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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.

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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 June 17 has passed. The next deadline for submissions for the weekend June 24 all items must be submitted by FRI JUNE 15 by noon. Please direct your inquiries to the email above. Thank you.

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For information about St. Catherine of Siena all-year-round RCIA program, please contact the parish office at stcathmtz@yahoo.com

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First, the Church is one. The Catechism notes that the Church is one for three reasons: first, because of its source, which is the Holy Trinity, a perfect unity of three divine persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; second, because of its founder, Jesus Christ, who came to reconcile all mankind through the blood of the cross; and third, because of its “soul,” the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the souls of the faithful, who unites all of the faithful into one communion of believers, and who guides the Church (#813).

The “oneness” of the Church is also visible. As Catholics, we are united in our Creed and our other teachings, the celebration of the sacraments, and the hierarchical structure based on the apostolic succession preserved and handed on through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. For example, whether one attends Mass in Alexandria, San Francisco, Moscow, Mexico City, or wherever, the Mass is the same — the same readings, structure, prayers, and the like except for a difference in language — celebrated by the faithful who share the same Catholic beliefs and offered by a priest who is united to his bishop who is united to the Holy Father, the pope, the successor of St. Peter. In our oneness, we do find diversity: The faithful bear witness to many different vocations and many different gifts, but work together to continue the mission of our Lord. The various cultures and traditions enrich our Church in their expressions of one faith. In all, charity must permeate the Church, for it is through charity that the members are bound together and work together in harmonious unity.

The Church is also holy. Our Lord Himself is the source of all holiness: “The one Christ mediator and the way of salvation; He is present to us in His body which is the Church” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #14). Christ sanctifies the Church, and in turn, through Him and with Him, the Church is His agent of sanctification. Through the ministry of the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit, our Lord pours forth abundant graces, especially through the sacraments. Therefore, through its teaching, prayer and worship, and good works, the Church is a visible sign of holiness.

Nevertheless, we must not forget that each of us as a member of the Church has been called to holiness. Through baptism, we have been freed from original sin, filled with sanctifying grace, plunged into the mystery of our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection, and incorporated into the Church, “the holy people of God.” By God’s grace, we strive for holiness.

The Second Vatican Council exhorted, “Every Catholic must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to his station, play his part, that the Church, which bears in her own body the humility and dying of Jesus, may daily be more purified and renewed, against the day when Christ will present her to Himself in all her glory without spot or wrinkle” (Decree on Ecumenism, #4).

Our Church has been marked by outstanding examples of holiness in the lives of the saints of every age. No matter how dark the times may have been for our Church, there have always been those great saints through whom the light of Christ radiated. Yes, we are frail human beings, and at times we sin, yet we repent of that sin and continue once again on the path of holiness. In a sense, our Church is a Church of sinners, not of the self-righteous or self-assured saved. One of the beautiful prayers of the Mass occurs before the Sign of Peace: “Lord, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church.” Even though poor, frail individual members of the Church fail and sin, the Church continues to be the sign and instrument of holiness.

Finally, the Church is Apostolic. Christ founded the Church and entrusted His authority to His apostles, the first bishops. He entrusted a special authority to St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, to act as His vicar here on Earth. This authority has been handed down through the Sacrament of Holy Orders in what we call apostolic succession from bishop to bishop, and then by extension to priests and deacons. If possible, Bishop Michael Barber, SJ. could trace his apostolic succession as a bishop back to one of the apostles. The Church is also apostolic in that the deposit of faith found in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition was preserved, taught, and handed on by the apostles. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, the Magisterium (the teaching authority entrusted to the apostles and their successors) has the duty to preserve, teach, defend, and hand on the deposit of faith. Moreover, the Holy Spirit protects the Church from error in its teaching authority. While over the course of time, the Magisterium has had to address current issues, such as nuclear war, euthanasia, in vitro fertilization, the same truth principles exercised under the guidance of the Holy Spirit prevail.

As the Church we are one, holy, universal, and apostolic. May God help us all to live out this beautiful truth.

Blessings,

Fr Anthony Huong Le
We celebrated the graduation of our youngest students on Thursday. The school’s entire student body was in attendance to support the preschool’s graduation, St. Catherine of Siena Class of 2028. With songs, prayers, lots of pictures and treats for all, it was a joyful celebration as we said “so long” until August.

We also enjoyed congratulating our eighth grade graduates on their achievements as they head off to high school. There were special recognitions given to our graduates.

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NICHOLAS SHEROCK & AIDYN CODORI
Creativity in Visual Arts & Performance Award
SIENNA COWARD
Congratulations to all our Saint Catherine students and their families. —Diana Corsetti

Faith Sharing
My husband, Darin, and I have been married for 24 years. We have two children in college; Dominic in Santa Barbara and Gianna in Oregon. I was baptized, confirmed and married in the Catholic Church. My Catholic upbringing was positive and guilt free. I have rich and joyful memories of my religious upbringing.

Our children were baptized and made their first communions at Christ the King. I spent ten years volunteering with the Confirmation program. They attended CTK for a few years and then we transitioned them to the public school and shortly after, left the Church.

For several years, we did not go to church. I continued to pray, but it was a spiritually dry period. Soon, I would be introduced to the world of evangelism through a friend’s invitation. I spent my 40s in two different protestant churches, reading and studying the bible with other pilgrims who were hungry for God. I had a voracious appetite for scriptural knowledge and was always in ministry work and bible study. In 2011, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a challenging and frightening time which ultimately strengthened my faith. My diagnosis was a wake-up call to a new spiritual life. I heard God’s reassurance and promise that I had a future and a purpose. After that, I led a thriving women’s ministry which affirmed and supported my leadership skills. In those years, I secretly wondered if I could do this ministry in the Catholic Church.

In 2014, I began a two-year spiritual direction program where I encountered my Catholic roots. I studied the desert fathers, mystics, and saints. The spiritual practices that sustained me were: Centering prayer, Lectio Divina, and the Examen. After I graduated, I did The Ignatian Exercises which only confirmed that I was Catholic at heart.

In 2016, I attended the funeral of a long-time family friend, Vic Steil. When I entered St. Catherine that day, I had an overwhelming sense that I was being called back; and in August 2017, I returned. The beauty of this small, old church was breathtaking and the smell of incense evoked an emotional remembrance of my childhood faith. I was longing for the rich tradition of Catholicism.

After Mass that day, Fr. Anthony invited me to RCIA to discern my returning. After three week’s I disregarded my theological checklist and went to confession. I knew I was home. Now, when I take communion, I am deeply aware of its transformative power and often feel profoundly humbled. Recently, I have agreed to co-lead a faith nourishment ministry called “Ignite” which will be launched soon.

—Cindy Buscaglia

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Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.
—St. Anthony of Padua
“Many hands make light work.” Remember that old adage? It holds true for the numerous volunteers within the walls of St. Catherine of Siena parish together with those at the Pre-School and Parochial School all working together for the glory of God! As Fr. Anthony has said, “Your dedication and hard work proves that if we work together with Him, through Him, and in Him, we will bear much fruit that will last.” Fr. Anthony would like to celebrate your contributions and extends his gratitude to all those who lend their hands in carrying out the mission of our church: Saints Among Us Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts, and giving glory to God.” Therefore, you are all invited to a

MINISTRY APPRECIATION EVENING
To Honor All Our Volunteers
Thursday, June 21 beginning @ 6 PM
in the church and continuing afterward with a reception in the parish hall

For more information, please contact your ministry/group/organization leader

AMERICAN FLAG . This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. —Woodrow Wilson

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat is a special place to renew and redeem hearts broken by the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, and Sudden Infant Death (SIDS). The retreats are for women and men who are grieving pain and loss and seek healing. The weekend offers a supportive, non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. The next retreat is June 29-July 1. Spaces are limited.

Contact Kim @ 209-465-5433
Gloria @ 510-485-2584 or by email

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.

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The Communications Committee had depleted its supply of faith sharing articles? Won’t you consider submitting one?

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR FAITH SHARING: Consider sharing with us your faith journey, your walk with Our Lord. How has He worked in you for the good of others? Articles should be between 300-500 words, your own testimonial to your Catholic faith, and submitted with a portrait to FaithSharingSCS@gmail.com. By making a personal submission to the bulletin, you agree to having your words edited, printed, and shared by the Parish and Communications Committee and agree to a photo release of your image. Consider this, please.

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HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY FOR SAINTS AMONG US: Did you catch someone or group doing something good! Helping our neighbors in need! Acts of faith in and around our parish and school? Please let us know about it by emailing bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com and insert “Saints Among Us” in the subject line.
**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:** 8:00 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:***
- 8:00 AM
  *Note: Thursday is a Communion Service*

**HOLY DAYS:**
- 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

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

**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, 6/10**
- 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM PH Hospitality—Choir Hosts
- 7:00 PM PH Olive Wood Handcrafts Available
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 7:00 PM PCL Respect Life Meeting

**Monday, 6/11**
- St. Barnabas, Apostle, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Help for the Hungry
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 7:30 AM CH Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM PH SCS School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, 6/12**
- St. John of Sahagun, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 5:00 PM CH Choir Workshop
- 6:30 PM CH Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM PH SCS School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, 6/13**
- St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 6:30 PM PH Legion of Mary
- 7:15 AM PC Ignite Meeting
- 7:30 AM CH Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 6/14**
- St. Methodius, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Communion Service @ new time.
- 7:00 PM CH Lectors Meeting
- 7:30 AM CH Confirmation Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM PH Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Friday, 6/15**
- St. Germaine, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 12:00 PM CH Adoration
- 5:00 PM CH Benediction
- 6:00 PM CH Confirmation Liturgy with the Very Reverend George Mockel

**Saturday, 6/16**
- St. John Regis, pray for us.
- 7:30 AM CH Recitation of the Rosary
- 8:00 AM CH Morning Mass @ new time.
- 9:30 AM PCL SVdP Food Distribution
- 3:00 PM CH Reconciliation

**Sunday, 6/17**
- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM PH Hospitality—Hosts
- 2:00 PM CH Baptisms

CH = Church  PH = Parish Hall  PC = Parish Center
RC = Rectory  PCL = Parish Center Library
SC = School  YL = School Yard  YS = Youth Shack
PC = Parish Center  PCL = Parish Center Library

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<td><strong>SUNDAY, JUN 10, 2018:</strong> TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</td>
<td><strong>Why we hide</strong>&lt;br&gt;A psychologist explained something fascinating about shame: No one can put it inside us without our consent. Shame doesn’t enter from the outside but responds from the inside. Those seeking to embarrass us are disappointed if we refuse their attempt to impart shame with the slap of a hand or a word. If we accept shame, it’s because deep down we’re already carrying it. So Adam, guilty of disloyalty to God, is shamed by his newfound nakedness. Yet Jesus, insulted, beaten, stripped, and humiliated, remains clothed in honor at the cross. Got shame? We’ve got a sacrament for that. Today’s readings: Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35 (89). “I heard you in the garden, but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”</td>
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<td><strong>MON, JUN 11, 2018:</strong> MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE</td>
<td>A stand-up guy&lt;br&gt;Do you have trouble standing up to peer pressure? Learn from Saint Barnabas. Though he wasn’t one of the original apostles, he stood up to Peter and James and others in defense of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians but then wanted to be one. And when Peter was reluctant to fraternize with converted gentiles, Barnabas held that Jesus’ message was meant for everyone. He was a man whose word was good, not only to be relied on but—even because he was a great preacher—to be inspired by. Next time you’re feeling peer pressure, pray for the help of Barnabas. Today’s readings: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 (580; Gospel 359). “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”</td>
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<td><strong>TUE, JUN 12 2018:</strong> You are the salt of the earth</td>
<td>Salt is such an ordinary, inexpensive, and easily found substance in most cases nowadays that you can fail to fully grasp the profound meaning of Jesus’ famous metaphor. Consider these facts. Once known as “white gold,” salt is necessary for human life. It preserves, purifies, and enhances the flavor of food. It made civilization possible. Wars have been waged over supplies of salt; it has been taxed, hoarded, traded, and used as currency; and it helped galvanize Mohandas Gandhi’s nonviolent movement for India’s independence from Britain. When Jesus compares his disciples to salt of the earth, he is really saying: “Your life and presence matter. In fact, you are more than valuable—you are essential.” Be alert for opportunities to be salt for the world today. Today’s readings: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). “If salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?”</td>
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<td><strong>WED, JUN 13, 2018:</strong> MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</td>
<td>Give what you receive&lt;br&gt;Saint Francis of Assisi had a healthy skepticism about academic pursuits. In the Middle Ages the academicians a noted scholar might enjoy could leave gospel poverty in the dust. When Anthony of Padua asked to join Francis’ new “Order of Penance,” however, Francis saw that Anthony was able to combine brilliance and oratorical power with fidelity to the gospel and simplicity. Francis even welcomed Anthony to bring his precious books with him—they were the tools of his trade—and entrusted to his care the training of brothers seeking to become priests. You may find yourself judging values that seem at odds with each other, like being a bread-earner and a caring mom or dad. Saint Anthony knew that the gifts of God—even those most esteemed like intelligence, power, and wealth—are still gifts as long as they’re balanced with humility. Today’s readings: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). “Let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant.”</td>
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<td><strong>THU, JUNE 14, 2018:</strong> Carry on the flag</td>
<td>The American flag was adopted on this day in 1777, and ever since it has been a cherished symbol of everything this country holds dear. As President Calvin Coolidge observed, “It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home.” But, he noted, it is equally a symbol of responsibility. As a nation the United States has its share of problems, disagreements, and failures. Today is a good day to reflect on the sacrifices your ancestors made and consider how you might carry on their work so that your grandchildren may live in the freedom the Stars and Stripes proclaim. Today’s readings: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). “Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.”</td>
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<td><strong>FRI, JUNE 15, 2018:</strong> Hearing a who</td>
<td>The prophet Elijah had a lot on his plate. Defending the one true God, battling kings and even other prophets, and going through quite a bit of hardship in the process. And when he went to talk with God on God’s own mountain, conditions were not calm. The wind blew strong enough to split rocks. Then an earthquake rolled the ground. Oh, and there was fire, too—did we mention that? But God was not “in” the wind, the quake, or the fire. Rather God was in a “tiny whispering sound.” That was what awed Elijah and led him to cover his face. Sometimes the voice of God isn’t found in spectacular special effects but in the smallest, quietest way. Can you hear it? Today’s readings: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363). “After the fire was a sound of sheer silence.”</td>
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<td><strong>SAT, JUNE 16, 2018:</strong> Truth or consequences</td>
<td>The taking of an oath has a long history and some curious customs, such as an ancient Jewish practice of placing one’s hand under the thigh of the person to whom one swears the oath. Today you raise your hand or place it on a sacred book. But as Jesus pointed out, no oaths should be necessary. All your words should be trustworthy. Be a person who keeps your word; the confidence, trust, and respect of others will follow. And as Mark Twain pointed out: “Tell the truth and you don’t have to remember anything.” Today’s readings: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37 (364). “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”</td>
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<td><strong>SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018:</strong> ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</td>
<td>God gambles the farm&lt;br&gt;Imagine a farmer sowing a field, and then going about his life, not bothering about the progress of his crop. When it’s harvest time, the happy farmer takes in an incredible return of grain. Crazy, right? What farmer has ever been that clueless and that lucky? God’s realm operates pretty much this way. God offers the gift of life in seed form. We’re on our own to take it as far as we want to go. God won’t force our fruitfulness; we’re free to waste our time and produce nothing. Is God betting the farm wisely on you? Today’s readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92). “It is as if a man were to scatter seed . . . and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.”</td>
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