St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
Martinez, California, November 25, 2018.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts and giving glory to God.

“My Kingdom does not belong to this world.”
**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:** 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM  
**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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**WEEKDAYS:** 
- Saturday 8:30 AM  
- Sunday 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM  
- Monday-Friday 8:30 AM

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** has passed. Submissions for the weekend of Dec. 9 all items must be submitted by Fri., Nov 30 by noon.

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**PRE SCHOOL:** 1125 Ferry Street, Martinez, CA  
**TELEPHONE / FAX:** 925-229-2255 / 925-229-2474  
**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** www.virtusonline.org  
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**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**Holiday Schedule**

**for Your Reference**

**SAT DEC 1** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass

**SUN DEC 2** 1st week of Advent  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, 12:30

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**SAT DEC 8** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass  
**SUN DEC 9** 2nd week of Advent  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, 12:30

**Advent Communal Penance Service**

**TUE DEC 11** 7:00 pm

**SAT DEC 15** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass  
**SUN DEC 16** 3rd week of Advent  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, and 12:30 Las Posadas

**FRI DEC 21** 7:00 pm—8:15 pm  
All Choirs Concert

**SAT DEC 22** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass  
**SUN DEC 23** 4th week of Advent  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, 12:30

**Christmas Eve - Nativity of the Lord**

**MON DEC 24** 4:00 pm  Children/Youth  
11:45 pm  Prelude  
11:59 pm  Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord**

**TUE DEC 25** 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

**SAT DEC 29** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass  
**SUN DEC 30** Feast of the Holy Family  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, 12:30

**MON DEC 31** 7:00 pm  New Year’s Eve  
Vigil Mass

**TUE JAN 1**  
Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God  
8:00 am & 12:10 pm

**SAT JAN 5** 4:30 pm  Vigil Mass  
**SUN JAN 6** Epiphany of the Lord  
7:00, 8:30 (morning prayer), 10:30, 12:30
Dear friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, we are at the end of the Liturgical Year. Let us recall the words of Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical QUAS PRIMAS published on December 11, 1925 to better celebrate this Feast. He wrote:

“We remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ; and that We promised to do as far as lay in Our power. In the Kingdom of Christ, that is, it seemed to Us that peace could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of Our Lord. We were led in the meantime to indulge the hope of a brighter future at the sight of a more widespread and keener interest evinced in Christ and His Church, the one Source of Salvation, a sign that men who had formerly spurned the rule of our Redeemer and had exiled themselves from His Kingdom were preparing, and even hastening, to return to the duty of obedience.”

“it has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby He excels all creatures. So He is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of His intellect and the extent of His knowledge, and also because He is the very truth, and it is from Him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in Him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by His grace and inspiration He so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of His "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And His mercy and kindness which draw all men to Him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense, too. For it is only as man that He may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him, and, therefore, has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created” (no. 7).

May we all learn to submit ourselves to Christ the Lord in all things. May His mercy and love remain forever in us and channel through us into the world.

Sincerely,
Rev. Anthony Le

To read the entire Encyclical please visit: https://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_11121925_quas-primas.html.
**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.

To host hospitality, email bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com

| Sunday, 11/25 | Our Lord Jesus Christ  
| | King of the Universe  
| | Hospitality—SLRC hosts  
| 8:00 AM PH |  
| 2:00 PM CH |  
| Monday, 11/26 | St. Faustus, pray for us.  
| | IGNITE Reading Reflection with Clergy  
| 6:30 PM PC |  
| Tuesday, 11/27 | St. Valerian, pray for us.  
| | Choir Rehearsal  
| 6:00 PM CH |  
| 7:30 PM CH |  
| Wednesday, 11/28 | St. Catherine Laboure, pray for us.  
| | Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
| 5:00 PM PH |  
| 6:00 PM CH/SC |  
| 6:00 PM PH |  
| 6:30 PM PCL |  
| Thursday, 11/29 | St. Ilustina, pray for us.  
| | Lectors Meeting  
| 7:00 PM CH |  
| Friday, 11/30 | St. Andrew, Apostle, pray for us.  
| | Adoration  
| 12:00 PM CH |  
| 5:00 PM CH |  
| 6:00 PM CH |  
| Saturday, 12/1 | St. Eligius, pray for us.  
| | SVdP Food Distribution  
| 9:30 AM PCL |  
| 11:00 AM PH |  
| 11:00 AM PCL |  
| 1:00 PM CH |  
| 2:00 PM PH |  
| 3:00 PM CH |  
| 5:30 PM PH |  
| Sunday, 12/2 | First Sunday of Advent  
| | YLI Holiday Lane  
| 8:00 AM PH |  
| 2:30 PM CH |  
| 3:45 PM PCL |  
| 6:00 PM PCL |  
| CH = Church | RC = Rectory  
| PH = Parish Hall | SC = School  
| PC = Parish Center | YD = School Yard  
| | YS: Youth Shack  
| | PCL: Parish Center Library

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018  CONTRIBUTIONS**

Collection amounts will be reported in next weekend’s bulletin since they were not yet collected when this bulletin went to print.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

REMEMBER ST. CATHERINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & LIVING TRUST

**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

| SAT 11/24 | 4:30 Toby Trujillo & Phyllis Valerio  
| SUN 11/25 | 7:00 Int. Edgardo Salgado  
| | 8:30 Roland Bartolomei  
| | 10:30 Thomas & Eva Hernandez & Family†  
| | 12:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
| MON 11/26 | 8:00 Don Moody  
| TUE 11/27 | 8:00 Alan Ashbury  
| WED 11/28 | 8:00 Willian Foley Jr.  
| FRI 11/30 | 8:00 Philomena Charar  
| SAT 12/1 | 8:00 Ray Martellacci  
| | 4:30 Theresa Mlinchin & Anthony DeVenuta  
| SUN 12/2 | 7:00 Arthur, Blanche & Richard Brouette  
| | 8:30 Thomas, Eva Hernandez & Family†  
| | 10:30 Rodolfo & Crispina Salgado  
| | 12:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish  

Call the Parish Office for Mass intentions. Up to 10 Masses (6 weekend Masses) can be requested at one time per year. Additional weekend Masses can be requested after six months of your initial request. Wed morning Masses from Sep through Jun are designated for the school and school families’ intentions.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday, December 8

Masses @ 8 am & 12:10 pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Ticket includes open bar & all the crab you can eat! For ticket prices, tickets and/or questions Call Rik Silva @ 925-334-2499

**SAVE THE DATE—FOR THE NEXT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Sat, Dec 8*, Holy Mass @ 4:30 pm followed by Reception @ 5:30 pm

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

*(Please note: date changed from Dec 15)

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTARS**

IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ITEMS FROM THE ALTARS. AFTER TODAY THEY WILL BE PLACED IN LOST AND FOUND. THANKS.

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Proper role: Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant. —P. T. Barnum

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Bulletin Holiday Deadlines

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: In conjunction with the early deadlines imposed by the publisher, bulletin submissions and requests must follow the timeline dates listed below. Please plan ahead.

Dec 09: all items must be submitted by Fri, Nov 30 by noon
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
Dec 30: all items must be submitted by Fri, Dec 14 by noon
Jan 06: all items must be submitted by Fri, Dec 21 by noon

4-week Advent Retreat for Moms

Wednesdays, Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, & 19 @ 9am following morning Mass

St. Catherine Parish Center Library

For more info, call Karen @ 788-7716

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Simbang Gabi, the Filipino tradition of an early morning novena preceding Christmas Eve is celebrated from December 16–24. St. Catherine Parish will participate & Fr. Anthony will preside at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Concord @ 5:30 am on Tuesday, December 18. Reception following courtesy of SLRC.
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Fr. Anthony would like to hear about your faith journey. Won't you consider submitting a faith sharing article? Your journey can and will help others on their journeys.

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**COMMUNAL PENANCE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 7PM**

**ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS**
**A Lumen Christi Academy School**

**HOPING THAT YOU’LL JOIN US!**
@ AUCTION on SAT, FEB 23, 2019
and @ GOLF TOURNAMENT on SAT, MAR 30, 2019

**COMMUNITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SUNDAY HOSPITALITY 2019**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING OUTREACH**
Advent tree will be up in church on Sat/Sun, Dec 1/2

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ALL CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT . FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 @ 7 PM**

**ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL 24TH ANNUAL AUCTION**
**FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

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Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint.

Just as remarkable are the many non-Catholic witnesses who attest to Father Kapaun’s heroism: the Protestants, Jews, and Muslims who either served with the military chaplain in the thick of battle or endured with him the incredibly brutal conditions of a prisoner of war camp. These Korean War veterans, no matter their religion, agree that Father Kapaun did more to save lives and maintain morale than any other man they know.

Then there are the alleged miracles—and recent healings attributed to Father Kapaun’s intercession that defy scientific explanation. Under investigation by the Vatican as a necessary step in the process of canonization, these cures witnessed by non-Catholic doctors are also covered in this book.

In tracking down the story of Father Kapaun for the Wichita Eagle, Wenzl and Heying uncovered a paradox. Kapaun’s ordinary background as the son of Czech immigrant farmers in Kansas sowed the seeds of his greatness. His faith, generosity, and grit began with his family’s humility, thrift, and hard work. Run Time: 44 mins.

YLI’s Annual Holiday Lane will be open Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2 in the Parish Hall after all Masses. Admission is Free. There will be many great gift ideas at bargain prices. Also, baked goods & warm foods! YLI proceeds will be given to the parish & YLI various charities. Organizations are to donate 10% of their profits to the parish. If your parish organization wants to reserve a table please call Willy 228-9072 or Barbara 372-0775 or Sheila 957-6035.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) INTRO CLASS—FREE

December. 15, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Brentwood.

Join other couples and individuals to hear about the science & effectiveness of family planning that is natural & healthy for women & marriages, while being supported by Church teaching. Dr. Tom & Mrs. Debbie Lenz challenge cultural perceptions & present scientific & practical information on the variety of safe natural methods being taught all over the world. You can benefit from this timely introduction to NFP, whether you just want to understand your body better, avoid a pregnancy, or find an alternative to infertility treatments. For more info & RSVP call @ 510.271.1936.

SAVE THE DATE
15th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE!
SAT, JAN. 26, 2019
A bus will be available providing round-trip transportation to the event in San Francisco. More info soon. Sponsored by St. Catherine Respect Life Ministry.

ATTENTION:
Catechists, Parents, Catholic School Teachers, All Adults

Be equipped to transform and inspire others. Get the answers to tough questions about the faith. Grow in your faith, develop skills to share it, meet others who seek to do the same. Classes meet once a month Saturdays from 8:45 AM –3:30 PM Beginning January 12, 2019 @ Holy Names High School in Oakland

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$150= registration fee ($450 total fee)
Or call Valentin Carrillo @ 510-267-8370

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Gratitude: What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?
—Coventry Patmore

Originality: Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.
—St. Peter Julian Eymard
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<td><strong>SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</strong> By whose authority</td>
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<td>Every instance of bad leadership reinforces the vital importance of good leaders. In Church and in government, at work and at home, we need people of wisdom and vision to take us into the future. Leaders must lead, not merely from a platform or agenda, but with a profound respect for the common good as an unshakable principle. Championing the common good makes families more holy, workplaces more just, societies more civil, and governments more noble. What kind of world do we want to live in? At what kind of authority will we bend our knees?</td>
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<td>MON, NOV 26, 2018</td>
<td><strong>Generosity is not for sale</strong></td>
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<td>Strolling through the crooked, crowded, exciting streets of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, you’ll see vendors hawking every imaginable treasure. Spices from the Orient, silks of India, beauty products made with Dead Sea salts, prayer shawls of every description. You can buy almost anything there, including “the widow’s mite,” according to the sandwich board in front of an archeologically minded coin shop. Whether or not the coins are authentic to the time of Jesus, the one thing you can never acquire from any shop is the spirit of generosity that humble woman in the gospel story demonstrated. Is your generosity big enough to impress Jesus?</td>
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<td>TUE, NOV 27, 2018</td>
<td><strong>Time’s up</strong></td>
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<td>At the close of each Church year, Catholics get a little apocalyptic in their focus. While it’s in the fine print of mortality that someday we’ll face the final hour of this life, it’s a thought we keep under wraps most of the time. Yet the hour of the Reaper is coming: How prepared are you to be “reaped”? The Church invites you to practice the daily examination of conscience to consider the harvest of each day, both the chaff and the grain of your efforts. (Search on “examination of conscience” online for some options.) Consider today: What fruits have you gathered in your efforts.</td>
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<td>WED, NOV 28, 2018</td>
<td><strong>Walk the walk and you will talk the talk</strong></td>
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<td>As we approach Advent, we already begin to hear talk of preparing for Christ’s coming—making ourselves ready. And of course we have gospels full of warnings to “Be prepared,” “Keep vigil,” “Bring oil for your lamps,” “You know not the day nor the hour.” But when it comes to defending our faith at the end times, Jesus tells us to not prepare our testimony in advance. Huh? Apparently we’re to get busy putting our faith into action now, and when the time comes for putting it into words, we can rely on the wisdom of the Spirit to help us out.</td>
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<td>THU, NOV 29, 2018</td>
<td><strong>Put an end to gloom and doom</strong></td>
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<td>Each new generation has its heralds of doom reading signs in every calamity that the end is near. But rest assured, the end-times are not our concern. Our commission is to stand amid the chaos and “give birth to a dancing star,” to quote Nietzsche at his poetical best. Our choice is always to embrace life—a gift freely given to us by One who loves us. So ignore those who speak the language of scarcity and gloom. They want you to live small, fear-filled lives. “Stand erect,” Jesus says. “Drink from My cup.” Do this, and you will be satisfied and most surely saved.</td>
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<td>FRI, NOV 30, 2018</td>
<td><strong>FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE</strong> Cast a wide net</td>
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<td>In the gospels, Andrew is portrayed as a simple fisherman who brought others to Jesus. He brought forward the boy with the five loaves and two fishes. He brought his brother Simon the news, “We have found the Messiah.” In Jerusalem, he introduced some Greek men who wanted to meet Jesus and speak to Him. Later, he was a missionary said to have traveled widely before being martyred on a cross in the shape of an X. Because of the belief that Andrew preached in Scotland, the Scottish put his cross on their flag. While few of us will be remembered on national flags, all of us can be remembered as people who did our best to introduce others to the healing message of Jesus.</td>
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<td>SAT, DEC 1, 2018</td>
<td><strong>MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</strong> Ours were the wounds He bore</td>
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<td>People throw parties when it’s time to celebrate. But grief and loss are private places we often go alone. How comforting to know that Mary our Mother went all of those places ahead of us and is waiting there to enfold us in mercy and consolation! Pick up a rosary today and pray the Sorrowsful Mysteries for those who are suffering alone and unseen: in places of humiliation and condemnation, in sickness and disability, in mourning and loneliness, and especially at the hour of death.</td>
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<td>SUN, DEC 2, 2018</td>
<td><strong>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</strong> A sober reckoning</td>
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<td>Happy Advent! Although this season shares Lent’s purple color, it’s not meant to evoke the penitential atmosphere of that other preparatory season. Yet, Advent does invite us to a more contemplative mood. Apart from the dizzying holiday pace of December, we make room to ponder a mystery. God is with us: as a baby born to mortal limits, as the boundless Lord of the end-times, and as the Spirit that accompanies us right now, through all our days. Our times give us many reasons to be afraid. The perfect love of God-with-us casts out every fear.</td>
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