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

La parroquia de Santa Catarina de Siena sigue a Jesús dándole la bienvenida a todos, compartiendo nuestros dones y dando gloria a Dios.
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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.  

**EARLY DEADLINES:**  
Closely watch early deadlines imposed by the publisher and plan ahead accordingly.  

Submissions for Jan 6 has passed. Next deadline for bulletin: All items must be submitted by Fri, Jan 4 by noon for Jan 13. All items must be submitted by Fri, Jan 11 by noon for Jan 20.  

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY:**  
8:00 AM and 4:30 PM  
**SUNDAY:**  
7:00 AM  
8:30 AM  
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  

Before serving or continuing in your ministry, complete the Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project Training at www.virtusonline.org. Thank you.
Ministry & Group Leaders: Fr. Anthony is asking that you kindly submit articles for the ‘faith sharing’ section of the bulletin as well as encourage your memberships to do the same. Directions are below. Please include a picture. Your service and efforts are appreciated.

From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator

Dear friends,

The St. Catherine of Siena Finance Council is pleased to share a Year-End Financial Report with fellow Parishioners:

The current financial condition of our Parish: Through the first eleven months of 2018, the revenue was approximately $40,000 above the first eleven months of 2017. The Parish as a whole benefits from this generosity.

These funds have allowed Father Anthony to make overdue parish maintenance and repairs as well as improvements to our Church and Parish Center. The most visible is the new sign at the Church front on Mellus Street showing the St. Catherine name and the Mass times of our Parish. We now have highly visible signage along the front of our Parish Center on Ferry Street as well as an inviting landscape at its entrance. Also completed is the first of two planned ramps that will allow parishioners easier access into the Church. A third ramp leading into the Parish Center is currently being designed. Father Anthony has also announced his plan for the renovation and restoration of St. Catherine precious stained-glass windows.

Future projects are being planned. Among them are the restoration of the Church pews; the re-carpeting of the Sanctuary, and the repair and restoration of the Church restrooms.

The Finance Council is supportive of Father Anthony’s efforts to restore St. Catherine of Siena Parish to a place of prominence in Martinez and the surrounding communities. As parishioners ourselves, we are proud that our community’s generosity is being invested into the Parish facilities in which we give Glory to God and provide service to the Martinez community.

We wish to thank the St. Catherine of Siena parishioners for their continued support.

Sincerely,

SCS Finance Council: Don Brocca & Dennis Koller, Co-Finance Council Chairs; Esther Concepcion, Secretary; Carolyn Susin, Ed Sweiszcz & Deacon Albert Dizon

Please Notice This

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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. THANK YOU.

From your contributions, the addition of the stained glass halo signifying St. Pope John XXIII’s sainthood; and, new signage donated by ICF Br.#13.

A GIFT FOR YOU!
As a token of our love and appreciation for your support and love, we are offering you a subscription of FORMED valued at $1,800.00 as a Christmas and New Year gift. FORMED is a bilingual (English and Spanish) revolutionary digital platform that offers a wealth of information and entertaining Catholic audio talks, eBooks, feature films, documentaries, and video-based study programs from trusted providers like Catholic Answers, Sophia Press, Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Press, St. Paul Center, and more.

There are two ways you can use FORMED.

1. Go to Internet Explorer and Click https://formed.org Enter Access Code: XPTJK8 (case sensitive). Enter your email and create a password (you’ll need this to login later.)
2. Download the FORMED App to your smartphone and login with Access Code: XPTJK8

May God bless you all and those you love.

Happy New Year!

From the neighbors we serve through ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
The residents of the local SKILLED NURSING HOMES And, the children and parents at the MOUNTAIN VIEW SHELTER were thankful and overwhelmed at the gifts and generosity of St. Catherine parishioners.
Thank you all for being the answers to so many prayers this Christmas season!

What: Signups for the 2019 CYO Track & Field Season When: MON, 1-14 and THU 1-24 from 6 PM to 8 PM Where: CTK School - 6th Grade Classroom, Room 222 What to Bring: Three required forms & two checks. Forms are available at http://www.ctktrack.org/. PLEASE NOTE: This year we will not be accepting registration forms on the first day of practice. We will also not be accepting any late registration forms. If you are planning on participating during this upcoming season (and we hope you are), we will need your completed registration forms and payment on 01/14 or 01/24.
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, 12/30 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 PM PH Hospitality—Host needed

Monday, 12/31 St. Sylvester, pray for us.
6:30 PM PC IGNITE Reading Reflection with Clergy
7:00 PM CH New Year’s Eve Mass followed by
8:00 PM PH Count Down to the New Year!

Tuesday, 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
10:00 PM CH Holy Day of Obligation Mass
12:10 PM CH Holy Day of Obligation Mass
7:30 PM CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 1/2 St. Basil the Great, pray for us.
5:00 PM PH Children’s Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM CH/SC NO Faith Formation PreK-8th Grades
6:15 PM PCL Legion of Mary Meeting

Thursday, 1/3 St. Genevieve, pray for us.
7:00 PM CH Lectors Meeting
7:00 PM PCL Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, 1/4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
12:00 PM CH Adoration
5:00 PM CH Benediction

Saturday, 1/5 St. John Neumann, pray for us.
9:30 AM PCL SVdP Food Distribution
11:00 AM CH Memorial Mass
3:00 PM CH Reconciliation

Sunday, 1/6 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 PM PH Hospitality—Youth Group hosts

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

TWO WEEKS-AT-A-GLANCE
DECEMBER 16, 2018

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul recently received a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Grant of $500; an anonymous donation of $500; and $803 parishioner contributions. We appreciate the generosity of all those who support SVdP.

INTEGRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 12/29
8:00 Ray Martellacci †
4:30 Bob Tomasich †

SUN 12/30
7:00 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
8:30 Francis & Katherine Rose †
10:30 Reynaldo Lejano †
12:30 Toby Trujillo & Jessie Castro †

MON 12/31
8:00 Rev. James McGee
7:00 Int. all mothers of the parish

TUE 1/1
10:00 Jose & Ceferina Oco
12:10 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish

WED 1/2
8:00 Int. Benjamin Quisumbing—Birthday

FRI 1/4
8:00 Maryilyn & Louise Aiello †

SAT 1/5
8:00 Shirley Curtin Bass †
4:30 Peggy Clemens †

SUN 1/6
7:00 Arthur, Blanche & Richard Brouette †
8:30 Int. St. Catherine of Siena Parish
10:30 Int. Buscaglia Family
12:30 Rosendo Terry Estrada †

Call the Parish Office for Mass intentions.

BINGO
* 5:30 PM Snack Bar Opens
* 6:30 PM Early Bird Bingo
* 7:00 PM Regular Games
* in the SCS Parish Hall

Join us at St. Catherine BINGO
15th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE!
SAT, JAN. 26, 2019

St. Catherine of Siena Respect Life Ministry has reserved a 47-seat chartered bus for transportation to San Francisco. Please meet the bus in front of the church @ 7:45 AM for 8:00 AM departure and return back to St. Catherine @ approximately 4:30 PM.

To reserve a seat on the bus, please call Debbie @ 370-3874 or email debpelizzari@comcast.net
Please Leave a phone number.
Your reservation will be confirmed.

SUGGESTED FREE WILL DONATION OF $10

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother of God
MON DEC 31 @ 7:00 pm
New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass
TUE JAN 1 @
10:00 am & 12:10 pm

Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SAT, JAN 19 @ 10 AM
Fr. Anthony will celebrate a Mass for St. Catherine Senior citizens together with a Communal Anointing of the Sick for those ill in mind, body, and spirit.
Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas Eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend. This feature can be enjoyed through the SCS Access: Go to internet explorer and click http://formed.org. enter code: XPTJK8 (case sensitive)

The Christmas Spirit was alive and well at St. Catherine of Siena School. Students celebrated Jesus’ birth with Ugly Sweater day, red and green free dress, and pajama day. Our enthusiastic student leaders model dress for the upcoming week. Pictured left to right: Josh Perez Craig Fergeson, Rylan Riccobono, Caitlin Solorio, Isabelle Cooley, Amelia Vita, Preston Rosselli and Connor Solorio.
—Diana Corsetti

The YLI sends a big thank you to all who made Holiday Lane a great success. We thank parishioners for their support, the organizations for their participation & Deacon Dave & the youth group for their help. The YLI raised $1,263 from which donations were made to the parish, Youth Group, Golden Jubilee Burse, Meals on Wheels & the Grand YLI Institute Disaster Fund. Other participant organizations profits will be reported as soon as received by the parish office/bulletin. Leaders, please provide those soon. Thank you.
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<td>SUN, DEC 30, 2018</td>
<td>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</td>
<td>Resume the conversation. It happens all the time: The younger generation departs from traditional ways, while the older one wrings its hands and predicts the end of the world. The kids are abandoning our values, mistrusting our institutions, taking terrible risks, and setting out in a dark direction! Without a doubt, the turnover of each generation is the end of “a” world—that is, the one the rest of us knew, built, and got comfortable in. Each family has to keep the lines of communications open, so that wisdom gets passed on and change becomes less scary. Holy families keep the conversation going. Today’s readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52 (17). “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”</td>
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<td>MON, DEC 31, 2018</td>
<td>MEMORIAL OF SYLVESTER I, POPE</td>
<td>Old friends remembered. On New Year’s Eve, tradition has us questioning, rhetorically, whether old friends should be forgotten, but that goes against the grain for the saints and bishops who try as a community to preserve the memory of those who have served the Lord with distinction. Some, like Pope Sylvester I, have rather sparse legacies—which is surprising for one of our longest reigning popes (314-335). But we do know that he enjoyed the Roman emperor Constantine’s favor and was able to expand the church’s influence and dedicate many churches, including the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Take time to consider your own legacy of faith today, and then raise a glass for all the forgotten Christians who put their faith into practice in each generation. Today’s readings: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). “All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being.”</td>
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<td>TUE, JAN 1, 2019</td>
<td>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD / OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY</td>
<td>Make a free choice. Turning a new page on the calendar always invites a fresh perspective—even more so when it’s a brand-new calendar! So lose your chains. You’re invited today to let go of the old year, both “what we have done” and “what we have failed to do.” Time to give and receive pardon for offenses. Time to craft resolutions and adopt new habits. Time to become people of justice and peace! On this eighth and final day of Christmas, accept the gift of your true identity: a free child of God, heir to a land of relentless hope. Today’s readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). “You are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.”</td>
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<td>WED, JAN 2, 2019</td>
<td>MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT</td>
<td>Let your light shine. “God... wants you to become... lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven,” wrote Saint Gregory Nazianzus (329-c. 390), the monk who was an Emily Dickinson of the early church—happiest in seclusion writing poetry and theology on the love of God. But his lifelong friend and fellow monk, Saint Basil the Great (c. 329-379), was more active than contemplative, talking Gregory into becoming a bishop to help fight heresy. Gregory wasn’t cut out for leadership, however. He resigned, resenting Basil for not seeing his true talents. Do we let our own light shine as brightly as it could? Today’s readings: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one coming after me.”</td>
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<td>THU, JAN 3, 2019</td>
<td>MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS</td>
<td>What’s in a name? How you talk about someone by name shows the regard—or lack of it—you have for them. God gave the Israelites the commandment: “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” Honoring the name of God, though, means more than not using it casually. It also involves showing respect for the One the name represents. That there is a feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus should come as no surprise. Devotion to Jesus’ name goes back many centuries, and the Franciscan saints Bernardine of Siena and John of Capistrano helped to make it popular. Honoring the name honors Jesus the person and His presence in your everyday life. Today’s readings: 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”</td>
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<td>FRI, JAN 4, 2019</td>
<td>MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS</td>
<td>Losing leads to finding. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was canonized in 1975, the first U.S.-born person to be so. Her life was relatively short and filled with more than its share of grief and loss. Always a deeply religious woman, her losses deepened her faith and motivated her to convert to Catholicism as an adult. This was a rather dramatic step to take in early American society, where Protestant-Catholic relations were not all that positive, to put it mildly. Sometimes our life experiences lead us to take actions of which others will disapprove. If we are motivated by charitable love and compassion, however, our inner voice will guide us to make the right decisions, whether we gain the approval of others or not. Today’s readings: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 (207). “When Jesus turned and saw them following Him, He asked, ‘What are you looking for?’”</td>
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<td>SAT, JAN 5, 2019</td>
<td>MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP</td>
<td>Striving for greatness. English wasn’t a second language for John Neumann (1811-60), it was a seventh or eighth. Along with his native Slovak, he mastered at least six more European languages. As if that weren’t enough, when he was bishop of Philadelphia, he saw how Irish immigrants struggled with American English, so he learned Gaelic to help them out. Lots of new arrivals to America have trouble with English. Wouldn’t it be saintly if we, like John Neumann, worked to learn a new language so we could help? Greatness, Jesus reminds us, is about serving those in need. ¡Qué bueno! Today’s readings: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51 (208). “Jesus said to Nathaniel, ‘You will see greater things than these.’”</td>
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<td>SUN, JAN 6, 2019</td>
<td>SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</td>
<td>We bow to a higher authority. From the first moment of his papacy, Pope Francis impressed the world with his humility. The newly minted pope bowed his head and invited us, the church, to bless him. How rare it is for leaders on the world stage to approach their role with humility and reverence! The typical response to the bestowal of power is a rising spirit of arrogance and aggression. We observe the contrast between the Magi who prostrate themselves before an infant, while King Herod snarls and plots violence with his yes-men. How do we wield the authority we hold in our hands? Today’s readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). “They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.”</td>
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30 DIC 2018 Fiesta de la Santa Familia de Jesús María y José Reanudar la conversación

Ocurre todo el tiempo: la generación más joven se aparta de las formas tradicionales, yo el más viejo le da la mano y predice el fin del mundo. Los niños abundan en valores, desconfían en nuestras instalaciones, asumen riesgos terribles y avanzan en una dirección difícil! Sin lugar a dudas, la rotación de una generación es el fin del mundo, es decir, el resto de nosotros lo supimos, construimos y nos sentimos cómodos. Cada familia tiene que mantener abiertas las líneas de conversación para que la sabiduría se pase encendido y el cambio de vuelta menos aterrador. Sagradas familias mantienen la conversación. ¿De qué manera se han mantenido las familias durante el tiempo? Las genealogías son un buen momento para hacer una comparación. Colosenses 3: 12-21 o 3:12-17 o 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24; Lucas 2:41-52 (17)*"Por qué me buscabas"? Sabías que tengo que estar el la casa de mi Padre?

31 DIC 2018 MEMORIAL DE SYLVESTER I, POPE Los viejos amigos recuerdan

El la víspera del Año Nuevo, la tradición nos hace cuestionar, retóricamente, si los viejos amigos deben de ser olvidados, pero eso va en contra de lo católicos que intentan como comunidad preservar la memoria de aquellos que han servido al Señor con distinción. Algunos, como el papa Silvestre I, tienen legados más bien escasos, lo cual es sorprendente para uno de nuestros papas más antiguos (314-335). Pero si sabemos que disfrutó del primer emperador Romano Constantino y que fue capaz de expandir la influencia de la Iglesia y dedicar muchas iglesias, incluida la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán en Roma. Tomése un tiempo para considerar su propio legado de de hoy, y luego levante un vaso para todos los cristianos olvidados que ponen su fe en práctica en cada generación. Lecturas de hoy: 1 Juan 2: 18-21; Juan 1: 2-18 (204) “Todas las cosas nacieron de él, y sin el nada de hizo.”

01 ENE 2019 SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, SANTA MADRE DE DIOS/OCTAVA DÍA DE LA NATIVIDAD Haz un comienzo libre y fresco

Dar vuelta a una nueva página en el calendario siempre invita una perspectiva, incluso más cuando se trata de un calendario con nuevas instancias. Así se pierden las cadenas. Lo invito a dejar el nuevo año, tanto “lo que hemos hecho” como “lo que no hemos hecho”. Es hora de dar y recibir perdón por el pasado. Es hora de elaborar resoluciones y adoptar nuevos hábitos. Es hora de convertirte en personas de justicia y paz. En este Octavo y último día de Navidad, acepta el regalo de tu nueva identidad: un hijo libre de Dios de esperanza implacable. Lecturas de hoy: Números 6: 22-27; Gálatas 4: 4-7; Lucas 2: 16-21 (18). "Tu no eres un esclavo, sino un niño, y si un niño también un heredero, a través De Dios.”

02 ENE2019 MEMORIAL DE BASIL EL GRANDE Y GREGORIANO NAZIANZUZ, OBISPOS, DOCTORES DE LA IGLESIJA Deja que tu luz brille

“Dios quiere que te conviertas en luces que brillen en el mundo.” “Ustedes deben de ser luces radiantes mientras están de pie junto a Cristo, la gran luz, bañados en la gloria de quien es La Luz del cielo”, escribió San Gregoriano Nazianzuz (329-c, 390), el monje que era una “Emily Dickinson” de la Iglesia, la Luz del cielo”, escribió San Gregoriano Nazianzuz (329-c, 390), el monje que era una “Emily Dickinson” de la Iglesia primitiva, más feliz en aislamiento, escribiendo puesta y teología sobre el amor De Dios. Pero su amigo y compañero monje de toda la vida, San Basilio el grande (c. 329-379), fue más activo que contemplativo y llevó a Gregoriano a convertirse en Obispo para ayudar a combatir la herejía. Sin embargo, Gregoriano no fue elegido para el liderazgo. Se resignó, resenitido con Basíl por no ver sus verdaderos talentos. ¡Dejamos que nuestra propia luz brille como podría! Lecturas de hoy: 1 Juan 2: 22-28; Juan 1: 19-28 (205) “Yo bautizo con agua. Entre ustedes se encuentra uno que no conocen, el viene después de mí.”

03 ENE 2019 MEMORIAL DEL NOMBRE MÁS SANTO DE JESÚS ¿Que hay en un nombre?

La forma en que usted habla de alguien por su nombre muestra respeto, o falta de ella, que tiene para ellos. Dios le dio a los Santos Francisco y Bernadine, por decirlo suavemente. Algunas veces nuestras experiencias de vida nos llevan a tomar acciones que otros desaprueban. Sin embargo, si nos motiva el amor caritativo y la compasión, nuestra voz interior nos guiará para tomar las decisiones correctas, ya sea que obtengamos la aprobación de los demás o no. Lecturas de hoy: 1 Juan 3:7-10; Juan 1:35-42 (207). “Cuando Jesús se volvió y los vio seguirlo, les preguntó: ‘¿Que están buscando?’”

04 ENE 2019 MEMORIAL DE ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOSA Perder lleva a encontrar

Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) fue canonizada en 1975, la primera persona nacida en EEUU que lo fue. Su vida fue relativamente corta y llena de su cuota de dolor y muerte. Siempre una mujer profundamente religiosa, sus pérdidas profundizaron su fe y la motivaron a convertirse al catolicismo como adulta. Este fue un paso dramático para tomar en la sociedad estadounidense temprana, donde las relaciones entre protestantes y católicos no fueran tan positivas, por decirlo suavemente. Algunas veces nuestras experiencias de vida nos llevan a tomar acciones que otros desaprueban. Sin embargo, si nos motiva el amor caritativo y la compasión, nuestra voz interior nos guiará para tomar las decisiones correctas, ya sea que obtengamos la aprobación de los demás o no. Lecturas de hoy: 1 Juan 3:11-21; Juan 1:3-17 (208). “Jesús le dijo a Nathanael: ‘Verás cosas más grandes que estas’.”

05 ENE 2019 MEMORIAL DE JOHN NEUMANN, OBISPO Luchando por la grandeza

El Inglés no era un segundo idioma para John Neumann (1811-1860), era el séptimo u octavo. Junto con su nativo eslovaco, dominó seis idóntás europeos. Cómo si eso fuera suficiente, cuando era obispo de Filadelfia, vio cómo los inmigrantes luchaban con el Inglés estadounidense, así que aprendió gaélico para ayudarlos. Muchos de los recién llegados a Estados Unidos tienen problemas con el Inglés. “‘No sería si no nosotros, cómo John Neumann, trabajábamos para aprender un nuevo lenguaje para poder ayudar?’ Gran de la, nos recuerda Jesús, se trata de servir a los necesitados. Lecturas de hoy: 1 Juan 3:11-21; Juan 1:43-51 (208). “Jesús le dijo a Nathanael: ‘Verás cosas más grandes que estas’.”

06 ENE 2019 SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR Nos inclinamos ante una autoridad superior

Desde el primer momento de su papado, el papa Francisco impresionó al mundo con su humildad. El papa recién acuñado inclinó su cabeza y nos invitó a nosotros, a la Iglesia, a bendecirlo. ‘¿Que raro que los líderes en el escenario mundial aborden la violencia con sus “si”’. Como manejás la autoridad que tenemos en nuestras manos? Lecturas de hoy: Isáías 60: 1-6; Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12 (20). “Se postraron y le hicieron homenaje”
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