St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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925-229-2255 / 925-229-2474
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.
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS EARLY DEADLINES:
Closely watch early deadlines imposed by the publisher and plan ahead accordingly. Deadlines for submissions for April 7 and April 14 have passed. Next deadline for bulletin:
All items must be submitted by Fri, Apr 5 by noon for Apr 21.
All items must be submitted by Thu, Apr 18 by noon for Apr 28.
Please direct your inquiries to the email above. Thank you.

LITURGY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY:
8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY:
7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM English
12:30 PM Spanish
WEEKDAYS:
8:00 AM (Monday 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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Guadalupe Cruz…………………………925-997-2432
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Legion of Mary
Bobby Kiefer…………………………925-658-1442
Loaves & Fishes
Denise Silva…………………………925-372-0740
Maintenance
Troy Killorn………………………………925-228-2230
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Respect Life
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Andrea Watkins…………………………925-228-2230
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Annette Liberty…………………………925-228-8428
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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.
Many folks get involved in many excellent programs like a good Samaritan. Just a few examples: Training of Altar Servers, respect for life walks, religious education, RCIA, Car Shows, Choir concert, Bingo, Knights of Columbus, Hispanic Dinners, Pancake breakfasts, St. Patrick Dinner & crab feed, Procession in Downtown Martinez, Ignite Program, fundraisers, Golf tournament, book sales, Maternity Shower, Shelter the homeless, Basic Fund Tuition assistance, etc. Families are excited to serve hospitals after Masses. Our choirs are superb, count volunteers. We sing palatable music with high degree of talent and dedicated virtuosity.

What does St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community mean to me?

Dear friends in Christ,

The history of St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community taught me noble ideas about the family of God. After serving her 7 Shepherds from Monsignor Dean, 1980 to our present Administrator Father Anthony Le, I have learned to love and enjoy this extraordinary ministry. I am only a rookie servant of God, nervous to step up to the plate to grab responsibilities. Based on my empirical observations our parish is not content with the “99 Sheep” that are safe and sound. Together with our priest, deacons, we vow to search out wide day and night to bring back the absent ones.

In my 40 years with this church, I have been an imperfect member. Most people I have acquaintance with are good neighbors and friends. Camaraderie is common during the services, hospitality, and socials. Sense of humor is amusing—lots of fun. Friendships abound, and morale is high. Jesus said: How do you love God? Love your neighbors. I’m happy to be a member of this Church.

The history of St. Catherine of Siena Parish began in 1850 when the population of Martinez was 875. Our present Parish church was built on May 30, 1940. It was solemnly blessed and dedicated by the Archbishop of San Francisco, John J. Nity. Our Church celebrated 100-year anniversary in 1975 and recently celebrated 145-year anniversary on May 30, 2018. Our Church membership is about 1200 registered households populated by ardent Italian, Sicilian, Portuguese, Irish, Anglo, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Black-American, and Middle Eastern worshipers. Our Church holds seats for about 300 people and ample number of parking spaces. Today we have an average of 700-800 people at all the Sunday Masses.

With sterling common sense, together with our clergy our community has started many needed renovations inside and outside the church: redecoration, repairs in many areas, wheelchair entrance ramp, etc. It’s going to be a source of inspiration to our community—a sign of good unity in our Diocese. These are “things” that motivate, energize, inspire us all. We are encouraged to pray for one another, comfort one another, lift up each heart, support one another.

May God bless you all,
—C.C. Salonga
When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold your Son." Then He said to His disciple, "Behold your mother." And, from that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19:26-27

This passage challenged me, and I spent the entire week reflecting on its meaning—to me personally and to us as a community of believers. I studied some of the words individually, like woman and behold, and read the entire passage prayerfully several times. I fell in love with the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a beautiful resource.

At first, I put myself in Mary's position. I am a mother of an adult son, so it isn't difficult. I imagined the unimaginable—witnessing my son's murder. Then, to receive only four parting words, "Woman, behold your Son." These are not the words I expect. In fact, I want different words. I need love and reassurance. Could He have cried out, "Mama," instead?! If I am honest, I do not want to behold John the disciple as my new son especially when my real son is dying in my arms. But, I am broken and cannot fight His request. I suppose I will go home with John and learn to love him.

I was confused that Jesus would refer to His mother as "woman." I was stuck there for a while and realized that it altered the way I heard the scripture being spoken. It sounded distant and detached; and, I expected Jesus to be more affectionate. The Greek word for woman is a normal, polite form of address much like ma'am. Jesus isn't refusing to acknowledge the significance of His biological connection. However, He may be distancing Himself from her, exerting His independence. Jesus is direct, respectful, and concerned. He might have been preparing His mother for her larger role as Mother of the Church. Words are powerful; taken out of context or interpreted emotionally one can overlook or misinterpret the message. Next, Jesus is asking Mary and John to behold each other. The definition of behold is: to see or observe, especially a remarkable or impressive one. He could have asked them to look at each other, but He chooses the word behold instead. To look is not enough, to behold is to witness something profound. Jesus is preparing them and preparing us for something much greater. Jesus is giving us an example of what care looks like for humanity. He is expanding our boundaries of love. He is uniting us as a new family. He is building His Church.

What I have come to understand is that these verses are greater than any single relationship. They are the conception of a whole new relationship: the relationship of Christians with each other, their Savior, their Church, and, with Mary, Mother of the Church. They remind us of our responsibility to love unconditionally; a commandment to love our neighbor as our self. It's as if Jesus is saying, "Pay very special attention to each other, this moment is important, for you are joined, connected, related to each other now and forever." The words from the Catechism of the Catholic Church confirmed Mary's motherhood with the Church.

Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. "The Virgin Mary... is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer. ... She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ'... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head. (CCC 963) Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death," it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion. (CCC 964)
**WORSHIP**
To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

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**IGNITE FORMED MINI-SERIES**
**Presence-Mystery of the Eucharist**
**Movie Study Part Three**
**Saturday, Apr 13**
**@ 5:30 to 8:00 PM**
Meet in the Parish Hall.
Pizza provided.
Donations accepted.
Explore the truth & beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist from its origins.
**Info? Call Cindy @ 925-787-8396**

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**5 FORMS OF PRAYER**

**Blessing & Adoration**
We acknowledge our dependence on God

**Petition**
We ask God for physical & spiritual goods

**Intercession**
We make request on behalf of other people

**Thanksgiving**
We thank God for everything He does for us

**Praise**
We express our LOVE for God

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**Rite of Elect at the Cathedral of Christ the Light**

**SCS elect prepare for their sacraments of initiation with Catechists & Sponsors**
Pictured left to right top:
Pauline Porter, Gina Marks, Jarek Gadek, Crystal Fugere. Next: Ramona Valdivia, Christian Carmona, Jeff Marks, Anthony Cardinale, Luis Martinez, Cindy Buscaglia. Next: Joenelle Cooley, Marianna Lopez, Carrie Gadek, Elisabeth Marks, Jeffrey Marks, Bishop Michael Barber, Irene Cardinale and daughter.

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**INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Call the Parish Office for Mass intentions.**

Experience the joy of bringing the gifts of bread & wine to the altar at Mass during the offertory. As music is played & lyrics are sung, walk up the aisle to present the work of our hands to Father waiting at the base of the steps. The presentation is a prayer itself & the blessing received as you process closer to the altar confirms that these gifts will soon become the body & blood of Our Lord. If you would like to present the gifts at Mass, please let one of the ushers know prior to the start.

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**Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:**
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
— 2 Corinthians 5:17
DISCIPLESHIP
To empower a community of Christian people walking together as disciples of Jesus in order to share His good news.

Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy
Tuesdays
7:00 PM
Parish Center
St. Gabriel Room

Walking On Holy Ground
with your Dominican Sisters:
a two-part series
Sunday, April 28 and
Sunday, May 5, 2019
2:00 PM—4:00 PM
on both days
at the Dominican Center
43326 Mission Circle (entrance off 3 Mission Tierra) in Fremont
A free-will offering will be taken.
Register by April 25
call 510-933-6360

"Beneath His Cross" Apostolate
Thursdays Monthly beginning April 4th @ 6pm
is a lay organization of men and women who love our priests through the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother. We stand with Our Lady beneath the Cross of Jesus, in prayer, sacrifice, and reparation for our priests.
"Beneath His Cross" invites all to gather at the church the first Thursday evening of each month, before the Blessed Sacrament, for a Holy Hour and Prayer Cenacle. During the cenacle we pray to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we pray the Litany of Humility, The Luminous Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary for Priests, special prayers for the Church, prayer to Saint Michael, the Chaplet of Reparation, and end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by a brief reflection (all prayers will be provided in 'Beneath His Cross' booklet to easily follow along). The difficulty of the tragic scandals within Our Holy Catholic Church today could be compared to the difficulty of the condition of the boy described in chapter nine of the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus’ response to His disciples when they were unable to heal the boy, He says "This kind can only come out through prayer," Mark 9:29. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Please join us on the 1st Thursday monthly that you are able, beginning April 4th at 6pm (if you must arrive late, that is okay, every prayer counts)! For the sake of our Holy Catholic Church and her indispensable priests and deacons, please be a part of this monthly Holy Hour. Let us pray that we can all gather together beneath His cross as a community for a purpose far greater than ourselves.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School
1949 2019
1873 2019
Commemorating 146 Years of Faith
Celebrating 70th Anniversary of Our School

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
Birthright of Concord
A Pregnancy Resource Center’s Annual Celebrate Spring Luncheon
Thu, Apr 25, 11:30 AM to 2 PM at Boundary Oak Country Club
3800 Valley Vista Rd, Walnut Creek
The event features Jodie Russi, a pro-life advocate involved with 40 Days for Life whose pro-life journey will inspire all.
Cost $40 per person.
Reservations at www.birthrightlunch2019.eventbrite.com or contact Libby Field at 925-798-7227 or Pat at 925-708-4275
Reservations accepted through April 16.
St. Catherine of Siena Parish & School

**LENT 2019**

**Stations of the Cross**
Fridays at 7 PM in the Church and at 8 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

**Let Our Adoration Never Cease!**
Communal Celebration
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM

**Experience Forgiveness**
Divine Mercy Novena
Beginning Good Friday, April 19, 5PM & continuing daily until April 27
Mercy Sunday, April 28, 12:30 PM Mass

**Pray and Worship Together**

**Holy Week**
Palm Sunday—Passion of the Lord
APRIL 13: 4:30 PM
APRIL 14: 7 AM, *8:30, *10:30 AM, and *12:30 PM *(procession from park)

Holy Thursday
APRIL 18
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM—BILINGUAL MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Good Friday
APRIL 19: 8:00 AM—Morning Prayer
12:10 PM—Lord’s Passion and Veneration of the Cross
9 PM—Tenebrae

Holy Saturday
APRIL 20: 8:00 AM—Morning Prayer
Easter Vigil—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday
APRIL 21
7 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM

**Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all.**

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**Parish Stewardship**

MARCH 24, 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS
Due to the publishers holiday’s deadlines, the amounts 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

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**Stewardship**
To create a culture in the parish rooted in gratitude and generosity.

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**2019 Bishop’s Appeal**
SCS Goal Summary:
Parish Goal: $23,000.00

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**Operation Rice Bowl**
**Encounter Kumba**
We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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Diocese of Oakland
End-of-Life Questions: A Practical Workshop
CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND, AND GRIEF MINISTRY TEAM AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE WHO IS INTERESTED.
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH HALL
Facing major healthcare decisions while living out your catholic faith? Choosing your healthcare decision-maker to help navigate end-of-life issues? Understanding & completing healthcare forms? Knowing when to request the Sacrament of Anointing? Seeking practical legal advice on these issues? Hear a priest, doctor & attorney discuss these concerns, ask questions & find resources we’ve prepared for you.

REGISTER NOW OR FIND MORE INFO
WWW.OAKDIOCESE.ORG/CATHOLICS-CARE OR CALL
LAURA 510-267-8395 / ESPANOL=SANDRA 510-267-8371

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I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN. Forty cans for Lent
Please place your contributions of non-expired, non-perishable canned foods for donation to Women’s Shelter, Loaves and Fishes, and St. Vincent de Paul in barrels in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.
Fr. Anthony invites all parishioners to take part in this hospitality outreach to our community. He is asking all ministries and organizations to participate by selecting and serving one Sunday during the year. If you as an individual or as part of a group of friends would also like to host in 2019, please email bulletinsubmissions@gmail.com. Your selected date(s) will be confirmed. Thank you for your participation. Hosts needed for Apr 7, May 12 & 19, Jun 2 & 30, Jul 14 & 28, Aug 4 & 11, Sep 1, Nov 10 & 24, Dec 8, 22 & 29

—Stewardship Committee

This modern and very human take on the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often called "The Saint of Second Chances," is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle, driven to near suicide by his inner demons, finding himself imprisoned, accused of being an illuminati, and finally finding his life in the hands of the Inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

This feature can be enjoyed through the SCS Access: Go to internet explorer and click http://formed.org. enter code: XPTJK8 (case sensitive)

The last part of scripture reads: “And, from that hour the disciple took her into his home.” What a simple and compelling image to contemplate. If loving isn’t difficult enough; we’re being asked to open our homes. Our homes are the most personal part of us; the place where we are safe, unguarded, and authentic. Our homes symbolize our hearts. To open our home is to risk vulnerability. From that hour, not later that day, next week, or when it’s convenient. He wants us to act now; to make our home open and available at a moment’s notice. The question is: How quickly do I respond? Am I procrastinating, or simply ignoring His request; telling myself that it wasn’t really God speaking?

What if we beheld our neighbors as relatives? What if we beheld those who hurt us, betrayed us, and irritated us, beheld them as a dying son? As Dorothy Day said, “Your love of God is only as great as the love you have for the person you love the least.” Would we be more patient, more forgiving, more generous, and less judgmental? Mother Teresa said: “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving His own “to the end, He makes manifest the Father’s love which He receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says, “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you; abide in My love.” And again, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (CCC 1823)

The only way I can love in this radical way is if I behold the love the Father has for me. Thomas Aquinas said, “Charity brings to life again those who are spiritually dead.” Mother Theresa said, “I have at last found my vocation; it is love!” May we hold these two thoughts of charity and love together as we continue through this season of Lent and thereafter. —Cindy Buscaglia
Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

FACILITIES
To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SHELTER THANK YOU
Shelter, Inc.

Thanks so much for your helping hands, happy faces, and loving hearts for the residents of Mountain View on their road to permanent housing. The residents and staff enjoyed the wonderful meals St. Catherine parishioners provided. They send their warm thanks to all who helped make the week a success. In addition to the varied menus, parishioners provided paper and cleaning supplies, coffee, juices, milk, and other items. We are grateful to all of you who have supported this parish outreach program for almost 20 years! It could not happen without you and your generous contributions.

God’s capacity for forgiveness:
Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?
—St. Francis de Sales

SAN LORENZO RUIZ COMMUNITY
Together with the ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL FAMILY DINNER
SAT. APR. 6 . 5:30 PM
Family Meal Deal: 2 adults & 2 or 3 children = $ 30
Adults/Seniors 13 yrs & older = $ 12
Children 5 to 12 yrs old = $ 6
Proceeds benefit SCS Parish & Other Programs
Tickets on Sale after Masses or call Esther @ 381-1835

Help support our school and order your Easter See’s candy! Order forms are available at the exits. All orders due to the school office on or before April 3. You’ll be called when the candy arrives for pick-up. Thanks for supporting our school!

NEW DAY
SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS WITH THE CLERGY will now meet on TUESDAYS
From 7:00 pm—8:15 pm in the St. Gabriel Room Parish Ctr (except Apr 2)

NEW TIME
https://www.facebook.com/St-Catherine-of-Siena-Catholic-Church-Martinez-California-419160895486876/

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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

Sunday, 3/31
8:00 AM PH Hospitality—HOST NEEDED
3:45 PM PCL Confirmation Preparation Class
6:00 PM PCL Youth Group

Monday, 4/1
St. Hugh of Grenoble, pray for us.
5:00 PM PCL St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday, 4/2
St. Pedro Calungsod, pray for us.
6:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM PC NO Scripture Reflection TONIGHT
7:00 PM CH Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, 4/3
St. Irene, pray for us.
5:00 PM CH Children’s Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM CH/SC/PH NO Faith Formation TONIGHT
6:15 PM PC 206 RCIA Meeting—St. Gabriel Room
6:30 PM PCL Legion of Mary Ministry Meeting

Thursday, 4/4
St. Isidore, pray for us.
8:00 AM CH Morning Mass
6:00 PM CH Beneath His Cross Apostle

Friday, 4/5
St. Vincent Ferrar, pray for us.
12:00 PM CH Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM PH Soup Supper
7:00 PM CH Stations of the Cross and Seven Last Words of Christ
8:00 PM CH Benediction
8:00 PM PH SLRC/ICF Dinner Set-Up

Saturday, 4/6
St. Celestine I, pray for us.
9:30 AM PCL SVdP Food Distribution
10:00 AM PH SLRC/ICF Dinner Set-Up
3:00 PM CH Reconciliation
5:30 PM PH SLRC/ICF Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, 4/7
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM PH Hospitality—HOST NEEDED
3:45 PM PCL Confirmation Preparation Class
6:00 PM PCL Youth Group

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PC = Parish Center
PCL: Parish Center Library

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SUN, MAR 31, 2019:  FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT It ain’t over even when it’s over

Some years back we celebrated a Year of Mercy, opening symbolic doors across the Catholic world to convey the idea that prodigals could return at this time, and no hard feelings. Many were amazed, a few dismayed, and others took advantage of the offer and happily returned. Then the Year of Mercy ended. The doors were closed. Some wondered: Are we back now to the Millennium of Judgment? Answer: The door of mercy is always open. Our loving God remains on the lookout, even when we are very far off.


THU, APR 4, 2019:  MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

When the Church was looking for a patron saint of the internet, it hit upon Isidore. One of the most learned people of his time (the sixth and seventh centuries), Isidore, among his many accomplishments as a Church leader, put together a 20-volume encyclopedia covering just about everything from agriculture to grammar. His position at the center of this “web” of knowledge made him the most likely candidate to be patron of the internet. To find saintly patronage for something new, thehurch looked to someone from a long time past. May Isidore guide you wisely as you explore the web we call the internet.


“If you had believed Moses, you would have believed Me.”

FRI, APR 5, 2019:  MEMORIAL OF VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

The Church has been through some rough stretches over the centuries. One such period occurred during the papal schism in the 1300s when several men claimed to be the true pope at the same time. So complex and divisive were the politics that two holy leaders living in Spain at the same time—Saints Vincent Ferrer and Catherine of Siena—supported opposing claimants to the papacy. Ferrer later said the schism had such a depressing effect as to ruin his health for life. Though at times you must stand on principle, prolonged divisions hurt everyone. In your own family, neighborhood, and Church, be a uniter, not a divider.

Today's readings: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). “No one laid a hand upon Him, because His hour had not yet come.”

SAT, APR 6, 2019:  FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Here’s to imperfection

As one would expect, there were some great people in Jesus’ ancestral line, including King David. But David wasn’t all good—he sent Uriah to his death so he could marry his wife, Bathsheba, whom he had already impregnated. And there are others in Jesus’ family tree you might raise an eyebrow at—Rahab and Tamar were labeled as prostitutes. No one’s family is perfect, not even Jesus’. So don’t expect perfection from your loved ones, and come before Jesus acknowledging your own imperfection as well during this Lenten season.

Today’s readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). “Does not scripture say that the Christ will be of David's family?”

SUN, APR 7, 2019:  FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Woman, liberated

The Church needs a “deeper theology of women,” Pope Francis has acknowledged, one recognizing the “feminine genius.” Religious institutions, no different from secular ones, struggle with issues of gender equality—which often translates into viewing women as problems to be solved. As in the time of Jesus, women continue to be blamed for feelings that arise in men regarding them: from desire to confusion to exasperation to violence. Sexism isn’t just a political football. It’s a sin, as the U.S. bishops declared in 1988, that “violate[s] the basic tenets of our faith.” Like Jesus says, go and sin no more.

Today’s readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 (36). “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
02 APR 2019 CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA No te des por vencido ni aun vencido

Hace algunos años celebramos un Año de Misericordia, abriendo puertas simbólicas a través del mundo católico para expresar la idea de que los próximos podían regresar en este tiempo, sin resentimientos. Muchos estaban asombrados, algunos consternados, y otros aprovecharon la oferta y volvieron felices. Entonces el Año de Misericordia terminó. Las puertas se cerraron. Algunos se preguntaban: ¿Estamos ahora de regreso en el Milenio del Juicio? Respuesta: La puerta de la misericordia está siempre abierta. Nuestro Dios amoroso permanece en la búsqueda, aunque estemos muy alejados. 

Lecturas del día: Joseu 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corintios 5:17-21; Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32 (33). “Cuando estaba todavía muy lejos, su padre lo vio, y se llenó de compasión.”

01 APR 2019 DÍA DE SEMANA DE CUARESMA Sí podemos, con la ayuda de Dios.

Nuestra fe puede ser más condicional de lo que nos gustaría admitir. Podemos esperar que resuelva mágicamente nuestros problemas, tal vez a través de señales milagrosas y maravillas como las que los galileos esperaban de Jesús. Es insuficiente, pero no así como funciona la fe. No se trata de una solución milagrosa sino de enfrentar y resolver los desafíos de nuestra vida, con la confianza de que no los enfrentamos solos, Dios está a nuestro lado. Así que en lugar de esperar un milagro hoy, trabaje para resolver un problema usted mismo, con la confianza y la serenidad de que Dios está con usted. 

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 45:17-21; Juan 4: 43-54 (244). “Los galileos se dieron la bienvenida, ya que habían visto todo lo que había hecho en Jerusalén en la fiesta.”

02 APR 2019 MEMORIAL DE FRANCISCO DE PAOLA, ERMITAÑO Uno y muchos

Lo curioso de los ermitaños es que tienden a atraer a una multitud. San Francisco de Paola, nacido en el sur de Italia en 1416, vivió como ermitaño durante cinco años antes de reunir a algunos compañeros con los que fundó una orden inspirada por su tocayo, San Francisco, llamado los “Mínimos”, los “minis”, el menor. Él no fue la primera persona que deseó enfocarse en Dios atrayendo a personas que querían lo mismo. Trate de encontrar el equilibrio entre la soledad y la sociabilidad, entre encontrar a Dios uniendo a uno y con otros.


03 APR 2019 DÍA DE SEMANA DE CUARESMA Me alegra ser de ayuda.

El sentimiento de que estáis haciendo la voluntad de Dios en la tierra activa una fuente profunda de paz interior. Por el contrario, la idea de que realmente debería estar haciendo otra cosa crea un sentimiento de ansiedad de bajo grado que puede ignorar solo por mucho tiempo. Finalmente, la inquietud se acumula hasta que la vida se convierte en una pesada carga, o te enfermas, o ambos. Temes que Dios quiera que vayas a un lugar difícil, para hacer una tarea difícil. No tan. Como lo expresó el teólogo Federick Buechner, Dios te llama al lugar donde te encuentran tu profunda alegria y la profunda hambre del mundo. Para encontrar ese lugar de profunda alegria tienes que ir hacia dentro y escuchar. La Cuaresma es el momento perfecto para hacer ambas cosas.

Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 49:8-15; Juan 5: 17-30 (246). “No busco mi propia voluntad, sino la voluntad del que me envió.”

04 APR 2019 MEMORIAL DE ISIDORE DE SEVILLA, OBISPO, DOCTOR DE LA IGLESIA Sitios sagrados.

Cuando la iglesia estaba buscando un santo patrón de internet, golpeó a Isidoro. Una de las personas más sabias de su tiempo (los siglos VI y VII), Isidoro, entre sus muchos logros como líder de la iglesia, creó una enciclopedia de 20 volúmenes que cubre casi todo, desde la agricultura hasta la gramática. Su posición en el centro de esta “red” de conocimiento lo convirtió en el candidato más probable para ser el patrón de Internet. Para encontrar un patrón nuevo, la iglesia miró a alguien de hace mucho tiempo. Que Isidoro te guíe sabiamente mientras explora la web que llamamos internet.


05 APR 2019 MEMORIAL DE VINCENT FERRER, SACERDOTE; DÍA DE LA ABSTINENCIA La gente de buena fe a veces no está de acuerdo.

La iglesia ha pasado por algunos tramos ásperos durante los siglos. Uno de esos periodos ocurrió durante el cisma papal en el siglo XX cuando varios hombres afirmaron ser el verdadero papa al mismo tiempo. La política fue tan compleja y divisoria que dos líderes sagrados que vivían en España al mismo tiempo, los santos Vincent Ferrer y Catherine de Siena, apoyaron a los reclamantes opuestos al papado. Más tarde, Ferrer dijo que el cisma tuvo un efecto tan deprimente que arruinó su salud de por vida. Aunque a veces debemos mantener en principio, las divisiones prolongadas lastiman a todos. En su propia familia, vecindario e iglesia, sea unificador, no un divisor.

Lecturas de hoy: Sabiduría 2: 1a, 12-22; Juan 7: 1-2,10, 25-30 (248). "Nadie puso una mano sobre él, porque todavía no ha llegado su hora”.

06 APR 2019 DÍA DE SEMANA DE CUARESMA Aquí está la imprestancia.

Como era de esperar, había algunas personas excelentes en la línea ancestral de Jesús, incluido el rey David. Pero David no estaba del todo bien: envió a Uriah a su muerte para que pudiera casarse con su esposa, Betsabé, a quien ya había impregnado. Hay otros en el árbol genealógico de Jesús a quienes se les atribuyen pecados. La familia de nadie es perfecta, ni siquiera la de Jesús. Así que no esperes la perfección de tus seres queridos, y ven a Jesús reconociendo tu propia imperfección también durante esta temporada de Cuaresma.

Lectura de hoy: Jeremías 11: 18-20; Juan 7: 40-53 (249). “No dicen las Escrituras que el Cristo será la familia de David?”

07 APR 2019 QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA Mujer, liberada.

El Papa Francisco ha reconocido que la iglesia necesita una “teología de las mujeres más profunda,” una que reconozca la “genialidad femenina.” Las instituciones religiosas, que no son diferentes de las sectas, se debaten con asuntos de equidad de género—que frecuentemente se traducen en considerar a las mujeres como problemas a resolver. Como en la época de Jesús, se continúa culpando a las mujeres por los sentimientos que surgen en los hombres con respecto a ellas: desde el deseo a la confusión, a la exasperación, a la violencia. El sexismo no es simplemente un partido de Gobierno político. Es un pecado, tal como lo declararon los obispos de los Estados Unidos en 1988, que “viola los principios básicos de nuestra fe.” Como dice Jesús, ve y no peques más.

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