We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

MASSES / MISAS

Monday-Saturday:       8:15am
Saturday:              5:30pm
Sábado: 7:30pm
Sunday:          7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
5:30pm
Domingo:                12:15pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN
Saturday / Sábado:  4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

ADORACIÓN /ADORATION
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm
1st Friday 9:00-12:00pm

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From the Desk of Fr. Mark Arnzen, Pastor....

A community is made up of many things and what communities do together tells us a lot about who we are and what we believe is important in how we engage with one another and the world. In the Second Vatican Council document Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) we hear "The Church is not motivated by an earthly ambition but is interested in one thing only—to carry on the work of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for he comes into the world to bear witness to the truth, to save and not to judge, to serve and not to be served." (3)

To carry out the work of Christ is such a tremendous and life giving gift that our Father in heaven wishes us to share. It is a gift that is given through our choice of following our Lord Jesus Christ under the guidance, as he promised, of the Holy Spirit. (Continued on page 3...)

Desde el Escritorio de Fr. Mark Arnzen, ...

Una comunidad se compone de muchas cosas y lo que las comunidades hacen juntos nos dice mucho acerca de quienes somos y lo que creemos que es importante en cómo nos relacionamos con los otros y el mundo. En el documento del Concilio Vaticano II, Constitución Pastoral sobre la Iglesia en el Mundo Moderno (Gaudium et Spes) escuchamos “No impulsa a la Iglesia ambición terrena alguna. Sólo desea una cosa: continuar, bajo la guía del Espíritu, la obra misma de Cristo, quien vino al mundo para dar testimonio de la verdad, para salvar y no para juzgar, para servir y no para ser servido.” (3) Para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo es tremendo y un regalo de la vida de tal manera que nuestro Padre Celestial desea para nosotros y que podamos compartir. (Continuado en Pagina 5...)
**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, September 14**
- 6:00-10:00am Kit Fall Fun Festival Breakfast
- All Day Fall Fun Festival
- 8:00-12:00pm Nur Bright Beginning Nursery
- 8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
- 7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Nights

**Monday/Lunes, September 15**
- 4:30-8:30pm CR3-4 Community Supper
- 6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir

**Tuesday/Martes, September 16**
- 6:30-9:30pm CR1-2 Spanish Bible Study
- 6:30-9:00pm CH Praticas Prebautismales
- 6:30-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica

**Wednesday/Miércoles, September 17**
- 12:00-8:00pm Nur Rose Choir
- 6:00-8:00pm MC Catechist Training Session
- 6:30-9:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
- 6:30-8:00pm CH Spanish Holy Hour
- 7:00-9:00pm LR Lector Training Class I
- 7:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Reunion de Ministerios
- 8:00-10:00pm CH Oración Carismatica

**Thursday/Jueves, September 18**
- 6:30-9:00pm CR 3-4 Práctica de Coros
- 6:30-8:30pm Rm. 12 RICA
- 6:30-9:30pm CR1-2 Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
- 8:00-9:00pm Nur Schola Cantorum

**Friday/Viernes, September 19**
- 9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
- 4:30-9:00pm CR1-2 Praticas Prebautismales, Mistagogia
- 6:30-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica
- 7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
- 6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo

**Saturday/Sábado, September 20**
- 9:30-5:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Quinceanera Retiro
- 9:30-11:30am CR1-2 Bible Study

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**8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, September 15  † Angelina Garcia  † Nena Rhodes  
Tuesday, September 16  † Georgina Barnes  † Maria N. Vargas  
Wednesday, September 17  † David McKinney  
Thursday, September 18  † Manuel T. Vargas  † Lester Haeckel  
Friday, September 19  † Ranjan Fernando  † Daniel R. Vargas  
Saturday, September 20  † Joseph Marino  † Salud Orate

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**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** “When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?”

**Child:** “When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?”

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**FAITH**

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

—St. John of the Cross

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
- 8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm

Closed/Cerrado

Sunday (Domingo)
- 8:30am - 12:00pm

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcdn, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1.20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEKEND....**

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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**IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA**

**SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH**
To carry out the work of Christ is to change our vision of stewardship, grounded in a prayerful relationship with Jesus, where we begin to understand the generosity and bountiful love of God.

We also understand that Jesus does not ask us to retreat from the world or abandon the world as we look forward to the utopian hope of a better world. The work of Christ is to be engaged in the healing, feeding, blessing and celebrating within the community.

To do this we must have faith in the greater good, in a greater vision that centers on the person of Jesus Christ. Our call to prayer led stewardship helps us to live the generosity of God’s love. Our gifts of time, talent and treasure returned to God in love grows ever greater as we are untied in a community grounded on the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“For faith throws a new light on all things and makes known the full ideal which God has set for man, thus guiding the mind towards solutions that are fully human.” (11)

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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Increase fuel efficiency—drive at a smoother pace, rapid acceleration wastes gasoline and increases emissions. At drive-through windows, idling more than 30 seconds actually wastes more gas than turning off, then restarting your car.

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
The Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday this year; we are offered a vivid reminder of the significance of the Holy Cross in Christian life. In Jesus’ time it was a symbol of abject shame to the occupying Romans. But the instrument of perceived failure became instead a symbol of redemption. The cross we call holy was not intrinsically so but rather made so by the sacrifice of Jesus. The cross reminds us that what humans see as destructive becomes the means of enlightenment when God raised Jesus. In a very real sense, Jesus’ message of peace is to be demonstrated in a most, yes I’d say, uncomfortable way. When victory and defeat are measured only by human standards, the cross is a most unlikely way to reveal God’s love and redemption of humankind. Yet using an instrument of (human) death to restore life must awaken in Christian faith the ultimate understanding that the love of God far exceeds any attempts of limitation by human hands. We glean some of the meaning of the Holy Cross when we offer our sufferings as Jesus did, in service of the truth that love is the essence of our lives; both physical and certainly spiritually. Sometimes the realization that what seemed failure became success, can shock us. In prayer and reflection we are called to measure the meaning of success differently. When we place our trust in the call to love, even in the face of what seems to be failure, we emulate Jesus whose love has redeemed us all.

FUNERALS
Those who have departed us, through the mercy of God.
Margaret Heeter
Robert (Bob) Corcel
Faustino Ramirez
Lawrence James Bzoski
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LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. During Holy Week we focus on the sufferings of Christ crucified on the cross. Today our focus is more on the glory and victory of the cross of Christ. We Christians insist on exalting the cross of Christ. We even choose the cross of Christ as the central symbol of our faith, more significant than any other symbol! Why?

St. Paul, the second reading (Phil. 2:6-11), tells us about the significance of the cross: “He humbles Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him.” This mystery is more explicit in the first reading and Gospel.

This Sunday’s Gospel (Jn. 3:13-17), Jesus speaks about the exaltation of the Cross. The cross will be lifted up—exalted—just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert, the first reading (Nm. 21:4b-9). Moses was leading God’s people from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land. The journey through the desert was extremely difficult and at times the people complained to Moses about the living conditions. One of their difficulties was an encounter with poisonous serpents whose bite brought intense suffering and burning pain and then death. Many died. Then Moses prayed to God. God instructed Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and place it on a pole. Those who looked at it with faith received healing. Jesus, echoing the Old Testament story, assures us Christians that by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus raised up and mounted upon the cross we too will be saved from death: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.” Jesus, like the bronze serpent, was lifted up on a pole. St. John assures us that whoever believes and gazes on Jesus lifted up will never perish but will have eternal life. Our God is a God of victory who brings about our freedom, salvation and life. And so today rightly we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

R.C.I.A.: Our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program welcomes and prepares new members who want to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If anyone is interested in inquiring or becoming Catholic, we can help you. For more information, please contact Deacon Phil Flowers, 408-779-3959, pflowers@dsj.org; or Fr. Lieu Vu, 408-779-3959, lvu@dsj.org.

Our Volunteers Are Valuable—THANK YOU!
We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our various parish organizations and ministries are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts currently estimate that one hour of volunteer time is worth $26.44 in the state of California. However, to us your volunteer time is invaluable. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here at St. Catherine’s. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us!

Giving Greener
Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website www.stca.org You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

Please contact Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org or Jeanette Thatcher jthatcher@dsj.org for assistance in setting up an online giving account.
LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Martes: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Sal 100 (99):1-5; Lc 7:11-17
Miércoles: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Sal 33 (32):2-5, 12, 22; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118 (117):1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Sal 56 (55):10c-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Cuando los que habían sido mordidos por las víboras miraban a la serpiente de bronce se curaban (Números 21:4-9).

Salmo — No olvidemos las hazañas del Señor (Salmo 78 [77]).

Segunda lectura — Porque Jesucristo asumió la forma de un esclavo, Dios lo exaltó (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre tiene que ser puesto en alto para que todos los que creen en él tengan vida eterna (Juan 3:13-17).

¡BIENVENIDO! Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sea residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre:________________________________________

Dirección:____________________________________

Ciudad:__________ Código postal:_______

Teléfono:_____________ Email:______________

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE MARK...

Es un regalo que se da a través de nuestra opción de seguir a nuestro Señor Jesucristo bajo la guía, como lo había prometido, del Espíritu Santo. Para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo es cambiar nuestra visión de la administración, basada en una relación orante con Jesús, donde empezamos a entender la generosidad y el amor generoso de Dios. También comprendemos que Jesús no nos pide que nos retiremos del mundo y abandonar el mundo tal como lo esperamos, la esperanza utópica de un mundo mejor. La obra de Cristo ha de ser dedicada a la sanidad, la alimentación, la bendición y la celebración dentro de la comunidad. Para ello debemos tener fe en el bien, en una visión más grande que se centra en la persona de Jesucristo. Nuestra llamada a la oración condujo con mayordomía nos ayuda a vivir la generosidad del amor de Dios. Nuestros regalos de tiempo, talento y tesoro envuelto con Dios en el amor crece cada vez mayor a medida que se desatan en una comunidad fundamentada en la verdad del Evangelio de Jesucristo. La fe todo lo ilumina con nueva luz y manifiesta el plan divino sobre la entera vocación del hombre. Por ello orienta la mente hacia soluciones plenamente humanas. (11)

¿Qué es ser plenamente humano? Es ser Cristo con los demás. Y como reza nuestro Señor Jesús, también rezamos, "Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo."

Dios los bendiga,
Padre Mark

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE:

Domingo, 14 de Septiembre
Misa de 12:15 pm
Diana Vargas Rodriguez

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que compartan su tiempo y talento en nuestra Parroquia. Pedimos al Señor los haga crecer en su fe y les recompense su generosidad.
ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA
Los invitamos a asistir al estudio de Biblia con el Padre Andrey los Martes a las 7:00pm.

LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ
ADORACIÓN DEL SANTISIMO
Adoración del santísimo y reflexión personal.
Los Miércoles a las 6:30p.m.en la Iglesia.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS
Las personas que tengan un familiar enfermo que no pueda asistir a la misa, puede dar sus datos en la Rectoría al Tele. 408-779-3959 para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y llevarles la comunión.

CENA GRATIS
Ahora en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina hay una cena para la Comunidad cada noche de lunes de 6:00-7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos. Ven y únete a nosotros! Una comida caliente gratuita también está disponible en Morgan Hill cada martes en la Iglesia Luterana de 5:00-6:00pm, todos los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6:00-7:00pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6:00-7:00pm.

ROPA USADA PARA LA SOCIEDAD DE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Tome un momento para revisar sus armarios y ver si podría tener alguna ropa usada que ya no le quede o poca ropa que podría donar a los necesitados. Marque la bolsas SVDP y lleve a la Oficina Parroquial Lunes a Viernes de 8 a.m.-7 p.m. o Domingo por la mañana entre las 8 am y el mediodía. (La oficina está cerrada 12-1 para el almuerzo.) Estamos especialmente necesitados de ropa infantil y artículos de tamaño de adolescencia, y le aseguramos de que su donaciones van a una familia agradecida.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO
Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

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REUNIÓN DE MINISTROS
Les invitamos a las reuniones que tenemos para los siguientes ministerios a las 7:00pm en el Centro parroquial
Extraordinarios de la Comunión, Sept. 18
Lectores y Comentadores, Sept. 24
Es muy importante su presencia en estas reuniones.

PLÁTICA DESPUÉS DEL BAUTISMO
(Mistagogia)
Para los padres de familia que bautizaron a sus hijos(as) desde el 2012 y no han recogido la fe de Bautismo tenemos una reunión el 19 de Septiembre a las 7:00 pm en los salones 1-2 del Centro parroquial, en esta reunión se les entregará la fe de Bautismo de sus hijos(as).

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO
Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

ADÓRACIÓN DEL SANTISIMO
Adoración del santísimo y reflexión personal.
Los Miércoles a las 6:30p.m.en la Iglesia.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS
Las personas que tengan un familiar enfermo que no pueda asistir a la misa, puede dar sus datos en la Rectoría al Tele. 408-779-3959 para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y llevarles la comunión.

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DIVORCIOS E INFANTICIDIOS
SEGUNDA PARTE

El egoísmo es el que hace que se llame “amor” a una forma de gratificación personal: “si estamos a gusto juntos, si disfrutamos el uno del otro, es que nos amamos”. Obviamente, con premisas contrarias, la conclusión se invierte: “si sufrimos, si nos hacemos daño, si todo lo que obtenemos de nuestra relación es dolor, ya no queda amor y conviene separarse”. El egoísmo es el que hace al hombre olvidar que el amor verdadero es entrega y es inmolación: más que enriquecerse con el otro, es romperse, empobrecerse y vaciarse por completo para entregarse a él sin esperar nada a cambio. Cuando una persona, en el momento de su boda, hace la promesa que cambiará su vida, no pone condiciones. “Me entrego a ti” sólo se dice una vez, y para siempre. Si, después, esa entrega se torna dolorosa, la promesa realizada obliga a quien la formuló a llevarla hasta las últimas consecuencias: “en la adversidad y en la prosperidad, en la salud y en la enfermedad”. Son palabras hermosas cuando se pronuncian, pero cortan como un cuchillo cuando se trata de vivirlas. Yo también he realizado una promesa. Y, si se quiere ser consecuente, cuando llega la adversidad, no basta con permanecer ahí; es necesario prolongar e intensificar la entrega, hasta la consumación de la propia vida.

Un estudio realizado en la Universidad de Toronto afirma que “tanto los niños como los hombres y mujeres de padres divorciados tienen más probabilidades de pensar seriamente en el suicidio en algún momento de su vida, en comparación con los descendientes de familias intactas”. No debería extrañarnos. El niño es la verdadera víctima del divorcio: él se verá abocado a sufrir las consecuencias de un egoísmo ajeno en un momento de su vida en que está especialmente necesitado de estabilidad familiar. Y, peor que todo eso, él recibirá de sus padres una funesta lección: ante el sufrimiento, la respuesta adecuada es la huida. Ellos sufrían en su matrimonio, y optaron por desembarazarse del vínculo. ¿Qué tiene de extraño que, si él sufre en su vida, piense en seguir el ejemplo de sus padres y cortar la fuente de sus sufrimientos?

A nuestra civilización, tan asentada en el “bienestar”, le urge recuperar el sentido de la abnegación, hoy considerado como humillante. Mientras no lo haga, esta sociedad marcada por el egoísmo más brutal y refinado seguirá dejando, tanto en el drama del aborto como en el fracaso del divorcio, los cadáveres de sus niños estrellados contra su propio espejo.

Es posible que cuanto han leído en estas líneas les parezca cruel; estoy dispuesto a pagar ese precio. Pero les pido que recapaciten: si no tengo razón, he sido despiadado; pero, si la tengo... ¿Dónde está realmente la crueldad?

Fr. José-Fernando Rey Ballesters
Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion
at St Catherine Church

Are you an adult who wants to become a Catholic?

The Catholic Church welcomes anyone who wishes to join us.

Contact:
Deacon Phil Flowers
pflowers@dsj.org
408-779-3959

Becoming Catholic

Adults become Catholic Christians through a sacramental process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This process is designed to accommodate the individual adult as much as possible. There are separate tracks for those individuals who are not baptized and for those who were baptized in a non-Catholic faith that follows the common Christian tradition. In both cases the individual adult after a period of formation becomes a Catholic Christian through the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (if needed), Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

What does it take?

What does it take for an adult to be ready for the sacraments of Initiation? The process requires immersion by the individual in the Word of God, the Community of God, the Worship of God, and the Service of God's Word. This addresses the mind, heart, soul and spirit of a person.

Practically, there are two major time obligations: Sunday Eucharist (Mass) and Wednesday night classes, 2 or 3 times a month. Wednesday nights consist of lecture, hospitality, discussion groups, and prayer. There is no required reading, beyond the Bible. There are no tests, beyond a Christian life-style. There is nothing to memorize, except the Lord's Prayer and the Profession of Faith. The Lord, the Risen Christ, invites: Come and See.

Upcoming Wednesday night classes

Oct 1: Church Unity.
Oct 8: Liturgy.
Oct 15: Ten Commandments I, II, III, IV.
Nov 5: The Bible: Old Testament.
Nov 12: Ten Commandments VI, VIII, IX.
Nov 19: The Blessed Mother and Advent.
Dec 3: Ten Commandments V, VII, X.
Dec 10: Jesus & the Kingdom of God.
OH, THAT JESUS
Yes, I am talking about Jesus THE Christ. He is quite a character (and I don’t mean fictional—far from it). The 2nd Reading and the Gospel are great examples of how amazing He is. Like, shockingly almost unfeasibly amazing. He is God, yet He came as man, “taking the form of a slave,” to save us. He humbled Himself. JESUS: Why in the world would GOD need to be humble?! He has absolutely no logical reason to be humble. NONE.
So why did He do it?
Why did He humble Himself?
The only reason I can think of, is to be an example for us to follow. God loved us so much that He gave His Son that we might not perish but might be saved (whoa, that’s a good line—someone should quote that and put it in a book). He came so that the world might be saved through Him, and not condemned. If that’s not love, I don’t know what is. People talk about love all the time. But we don’t recognize the love that God has for us, we haven’t a clue what we’re talking about.

FALL RETREAT
A retreat for ANY and ALL high school students! September 26-28. This retreat is with Holy Spirit Parish and will be at Camp MayMac in Scotts Valley. We highly encourage all teens to attend—if you’ve been on one before, you know how impactful they can be. If you haven’t, you’ll want to know.

#stcatsfff
Post all your photos from the Fall Fun Fest and tag it—that means add in the caption/comment section #stcatsfff. You can post it on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram. If you don’t know what some of those are, then you’re probably not a teen or a young adult, in which case: what the heck are you doing reading this? (Totally kidding! Read on my friend, read on.) Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are social media outlets that people of all ages (yes, my naïve teens, adults use them too) use to post thoughts, questions, photos, videos, and much much more (sometimes too much).

Questions? deepuk@dsj.org—874-6742
V IS FOR VICTOR

On the way home from church today, ask your kids if they have heard of the Call Sign Alphabet (A is for Alpha, B is for Bravo…). My kids recently learned this. The call sign for V is “Victor”. That is exactly what came to mind when I read this weekend’s gospel. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son.” Jesus died on the cross, but through his resurrection, the cross is a symbol not of defeat, but that God is the victor over death. We exalt and praise God, for His mighty power and His great love for us!

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

Sept. 21—Start date for Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) and Early Childhood Education (ECE) classes
Sept. 24—Start date for Wednesday classes
Sept. 27—Start date for Saturday classes
Sept. 28—Start date for Sunday classes

It is not too late to register for classes. Forms can be picked up and turned in at the Family Faith Formation office and the Rectory. For further information, please contact Rose at (408) 779-9604.

“IMAGES OF MARY”
October 5, 2014

Do you have a favorite faith story about Mary? Do you have a favorite image of Mary, perhaps a statue that has been in the family for many years? We invite you to share both during our “Images of Mary” display for Sunday hospitality on October 5th in honor of our Blessed Mother. Hospitality will be co-hosted by the Rosary Club of St. Catherine School. For more information, please call the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

FAITH WORSHIP WITNESS

Teaching About God’s Gift of Forgiveness

To learn more about how you as catechists, teachers and all the baptized can grow in knowledge and faith, go to the USCCB Web site www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, September 21st
3-5 pm in the Parish Center

This meeting is for parents whose children will be preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2014-15. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

Faith Formation Conference
“Living the Gospel Joyfully”
November 21 & 22, 2014
Santa Clara Convention Center

Deepen your faith and strengthen your skills and knowledge in passing on the faith to the next generation! For more information, check out www.faithformationconference.com.
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FAITH**

“Taking it to the NEXT Level”

With

International Catholic Evangelist

Richard Lane

October 6th - 9th, 2014

St. Catherine’s Church

Save the date for our next parish mission to continue the teachings of the church and “Taking it to the NEXT Level” with International Catholic Evangelist Richard Lane. We will have 4 nights of teaching, praise, and adoration starting at 7:00pm. So please join us and invite your friends and family to receive a blessing in their life.

All are welcome!

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**SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN’S RETREAT**

Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living.

November 1, 2014

St. Catherine’s Parish Center

Facilitated by: Lisa Hendey

National Speaker, Author and Founder of catholicmom.com

Look for registration information soon to this guaranteed sold-out event.

Retreat participants will receive Lisa Hendey’s new book, *Grace of Yes: Eight Virtues for Generous Living* before it is released to the public.

Included as part of the retreat!

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Are you going through a tough time in your life? Perhaps you are unemployed, going through a life transition like retirement or are caring for an ill family member. Whatever challenge you may be facing, you don’t have to carry the burden alone. St. Catherine Stephen Ministry can match you with a caring friend to listen without judgment in complete confidence. Each Stephen minister has been trained extensively in Christian caregiving to give loving support. To find out more about how this ministry can be of assistance to you or to request the services of a Stephen Minister, please contact Sergio at (408) 340-0454 or Claranne at (408) 782-1413.

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**MEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP**

Open Invitation to all men.

Come and join us as we grow, share and discuss our faith.

We meet Monday mornings in the O’Donnell Parish Center. from 6:30 to 7:30am to discuss our faith and relationship with God through discussions of Catholic books.

*Coffee and refreshments are provided.*
HOME SCHOOLING
St. Catherine families who home educate, we are starting a support group for you.
Activities for the year include regular playtime at a park in Morgan Hill.
A monthly family Rosary.
Quarterly activities centered on the Liturgical Calendar.
A Mom's night out centered on the reading program: A Well Read Mom.
If you are interested contact Minden at 602-791-2727 or mindenagar@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, Oct. 5th, 2014 2-4pm
Please SAVE & Mark your calendars for our 4th annual Ghana Awaso Academy International Library Winetasting Fundraiser at the Castillo Winery, 2214 Liberata Dr., Morgan Hill, CA 95037.
Please be a part of this great cause and help us support Father Paul Mensah's Awaso Village School Library in Ghana Africa.
Please invite your friends to come join us and enjoy our beautiful Autumn afternoon & stunning grounds at the Castillo Winery. Hopefully, we will have lots of music to enjoy. (I am still working on this!) Please RSVP so I know how many you can serve. And if you are able to help volunteer in any way, I would appreciate that too!
Please contact Mary Barber at 408-779-2837 or email: bookladylibro@yahoo.com
Your donation check $25 or + is your ticket to entry. Fr. Mark your being present will work for us! Please make check out to: "Awaso Hope Foundation/Library" This includes lunch, snacks & winetasting fees.

OVER 50’S
Join us for monthly Over 50’s luncheon on Monday, September 15th at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Please bring a dish to share and a canned good for Reach Out.

HAVE YOU MOVED?
Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR 2014-15
MONTHLY 24 HOUR ADORATION IS HELD IN THE CHURCH BEGINING ON FRIDAY AFTER 8:15am MASS CONCLUING SATURDAY MORNING
*Please note that Jan., Apr. and June Adoration will be the second Friday of the month due to other events occurring in the church. You may sign up for hours in the foyer of the church.
Contact: Nikky Fardig- nmag@charter.net or 776-6698; Sandra Grisedale- ziasan-dra@sbcglobal.net or 310-0410; Crystal Dietrich -crystaldietrich@gmail.com or 512-897-6712

THE LEARNING & LOVING CENTER
The Learning and Loving Education Center of Morgan Hill is turning 21 and we want you to help us celebrate!
Our event, “Turning 21–Celebrating Our Success” will be held Sunday, September 21, 2014 from 3:00 to 7:00pm at Mama Mia’s Italian Ristorante, 275 E. Dunne Avenue, Morgan Hill
Come join us for an afternoon and evening of wine tasting sponsored by local wineries. The event includes a delicious Italian buffet dinner, bidding on Silent Auction items-perfect for birthdays and the upcoming holidays, chances on a wine tower giving some lucky winners an opportunity to leave with a Wine Heist, and a special performance by the South Valley Suzuki Music Foundation and Folklorico dancers. Tickets are $80 and are available through https://www.123signup.com/register?id=yqqfp
The Learning and Loving Education Center is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Presentation. This women-focused nonprofit organization provides education, outreach, and resources to low-income immigrant women and their children. What makes the Learning and Loving Education Center unique is that it is the only local organization that provides a pre-school program so that the children can learn alongside their mothers.
Join us for this event and help the Learning and Loving Education Center continue to be the valuable service and asset it is to our community.
FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Sunday
September 14   8—10 AM behind the Church

Thank you to our Sponsors:
- Johanna Tacci Family
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- Frank’s Plumbing
- Haas Family—Inn Foods
- Sierra Meats and Seafood
- Zag Technical Service, Inc.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SAVE THE DATE
The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual New Years Eve Dinner Dance fundraiser this year. More information is coming.

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MASS TIMES
Are you traveling and don’t know the mass times at the local church? Go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.

GOLF ‘FORE’ ST. CATHERINE!
Come have a ‘hole’ lot of fun at this sell-out event!
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PARISH GIVING
Thank you for your donations to our Sunday Offertory and to the greater Church.

Stewardship Notes: Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter. The “Weekly Goal” number reflects the amount that would need to be collected each Week to meet our yearly budget.
St. Catherine School News

Each class has Daily Geography, two quick questions about geographic elements in the world. Above, 7th graders record answers to their Daily Geography on their Chromebooks. Students in upper grades can access online maps or use hard copy atlases and maps. Daily reinforcement of geography gives students a better view of the world.

Follow us on Twitter @stcat_school

WALKATHON
Mark your calendars, October 10th is the big day! Please support our school by making a pledge. There is still time to sponsor this event and help our school continue to provide the best Catholic education for our children. Of course, all donations are fully tax deductible. Donations may be submitted to the school office. We would like to express our gratitude to all our sponsors for their support in helping us make this event a success!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
The Diocese of San Jose and St. Catherine School will be hosting a High School Information Night on Monday, September 22, at 7:00 pm in the school building. Representatives from all the Catholic high schools in the diocese will be present. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders and their parents are encouraged to come and learn about our Catholic high schools. This is the South County offering of High School Information Night. There will not be an additional night scheduled at St. Mary’s.

The evening is open to all. Information will be available in the school lobby that evening regarding which rooms each school will be using for their presentations. Please call our school office for more information (408) 779-9950.

SAFETY PATROL
One of the many ways safety and responsibility is enhanced at St. Catherine School is through our Safety Patrol. Fifth and sixth graders sign up to serve on our Safety Patrol. Under the guidance of the 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Maeve Hannon, the students are trained and scheduled to serve in helping with drop off and pick up every day. Members of the Safety Patrol greet students and assist them getting in and out of cars safely. With adult supervision, Safety Patrolers stop traffic at the parking lot crosswalk to allow students and parents to cross to parked cars safely. Thank you to Mrs. Hannon and all our Safety Patrol members for helping to keep drop off and pick up running smoothly and safely for all!

Second graders are working on place value, learning about ones, tens and hundreds. Here a student uses Unifix cubes to represent each place value in a number. As you can see, math can be lots of fun!