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 Alejandria, 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.

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

When I was assigned to St. Catherine Parish as a seminarian in 2002-2003 I experienced many blessings that helped me to grow as a man and future priest. One of the things that I remember clearly was meeting a parishioner at a local grocery store waiting in line to pay for our items. We chatted as we waited and when she paid for her groceries, her son then bought a few cans of food also. I thought this strange and asked her why he had done that. She explained that part of his monthly allowance was to be used for “works of mercy” in the community. Her son had decided as his “work of mercy” he would feed the hungry. Each month he bought cans of food with his allowance money and then would donate to the local food bank.

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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, October 12
- All Day: CR1-4, Gym — Ministry Appreciation
- 7:00-1:00pm: CR1-4, Kit — Hospitality
- 8:00-12:00pm: Nur - Bright Beginning Nursery
- 8:30-10:30am: LR — RCIA Dismissal
- 4:00-5:30pm: MC — Pastoral Care Sessions
- 8:30-10:30am: MC — Catechetical Session
- 7:00-9:00pm: MC — Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, October 13
- 4:30-8:30pm: CR3-4 — Community Supper
- 7:30-10:00pm: MC — English Pre-Baptismal Class
- 7:00-10:00pm: Rm. 10 — Jovenes Para Cristo

Tuesday/Martes, October 14
- 6:00-9:00pm: Rm. 10 — Confirmation—Catechesis
- 6:30-9:30pm: MC — Spanish Bible Study
- 6:30-9:30pm: Rm. 12 — Huautla Mission—Monthly Mtg
- 6:30-8:00pm: GYM — Danza Liturgica
- 6:30-10:00pm: CR3-4, Kit — Knights of Columbus—Mtg
- 7:00-8:00pm: LR — Raffle Committee Meeting
- 7:00-8:30pm: DR — Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00-9:00pm: CR1-2 — Platicas PreBautismales

Wednesday/Miércoles, October 15
- 12:00-8:00pm: Nur — Rose Choir
- 7:00-9:00pm: CR1 — Cub Scout Pack 766—Mtg
- 6:30-9:00pm: Rm. 12 — Jesus to Mankind
- 7:00-10:00pm: Rm. 11 — Encuentro Matrimonial—Reunion
- 7:30-10:00pm: MC — RCIA Class

Thursday/Jueves, October 16
- 6:30-8:00pm: GYM — Danza Liturgica
- 6:30-8:30pm: Rm. 12 — RICA
- 6:30-9:30pm: CR1-2 — Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
- 6:30-8:30pm: Rm. 11 — Stephen Ministry—Mtg
- 8:00-9:00pm: Nur — Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, October 17
- 6:00-6:30pm: MC — Grupo Amigos
- 6:30-10:00pm: Rm. 10 — Jovenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sábado, October 18
- All Day: CR1-4, Kit & Gym — ICF Dinner

MC = Miilani Center  CR1-4 = Parish Center Conference Rooms
CH = Church  Sci = Science Room  LR = Living Room
DC = Daycare  PR = Presentation Center  Nur. = Nursery

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 13  † Joseph Wojcik  † Marianne Tamer
Tuesday, October 14  † Mary Wojcik  Ali Ismail Abbas
Wednesday, October 15  † Bienvenida Gatbonton  † Joe Cirringione
Thursday, October 16  † Helen Haeckel  † Matilda Hess
Friday, October 17  † Veronika Poth  † Norbert Poth
Saturday, October 18  Leslie Montarbo  Fr. Roberto Rojas

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?”

Child: “Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1;  Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
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Wednesday:  Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
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Friday:  Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:  2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday:  Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEKEND....

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22:15-21).

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

God’s kingdom is not only one to be reached in some future time; what Jesus preached is true today as well, “the Kingdom is here and now.” In the Gospel parable, once again spoken to the chief priests and elders, a wedding feast (representing final judgment in the Old Testament) is the occasion of Jesus’ admonition to the religious leaders. They have heard the truth of Jesus’ preaching and have rejected it... both when heard from Jesus’ lips and from his disciples. But others have heard and believed, and they are the unwashed, those with no standing in the eyes of the leaders. The invitation is made to all, but who is the “one without a wedding garment?” That person is one who wants the reward without the commitment. To gain acceptance to the banquet one must repent and believe. The kingdom of which Jesus speaks ask that when we accept his call we reform our lives and follow his path. You have probably recognized that the same parable applies to us. It is not sufficient for our conversion to simply mouth the words that we believe... we are to be moved to action, action which seeks what Jesus prized... peace, compassion, love of neighbor, care for the least among us, in a spirit of Christian joy. Contrary to many of our normal endeavors these actions bring consolation to those we meet certainly, but they make known the presence of God within. This realization, often found in prayer, brings us “the peace that the world cannot give.” That is certainly Good News.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Be a green computer user at work and home. Be sure to turn off the computer at the end of the day. It may take a bit more time at startup but the energy saved is significant... get your cup of coffee or tea while waiting.

FREE COMMUNITY Supper

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARK

CONTINUED......

The next Sunday I watched as the young boy brought forward the food to be placed in the baskets at the foot of the altar. When I returned to St. Catherine as pastor this offering of food for the poor still continues by many parishioners young and old in support of our local food bank ReachOut. The last few weeks I have talked about the spirituality of the offertory and how it is an invitation to bring our prayers through the offering of our time, talent and treasure to the altar of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be transformed and made new through the Eucharist. The story above reminds us that we are called to be active and alive in our faith. That the works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive and bury the dead, are part and parcel of the life of faith. (Mt 25:31-46)

Our support of the Second Harvest Food Bank through ReachOut and other charitable causes in our community is a work of mercy. The bringing of a can of food or other food items is a great way for our children to participate in the sacrificial offering of the Mass. Thank you for your generous support of our St. Catherine of Alexandria Church and the many related ministries we participate in service of our community.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stewardship & Mission Advancement

In Memoriam Donations — In Lieu of Flowers

A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy to the bereaved family and to honor the one who passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one in recognition of the Church’s presence in their lives from baptism to death. This special gift will assist the church to carry on its spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a Memorial gift to honor your loved, we will notify the family, and a tax receipt will be issued for your generous gift. Please contact the Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org with any questions.

“Celebration of Life”
Memorial Mass & Reception
Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 10:00am

We will come together as a community and celebrate as one family the loss of our loved ones. We will all gather to remember and honor the lives of all our special people. We will have a reception immediately following the "Celebration of Life" Memorial Mass in the Milani Center. A special commemorative photo gallery will be displayed during the liturgy and reception, please send via email at aquinones@dsj.org or bring into the parish office a photo of your loved one. The deadline for the photo is Monday, October 27th. Also please RSVP for the luncheon via ivolunteer on our website.

Stewardship Mailing—Build My Church

Parishioners who make their offertory gifts (Weekly, Christmas and Easter) either by check, online payment or stewardship envelope should have received a personal letter from Fr. Mark and myself this week. We ask you to prayerfully consider our letter and reflect on a response in support of who we are as Disciples of Christ working to build a better parish together. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

God Bless ~ Anna Quinones Office of Developmentones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959

BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE
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

Register online at www.stca.org, 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!

CELEBRATE! LIFE’S BIG MOMENTS

JS Paluch Co., Inc. proudly provides the opportunity for parishioners, groups, and organizations to Celebrate Life’s BIG Moments by purchasing space on the back of the parish bulletin. Ad space can be purchased to appear one week or multiple weeks for the low-cost of: $25/single space ad per week, $50/double space ad per week, and as a special bonus - $75 for a four space ad per week. Short term announcements are also ideal for: Garage Sales, Space For Rent, Help Wanted. E-mail us at customercare@jspaluch.com or call 1-800-621-5197 for more information or to place an ad!
VIGÉSIMO OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor preparará un banquete y securrá las lágrimas de todos los rostros (Isaías 25:6-10a).
Salmo — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).
Segunda lectura — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20).
Evangelio — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gál 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Sal 113 (112):1b-5a, 6-7; Lc 11:29-32
Martes: Gál 5:1-6; Sal 119 (118):41, 43-45, 47-48; Lc 11:37-41
Miércoles: Gál 5:18-25; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:42-46
Jueves: Ef 1:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Lc 11:47-54
Viernes: Ef 1:11-14; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lc 12:1-7
Sábado: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Lc 10:1-9
Domingo: Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

¡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 estás 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:______________________________

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DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE MARK...

El próximo domingo me fijé como el joven adelantó la comida para ser colocado en las canastas a los pies del altar. Cuando regresé a Santa Catalina como pastor me alegro ver que esta oferta de alimentos para los pobres aún continúa por miedo de muchos feligreses jóvenes y viejos en apoyo de nuestro banco de alimentos local, ReachOut. Estas últimas semanas he hablado de la espiritualidad del ofertorio y la forma en que es una invitación a llevar nuestras oraciones a través de la oferta de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro para el altar de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo, para ser transformado y hecho nuevo a través de la Eucaristía.

La historia anterior nos recuerda que estamos llamados a ser activos y vivos en nuestra fe. Que las obras de misericordia: para alimentar al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, refugio a los sin techo, visitar a los enfermos, rescate del cautivo y enterrar los muertos, son parte integrante de la vida de fe. (Mt 25, 31-46)

Nuestro apoyo a el Second Harvest Food Bank a través de ReachOut y otras causas caritativas en nuestra comunidad es una obra de misericordia. La interposición de una lata de comida u otros artículos de comida es una gran manera para que nuestros hijos puedan participar en la ofrenda del sacrificio de la Misa. Gracias por su generoso apoyo a nuestra Iglesia Santa Catalina de Alejandría y los muchos ministerios relacionados en que participamos en servicio de nuestra comunidad.

Dios los bendiga
Padre Mark

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE OCTUBRE:

Sábado, 12 de Octubre
Misa de 7:30pm

Teresa Castro ~ Julie Diaz

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.

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!
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 las bolsas SVDP y llève 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.

OPORTUNIDADES DE TRABAJO

Asistente de Oficina
La rectoría de Santa Catalina está buscando a tiempo parcial (8 horas) apoyo de la oficina por la mañana. El candidato debe tener fluidez bilingüe (Inglés / Español), conocimientos de computadoras y experiencia en contabilidad. Puedan obtener una aplicación desde el sitio web de la Diócesis www.dsj.org o también están disponibles en la Rectoría.

Custodio Tiempo Parcial
Horario: Domingo 7 a.m. a 4 p.m.
Funciones: Limpieza y otras trabajos según sea necesario.
Requisitos: El solicitante debe hablar, leer y escribir inglés y también hablar español. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la Rectoría.

GRUPO AMIGOS
Se les invita a todos los muchachos y muchachas que estén en la high school para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un lugar para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Todos los viernes en su Parroquia de Santa Catalina a las 7:00pm. Esperamos verlos!

PREBAUTISMALES
Esta plática es diseñada para preparar a los padres y padrinos del niño/a que recibirá el sacramento del Bautismo. El programa es requerido antes del Bautismo y se llevaran acabo en la iglesia a las 6:30pm durante esta fecha: Octubre 14, 2014
*Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha a la oficina Parroquial al 1-408-779-3959.

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA
Los invitamos a asistir al estudio de Biblia con el Padre Andrey los Martes a las 7:00pm.

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS
A las personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación, pueden pasar a la Rectoría a registrarse, las clases inician en el Salón 12 todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Biblia y Cuaderno.

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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, pueden 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.

Para más información, por favor llame al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: Roselynn Pucan-Meagor rosepm@dsj.org.

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.

GRUPO CARISMÁTICO
Los invitamos cada miércoles de 7:30pm a 9:30pm en la iglesia.

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CATEQUESIS PARA NIÑOS
Recordatorios para padres de familias con niños que están en clases de catecismo de Primera Comunión del segundo año, tendremos nuestra segunda junta el día Sábado 18 de Octubre a las 9:00 a.m.
El Domingo 9 de Noviembre de 1:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. será el primer retiro para los padres e hijos.
El Sábado 15, de Noviembre a las 2:00 p.m. será la celebración de la Reconciliación.

Muchas gracias y los esperamos

FERIA DE LA SALUD
La temporada de gripe se acerca, estés preparado. La Asociación Fil / Am en colaboración con el hospital regional de San Louise está teniendo una "Feria de Salud" el Domingo 2 de Noviembre en el Centro Parroquial. Únase a nosotros después de cada misa de la mañana. Voluntarios van a estar disponibles para comprobar la presión arterial, el colesterol, proporcionar información sobre la higiene dental, la dieta, la terapia física, el linfedema y el tratamiento del cáncer. Habrá vacunas gratis contra la gripe. NO ES TARDE EN NOVIEMBRE PARA RECIBIR VACUNA DE GRIPE.

OFICINA DE CATECISMO
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ARREpentimiento
De todos los actos humanos, el arrepentimiento es el más divino.
—Thomas Carlyle
The Old Testament: Joseph & Egypt

Chapters 37-45 of Genesis tell the fascinating story of Joseph, one of Jacob’s 12 sons. Joseph’s older brothers were jealous of Jacob’s special love for Joseph. One day when they were out in the fields, they stripped Joseph of the beautiful cloak Jacob had given him and threw him in a dry well, then they sold him to some passing traders, who took him to Egypt. While Joseph was in Egypt, he was made a servant in the household of the Pharaoh’s chief steward. He began interpreting dreams for members of the Pharaoh’s staff, and eventually of the Pharaoh himself. Joseph told the Pharaoh that his dream of seven scrawny cows devouring seven fat cows meant that Egypt would have seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. In order that the people not starve, they must collect food during the seven good years so they would have it to draw on during the famine years. The Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of this task.

When the famine came, Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt because they heard that they could buy food there. Joseph recognized his brothers, but they didn’t recognize him. Eventually, he revealed himself to them, and they went back to their father Jacob, telling him that Joseph was still alive. Jacob packed up all his belongings and moved with his children to Egypt.

Why does this matter? Because it was the betrayal of Joseph that eventually brought the Israelites to Egypt, and it was in Egypt that the Passover occurred. Just as the betrayal of Jesus by one of his closest followers led to his death and resurrection, the betrayal of Joseph by his brothers led to Joseph’s ascendance as a great leader in Egypt, and, eventually, to the defining moment of the Old Testament, the Passover, when the Jews walked across the Red Sea and started their journey back to the Promised Land of Israel.

The story reminds us that God can bring good from the consequences of an evil caused by humans. As Joseph says to his brothers, “It was not really you but God who had me come here. . . . Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve his present end, the survival of many people.” (Gen 45:8, 50:20)
JOSHUA IS A YEAR OLD!!!
Wow.
That means I’ve been a dad (with the baby out of the womb) for a year. A year.
This is Joshua with his Aunty Mary (on Beth’s side, not mine—in case you were wondering).

Sometimes it’s still weird to think of myself as a dad. I know I’m a dad, and I do all the dad things (like rely on Beth to tell me how to be a dad—totally kidding), but it’s still a very new concept to me. After all, it’s been a year, but I spent a solid 30 years (minus 2 days) being a non-dad.
So what have I learned in the past year as a dad?
I’ve learned there are plenty of different parenting styles, and I should never think someone’s a bad person because of the way they parent (as long as that parenting is done from a place of love).
I’ve learned that I parent better than anyone I know, other than Beth. Why can I say this with such confidence? Because if I didn’t believe that my style of parenting is the best, then I wouldn’t do it. I strive to choose the best way of parenting, which means that it will evolve and change over time. If at any point I feel my parenting is not better than others, then I will change how I parent so that it is. Because I want to be the best parent to my child(ren later on, God willing).
Same should be said about us in general. If you’re not being the best person that you can be, then you should change how you do things until you truly believe you are. And not in a selfish way, but in a selfless way—the way God calls you to be.
Be the you God made you to be.

Life Teen’s going to the Swank Farms Halloween Maze next week!
Companions In Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) Parent/Child Meeting
Sunday, October 12th

11:00—12:00 pm
Meet in the Milani Center

Parents of children who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) 1st and 2nd year, should plan to attend this introduction to the program meeting with their child.

Home Study Community Meeting
Sunday, October 12th

4:00—5:00 pm
Meet in Room 8

Parents of children who are registered for the Home Study program should plan to attend this monthly meeting with their child. Resources will be given out at this meeting.

PARENT FAITH FORMATION SERIES:

“Preparing the Harvest: Raising Faith-Filled Kids”

We continue with our parent faith formation series to discuss the hidden holiness in family life and ways that we can nurture it to hand on a living faith to our kids. All are welcome.

Wednesdays: October 15 and 22
3:15—4:30 pm and 4:45—6:00 pm
Meet in Room 12

Sundays: October 12, 19 and 26
9:00 am—10:15 am
Meet in Room 8
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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing.

Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation chapel is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is also a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a chapel that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God’s love.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Callistus I
Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Thursday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss Day
Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday: St. Luke

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!

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In lieu of your weekly envelope, submit contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church in either of two ways:
A) Use your bank’s bill payer option; use your envelope number as the account number.
B) Sign up to use the secure on-line ParishPay. Go to www.stca.org and click on “Give Via Parish Pay”.

Either way you can:
- Easily adjust the amount of your automated contribution.
- Avoid writing a check every week.
We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.

MEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP
Open Invitation to all men. Come and join us as we grow, share and discuss our faith.

This chair is for YOU!

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.

BUY GROCERIES & HELP OUR PARISH
If each family purchased $200 of Safeway or Nob Hill gift cards every month we would receive $8 a month per family. With 1000 families attending church, we could earn $8,000 a month from Safeway, Nob Hill and Target gift cards purchased each week. Stop by the SCRIP table after weekend masses or contact the St. Catherine School Office (408-779-9950).
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
Do you like to paint and would like to help us make our parish office beautiful? Contact the parish office at (408) 779-3959 to volunteer to paint the parish office. Great way to share our talents!

**HEALTH FAIR**
The flu season is coming up, be prepared. The Fil/Am Association in partnership with St. Louie's Regional hospital is having a "Health Fair" on Sunday, November 2nd in Parish Center. Join us after every morning mass. Volunteer staff will check blood pressure, cholesterol, provide information on dental hygiene, diet, physical therapy, lymphedema and cancer care. There will be free flu shots available. IT IS NOT TOO LATE IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR TO GET YOUR SHOT.

**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.

**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.

**ELECTRONIC UPDATES**
If you have an email address and would like to hear the news of the parish and Fr. Mark’s famous Friday reflections please contact us. We email parishioners whose email addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically, please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR 2014-15**

MONTHLY 24 HOUR EUCHARISTICADORATION IS HELD IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING FRIDAY AFTER 8:15am MASS CONCLUDING SATURDAY MORNING


*Please note that Jan., Apr. and June Adoration will be on 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- ziasandra@sbcglobal.net or 310-0410; Crystal Dietrich -crystaldietrich@gmail.com or 512-897-6712

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Office Support**
St. Catherine’s rectory is looking for a part-time (8 hours) morning office support. Candidate must be fluently bilingual (English/Spanish), computer literate, and accounting experience. Download an application from the Diocesan website www.dsj.org or they are available at the parish office.

**Part Time Custodian**
Hours: Sunday 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Duties: Janitorial and other duties as needed.
Requirements: Preferred applicant should speak, read and write English and speak Spanish. Applications are available at the Rectory.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**
Are you struggling through a hard time in your life? Are you trying to be strong and handle it alone? It doesn’t have to be that way. Whether it’s adjusting to a divorce, the loss of a loved one or coping with the issues of aging, a parish Stephen minister can support you. Each Stephen Minister has been trained extensively in Christian caregiving to listen in confidence and without judgment. To find out how this ministry can be of assistance to you or to request a Stephen minister, please contact Sergio at (408) 340-0454 or Claranne at (408) 782-1413.
MINISTRY FAIR
Thank you to the volunteers from 28 of our Parish Ministries and Programs for participating in our Ministry Fair. Thank you to all the parishioners who came to learn how our faith is lived out in worship, prayer, outreach, community and play through these wonderful groups’ activities in our Parish.

Members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Committee

Parishioners talking to members of St. Vincent de Paul

ST. CATHERINE GOLF CLASSIC
GOLF ‘FORE’ ST. CATHERINE!
Come have a ‘hole’ lot of fun!

This Friday, October 17
Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Gilroy.

10:00 AM Check-in
Pick up registration packet, enjoy continental breakfast and warm up on the range.

11:00 AM Shotgun Start
Box lunch, snacks throughout the day on the course.

5 PM Party, food, awards, raffle, & more

Don’t miss out. Register online at: www.eagleridgegc.com/stcatherine
See our website www.stca.org for more details. Registration form available in the Parish and School Offices and Church Vestibule.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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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.

Thank you for your Offertory Gifts.

Parish Giving

Year To Date Stewardship
July 1, 2014 to Sept. 26, 2014

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$267,856
$264,621
St. Catherine School uses Art in Action for art education in a variety of media. The lessons are tied to state standards and expose our students to art techniques from many cultures. Above, six graders learned about color and design as they modeled some techniques used by Andre Derain, a French artist who co-founded Fauvism with Henri Matisse.

Pray for peace throughout the world and in every heart.

Follow us on Twitter @stcat_school

Annual Walk-a-Thon

What a great day! Not only did we work together as a community to raise money for our children’s education, we did it in a fun healthy way! A huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors for their support and generosity in helping us make this event a success!

Gold Sponsors: Cliff Bar, Spina Farms, Velodyne, Specialized, Schroder-Reagan-Riffenburg-Gallego-Fields-Stark-Battaglia-Gular Families, Dr.Wafflebakker, Morgan Hill Animal Hospital, Dr.Gabore, DellaMaggiore Family, Recon Laser

Silver Sponsors: Grinds Vines and Automobilia Cafe, Silver Creek Sportsplex, Gular Family, Mathnasium, California Sports Center, Terrapin, Manta Water Polo Club, Dutchman’s Pizza

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO SUPPORT MS. ESPARZA AND OUR WALKATHON

The Walkathon may be over, but you can still contribute! This bulletin went to publication before the Walkathon itself, but we’re sure Ms. Esparza will meet or surpass the 167 laps she walked last year. If you’d like to support Ms. Esparza in the Walkathon, go to www.stcatherinemh.org and click on Online Payment Center or drop your donation off at the school office. The ladies in the office can tell you how many laps she walked. Thank you, thank you to all our supporters!

Our third grade celebrated Johnny Appleseed Week. Above, students looked at apples to compare size and weight, the weighed and measured the apples to verify or debunk their perceptions. Students learned about circumference and how to easily measure it. Additionally, the class wrote about apples, cooked with apples, and incorporated apples into art.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2015-2016

Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are now available in the school office or on the school website. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 17, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 4.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.