Baptisms

**Monday, 5/14** St. Matthias, Apostle, pray for us.

7:00 PM PCL Respect Life Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, 5/15** St. Isidore, pray for us.

9:00 AM CH Art & Environment Decorating

5:00 PM CH Church Choir Workshop

6:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM PH YLI Meeting

**Wednesday, 5/16** St. Simon stock, pray for us.

2:30 PM CH School Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM CH/SC/PH Religious Ed resumes in September

6:30 PM PCL Legion of Mary Meeting

7:00 PM PC 210 Maintenance Committee Meeting

7:00 PM PH P/S/L Meeting

7:30 PM CH Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 5/17** St. Paschal Baylon, pray for us.

9:00 AM PCL Deanery Meeting

6:30 PM PH Cub Scout Pack Meeting

6:30 PM PCL ICF Meeting

7:00 PM CH Lectors Meeting

**Friday, 5/18** St. Pope John I, pray for us.

12:00 PM CH Adoration

5:00 PM CH Benediction

**Saturday, 5/19** St. Celestine, pray for us.

7:30 AM—7:30 PM Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

See detailed schedule on a previous page

9:30 AM PCL SVdP Food Distribution

11:00 AM CH Anointing of the Sick Mass

12:30 PM PH Simple Lunch after Anointing Mass

3:00 PM CH Reconciliation

6:30 PM PH Early Bird BINGO

7:00 PM PH BINGO

**Sunday, 5/20** Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM PH Pancake Breakfast—YLI Serves

10:30 AM CH ICF Contra Costa District Communion

2:00 PM CH Baptisms—Bilingual

3:45 PM PCL Confirmation Prep Class

6:00 PM PCL Youth Group

CH = Church  RC = Rectory  SC = School

PH = Parish Hall  YD = School Yard  YS: Youth Shack

PC = Parish Center  PCL = Parish Center Library

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Bingo
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SAT, MAY 19, 2018: Mind your own business

Celebrity gossip is so pervasive that it’s hard to avoid. How much do you know about the personal lives of the “glitterati”? Sure, these people invite the public into their lives for profit, but scrutinizing—even relishing—the foibles of strangers is a slippery slope. Jesus frequently reminded His followers to focus on themselves—their own failings and how they could improve—instead of worrying about those around them. Are you too quick to judge the actions of others?


SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Do something useful

Be honest: Do you think prayer is useful? While we might describe the act of praying positively, we may not be convinced it actually “works”—at least not as we intend. Here’s the shocker: Many theologians agree it’s a trap to consider prayer in terms of utility. Prayer is not an effective activity; that is, it’s not a penny in, gumball out procedure. Prayer’s not an activity at all. Rather it’s a form of relationship, an unveiling of the self before the God of love. Loving relationships, however, are very effective. Just ask the Pentecost gang what love can do.


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