JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS,
despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.
HEBREWS 12:2

AUGUST 18, 2019 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)
ADORATION: Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:
All requests must be submitted no later than August 16 by noon for the August 25 2019 bulletin
Please direct your inquiries to: stcathmtz@yahoo.com
All submissions must be submitted via email and copy/camera/paste

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:
Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism month. Please call the office to make an appointment once you have your documents ready. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a mandatory Baptism preparation class one month before reception of the Sacrament. All information regarding requirements and schedules, can be found on the website at www.stcmtz.org or Sylvia at Ext 2

FIRST EUCHARIST:
The Religious Education Program Registration begins in August 18th and classes start in September. The First Holy Communion program is a two year program. All other classes are one year (K-8). drestcath@yahoo.com or Andrea at Ext 5

CONFIRMATION:
Youth Confirmation Program Registration begins in August. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny Holland Ext 8 or at stcathym@gmail.com for more information. For Adult Confirmation, please call the Office Ext 4 and ask for Karen Glen.

MARRIAGES:
Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to be arranged at least eight months prior to the wedding. No dates can be set prior to an initial meeting with a priest. No exceptions. www.stcmtz.org or Sylvia at Ext 2

RECONCILIATION:
Confession times are weekly on Saturday’s from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the continuation of the Lord’s compassion for the sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of two sacraments which heals and saves the baptized person from sin. The other sacrament of healing is Penance. For an anointing during working hours, please call the Parish office or Sylvia at Ext 2.

FUNERALS:
We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements. www.stcmtz.org or Sylvia at Ext 2

RCIA: “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults”
Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you need Adult Baptism?
Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Confirmation?
St. Catherine offers a friendly and supportive program.
Please call the office (925) 228-2230 ext. 4 or Karen for more information.
Today’s readings are difficult, very difficult. They are difficult because they present the cost of discipleship.

We began with the plight of Jeremiah who was persecuted because he proclaimed the Truth of God. It would have been so much easier for Jeremiah to have kept his prophecy to himself. Horrible things happened to Jeremiah, including his being thrown into the cistern as we heard today. But Jeremiah would not reject the burning of God’s truth within his bones. It was the cost of discipleship.

The readings then present the Letter to the Hebrews. The author tells these second and third generation Christians to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus and persevere in running the race set before them. Jesus embraced the cross, endured the opposition of sinners and was rewarded by his Father. He did this so we can join Him in enduring the wrath of sinners. The reading also scolds these Christians who were complaining that Christianity was too demanding. It reminds them that they have not yet had to shed their blood. Perhaps they would have to. There is no limit to the cost discipleship imposes on us.

And finally, we come to that most difficult Gospel. It starts off wonderfully, as the Lord says, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” But then the Lord proclaims what the fire of His Love will bring:

“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father,,” and so forth.

Jesus tells his disciples, and tells us that there will be a cost of discipleship.

This is not what most people want to hear. We don’t want to hear that choosing Christ will put our lives so at odds with those around us that we will be persecuted and mocked. We want our religion to be easy. We don’t want to have to pay a price for living our faith.

But we have to!!

Because we have chosen Christ, we are mocked for believing in God. The pseudo intellectuals of our day treat us as though we are children and underestimate the truths of our faith as children’s tales. Because we have chosen Christ, we are reduced by others to being Jesus freaks or fanatics. This is part of the cost of discipleship.

Because we have chosen Christ, we are confronted with difficult decisions that we need to embrace to be whom we claim to be, People of God. For example: Catholics are pro-life and anti-abortion. This position is easy to hold until your seventeen-year-old daughter becomes pregnant, or your best friend, or you. Then it becomes a matter of loving that baby more than your plans for the future, or the plans that you have for your daughter or your best friend. The Catholic who says, “I will choose love rather than death,” is embracing the cost of discipleship.

Another example: it is easy to fight against substance abuse until you find yourself as one of the few around you who isn’t getting drunk, smoking pot or taking some other drug. It is costly to turn away from bad situations and be scorned by others. “You think you are so much better than us,” the in-crowd mocks when we turn away from their immorality. This is just another one of the costs of discipleship.

We embrace the cost of discipleship in marriages. There are no perfect marriages because a marriage is the union of two, normal yet imperfect people. The cost of discipleship demands that you accept each other’s limitations and love your spouse even during those days that you don’t particularly like him or her. The cost of discipleship demands that those who have made vows to God (the clergy and the religious) keep those vows even when they feel overwhelmed by the needs of the people, as well as their own personal wants and needs.

We embrace the cost of discipleship because we are more concerned with others than ourselves. We are more concerned with their eternal salvation than with anything they can do to us in this life.

In the beginning of today’s Gospel Jesus says, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” The fire of God’s love - this is what we are all about. We know we are loved. We know that God wants others to join us in His Love. If we are truly going to be his disciples, then we will happily join the Lord in setting the world on fire with love. And we will do this no matter what personal cost this entails: For the cost of discipleship is temporary, but the Treasure of God’s Love is forever. AMEN!

Deacon Albert Dizon
WORSHIP
To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.

Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest, rather than going directly to God?

Well, the quick answer is because that’s the way God wants us to do it. In James 5:16, God, through Sacred Scripture, commands us to “confess our sins to one another.” Notice, Scripture does not say confess your sins straight to God and only to God — it says confess your sins to one another.

In Matthew, chapter 9, verse 6, Jesus tells us that He was given authority on earth to forgive sins. And then Scripture proceeds to tell us, in verse 8, that this authority was given to “men”…plural.

In John 20, verses 21-23, what is the first thing Jesus says to the gathered disciples on the night of His resurrection? “Jesus said to them, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’” How did the Father send Jesus? Well, we just saw in Matthew 9 that the Father sent Jesus with the authority on earth to forgive sins. Now, Jesus sends out His disciples as the Father has sent Him…so, what authority must Jesus be sending His disciples out with? The authority on earth to forgive sins. And, just in case they didn’t get it, verses 22-23 say this, “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

Why would Jesus give the Apostles the power to forgive or to retain sins if He wasn’t expecting folks to confess their sins to them? And how could they forgive or retain sins if no one was confessing their sins to them?

The Bible tells us to confess our sins to one another. It also tells us that God gave men the authority on Earth to forgive sins. Jesus sends out His disciples with the authority on earth to forgive sins. When Catholics confess our sins to a priest, we are simply following the plan laid down by Jesus Christ. He forgives sins through the priest…it is God’s power, but He exercises that power through the ministry of the priest.

Here are 10 Tips from several priests for a better Confession:

1. Fr. Bryan Brooks, Tulsa, OK

   By doing an examination of conscience we are confronted with our sins, but when we go to confession we are confronted with God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness.

2. Fr. Sean Donovan, Pawhuska, OK:

   After saying about how long it’s been since your last Confession, briefly tell the priest about yourself. (Are you single, dating, remarried, a religious sister?) If we know your situation, it helps us to counsel you.

3. Fr. Gabriel Mosher, OP, Portland, OR:

   Sins are bad choices, not unpleasant emotions; so, confess your sins, not your emotional states.

4. Fr. Damian Ference, Wickliffe, Ohio

   Sins committed are an offense to God, but sins confessed are a Canticle to God. So, when you confess your sins to a priest in the sacrament of reconciliation, know that you are also singing praise to God for his great mercy.

5. Fr. Matthew Gossett, Steubenville, OH

   Frequent confession is edifying for your priest and good for your soul! Sins, especially deep-seated or habitual sins, require patience and persistence. Never give up, no matter how many times you’ve committed the same sin… confession is a sacrament of healing, and just like physical wounds, spiritual wounds can take some time to fully heal.

6. Father James Martin, SJ, New York, NY

   Confession is not so much about how bad you are but about how good God is.

7. Fr. Anthony Gerber, Cottleville, Missouri

   The priest is like a physician: when you go to the doctor, you tell him what has been hurting you and with more or less detail so that he knows how best to heal you. And remember: he has seen many patients with the same symptoms. Trust him, listen to his counsel, and you’ll get better soon!

8. Fr. Joshua Whitfield, Dallas, TX

   God works best with a simple, humble confession of sins. God doesn’t need a novel. He’s read it already. Pride and impenitence sometimes hide beneath our many words. Speaking simply and plainly, naming our sins: it’s like being stripped for the Cross, for the death of our sins and the resurrection of forgiveness.

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PREPARATION FOR THE UNBAPTIZED:

Preparation for reception into the Church begins with the inquiry stage, in which the unbaptized person begins to learn about the Catholic faith and decide whether to embrace it. The first formal step to Catholicism begins with the rite of reception into the order of catechumens, in which the unbaptized express their desire and intention to become Christians. Catechumen is a term the early Christians used to refer to those preparing to be baptized and become Christians. The period of the catechumenate varies depending on how much the catechumen has learned and how ready he feels to take the step of becoming a Christian. The catechumenate also is intended to give the catechumens the opportunity to reflect upon and become firm in their desire to become Catholic. The second formal step is taken with the rite of election, in which the catechumens’ names are written in a book of those who will receive the sacraments of initiation. At the rite of election, the catechumen again expresses the desire and intention to become a Christian, and the Church judges that the catechumen is ready to take this step. Normally, the rite of election occurs on the first Sunday of Lent, the forty-day period of preparation for Easter. After the rite of election, the candidates undergo a period of more intense reflection, purification, and enlightenment, in which they deepen their commitment to repentance and conversion. During this period the catechumens, now known as the elect, participate in several further rituals. The three chief rituals, known as scrutinies, are normally celebrated at Mass on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance. The final state of Christian initiation is known as mystagogy, in which the new Christians are strengthened in the faith by further instruction and become more deeply rooted in the local Catholic community. The period of mystagogy normally lasts throughout the Easter season (the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost Sunday). For the first year of their life as Christians, those who have been received are known as neophytes or “new Christians.”~

Catholic Answers

Confession’s Continued…

9. Fr. Jeffrey Mickler, SSP, Youngstown, OH

Just go, no matter what. God’s love is stronger than our sins.

10. Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, Washington DC

For many people, the biggest improvement in confession would be switching from viewing it as an obligatory, abstract listing of sins to the renewal of a relationship with God.

And a bonus!

Fr. Mark Menegatti, O.S.A.

Confession is not just a removal of sin, it’s an encounter with Christ.

Were any of these tips helpful to you?

Wednesday, August 21st,
The process of Inquiry begins. If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or has been baptized but not received their other sacraments, this is the program for them. Inquiry is the period to learn more about the Catholic Faith in a comfortable and non-committal environment. The team of Parishioners look forward to walking with you in this journey of faith. These sessions will be held Wednesday evenings for 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Gabriel Room. If you would like more information please contact Karen Glen at (925) 228-2230 ext 4 or
August 11, 2019

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 8/17  8:00  Zeny Zaguirre†
          4:30  Int. Linda Gabriel

SUN 8/18  7:00  Ruth and Glenn McFarland†
          8:30  Mitch and Ann Costanza†
          11:00 Botti Family†

MON 8/19  8:00  Int. St. Catherine School and Pre-School

TUE 8/20  8:00  Richard Brouette†

WED 8/21  8:00  Int. Al & Cheryl Quijano

THU 8/22  8:00  Int. People of the Parish

FRI 8/23  8:00  Anna Thuc Tran†

SAT 8/24  8:00  James Aaron McWilliams†
          4:30  Daniel Villanueva

SUN 8/25  7:00  Int. People of the Parish
          8:30  McLoughlin & Curtin Families†
          11:00 The Costa Family
          1:00  Int. Fr. Ricardo Chavez

Mass Intentions for the 2020 Calendar year will be accepted beginning in September 2019. Please fill out the form located on our website.

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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, 8/18  Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM PH Hospitality—Thank you Choir!

Faith Formation and Confirmation Registration
after all Masses

Monday, 8/19  Welcome Back School Teachers
7:30 AM CH Rosary
8:00 AM PH School Mass

Tuesday, 8/20
7:30 AM CH Rosary
6:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM PH YLI Meeting
7:00 PM PC Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:30 PM CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 8/21
7:30 AM CH Rosary
9:00 AM CH StC Teaching Mass
2:30 PM CH Children’s Choir (Gr 3-8)
6:15 PM PH Ignite Bible Study
6:30 PM CH Legion of Mary (Sacristy)
7:00 PM TBD RCIA Class

Thursday, 8/22
7:30 AM CH Rosary
12:00 PM CH Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM PH ICF Meeting (1/2 Hall)
6:00 PM PH Cub Scout Meeting (1/2 Hall)

Friday, 8/23
7:30 AM CH Rosary
4:00 PM CH Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, 8/24  Welcome Cross Catholic Outreach
7:30 AM CH Rosary
12:00 PM PH Ignite Bible Study
1:00 PM CH Wedding -
3:00 PM CH Reconciliation

Sunday, 8/25
Faith Formation and Confirmation Registration
8:00 AM PH Hospitality - Young Ladies Institute

CH = Church  PH = Parish Hall  RC = Rectory
RC = Rectory  YD = School Yard  SAC = Sacristy

Upcoming Baptism Classes
English Class : Sept 4th  Spanish Class : Sept 5th
7PM in the Parish Center - Pre-registration Required
Baptism Dates: September 15th and 22nd
Hospitality
To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

HOSPITALITY Sunday
Are you interested in taking part in the welcoming and hospitality of our parish community?
Hosts are still needed for:
September 1
November 3, 10, 24
December 29

Individuals, organizations, and ministries are invited to host. Please email or call the parish office to sign-up.

Our Hospitality Team is growing! We welcome more team members especially from the Spanish community. Mark your calendars for the first Team meeting, Monday, August 26th. All volunteers will be live scanned at the initial meeting. A person from the Oakland Diocese will be at St. Catherine’s Church to provide that service. I will contact all members with the exact time and meeting spot. It will also be published in the Bulletin.

As the cleaning in the kitchen has been completed, the Hospitality Team is moving forward to organize the drawers and cabinets with supplies to be used by the groups that will host Sunday Hospitalities. There is no need for a club or ministry to maintain a locked cabinet. If your club/ministry still has a lock on one of the cabinets in the kitchen, please remove it, or it will be cut off and the lock discarded.

Please consider volunteering for Sunday hospitality. You may call the Parish office and reserve a date with Sylvia Lloren; or, with me the Hospitality Team contact Debbie Pelizzari (925-286-1207 ext11).
or, send an email debpelizzari@comcast.net.

We are still in need of volunteers from the Spanish Community.
Si usted es miembro de al comunidad hispana y desea unirse al equipo de hospitalidad, por favor comuníquese con Debbie Pelizzari al 925-370-3874 o debpelizzari@comcast.net.
Si es posible, deja un mensaje en inglés. Gracias.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered for hospitality.
Many hands make light work.

Gluten-Free Hosts now available
Please inform Fr. Anthony or one of the Deacons of your request before the mass so they can prepare for the communion.

St Catherine of Siena Parish Staff came together for a beautiful collaboration and Retreat at St. Anthony’s Priory in Oakland.
“So many wonderful enhancements”
“All for the Glory of God”

“Divine Renovation”
The Power of Faith
Welcome Back to School!

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." - St. Catherine of Siena

The faculty and staff gathered together on Monday to prepare for a wonderful 2019-2020 school year together. We welcome many new families to our community and are looking forward to working in partnership with everyone in the community. We hope to be a beacon of light to alumni, community supporters, and friends to welcome back in the community for our 70th Anniversary. We are looking forward to another exciting year, filled with academics, faith-filled activities, and exciting community events.

May Peace and Joy be with you,
Mrs. Jessica Griswold & St. Catherine of Siena School Staff

St. Catherine of Siena
CYO BASKETBALL
stcmtzcyo@gmail.com
Season Begins
September 2019
Boys & Girls 2nd-8th

Registration Open for
2019-2020 season
https://stcmtzcyo.sportngin.com

CYO CROSS COUNTRY
Coach Mike Moore (cell 925-765-2759)
email mmoore925@gmail.com

August 19th
1st Day of School
And Pre-School
READINGS & REFLECTIONS
Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:15 PM

Sunday, Aug 25, 2019
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDIN

Shortcuts take longer

Some friends are famous for their shortcuts—the kind that always take them longer than if they had stuck to the main routes. Cutting corners rarely winds up with satisfying results. Bakers know that if you use inferior ingredients, you can expect inferior outcomes. Thrown-together carpentry work tumbles apart in short order. Failing to warm up before exercise puts us at risk of injury. Doing things right takes more time and care, but it gets the job done. In moral living, the narrow gate is the most direct route to where we’re going. Avoid easy. Choose marvelous.


Monday, Aug 26, 2019

Be steadfast in the face of hypocrisy

Jesus had nothing good to say about hypocrites. He rebuked them often. So does Pope Francis, who recently said it was better to be an atheist than a hypocritical Catholic, calling out those who lead double lives of going to Mass and then exploiting others. It’s easy to look around and see people and institutions doing just that—including the church. It would be easy to turn your back on them altogether. But then wouldn’t you be letting hypocrisy easily win? Make it hard for hypocrites to take away the faith that is, by right of your Baptism, yours.


Tuesday, Aug 27, 2019
MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Persistence pays off

A violent, unfaithful husband, a cranky mother-in-law, an immoral son—all in the same household. Monica could’ve been canonized simply for surviving. Instead, she pursued her unruly son Augustine from Africa to Rome to Milan when he was 29 (helicopter parenting, anyone?), fasted and wept over his lack of faith. Not quite the way young adults today are parented, but a bishop finally told her, “It’s impossible the son of so many tears should perish.” He converted, thrived, wrote brilliantly, and told her story in his Confessions. Today, compliment the efforts of a mother or son.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). “Our coming to you was not in vain.”

Wednesday, Aug 28, 2019
MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Dig deeper

Among the many works that the towering Saint Augustine is remembered for, his work On the Trinity is considered by many to be his masterpiece, his most significant contribution to the Western church. Yet a legend arose that as he struggled with his great work, he took a walk on the seashore and came across a young boy who said he was pouring all the ocean water into a small hole in the sand. Augustine replied that it was impossible to fit the ocean in a small hole, to which the boy replied, “It’s just as impossible that understanding the Trinity would fit in your small mind.” And then the child was gone—an angelic visitor. Approach the mysteries of faith with humility.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). “On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evil doing.”

Thursday, Aug 29, 2019
MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Be careful what you promise

According to the gospel accounts of the beheading of John the Baptist, Herod immediately regretted the promise he made to Salome that led to John’s beheading. Whether John met his death for this reason or simply because Herod regarded him as a threat and wanted him out of the way, the story serves as a cautionary tale to think twice before you promise to fulfill the wishes of another. Would you be willing to violate your internal sense of right or wrong or your conscience in order to fulfill a promise? If not, be slow to make promises without first checking your conscience.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 (428); Mark 6:17-29 (634). “When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.”

Friday, Aug 30, 2019

Leave your light on for Christ

A Catholic church is never completely dark—as long as the Blessed Sacrament is present. You’ll always see at least a small red flicker before the tabernacle, while it contains the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. The tradition goes back to the Book of Exodus, when God told Moses to perpetually burn a lamp filled with pure oil in the Tabernacle. Thousands of years later, Christ is always there, burning with a light and love that never goes out. Likewise keep the flame for him in your soul steadfast and bright.


“The wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.”

Saturday, Aug 31, 2019

Tame your tongue

Sometimes our daily readings get down to brass tacks. “Don’t be a busybody” seems to be the blunt message in Paul’s advice to the Thessalonians. It’s not an ethereal command to do noble deeds; rather it’s the kind of practical advice that makes life in the Christian community (or any community) work. Pope Francis frequently passes along similar wisdom. Put today’s citation to immediate use by keeping your silence the next time you’re tempted to disparage a neighbor, relative, or coworker.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). “Nevertheless we urge you, brothers and sisters, to progress even more, and to aspire to live a tranquil life, to mind your own affairs.”
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Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast Saturday, September 7, 2019
9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker author Jess Echeverry. Her testimony as a Catholic convert and a survivor of violence who learns to forgive and love is compelling and uplifting! Through God’s grace and healing she has turned her past into loving help for others.

Men are always welcome to attend!
Tickets are $33/$40 after Aug 31st.

For more information:
https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek or Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

FAITH FORMATION, and CONFIRMATION

August 18th & 25th
(after masses in the Parish Hall)
Please bring a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate and submit with registration

FORMED en Español:(REGALO DE LA PARROQUIA) PELÍCULAS, CONTENIDO DE NUESTROS COLABORADORES, ESTOY EN CASA Y, NIÑOS—SANTOS Y TEMAS ESPECIALES.
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