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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.)

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

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

The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the great blessings in our Church calendar. It is referred to in many cultures as “the little Christmas” because it is a time of gift giving as the Magi from the east offer to the baby Jesus and the Holy Family the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally the Magi have numbered three in total and are identified as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar where their gifts are seen as the outpouring of love and generosity in recognizing the presence of God in the child Jesus.

We come to the end of the Christmas time and begin anew the journey of faith that we are called to share and bless with each other.

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Desde el Escritorio de Padre Mark Arnzen, Párroco...

La Fiesta de la Epifanía es una de las grandes bendiciones en nuestro calendario de la Iglesia. Se hace referencia en muchas culturas como "la pequeña Navidad" porque es una época de dar regalos como los Magos del oriente que llegaron con ofertas para el niño Jesús y la Sagrada Familia, regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Tradicionalmente los Reyes Magos han numerado tres en total y están identificados como Gaspar, Melchor y Baltasar, donde sus dones son vistos como la efusión de amor y generosidad en el reconocimiento de la presencia de Dios en el niño Jesús.

Llegamos al final de la época de Navidad y comenzamos de nuevo el camino de fe que estamos llamados a compartir y bendecir con los demás. Este es el reto de la Epifanía, mirar hacia adelante y no hacia atrás en nuestra vida de fe...

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

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

Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.


Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).


THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, January 4
7:00-2:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginning Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
9:00-10:15am DC, Rm.10 & 11 Cat Min Classes
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Nights
11:30-4:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitalidad

Monday/Lunes, January 5
6:00-8:00pm CR 3-4, Kit Community Supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell/Angelica Choir
7:00-10:00pm Rm.10 Jóvenes Para Cristo—Mtg

Tuesday/Martes, January 6
6:30-9:00pm Rm.12 Knights of Columbus—Mtg
7:00-9:00pm CR1-4 Cat Min—Catechist New Year Epi
7:00-9:00pm CH New EM Training
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano—Reunion

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 7
6:00-10:00pm CR1-4, Kit Italian American Club
6:30-7:30pm CH Spanish Holy Hour
7:30-9:30pm CH Spanish Carismatic Group
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:30-10:00pm MC RCIA Class
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Comm Mtg

Thursday/Jueves, January 8
6:30-8:30pm Rm.10 Stephen's Ministry-Sup Mtg
6:30-8:30pm Rm.12 RICA
7:00-9:30pm LR Liturgy Committee Mtg
7:00-9:30pm MC Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee Mtg

Friday/Viernes, January 9
AllDay CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-11:00pm CR1-2 Pelicula Vida de los Santos

Saturday/Sábado, January 10
7:00-11:00pm CR1-4, Kit Fr. Michael Barry Dinner
8:00-11:00am Rm.12 RICA Class

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5  † Ziana Faichild
† Dorothy Hillfinger
Tuesday, January 6         † Larry Hillfinger
† John Wojcik
Wednesday, January 7    † Katherine Wojcik
† Lee Morawski
Thursday, January 8         † Patrick Holland
† Joseph Wojcik
Friday, January 9               † Marianne Tamer
† Mary Wojcik
Saturday, January 10     Ali Ismail Abbas
† Joe Cirringione

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?”

Child: “What family member needs your compassion and kindness right now?”
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

In our journey of life how does one find God? In one sense, knowing that God is everywhere, we can find God wherever we are. But the cares of the day and the challenges of daily life often interfere with our ability to walk with God moment by moment. We cherish our times of prayer, our personal devotions and the celebration of the Eucharist. We find God where we expect to find God. Today’s celebration of the Epiphany is a stirring reminder that each of us finds God usually within the limits of our personal spiritual vision. In order to expand that vision we need to open ourselves to the unexpected, to realize that God has come to our world not only in familiar ways but in new ways, in places where we have been too preoccupied to notice. When we are able to raise our awareness to new possibilities we realize that God has been with us in times and places we never recognized. What must people have thought when the Magi sought not the expected person of importance but rather a small child, too young to be able to demonstrate who he was and would become? Perhaps we need to be like those wise men, not in bearing temporal gifts with which to worship, but in expanding our ability to see God present in new places, in the life of a child, in the poor and needy, in the successful and the downtrodden. The gifts we bring are the love and respect for all of God’s creation. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to open our hearts to our ever-present God.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to save emissions and your peace of mind? Try driving 5 mph slower than normal. Fewer emissions are great but the bonus is a calmer drive.

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!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARK

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This is the challenge of the Epiphany is to look forward and not backwards in our faith life. It is the movement of conversion that challenges us to enter into the generosity of God’s love as we imitate the blessing of the Magi from the East. To help us in this journey, next week we will begin discussing Made for More by Curtis Marin. This book was given to families at our Christmas Masses, if you were away visiting families copies are available. After each Mass for the next six weeks the priest or deacon will have a brief (four minutes) catechesis discussing the six chapters of the book. We will also be celebrating next Friday, January 9-10, 24 hours of Adoration in prayer for greater respect for life and vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Offering time in prayer, like the Magi before Jesus at the manger, helps us to journey in holiness as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Finally, on Saturday January 24th, members of the parish will be journeying to San Francisco for the West Coast Walk for Life. It is a time to share God’s blessing in life and love. All are invited to come and join us.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2015
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

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.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ___________________________
City: __________________ Zip: __________
Phone: _______________ Email: ____________________________
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: The first reading brings us to the time when the Israelites were conquered and enslaved by the Babylonians (Iraq today) in 587 B.C. Fifty years later the Persians (Iran today) conquered the Babylonians and they allowed the Israelites to return home. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading, Is. 60:1-6, enthusiastically proclaims the glorious restoration of Jerusalem as she becomes prosperous and her scattered children return. St. Matthew in today’s Gospel, Mt. 2:1-12, sees the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah is starting to be fulfilled in the birth of Jesus as the star shinning its light and the visit of the Magi as the Gentiles. From Jerusalem, the light of the shining star spreads out to all the world. Yes, St. Paul tells us in the second reading, Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6, in Christ Jesus God’s grace and salvation are available to the whole world, both the Gentiles and Jews.

EPIPHANY: This weekend the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, when the three Magi, three Kings, or three Wise Men followed a star to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea and beheld there the glory of God. The word Epiphany comes from a Greek word which means coming to light or appearing. As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we commemorate God’s revelation to ALL people of every race and every nationality.

BAPTISM: Next Sunday, January 11th, 2015, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, bringing the Christmas Season to a conclusion.

ORDINARY TIME: As Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 12th, 2015 and continues through Tuesday, February 17th, 2015, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season, I always think it is a nice opportunity that in these months of January and February there are two three-day weekends: January 19th (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) and February 16th (President’s Day). It is a good reminder during these long winter months to take time to relax, refresh, and re-create yourself. These months can be dreary with the short days and post Christmas “blue,” and often people find themselves needing to brighten up their lives. Take time for yourself, keep lifting up your heart to the Lord, and recreate in the Lord all things He has given you. Do something fun for yourself.

TO ALL OF THE AMAZING PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PARISH GIVING TREE!

THIS CHRISTMAS WAS ESPECIALLY WONDERFUL FOR OVER 160 FAMILIES BECAUSE OF YOU! WE HAD OVER 800 STARS ON OUR TREE’S THIS YEAR AND WE HAD OVER 45 FAMILIES ADOPTED BY INDIVIDUALS IN AND OUTSIDE OUR COMMUNITY. I AM AGAIN HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO SEE THE GENEROSITY FROM OUR PARISH COMMUNITY DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. AS USUAL WENT OVER AND ABOVE ANYTHING I HAVE IMAGINED. THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR NEEDY FAMILIES WAS OVERWHELMING.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND ALL THE VOLUNTEER’S WHO HELPED WRAP, SORT AND DELIVER GIFTS TO ALL THE FAMILIES. NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELPING HANDS OF MANY PEOPLE WHO SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT, TREASURE AND PRAYER.

I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK
KIRK’S KIDS FOUNDATION
PARAMIT CORPORATION
REUTER FAMILY
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YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE GIVING TREE IS A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILIES.

EVERYONE OF YOU ARE THE GREAT STEWARDS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

ANNA QUINONES
PARISH GIVING TREE COORDINATOR
LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

LEKTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

LEKTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30


ADORACIÓN DEL SANTISIMO

Los invitamos a la Adoración del santisimo y a un tiempo para reflexión personal, todos los Miércoles a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia.

GRUPO CARISMÁTICO

Los invitamos cada miércoles de 7:30pm a 9:30pm en la Iglesia.

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE ENERO:

Sábado, 3 de Ene
Jasmine Castillo
Adamary Moya
Maria Elena Plasencia

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.

HAGO EPIFANÍA

Cuando un alma generosa responde “sí” a Dios, él baja al mundo, se hace Epifanía.

- Anonimo

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!
**La Epifanía del Señor**  
4 de Enero de 2015  
Ante él se postrarán todos los reyes y todas las naciones.  
— *Salmo 72 (71):11*

**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. Los viernes a las 7:00pm. Esperamos verlos!

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

**PREBAUTISMALES**  
Esta platica 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: Enero 13 2015 *Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha* a la oficina Parroquial al 1-408-779-3959.

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**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. 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.

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**ES FÁCIL ORAR EN NAVIDAD**  
No hacen falta palabras para orar en Navidad… ¿Qué palabras le dirás a un niño? Pocas, y muy tiernas: *Te amo… Niño mío… Ricura de Dios…*  
Pero, por encima de todo eso, en estos días santos oramos con los ojos. Así oraba la Virgen María: miraba al Niño y se dejaba cautivar. Ésa, y no otra, es la oración de la Navidad: abrir bien los ojos, llenar el alma con la imagen de un Dios de rodillas, agachadito, enternecido y loco de Amor por el hombre. Contemplar asombrados, y en silencio, a ese Dios que tira, que moquea, que llora y que agarra con fuerza el dedo del hombre en sus manitas. No digas nada, que ahogarás con tu ruido a la Palabra pronunciada en voz baja por tu Hacedor. Sólo mira, mira y mira hasta que esa imagen derrita en tu alma las costras causadas por el pecado.  
Si la grandeza de Dios hace estremecer al hombre en un vértigo, la pequeñez de Dios sobrecoge hasta las lágrimas. ¿Cómo es posible, Señor mío, que estés tan humillado, tan rendido, tan postrado a los pies de una criatura formada con barro de la tierra? No busques respuestas; no las encontrarás. Sólo calla, mira, y escucha a la Palabra, que, en Navidad, es el “te quiero” de Dios.  
No te obsesiones con la ofrenda; ya sabemos que nada tienes. Abre ante el Niño Dios tu corazón de hombre, y deja, simplemente, que Él lo llene con ese Amor que ha venido a traerte desde el Cielo. Ésa será tu mejor ofrenda.  
Y, mientras tanto, calla… Calla y mira. Porque a la Palabra sólo el silencio puede recibirla.  
Si sientes que las lágrimas se agolpan en tus ojos, llora. Y que ese llanto purifique corazón y alma hasta volverlos estanque de Dios.  
¿Ves como es fácil orar en Navidad?  
*Fr. José-Fernando Rey Ballesteros*
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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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.

OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA

Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?
- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- No hay más que escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:
A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.
B) Regístrate para utilizar la línea segura ParishPay. Ir al www.stca.org y haga clic en “Give A través de Parish Pay”.
C) Dando por medio de PayPal. Vaya a www.stca.org y haga clic en “Give Via PayPal”

APRECIAMOS SU GENTILESZA SI CONTRIBUYEN CON UN CHEQUE O DINEREO EN EFECTIVO, UTILIZANDO LOS SOBRES O POR VÍA ELECTRONICA. GRACIAS.

ANOTE LA FECHA
Caminata por Vida 2015
Enero 24, 2015
Parroquia de Santa Catalina por favor únase a nosotros para asistir al evento “Caminata por Vida” en San Francisco junto con nuestro Comité Respeto Vida, los Caballeros de Colón y nuestra juventud! Tenemos 2 autobuses saliendo desde Santa Catalina a las 10:00 am y regresando a las 6:00 pm Necesitan vestirse con zapatos cómodos, en capas dependiendo el clima, y traer su almuerzo. El precio es $22 por persona o háganos saber si usted tiene una dificultad para ayudarlo. Para inscripciones y más información: Irma Mora Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net, cell 408/461-1273, or Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzarte@yahoo.com, cell 408/340-0454.

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS
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DELICADEZA
Hay sentimientos por doquier—actúa con delicadeza.
—J. Masai
We Catholic Christians believe marriage is not only a good natural relationship but more importantly a Sacrament.

When two Christians marry, we believe that they are following Ephesians 5.31-32: *For this reason a man shall leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.*

This means that Christian marriage takes on a new meaning: symbolic of the intimate relationship of love between Christ and the Church. Love in the Sacrament of Marriage extends beyond just the married couple. It reminds us that Jesus described himself as the bridegroom come to bring us to the wedding feast of God (see Matt 22.2 and 25.1). It reminds us of the final metaphorical vision of the New Testament in which the people of God are the bride and the Lamb of God is the bridegroom (Rev 19.7).

There are two principal benefits that the Sacrament of Marriage gives the married couple. First, marriage in the Church causes the marriage to be sealed by the Church. Thus the public commitment of any marriage is raised to an ecclesial vocation that is supported by the whole Church community throughout the planet and stretching in time past and future.

Second, marriage in the Church gives the couple the loving presence of Christ Jesus through his Holy Spirit. Every Sacrament is a privileged encounter with Christ. Like Baptism and Confirmation, the Sacrament of Marriage lasts beyond the ceremony, giving a share in God’s life (“grace”) for the entire marriage.

It sometimes happens that a marriage fails and ends in divorce. It might seem that this failure removes a person from God’s grace and never allows re-marriage, since Jesus is clearly against divorce: *What God has joined together, let no one separate* (Mark 10.9).

But there is still hope because not every legal marriage is a true marriage, one joined by God. The Catholic Church has a process to help. The annulment process begins with one of the parties to a divorced marriage asking the Bishop to determine whether their marriage was true and valid. This is done by filling out a form with a priest, deacon, or other pastoral minister in your parish. The time to process an annulment varies; it can take a year and a half.

The Catholic Church sees marriage as a sign of God’s love for us. Love requires freedom. So marriage requires free consent. There are three things necessary for valid marital consent: the capacity of the parties for making a commitment and fulfilling the obligations of marriage, their intention to enter into marriage as the Church understands marriage, and their knowledge both of marriage itself and of the person they are marrying.

There are various grounds on which annulments are declared. Some of those grounds are: force, fear, fraud, ignorance, addiction, lack of sufficient use of reason, and willful exclusion of children, fidelity or permanence.

For more information, I will be most happy to talk with you and provide answers to your questions as well as help if you wish to pursue the annulment process.

Deacon Phil Flowers
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FOOD

I like to eat food. It’s tough not eating more than I should. Especially when it’s really good food, or food that I don’t have that often.
I also like to go out and eat, but I don’t do it often because it saves money.
Money. I don’t like money. I mean, I want to have money, and would love to have plenty of it so I could not only live comfortably, but also give back and help others.
Helping others. Helping others is what we’re called to do—if we are not helping others, or we are avoiding helping others, we are going against what Jesus calls us to do.
Do. What can you do to satisfy all these things?
MARK OFF THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. Why?
Because we are starting a monthly fundraiser at local restaurants. We’ve done this before at Ricatoni’s (now Betto’s Bistro), but we are expanding to other restaurants. So if you like to get food, you can, and at the same time, you’ll be helping others, which will save you money. If you’re going to go out to eat anyways, why not have part of that bill go towards helping others?
The money we raise will go into a scholarship fund to help those who can’t afford the fees for retreats and Confirmation.
The first one is Tuesday, January 13th, at Betto’s Bistro. You can go anytime they’re open, from 10am-9pm. Bring a flyer (on the next page), and 15% will come back to us. Easy, right? Bring your friends—and let them know that at Betto’s, drinks are included in this fundraiser.
Next month, on Tuesday, February 10th, it will be at Mooyah Burger. That one will also be anytime they’re open—so you can go for lunch or dinner, or a snack in between (shakes, anyone?).
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Companions In Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

FOLLOWING YONDER STAR

On this Feast of Epiphany, we are reminded of the Magi who set out to find Jesus. They found Christ the King in a humble manger, guided by a star given to them by God.

The “epiphany” was the revelation and understanding of Jesus’ sovereignty for all people. What have been your epiphanies this past year? How has God revealed himself to your family’s and/or children’s understanding this Advent and Christmas seasons?

The Magi followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World. May we continue to follow Jesus, the Bright, Morning Star and guide others toward him, the Light of the World.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Visit the Nativity display in the church, and talk with your child about the Magi who came from nations far away. Explain that God loves and calls to himself all his people, wherever they come from, whatever language they speak or customs they have, however they look or dress.

If you have a Nativity set at home, add the Magi. You can also make a paper star, let your child decorate it, and ceremonially process through your home, following the star and carrying the Magi figures, before adding the statues to the Nativity display.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION
JANUARY 2015:

JANUARY 7 - Wednesday classes begin
JANUARY 10 - Saturday classes begin
JANUARY 11 - Sunday classes begin

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
Sunday, January 11
3:00—5:00 pm in the Parish Center

Saturday, January 17 (SPANISH)
9:00—10:15 am in Milani Center

This meeting is for parents whose children will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May 2015. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

NEW PARENT FAITH FORMATION SERIES:
“Digging Deeper Into the Bible”

Sundays, February 1, 8 & 15
Wednesdays, February 4, 11 & 25
Thursdays, February 5, 19 & 26
Saturdays (SPANISH), February 7, 14 & 28

God speaks to us in many ways. One way God speaks to us is through the Bible. Join us as we “dig deeper” into the Bible and find out how to better integrate Bible readings and study in our daily lives. All parents are welcome to attend.
**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.

**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.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Couples celebrating their 5th (or less), 25th, 40th and 50th (and more) Wedding Anniversary are invited to this wonderful celebration.

*Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph*

February 14, 2015 at 2:00pm

Registration forms are available at the parish office or online at www.dsj.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. Registration forms are due no later than January 30, 2015. For more information, please contact Sylvia Blanch at (408) 983-0128.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God’s majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord’s grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called “last rites.” An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at “death’s door.” By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ’s cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Monday: St. John Neumann

Tuesday: St. André Bessette

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

**GENTLENESS**

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai

**TAIZE**

Taize prayer is an ecumenical service, open to all faiths. This prayer and song around the Cross is held in the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel every 3rd Friday of the month. In a spirit of peace and reconciliation, our Taize Service is attended by people of all ages. Join us at 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. For more information, please contact: Sister Marcia Krause, OP at 510-502-5797.

**WANT TO HELP REACHOUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Nob Hill is selling a $20 bag of groceries for just $10 and is donating ALL bags sold to our Reachout program. We are currently helping 400 families a month, so one of these bags will really help us feed the less fortunate of our community. Thank you for your continued support.
**COMMUNITY SUPPERS**

If any parish groups, families, or individuals would be interested in occasionally providing small treats or gift bags for the guests who gather for our weekly Community Suppers, it would be much appreciated. Contact Joe or Carol Lillig lillig@garlic.com for more info.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Walk for Life 2015**

**January 24, 2015**

St. Catherine’s Parish please join us to attend the "Walk for Life" event in San Francisco along with our Respect Life Committee, Knights of Columbus and our Youth! We have 2 buses departing from St. Catherine’s at 10:00am and returning by 6:00pm. Need to dress in comfortable shoes, in layers watching the weather, and bring a lunch. Price is $22 per person or let us know if you have a hardship so we can help. For registration and more information contact: Irma Mora at: Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net, cell 408/461-1273, or Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzarte@yahoo.com, cell 408/340-0454.

Event schedule and speaker information at: www.WalkForLifeWC.com

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**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR 2014-15**

MONTHLY 24 HOUR EUCHARISTICADORATION in the CHURCH BEGINS FRIDAY AFTER the 8:15am MASS and CONCLUDES SATURDAY MORNING


*Note that Jan., Apr. and June Adoration will be on the second Friday of the month due to other events in the church. You can sign up for hours in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Nikky Fardig-nmag@charter.net or 776-6698; Sandra Grisedale-ziasandra@sbcglobal.net or 10-0410; Crystal Dietrich-crystaldietrich@gmail.com or 512-897-6712

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**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**

Hosted by: St. Catherine Church

Learn about:
- Reducing Estate settlement costs
- Wills and Living Trusts
- Alternatives to probate - Reducing taxes
- Turning Tax dollars into gifts
- Plan your final arrangements

When: January 20, 2014 at 6pm
Where: St. Catherine School O’Donnell Parish Center
Who: You!

Come and learn more about the importance of Estate Planning. Snack and Drinks will be provided

Please go to ivolunteer on our website to RSVP or contact Anna Quinones - aquinones@dsj.org

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**COMMUNITY SUPPERS AT ST. CATHERINE**

Over 100 volunteers donate their time to provide a weekly hot meal for our community every Monday night in our Parish Center from 6-7pm. We are currently in need of one driver to pick up the trays of food in San Jose (once every 7 weeks, on a Monday afternoon from about 12-2pm), and several volunteers to just stop by and help us clean up (clear tables, tidy up kitchen, sweep and mop). You would come about 6:45pm and be finished by 7:30pm or so. Join a team and come once every 7 weeks, or just come when you can. If this sounds like something you might be willing and able to do, please contact Joe and Carol Lillig at lillig@garlic.com or 408-857-4516, or check out the Community Supper schedule on “ivolunteer” on the parish website (www.stca.org). Thank you!

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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.
St. Catherine Parish 8th Annual Crab Cioppino Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, January 18th
Dinner 6:30 PM
O’Donnell Parish Center

Menu
“Homemade Cioppino”
With Fresh Crab, Shrimp & Clams
Pasta
Green Salad
Fresh Breads
Local Wines
Dessert
Raffle

Tickets Now On Sale
$45 per person
$360 Reserved
Tables of 8
$10 children
(10 yrs. & under)
3 Ways To Get Them:
2. At the parish office
3. After weekend Masses

“This fundraiser is so much fun and a great value.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ON SUNDAY
Come join us to meet other parishioners while enjoying a hot cup of coffee and donut.

Bright Beginnings
Nursery
Open Every Sunday
Free Drop In Childcare
Children Ages 1—5 Welcome
8:30 AM—11:45 AM
Located in the O’Donnell Parish Center.

COAT & BLANKET DRIVE
January 10 thru 25
Time to clean out your closets. Did you coats that do not fit anymore? Do you have extra blankets you do not need? Please bring new or slightly used coats to the Coat Bins in the Church vestibule, or to the Parish Office. They will be given to the Armory, other shelters and St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Electronic Giving

Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In lieu of your weekly offering envelope you can process contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church.

What are the benefits?
- Allows you to set and schedule the amount of your monthly giving in the same way you plan for other financial commitments.
- Continue to support your parish while traveling, on vacation, illness, etc.
- Easily adjust the amount of your automated contribution.
- No further need to write a check every week.

Ways to Give:
A) Use your bank’s bill payer function option, noting 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”.
C) Pay via PayPal. Go to www.stca.org and click on “Give Via PayPal”.

We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Catherine School News

Mr. Silva works with a third grader to learn to write computer code as students participated in the National Hour of Code in December.

Save the Date—eWaste Drive
The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, January 31. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. Funds raised will help pay for hand dryers in student restrooms. Contact Arlene Handa at eco-safehome1@yahoo.com for more information.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY
If you have a grandchild at St. Catherine School, your grandchild will be asking you to join him/her for a special day filled with quality time seeing and learning about “a day at St. Catherine School.” Mark your calendar for the morning of Wednesday, January 28, 2015. Your grandchild will be inviting you just after the first of the year. For more information, contact Gina Colton at 779-9950.

Classes resume
Monday, January 5, 2015.

The seventh grade travelled to Natural Bridges in Santa Cruz for a Science field trip. Students learned more about habitats and how animals adapt in order to survive. Above a seventh grader looks at Monarch butterflies in the trees. Many Monarchs spend the winter in sheltered areas along the Central Coast like Natural Bridges. The class plans to plant Milkweed in the garden to provide food for caterpillars as the Monarchs make their trip north in the spring.

Students were so excited when the creche was set up. They jumped right in to be a part of the holy scene.

Students in the after school enrichment class enjoy showing off the gingerbread houses they made.