John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

John 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISMS:
Registration is mandatory two months prior to the Baptism month. Please call the Sylvia at the office to make an appointment once you have all 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 parish website at www.stcmtz.org

FIRST EUCHARIST:
The Religious Education ministry begins annually in Sept. 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.

CONFIRMATION:
Youth Confirmation ministry begins in September and ends in June. It is a one year program for all incoming Freshmen or above. Contact: Paul or Jenny Holland at Ext 8 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

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 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.

FUNERALS:
We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to coordinate your arrangements.

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 for more information or Karen at Ext. 4
The smell of wood and incense wafts through the air, the mix of the familiar, warming aromas gently pull me out of the darkness. I open my eyes and meet the towering, blank gaze of the high white ceiling.

I put my hands on the cold, marble floor. I look down at my hand where pink and red lights sit on my hand. I look up and find myself gazing into the beautiful stained-glass window, its vibrant colors projecting themselves on to me. The colors blind me making me turn away.

My hand brushes against a cloth causing me to look behind. When I look, I only see white and a small, raised cross on it. I blink and stand up and realize it’s an altar. A large book sits on top of the marble table. The image of an angel and some kind of animal stare at me like dolls. I pull my gaze away from the book to in front of me where my breath gets caught in my throat.

Three, glossy, intricate wooden statues of Jesus, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Anthony of Padua stand proudly on the shinning wood pedestals; carvings of vines, patterns, arches, and more glisten from the warm, golden lights shining out from behind the breathtaking display. Jesus’s body hangs from the cross, his eyes closed in a peaceful expression while blood pours from the wound on his ribs. I could feel the warm liquid pouring from my ribs as well but find nothing there.

Drip. Drip. Drip.

The sound of water flowing from behind me grabs my attention. I turn around and bright colors of the rainbow blind me, the colors so blinding that I squeeze my eyes shut and use my arms to shield my eyes as extra protection.

"Open your eyes," a gentle, deep voice whispers in my ear. I hesitantly take my arms away and open my eyes to find the colorful stained-glass windows silently sitting on the walls. I blink and I look out through the rows of wooden pews surrounded by wine red carpets.

The walls smile a creamy white with golden trim bringing a warmth to the walls and arching pillars. Behind the pillars on the left are more pews and on the left is the choir area with a dark, sleek grand piano and a large old organ.

I look forward where the double doors are wide open revealing another set of double doors open. But the second set of double doors reveal a cold rainy outside, the red brick ground becoming a watery mirror reflecting the silent, grey white clouds.

I hug myself, embracing the warmth of the church and its solemn silence.

A pair of large, warm hands place themselves on top of my shoulders. The smell of freshly baked bread fills my nose as a deep, smiling, and comforting voice speaks.

"Go. I will always be with you," he says.

I turn around and instead of seeing a man I see the golden tabernacle sitting quietly. I look up at the wooden statue of Jesus and for a split second I see him smiling before it fades away. I blink and look back forward.

The rain continues falling but it seemed softer.

I take a deep breath, turn to the altar, bow, and walk down the aisle. The double doors stand wide open for me to step outside while the puddle beneath me splashes onto my legs. The cold tears fall on me as I look around.

The street is empty with no cars in sight but houses and the vast, grey white sky crying onto me. A cool breeze dances past me, sweeping up my hair in its dance. I push my hair behind my ears as I look up at the shining light post, its yellow light popping out against the clouds.

As time passes, instead of feeling cold I feel warm, the same warmth I felt when those hands were on my shoulders. I look back where the double doors still stand wide open. The warm lights inside shine gently and welcomingly.

I smile as I walk down the stairs still feeling the comforting warmth, and the freshly baked bread.

By Petra Draper
The custom is biblically inspired and was instituted by Pope Gregory X in the 13th century. There are many bodily gestures that Catholics perform at Mass, and one of them that was widely practiced for centuries was the custom of bowing one’s head at the mention of the name of Jesus. Even though it has not been greatly emphasized during the past few decades, it is still honored by many of the lay faithful as well as some priests. The origin of this custom is primarily inspired by the following words of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians.

*Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* (Philippians 2:9-11)

Practically speaking, kneeling every time the name of Jesus is mentioned is rather difficult, and so Pope Gregory X found a solution. He wrote about it to the Dominican Order in 1274, expressing his desire that some physical gesture be done to honor Jesus’ name.

The following portion of his letter was printed in the book *With God: A Book of Prayers and Reflections* by Francis Xavier Lasance. Recently, during the Council held at Lyons, we deemed it a useful commendation to exhort the faithful to enter the house of God with humility and devotion, and to conduct themselves while there in a becoming manner, so as to merit the divine favor and at the same time give edification. We have also judged it proper to persuade the faithful to demonstrate more reverence for that Name above all names, the only Name in which we claim salvation — the Name of Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from the bondage of sin. Consequently, in obedience to that apostolic precept, ‘In the Name of Jesus let every knee, be bent,’ we wish that at the pronouncing of that Name, chiefly at the Holy Sacrifice, *everyone would bow his head in token that interiorly he bends the knee of his heart.*

Pope Gregory wanted everyone to not only honor Jesus’ name, but to interiorly submit themselves to God with a simple act of love. The Dominicans took the pope’s request seriously and became the foremost promoters of the Holy Name of Jesus in the Catholic Church, preaching about the Holy Name, forming Holy Name Societies, as well as placing altars in their churches dedicated to Jesus’ Holy Name.

The custom is a simple one and is meant to reflect an interior desire to honor Jesus, the only name by which we are saved.
It has come to our attention that there is confusion regarding the process we are currently engaged in to reconcile the Donors and Donations for the Building Projects (PACE I and PACE II). Some Parishioners and Donors have contacted the Parish office for information about this process. For transparency and clarification please see below the letter that has been sent to those who have inquired. This letter (updated on January 10, 2020) is also available on our website.

Dear Donor,
We thank you for your communication regarding the Building Project known as PACE, that began 20 years ago in 1999, here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Letters have gone out to those who contributed to Fulfilling the Promise, hereto known as FFTP. Letters will be going out to donors of each of the PACE fundraising campaigns, (PACE I, PACE II). The letters will provide the information regarding the giving and offer an opportunity for you, the donor, to confirm your gift.

It has been communicated through the Parish bulletin, website and pulpit announcements, that each PACE I and PACE II donor will be able to request a refund of their contribution or select to have the funds redirected to the needs of the Parish and School. The FFTP campaign does not have funds available to be returned to the donors. All funds for FFTP campaign were used as outlined in the costs of the campaign.

For more information regarding these campaigns please email the St. Catherine Parish Leadership at: stcatherineparish@stcmtz.org

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this process.
St. Catherine Parish Leadership
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Today’s first reading reveals the Lord’s super-sized heart. “It is too little,” according to God, to protect and guide only the tribes of Jacob. The enormity of God’s love cannot limit itself to one nation; divine love overflows, spilling liberally over all people everywhere. Isaiah, prophet of the long-suffering Israelites, might have been surprised to hear that the salvation of his people is not enough for God. But God always wants more than what we want. God’s passion outstrips all of our deepest desires. We are merely creatures. Compared to the huggeness of our Creator’s designs, we will always want too little, have too little, know too little, love too little. This littleness frustrates us throughout life. But exactly when we admit our littleness, we make room for Christ.

John the Baptist models for us the grace of littleness. Twice in today’s Gospel reading, John admits, “I did not know.” Even though John has ordered his entire life toward the goal of preparing the world for the Messiah, he does not, on his own, recognize Christ when he sees him. The Gospel insists John “did not know” Jesus; in his humility, John relies entirely on God for direction. John waits and waits—baptizing, praying, preaching—until, finally, the Spirit reveals the Messiah.

John had waited his whole life for this confirmation from the Spirit. God’s chosen people, the Israelites, had waited much, much longer. Surely many wondered if God would ever send the Messiah as promised. But God is never late. In our littleness, we cannot see the arc of all human history with God’s clarity and love. Each of us aches deeply for some good thing: a cure, a resolution, a rest, a fair break. When we are made to wait for what seems obviously beneficial, we sometimes wonder if God is really as all-powerful and all-loving as people say. Today’s readings invite us to trust.

Today’s Readings: Is 40:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4; 7, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jr 12:9-14
December 12, 2019

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

HOSPITALITY
To form a joyful family community that reaches out and receives one another as Christ reaches out and receives us.

2020 Hospitality Calendar

JAN 12 Ignite Ministry
JAN 19 Pancake Breakfast—Knights of Columbus
JAN 26 St. Catherine of Siena School

FEB 2 Needed
FEB 9 Legion of Mary
FEB 16 Pancake Breakfast—Knights of Columbus
FEB 23 Annie Lejano Family & Friends

MAR 1 Esther Concepcion Family & Friends
MAR 8 Guadalupanas
MAR 15 Pancake Breakfast—Knights of Columbus
MAR 22 Choir
MAR 29 Needed

APR 5 No Hospitality
APR 12 Easter Sunday—No Hospitality
APR 19 Pancake Breakfast—Knights of Columbus
APR 26 Respect Life / St. Vincent de Paul

MAY 3 Needed
MAY 10 Mother’s Day—No Hospitality
MAY 17 Needed
MAY 24 Needed
MAY 31 Needed

JUNE 7 Needed
JUNE 14 Needed
JUNE 21 Pancake Breakfast—Knights of Columbus
JUNE 28 San Lorenzo Ruiz Community

If you as an individual/group of friends or organization/ministry would like to host a Sunday in 2020, please email debpelizzar@comcast.net. Your selected date(s) will be confirmed by our hospitality leader. Thank you for your Participation.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR
New Year Blessing of the Home:
On the first Sunday of the New Year—the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord—families and households may wish to bless their homes. A blessing of the home can be found in Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers (Liturgical Press). If you interested in having your home blessed, please call the office to make arrangements.

For Tickets: Ask any choir member or call Ritzi Ramos at (925) 451-1357
St. Catherine of Siena School
Mission Statement

Saint Catherine of Siena School answers the call to nurture each child – spirit, mind and body – in a safe, caring environment by providing Christ-centered, challenging curriculum preparing each child for a future as people of faith, service, respect, and responsibility.

St. Catherine of Siena School A Lumen Christi Academy

OPEN HOUSE begins with Family Mass at 8:30AM, School Hospitality in the Hall and Open House in the school following until Noon at 604 Mellus St. Martinez

Now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

St. Catherine of Siena School Financial Aid Programs SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 The following is a list of available financial aid programs. St. Catherine of Siena School requires that all families requesting financial assistance apply for the Diocese of Oakland FACE Grant through PSAS.

Please call the office (925) 228-4140 for more information

St. Catherine of Siena Preschool
1125 Ferry St.
Stop by to tour the center and meet our teachers.
Sunday, Jan 19, 2020  SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Come together**

Relationships go awry when people stop talking. That’s as true in marriage as it is among Christians in general. Lutheran theologian George Lindbeck was a delegate observer at the Second Vatican Council. It prompted him to make a life’s work of the Lutheran-Catholic conversation. He viewed doctrines as “rules of grammar” rather than unscalable walls. He saw justice, peace, and the environment best served when Christians work together. The fundamental disease of our times, Lindbeck advised, is the weakening of natural allies. As Saint Paul might say: Let’s not be partisans, let’s be church! **TODAY’S READINGS:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34 (64). “To you . . . with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Monday, Jan 20, 2020  MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR; SEBASTIAN, MARTYR.

**Ultimate discipleship**

This day is filled with martyrs. Fabian (c. 200-250) was elected pope when a white dove landed on his head during the voting, a clear sign to the electors. Christianity was still illegal, so he died in prison 14 years later. Sebastian (c. 256-288) died in Rome sometime after he was shot full of arrows. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68), commemorated today, was gunned down by an assassin in Memphis, Tennessee. Despite being harassed by the government, Dr. King won the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Three men who shed their blood for what they believed inspire us to be activists for what we believe. **TODAY’S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). “To the upright I will show the saving power of God.”

Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020  MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

**Take a stand**

Often throughout the church year we remember our martyrs, those women and men who were killed because of their faith in Jesus the Christ. These are sometimes difficult days to “celebrate” because on the one hand, we are grateful for and inspired by their faith. But on the other hand, the suffering they endured is horrific—torture, rape, mutilation, burning, and ultimately death. The martyrdom of Saint Agnes, for example, came because of her faith in Christ but was expressed by sexualizing and abusing her. When we celebrate our martyrs, we might also take a stand against torture and murder today. This indeed is a worthy form of reverence for the brave women and men, our martyrs and saints. What saint compels you to action on behalf of justice? **TODAY’S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 16:1 -13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.”

Wednesday, Jan 22, 2020  DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

**Lend a lifesaving hand**

The Sisters of Life are a women’s religious order founded in 2004 in New York. More than 70 sisters each year provide aid and support to more than 1,000 pregnant women at their convents in Toronto and New York City. At one of their convents, women can stay as long as six months prior to giving birth and up to a year afterward. What are you and your parish doing to support pregnant women and mothers who need help establishing their families and creating a secure future for their children? **TODAY’S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313). “Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart . . .”

Thursday, Jan 23, 2020  MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN

**God’s aloha at work**

Rarely is a saint’s last name so apt. When more than 50 religious communities in Canada and the United States refused a request to work with lepers, Sister Marianne Cope, a Sister of St. Francis ofSyracuse, responded, “I am hungry for the work.” She and her sisters who served on Molokai, Hawaii were called “God’s aloha,” or God’s love. She assured a dying Saint Damien that his work would continue, then brought beauty and artistry to challenging conditions. Encouraging laughter and gardens, she said, “We must make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return.” Do one thing to bring God’s love and beauty to your living space, or someone else’s, today. **TODAY’S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). “Hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers.”

Friday, Jan 24, 2020  MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Include God in the conversation**

Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was a bishop and doctor of the church who encouraged the importance of lay spirituality. At the time, people thought that only priests and sisters were called to holiness. But Francis took the church back to its roots, encouraging laitypeople to pray and find God in their daily lives. As a noted spiritual director he suggested: “Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussion or transactions with others, and talk to God.” **TODAY’S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). “He named twelve as his companions whom he would send to preach the Good News.”

Saturday, Jan 25, 2020  FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

**Be a force for unity**

Once he was blinded by light on the road to Damascus, Paul began to see with a clarity that amazed everyone who knew of him. As he preached the Good News, Paul began to speak persuasively against requiring Gentiles to follow Jewish law, while at the same time allowing Jewish Christians to keep their lifelong ritual practices. In the midst of diversity, Paul worked to unite the followers of Jesus. It is fitting that the feast of his conversion has been chosen as the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Today your work is to do something to bring unity in the midst of diversity. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). “This man is the instrument I have chosen to bring my name to the Gentiles.”

READINGS & REFLECTIONS
Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy Tuesdays (Parish Center) 7:00 –8:15 PM
UPCOMING EVENTS

BENEATH HIS CROSS

Every 1st Thursday of each month a group of men and women meet before the presence of our Eucharistic Lord during Adoration to pray for all priests all over the world, including by name, those priests nearest our hearts and those who may be troubled or struggling. It feels really good to give back to our priests who sacrifice all they have for us, for Christ, and for His church. If you are intrigued by the idea of a prayer cenacle for priests, and want to see more good and holy priests doing Christ’s work here on earth - then come and join us on any or all of the following dates for all or part of our cenacle at 6pm: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4. There is an opportunity after the cenacle for silent prayer, reading or reflection until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8pm.

COME and JOIN US for a Women’s Christian Fellowship weekend retreat
Jan 31, Feb 2, 2020

Registration for the 26th annual WCF Retreat is going on! Theme of the Retreat is Psalm 46:10, “Be Still and Know that I Am God”. Father Richard Mangini, former Pastor of St Bonaventure Church, will direct the retreat through contemplative prayer experiences that invite us to “be” in the presence of God and draw us closer to His loving heart.
The retreat will be held at St. Clare’s Retreat Center in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains near the city of Soquel, the weekend of January 31-February 2, 2020. Registration forms can be found in the brochures available at the parish office and on the St. Bonaventure website.
Questions? Call Andrea at (925) 529-7675 or Joy at (925) 673-7025. We hope you will join us, as we sit silently at the feet of Jesus and discover the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Save the Date: Saturday January 25, 2020

The 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast is Saturday January 25, 2020. We have a 55-seat chartered bus ready to take us to this Respect Life event in San Francisco. As usual, we will attend Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption and then walk down to Civic Center for the program.

You can reserve your seat now by calling or texting Debbie Pelizzari at 925-286-1207. We’d like to order specially designed St. Catherine of Siena hats or tee shirts to commemorate the Walk. We need your head count so don’t delay your reservation.

This is a wonderful experience to show the world that we believe all life is precious and a beautiful gift from God. If you have any questions about the trip itinerary and the cost, please contact Debbie Pelizzari.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SHELTER DINNERS AND FOOD DRIVE

Food and other donations will be collected for the Mountain View House Shelter, Jan. 25-26. Items needed include assorted fruit juices: powdered, boxes, gallon, etc., sugar, coffee, Nitrile/powder-free gloves (for cleaning and cooking). In addition disposable diapers (all sizes), large 30 gallon garbage bags, paper supplies including paper/plastic plates, bowls and cups, gallon sized zip lock bags, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies are continually needed.

Please place your nonperishable donations in the Sacred Heart alcove. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach effort in our community.

Mountain View Family Shelter in Martinez is a homeless family shelter that provides temporary housing for about 30 children and adults. It is a Shelter Inc. facility that provides shelter and case management services for homeless families in Contra Costa County. During the week of Jan. 27-31 we will cook the evening meals at the shelter and provide ongoing supplies for operations. Please Call: Vivian Rittenhouse at 925-229-0134, or email her at vmrit@aol.com to volunteer.

Knights of Columbus Council #6039
Crab Feed
Saturday, February 8, 2020
6 PM in the Parish Hall
Dinner service begins at 6:30 PM “Fun time for all”
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OFFICE HOURS:
Mon-Thur. 8:30 AM - 1 PM
2:00 PM - 5 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:
The following deadlines are in effect:
All requests must be submitted no later than:
January 21st by NOON for print in the January 26th bulletin.
January 24th by NOON for print in the Feb 2nd bulletin.
Please direct your submissions to:
stcathmtz@yahoo.com All submissions must be submitted via email and copy/camera/paste ready. Please reference Bulletin Submission in the subject note. Thank you.

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