If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.

Luke 17:6

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
HOLY DAYS: VIGIL MASS 7:00 PM; 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
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Family Sunday Faith Formation Ministry |
| Paul & Jennifer Holland Ext 8  
stcathym@gmail.com  
Co-coordinators, Confirmation Ministry |
| CHURCH LOCATION: 606 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA |
| PARISH OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS:  
1125 Ferry Street  
Martinez, CA 94553-1720 |
| TELEPHONE / FAX: 925-228-2230 / 925-228-1318 |
| PARISH WEBSITE: www.stcmtz.org |
| PARISH EMAIL: stcathmtz@yahoo.com |
| OFFICE HOURS:  
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2:00 PM - 5 PM  
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM |
| Jessica Griswold, Principal  
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ST. CATHERINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL |
| SCHOOL K-8: 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA |
| TELEPHONE / FAX: 925-228-4140 / 925-228-0697 |
| OFFICE HOURS: 9AM -2 PM |
| SCHOOL WEBSITE: http://school.stcatherinemartinez.com/ |
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| PRE SCHOOL LOCATION: 1125 Ferry Street, Martinez, CA |
| TELEPHONE / FAX: 925-229-2255 / 925-229-2474 |

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Registration is mandatory two months prior to the  
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 contact Sylvia at Ext 2 |
| **FIRST EUCHARIST:**  
The Religious Education ministry begins in September  
and ends in May. The First Holy Communion program is a  
two year program. In the 2nd year, nine First Communion “Parent Only Classes” are  
conducted on Monday’s (Oct — May) See faith formation calendar posted on the website for dates.  
drestcath@yahoo.com or contact Andrea at Ext 5 |
| **CONFIRMATION:**  
Youth Confirmation ministry begins on September  
29th. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at Ext 8 or email them at stcathym@gmail.com for more Information. |
| **MARRIAGES:**  
Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to  
be arranged at least eight months prior to a  
wedding date. 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 Saturdays from  
3:00 - 4:00 PM and/or 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 heats 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. |
| **FUNERALS:**  
We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will  
contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.  
stcathmtz@yahoo.com 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 or Karen at ext. 4 for more information.
INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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St. Catherine Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the family, and the repose of the soul of Richard Anthony Esparza who entered eternal life.

Interested in Altar Serving? Please join us!
New Training for Altar Servers
English and Spanish Masses
October 19th
10AM—1PM in the church

Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. They should have already received 1st Holy Communion for the first time and normally receive the Eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy.

Please contact Andrea Watkins, Director of Religious Education, at drestcath@yahoo.com

There will be a parent meeting, followed by the training, ending with lunch in the Hall. Spread the word!

SAT 10/5 8:00 Dolores & Joe Cardenas†
4:30 Int. John & Jenny Concepcion - Wedding Anniversary

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11:00 Mario Rose†
1:00 Dolores & Joe Cardenas†

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WEEKEND AT-A-GLANCE

FACILITIES
To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and

Sunday, 10/6
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM PH Hospitality - Thank you Respect Life!
9:30 AM PH/SC Faith Formation Classes
12:00 PM Animal Blessing at the Church Steps
12:00 PM PH Confirmation Class

Monday, 10/7
7:30 AM CH Rosary
6:30 PM CH Rosary
7:00 PM CH Our Lady of the Rosary Mass

Tuesday, 10/8
7:30 AM CH Rosary
9:00 AM CH School Practice
6:00 PM CH Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM SC School Board Mtg
7:00 PM PC Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:30 PM CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 10/9
7:30 AM CH Rosary
3:15 PM CH Children’s Choir
6:15 PM CH Ignite Bible Study
6:30 PM PCL Legion of Mary
7:00 PM PC RCIA Class Rm #210

Thursday, 10/10
7:30 AM CH Rosary
12:00 PM CH Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM CH Beneath the Cross
7:00 PM PC Knights of Columbus Mtg

Friday, 10/11
7:30 AM CH Rosary

Saturday, 10/12
7:30 AM CH Rosary
12:00 PM PH Ignite Bible Study
3:00 PM CH Reconciliation
6:30 PM PH Bingo “Early Bird”
7:00 PM PH Bingo

Sunday, 10/13
8:00 AM PH Hospitality - Stewardship
9:30 AM PH/SC Faith Formation Class
12:00 PM PH Confirmation Class

CH = Church
PH = Parish Hall
PC = Parish Center
RC = Rectory
SC = School
YD = School Yard
PCL: Parish Center Library
“We’re ready to roll”...

After some concern and a little bit of turmoil we are back on top of it at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in downtown Martinez. We never fell apart but we had our movable pieces. We moved around enough so that we had to temporarily attend Mass in our Parish Hall for several weeks. At least in the end it was a good exercise of patience and humility, two ingredients which are very welcomed at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church. She is a doll of a place and Father Anthony Le who led us in this noble cause has to be congratulated.

So with our pews back in place and our interior church painting work all done we’re ready to hear the word of God preached and proclaimed. This one-two punch which is called the Liturgy of the Word goes back to ancient times and the establishment of the Church’s Canon of Sacred Scripture, which is considered inspired and written by authors who were under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There are 46 Books from the Old Testament and 27 Books from the New Testament. The Canon was decided before the year 400 AD. There are many other apocalyptic books which did not make the cut. They did not have the Divine ring of truth. St. Augustine says, “I would never have believed in the Gospel had the Church not first approved it.” This is the authority of the Canon. Over the Centuries there have been differences between Protestants and Catholics over what exactly constitutes the Canon but there has never been an argument over the idea of a Canon existing.

On Sundays at St. Catherine’s we read from both the Old and New Testaments. All of our readings are done by the Laity except for the Gospel. We stand for that and it is proclaimed by either the Deacon or by the Priest. The homily is delivered either by the Deacon or the Priest. There are no exceptions to this rule. Undoubtedly this practice is maintained so as to make sure that which is preached comports with what is proclaimed. Both of our Deacons and our Priest have taken oaths of Obedience to our Bishop. So conformity to Christian Doctrine is not a problem. Before we let go of this explanation of our Liturgy of the Word we must tell you that all of our Scripture that is proclaimed is known ahead of time. So the faithful may if they wish, prepare ahead of time. Plus, they have in their brand new refurbished pew racks the Word of God from the Old Testament and the New Testament. These books are called lectionary books. They contain much music too. So the lectionary is a song book with the Order of Mass in it along with the Sunday readings for one year. Our year is from the beginning of Advent until the next years Advent. It goes all the way through the liturgical year with Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter etc. and many months of ordinary time. Typically our readings start with the Old Testament and include a Psalm too. So it might be from Genesis or the Prophets. It may depend upon the season we are celebrating too.

So, scripture moves with us on our journey to Heaven. The Catholic system that is used Worldwide is called Cycles. They are usually three years in length. The Church rotates the Word of God so that we hear all of it within the cycle. May it penetrate us here in Martinez much like it penetrated the great Saint Augustine 1600 hundred years ago.

Tom Greerty
October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

1) Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.

2) I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.

3) The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

4) It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the heart of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

5) The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary shall not perish.

6) Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

7) Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

8) Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9) I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.

10) The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.

11) You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.

12) All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13) I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.

14) All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only son Jesus Christ.

15) Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

We pray the Rosary because it is a powerful prayer to God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, and one of the most powerful sacramentals (not Sacrament) of the Catholic Church. In order to spread this devotion to parish community, we will be praying the Holy Rosary at half hour before the beginning of each of the Mass every weekend, starting the first weekend of October and the following months. Hence, starting Oct. 5th before the 4:30pm Mass, we will be praying the Rosary at 4pm, which will end around 4:20pm, to give everyone enough time to get ready for the Mass. Similarly, on all the Sunday Masses, Rosary will start at 6:30am, then at 8am; then at 10:30am; and then at 12:30pm. This devotional practice starts in October and continues indefinitely. Also, during the month of October, there will be a “weeknight block rosary”, a devotion in which the image of the Virgin Mary visits the home of a host family and the community gathers and prays the rosary every weeknight. This devotion is open to all parishioners, their family and friends, and therefore all are welcome to join.

On Oct. 7, there will be a special Mass at 7pm to commemorate the Memorial of our Lady of the Rosary. Please contact Fr. Anthony or the deacons for more information.
Does it matter what you wear to Mass?

If you haven’t thought about it in a while, here are some guidelines to help you dress on Sundays.

When you wake up in the morning, how do you decide what to wear? Most of us take into account what’s happening that day, who will be there, and what the goal of the day is. Whether it’s for work at the office, a date, a wedding, a hike, or staying at home, we dress accordingly. So, when it comes to Sunday Mass, we should dress accordingly. If Mass matters, then what we wear matters. But what does that look like? If you haven’t thought about it in a while, here are a few guidelines to help you choose what to wear to Mass.

DRESS FOR THE OCCASION

Before deciding what to wear at Mass, think about the event. What’s happening? Mass is about worshiping God. It’s important enough that Catholics are required to go every week. We believe that a miracle happens every Mass wherein our God comes to us in the form of bread and wine. So, it makes sense to dress up for Mass more than you would for say, a sporting event or a day of errands. As far as practicalities go, it can be helpful to look at the rules for entering churches in Rome. In Rome, you can’t enter a Catholic church if you are wearing shorts or tank tops. The basic rule is that your knees and shoulders must be covered, and you must wear shoes. Following those rules is a decent way to respect the church space where ever Mass is held.

TAKE CULTURAL NORMS INTO ACCOUNT

If you are tempted to wear an evening gown or tuxedo to Sunday Mass (I mean, you are meeting the king of kings after all), remember to consider the norms of the current time and place where you live. Your “Sunday Best” usually doesn’t mean cocktail attire. And if you are struggling to decide what is appropriate, that’s probably a good thing — that means that Mass is important enough for you to think about dressing appropriately.

Keep in mind that some geographical places and communities are more formal and others are less formal. Temperature can play a big role in that, as well as cultural traditions. Pay attention to the norms where you are. When in doubt, go dressier.

BE RESPECTFUL

On the one hand, it doesn’t matter if you look terrible or amazing — Mass will go on. But on the other hand, be wary of investing too much effort into how you look at Mass. Don’t wear something to purposefully draw attention to yourself. Be respectful of the other people attending Mass, and dress for what you’re doing: praising God.

And a final note for any of us who get distracted by what other people wear: we are not the Sunday Fashion police. If you are constantly frustrated by what people wear to Mass, remember that it is not your place to judge. Maybe those people who look like they just rolled out of bed really did. Praise God they made it to Mass! Maybe they’re traveling. Maybe what they are wearing is the nicest outfit they own—even if it doesn’t seem like it to you. Maybe they recently gained or lost a lot of weight and they don’t have much that fits right now. Maybe they just haven’t put much thought into what they wear to Mass.

Whatever the case may be, if they’re distracting you from participating in Mass, you need to work on that flaw in yourself. Try sitting in the front row, or as close to the front row as possible, so you can only see a few people. Close your eyes and pray when everyone lines up for Communion so you are physically unable to see what people are wearing. And pray for the grace to stay focused on Mass, because that’s why we should all be there.
Every Mass is a Wedding and We Are the Guests of Honor

Juan Jose Paniagua

We have all experienced the joy of sharing what we have with others, especially when we do so for those in need. When we share, we do not lose, rather we gain. Not only do we have more, we are more and our heart is filled with joy.

How much greater would that joy be if what was being shared was not something, but someone, when it is one’s own life? All of it! No limits, no conditions. This is the joy of marriage upon which God chose to bestow a special grace, elevating it to the status of sacrament. That is its strength! It is a visible sign that speaks to us of an invisible reality.

It is thanks to the abundant love of God which pours out into these sacraments that they bear fruit: children in marriage and fruits of the Spirit - joy, peace, goodness, gentleness, patience…

The union of spouses is a visible sign of Christ’s union with His Church. As Christ gave himself over for the Church, that is, for all of us, so too are we called to love Christ and be intimately united with Him. Spouses are also called to love and give of themselves to one another, loving each other with the love of Christ.

This is the “amen” that we hear of in the video. “So be it, Lord.” Each time that we receive Communion, we are accepting Christ who has given us his Body, like spouses who have given over their bodies and their lives to one another. When we receive Communion, the Lord Jesus reminds us of his fidelity and bestows upon us the gift of himself and similarly, we renew our desire to be faithful, to truly form his Church, the spouse of Christ.

I would like to share a small excerpt from the prayer of the Nuptial Blessing that is said during a Catholic wedding. It can help us to deepen the richness of the comparison between these two sacraments.

Holy Father, who formed man in your own image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world…

O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful…

Grant, O Lord, that, as they enter upon this sacramental union, they may share with one another the gifts of your love and, by being for each other a sign of your presence, become one heart and one mind. AMEN!

Filmed on location in Assisi and at other actual locations where St. Francis lived and died, this feature film vividly tells the story of the greatly beloved saint from childhood to his death. Beautifully filmed with outstanding cinematography and fine acting talent, this film stars Italian actor Raoul Bova as Francis and was directed by acclaimed filmmaker Michele Soavi. Captured by the enemy as a soldier and put in prison, he has a life changing experience that inspires him after being freed to abandon his riches and dedicate his life to living the Gospel in simplicity, poverty, and charity towards all.

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

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STEWARDSHIP

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

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.

Hospitality Calendar

OCTOBER
06 Respect Life
13 Stewardship
20 Pancake Breakfast-K of C
27 Choir

NOVEMBER
03 Young Ladies Institute
10 Parent Teacher Group
17 Pancake Breakfast-K of C
24 Needed

DECEMBER
01 NO Hospitality
08 Latino Community—Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
15 Pancake Breakfast-K of C
22 Webb Family & Friends

Thank You

A Special Thanks to San Lorenzo Ruiz for their enormous help in providing a wonderful feast and volunteer help to our community after all masses.

Hospitality Sunday
Are you interested in taking part in the welcoming and hospitality of our parish community?

Hosts are still needed for:

November 24

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

Or

Debbie Pelizzari for more information.
(925) 370-3874

St. Catherine of Siena Organ Fund
Goal $50,000 (Organ and Installation)

Organ Funds donated $17,000.00 to date.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
**Sunday, Oct 06, 2019**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Valuing all of life**

We desire happiness and avoid suffering. We might turn the page quickly on the faces of hungry children or cross the street to escape an encounter with the homeless. The prophet Habakkuk objected to the sight of violence and misery in his generation. If the anguish was so apparent to him, why did God not see it too and respond? God does respond—in sending ambassadors of divine will to act. This Respect Life Month, how will you respond in Jesus’ name? **TODAY’S READINGS:** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). “Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?”

**Monday, Oct 07, 2019** MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

**Mother of Mercy, pray for us**

To some, the Rosary can seem like a static form of prayer. In reality, Catholics pray a form of the Dominican Rosary that’s been evolving since the 1400s. In 1917 the Fatima Prayer was included. In 2002, John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries—used on Thursdays—joining three other sets of mysteries as meditations on the life of Jesus: Glorious (Sun./Wed.), Joyful (Mon./Sat.), and Sorrowful (Tue./Fri.). What’s more, you can pray merely a decade—10 Hail Marys—on your own or as part of a Rosary Circle. You can pray it with beads or your own 10 fingers. You can pray with others as you go running or kneel at church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding “Hail Holy Queen” reminds us that Mary is our church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding “Hail Holy Queen” reminds us that Mary is our church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding “Hail Holy Queen” reminds us that Mary is our church with parishioners.

**Tuesday, Oct 08, 2019**

**Balance your Martha with your Mary**

People who look after practical details often feel bad when they recognize themselves as Martha in today’s reading. However, Catholicism has long made room for both the practical and the prayerful, and ideally we integrate the two. For instance, monks pray frequently but must spend part of each day on income producing work. Likewise parents with small children can be intensely busy but routinely fold those small fingers together for prayer at meals and day’s end. No matter our station in life, we can keep marrying the focus of Martha with the focus of Mary by pausing during the day to lift our lives to God. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). “Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

**Wednesday, Oct 09, 2019** MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**Your life is your most effective witness**

Saint Denis—first bishop of Paris and patron saint of France—was so gifted at winning people over to Christ that he and two fellow missionaries provoked the ire of local leaders, leading to their martyrdom. Depictions of Denis in iconography—a cephalophore (“head-carrier”) saint, his head held in his hands—remind us that Christian faith is so much more than a head trip, asking us to commit our hearts, and perhaps our very lives, to the radical love Jesus preached. Saint Denis, pray for us. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). “Do not subject us to the final test.”

**Thursday, Oct 10, 2019**

**Knock, knock, knockin’ on heaven’s door**

In 1893 Francis Thompson published his famous poem “The Hound of Heaven” about God’s relentless pursuit of the human heart—a love story, in verse, that captured the imagination of Catholic literary greats G.K. Chesterton and J.R.R. Tolkien. But as Jesus reminds us today, it’s OK to be as persistent in return. Like the man who bangs on a friend’s door in the middle of the night, begging a favor, our pestering of God always pays off. Saint Teresa of Avila knew this love story well: “This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer.” Which is why she also said this about prayer: “You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him.” Go ahead. Knock. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). “Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

**Friday, Oct 11, 2019** MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE

**Beauty more than skin deep**

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in 1881 in Italy, the fourth of 13 children. He reigned as pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. He is best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. Earlier in his career, when he was made apostolic nuncio to France, a rival for the position characterized him as an “old fogey.” And when he first saw himself in the mirror in his new papal vestments, he remarked “this man will be a disaster on television!” Remembering this “old fogey” saint, pray today for someone you know who may not measure up to cultural standards of beauty but is beatified in God’s eyes. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”

**Saturday, Oct 12, 2019** MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Mother Mary comes to me**

Fridays are traditionally the day for Catholics to remember Christ’s Passion and death. Sundays are always our celebration of his Resurrection. So where does that leave us with Saturdays, the day in between? According to the great saints Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure, it leaves us remembering Mary—as the one who never left Jesus’s side, a mother cradling his body at the foot of the cross the way she cradled him as an infant. The church honors Mary as the greatest disciple and our steadfast mother by setting aside every Saturday that isn’t already claimed by another saint’s observance. Trust that she never leaves your side, either, by remembering to pray the Memorare today. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). “A woman from the crowd called out and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that carried you.’”
UPCOMING EVENTS

A Bible Study Retreat: Women in the Hebrew Scriptures Tell Their Stories—Sarai, Hagar, and Hannah. Saturday, October 19, 2019, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, St. Stephen Parish Hall, 1101 Keavney Court, Walnut Creek 94597. Retreat Director: Dr. Toinette Eugene, a theological ethicist, nationally known in the areas of social spirituality, Black Catholic theology, and leadership in responding to issues of cultural diversity. Donation $20, scholarships available. Tickets available from Christ the King and St. Stephen Parishes the weekends of October 6 & 7 and October 12 & 13; or you may reserve your place by phoning Christ the King Parish at (925) 682-2486. Co-sponsored by the Women of Magdala and the Women’s Retreat Committee of Christ the King Parish.

We request your company at this special Mass honoring our

Public Service Workers, county health administration, law enforcement, first responders, etc.

All are invited to celebrate with us at

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Saturday, October 26th at 10 AM
followed by a complimentary reception in the Parish Hall

NO RSVP NECESSARY

Exciting things are happening!
Please join us!
Thursday, October 10, 2019
12:00pm – 1:00pm
R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2019
Tamishi Linear at tlinear@cccb.org or 510.768.3165
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2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, CA 94583
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After lunch, you will have a chance to support this life changing work.

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Saturday Oct 12, 2019
8:30am - 12pm
10 Carquinez Scenic Drive

Join in making our cemetery a better place.
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Please bring gloves, drinking water, hat, garden tools, rake, broom
For more information, please contact:
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CFCS Outreach at St. John Vianney Oct 26-27

November
Vigil of Light Mass – Vigil of Lights, November 1
First Saturday Mass,
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Dia De Los Muertos, QOH
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November 21st
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