St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts & giving glory to God.
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT: www.virtusonline.org
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.

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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 (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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Cindy Buscaglia…………………………….925-787-8396
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Rik Silva……………………………………….925-334-2429
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Lucia Cruz……………………………………925-348-2620
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Denice Silva…………………………………925-372-0740
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Before serving or continuing in your ministry, complete the Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org. Thank you.
Dear sisters and brother in Christ,

In the wake of recent reports of scandal in the Catholic Church, I have decided the Diocese of Oakland will release the names of all clergy—diocesan, religious order and external priests—who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. This is the latest step in the ongoing commitment of the Diocese of Oakland to stop the scourge of sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. This public accountability will allow you and others in our community to see we are keeping our promises. We have nothing to hide. It is the right thing to do.

Since 2002, the “No More Secrets Group,” a mutual support group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, has been meeting with the full support and encouragement of the Diocese of Oakland. Indeed, our support for survivors of clergy sexual abuse predates the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of 2002. In 1987 the Oakland Diocesan Senate of Priests issued our first set of guidelines on how to respond to allegations of abuse. My predecessors, Bishop John Cummins and Bishop Allen Vigneron both conducted services of healing for survivors.

Over the years we have been continually revising and improving our accountability process, reinforcing our commitment to protect children, utilizing background checks and mandatory safe environment training for all Church employees and volunteers. We are regularly audited by an outside firm to ensure all our Catholic Parishes and Schools are in compliance.

I anticipate the list of those credibly accused will be ready for publication in approximately 45 days. With the large number of international and religious order clergy who have served in our Diocese in the past, it will take some time to verify certain information. I have instructed my staff to prioritize this work while also recognizing the importance of making the list as accurate as possible.

Anyone wishing to report any allegation of sexual misconduct by any clergy or diocesan employee should contact the local authority, i.e. police or sheriff’s department. Mr. Stephen A. Wilcox, our Chancellor, who serves as the Victims Assistance Coordinator in our diocese can also assist in processing allegations of sexual misconduct and is a mandatory reporter. He can be reached at swilcox@oakdiocese.org or 510.267.8373 or survivors@oakdiocese.org. We have contracted with a medical professional who is trained in sexual trauma healing as an additional resource for survivors and their families.

A former FBI official who is well-known as an advocate for justice in clergy sexual abuse, Dr. Kathleen McChesney, will assist in our review of clergy files and the audit of our processes. After the completion of our process review and the publication of our credibly accused list, Dr. McChesney and her team will do a full review of our files to ensure our list is as accurate as possible. This second review will be completed after the first of the year.

I realize other victims may step forward with new information. Any accusation will be fully investigated by our independent Diocesan Review Board. We intend to update our list as we receive new information. I hope and pray the publication of these names will help the innocent survivors and their families in their journey to wholeness and healing. The Diocese of Oakland is committed to protecting children entrusted to our care.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessing, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber S.J., Bishop of Oakland

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

A raíz de los recientes informes sobre el escándalo en la Iglesia Católica, he decidido que la Diócesis de Oakland publicara los nombres de todos los clérigos (diocesanos, de una orden religiosa y sacerdotes externos) que han sido acusados de una manera creíble de abuso sexual de un menor. Este es el último paso en el compromiso continuo de la Diócesis de Oakland para detener el flagelo del abuso sexual de menores y adultos vulnerables. Esta responsabilidad publica le permitirá a usted y a otros en nuestra comunidad que estamos cumpliendo nuestras promesas. No tenemos nada que ocultar. Es la manera correcta de actuar.

Desde el 2002, el “Grupo No Mas Secretos,” un grupo de apoyo mutuo para sobrevivientes adultos de abuso sexual infantil, se ha estado reuniendo con el apoyo y el apoyo alienta de la Diócesis de Oakland. De hecho, nuestro apoyo a los sobrevivientes del abuso sexual del clero antecede a la Carta Nacional de 2002 para la Protección de Ninos y Jovenes. En 1987, el Senado Diocesano de los Sacerdotes de Oakland emitió su primera serie de pautas sobre cómo responder a las denuncias de abuso. Mis predecesores, el Obispo John Cummins y el Obispo Allen Vigneron, llevaron a cabo servicios de sanación para los sobrevivientes.

A través de los años, hemos estado revisando y mejorando continuamente nuestro proceso para rendir cuentas, reforzando nuestro compromiso de proteger a los niños, utilizando la verificación de antecedentes y la capacitación obligatoria en un entorno seguro para todos los empleados y voluntarios de la iglesia. Una firma externa audita nuestro proceso para asegurarse de que todas nuestras parroquias y escuelas católicas obedecen y cumplen las normas. Anticipo que la lista de los acusados creíbles estará lista para su publicación en aproximadamente 45 días. Con el gran número de clérigos de orden religioso e internacional que han servido en nuestra Diócesis en el pasado, se tardará algún tiempo en verificar cierta información. He dado instrucciones a mi personal administrativo para que le de prioridad a este trabajo y reconozco la importancia de que la lista sea lo más correcta y precisa.

Cualquier persona que desee reportar o presentar alguna acusación de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte del clero o un empleado diocesano debe comunicarse con la autoridad civil local, es decir, la policía o el departamento del alguacil (sheriff). El Señor Stephen A. Wilcox, nuestro Canciller, quien se desempeña como Coordinador de Asistencia a las Victimas en nuestra diocesia, también puede ayudar a procesar las denuncias de conducta sexual inapropiada y tiene la obligación de reportar las quejas. Puede comunicarse escribiéndole a swilcox@oakdiocese.org o llamándolo a 510.267.8334. Los sobrevivientes de abuso sexual del clero también pueden acudir al Survivor Advocacy Network (red para la defensa de sobrevivientes) en 510.267.8373 o survivors@oakdiocese.org. Hemos contratado a un profesional médico capacitado en la curación de traumas sexuales, como un recurso adicional para los sobrevivientes y sus familias. La Dra. Kathleen McChesney, una ex funcionaria de Buro de Investigaciones Federales (FBI) conocida por abogar por la justicia en casos de abuso sexual, el clero, ayudará en nuestra revisión de los archivos de clero y en la auditoría de nuestros procesos. Después de completar la revisión de nuestro proceso y la publicación de nuestra lista de acusados creíbles, la Dra. McChesney y su equipo efectuaran una revisión completa de nuestros archivos para garantizar que nuestra lista sea lo más precisa posible. Esta segunda revisión se completará a comienzos del año entrante.

Soy consciente de que otras víctimas pueden aparecer con nueva información. Cualquier acusación será investigada a fondo por nuestra Junta de Revision Diocesana independiente. Tenemos la intención de actualizar nuestra lista a medida que recobramos nueva información.

Espero y oro para que la publicación de estos nombres ayude a los sobrevivientes inocentes y sus familias en su trayectoria hacia la curación. La Diócesis de Oakland se compromete a proteger a los niños que han sido confiados a nuestro cuidado.

Con mis oraciones y bendiciones, Sinceramente suyo en Cristo, Monsenor Michael C. Barber, S.J. Obispo de Oakland
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Adoration
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6:00 PM PH ICF Meeting—Polenta Dinner Set-up

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PC = Parish Center PCL: Parish Center Library

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 7, 2018

CONTRIBUTIONS
Sunday Collection $5,794.50
Catholic Voice $1,267.00
Priests’ Retirement $ 110.00
SCS Education Fund $ 735.00
St. Vincent de Paul $ 150.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 10/13  4:30 Odette Ferreira †
SUN 10/14  7:00 Marie E. Reynolds †
            8:30 McLoughlin & Curtn Families †
            10:30 Rodolfo & Crispina Salgado †
            12:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
MON 10/15  8:00 Ernest Fio †
TUE 10/16  8:00 Tomas Avila †
WED 10/17  8:00 Tomas Rosete †
FRI 10/19  8:00 Int. Alex & Ellen Concepcion
            Anniversary Blessing
SAT 10/20  8:00 Rev. James McGee †
            4:30 Sheila A. Grilli †
SUN 10/21  7:00 Pearl & Joe Balestrieri †
            8:30 Robert Stratmeyer †
            10:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
            12:30 Joe & Dolores Cardenas †

Call the Parish Office @ 228-2230 for Mass intentions. They make special gifts for birthdays, Christmas, giving thanks, healing, anniversaries, thinking of you, or just because.

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DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUN, OCT 21 @ 10:00 AM
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
$25/anniversary couple & $10 each guest
reserve at www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary or Call Laura @ 510-267-8395

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REVIEW AND PLAN AHEAD

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Dec 16: all items must be submitted by Fri, Dec 07 by noon
Dec 23: all items must be submitted by Fri, Dec 07 by noon
Jan 06: all items must be submitted by Fri, Dec 21 by noon
Sixth and first grade students presented a very special Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. With readings, songs and art, they celebrated all of God’s creatures. Many families brought their furry, fluffy, and scaled critters to school for the annual blessing from Fr. Anthony.

SCS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: Student Learning Expectation—Service Towards Others
KINDER: Elinore Sattes            FIRST: Olivia Ramos
THIRD: Owen Briley & Xander Becker    FOURTH: Alexis Zuniga
SIXTH: Jeffrey Marks                    SEVENTH: Isabelle Cooley

HOPING THAT YOU’LL JOIN US AT THE AUCTION—SAT, FEB 23, 2019 and GOLF TOURNAMENT—SAT, MAR 30, 2019

ST. CATHERINE OPEN HOUSE—OCT 16
10am to 12pm—Come by during open house hours & learn more about our great school! Meet with Mrs. Griswold for a tour of the school! Spread the Word

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS—A LUMEN CHRISTI ACADEMY SCHOOL

These are just some of the members of the St. Catherine of Siena Respect Life Ministry offering hospitality after Masses on the annual Respect Life Sunday. From left to right: Marc Susin, Kyle Susin, Carolyn Susin, Debbie Pelizzari, Joy Belleza, Linda Easterday, and Jowen Chang. If you, individually, or as part of a group would like to join with the many parishioners who offer hospitality on Sunday mornings, your participation is appreciated. Select an open date on the calendar and let the Stewardship know by emailing bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com. Thank you.

IGNITE WEEKLY READING REFLECTION WITH CLERGY
Mondays . 6:30—7:45 PM . Parish Center . St. Gabriel Room
An inspiring feature film on Saint Pope John XXIII, starring Edward Asner in an acclaimed performance as the beloved pontiff, who came from common stock and was known for his simplicity, courage, and love for humanity. Shot on location in Rome and Italy, and produced by the Italian film company Lux Vide, makers of Pope John Paul II and Saint Rita, this movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an “interim Pope” who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council. This film also underscores his wonderful sense of humor and great charity towards others, especially the poor, downtrodden, and the outcast. Shot in widescreen, with excellent acting and beautiful cinematography, the film also stars Claude Rich, Sydne Rome, Massimo Ghini, and Franco Interlenghi. Run Time: 3 hrs. 23 mins.

THIS FEATURE CAN BE ENJOYED THROUGH THE SCS ACCESS: HTTPS://FORMED.ORG. ENTER CODE: XPTJK8 (CASE SENSITIVE)

The San Lorenzo Ruiz Community thanks all those who attended the 9-day novena and celebrated at the complimentary fiesta! A raffle was offered with wonderful prizes which money collected was used to defray the costs of some of the food. Thank you.

The Cementry & Funeral Services is Hosting WISDOM OF WOMEN Sunday, October 14 @ 1 to 4 PM in the Chapel It’s an afternoon focused on the emotional, spiritual, & physical well-being of women. Inspiring speakers share their journey of transforming loss into hope and renewal. Light refreshments & vendors. 1965 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette.

2018 ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE GATHERING SAT, NOV 3 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM Cathedral of Christ the Light For prayer, fellowship & to share best practices with others working to protect & promote life! RSVP at www.oakdiocese.org/respectlife
## READINGS & REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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<td>A modest proposal&lt;br&gt;Jonathan Swift set his 18th-century readers on fire when he “modestly” suggested that poverty in Ireland could be ended if the Irish would but resolve to eat their children. This grotesque recommendation was neither serious nor a joke, but something else: a wake-up call to the plight of the desperate. When Jesus offers His modest proposal of total renunciation of our property, we’re left in the same boat as Swift’s audience. Is Jesus serious or kidding? What is He saying about what’s most vital for life? Can’t we follow Him—and drag all our cool stuff along? <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MON, OCT 15, 2018: MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</strong></td>
<td>Be bold in prayer&lt;br&gt;A sampling from Saint Teresa of Ávila’s autobiography (completed in 1565) reveals her bold, brilliant, and utterly endearing approach to prayer: “I had quite lost trust in myself and was placing all my confidence in God. I believe I told Him then that I would not rise from that spot until He had granted me what I was beseeching. I feel sure that this did me good, for from that time onward I began to improve.” Teresa was fearless in her demand for God’s attention as she worked her way toward divine union. Be brave today and let the Holy Spirit with Teresa’s aid teach you what to say as you pray. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”</strong></td>
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<td>Set your heart on fire&lt;br&gt;Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque had a deep and abiding devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is often depicted as a heart on fire and pierced with a crown of thorns. For Margaret Mary, this image was a reminder of the very real suffering and sacrifices Jesus made out of unending love for us. Call to mind the Sacred Heart the next time you are having a difficult day and need a reminder of the intensity of God’s love for you. There is nothing that can keep you from receiving God’s healing embrace except your own will to do so. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.”</strong></td>
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<td>Everyone is welcome&lt;br&gt;If it weren’t for Saint Ignatius of Antioch (c. 50-107), who way back in the first century used the word <em>catholic</em> in his description of the early Church, what might our Church be called today? <em>Catholic</em> works because it speaks to the unity and the diversity that continues to make the Church universal for all people of all times and all places. That ours is the Church of the apostles and those who followed them, like Ignatius, is both reassuring and challenging. Today savor the richness of our universal Church. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them.”</strong></td>
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<td>Shared meals are doubly blessed&lt;br&gt;We probably think of the Last Supper as the moment when Jesus made all meals sacred. But, according to Saint Luke, whose feast we celebrate today, nearly every meal Jesus ate was a radical act of love. He sat down with anyone and everyone: saints and sinners, Pharisees and prostitutes. Dorothy Day understood Jesus’ actions this way: “We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love each other we must know each other in the breaking of the bread... Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. Love comes with community.” <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid.”</strong></td>
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<td>Give your all&lt;br&gt;The Jesuit Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues came to North America largely to convert as many members of the Huron tribe to the Catholic faith as possible. The story of the encounter of these men with the indigenous people had consequences for both sides. But their lives and deaths watered the seeds of faith, as the blood of martyrs often does, and helped bring Catholicism to this continent. Remember their courage and perseverance the next time you are called upon to make a sacrifice. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid.”</strong></td>
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<td>Wait for your answer&lt;br&gt;While a young man, Saint Paul of the Cross was unsure which direction his life should take—a military or business career? Marriage? Then one day he was listening to a homily on the sufferings of Jesus, and it all made sense to him: He would redirect his life to bring others the message of God’s love expressed in Christ’s Passion. He desired to form a community of the like-minded to pursue this mission, but he had to wait more than two decades—years he spent as a hospital chaplain and traveling preacher—before the Church officially gave him permission to found a religious order, the Passionists. It can take time to find one’s calling and be confirmed in it. But the satisfaction is worth the wait. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SUN, OCT 21, 2018: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</strong></td>
<td>Chasing greatness&lt;br&gt;Ruins of ancient empires can be found around the globe. We’re awed by these traces of grandeur even as we’re summoned to awareness of the passing of worldly power. Every nation in history that once sought to be great has the antiquities to testify to their achievement—and the ashes to witness to its elusiveness. The only greatness that matters is the kind that lays its existence on fire and pierced with a crown of thorns. For Margaret Mary, this image was a reminder of the very real suffering and sacrifices Jesus made out of unending love for us. Call to mind the Sacred Heart the next time you are having a difficult day and need a reminder of the intensity of God’s love for you. There is nothing that can keep you from receiving God’s healing embrace except your own will to do so. <strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them.”</strong></td>
<td><strong>Today’s readings:</strong> Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 (464).&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”</strong></td>
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