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.

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

This week on Ash Wednesday we begin the liturgical season of Lent in preparation for the coming of Easter Sunday. We often hear about the 40 days of Lent but if you count the days between Ash Wednesday and the Easter you will quickly discover there are 46 days. Trust me, the Church can count to forty so there wasn’t a mistake.

Why are there forty-six days? There is a very simple answer: Sunday does not count as a day of Lent. Why? Because, as Catholic Christians we believe that each Sunday is celebrated as “little Easters” and thus are not counted as part of the penitential season of Lent.

Now the question that comes to mind for everyone: Does this mean I don’t have to fast or do my Lenten works on Sunday?

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Since the Escritorio de Padre Mark Arnzen, Parroco...

Esta semana en Miércoles de Ceniza iniciamos el tiempo litúrgico de la Cuaresma en preparación para la venida del día de Pascua. A menudo escuchamos acerca de los 40 días de la Cuaresma, pero si cuentan los días entre el Miércoles de Ceniza y la Pascua usted descubrirá rápidamente que hay 46 días. Confía en mí, la Iglesia puede contar hasta cuarenta, así que no fue un error.

Por qué hay 46 días? Hay una respuesta muy simple: Domingo no cuenta como un día de la Cuaresma. Por qué? Porque, como cristianos católicos creemos que todos los domingos se celebra como "pequeñas Pascuas" y por lo tanto no se cuentan como parte de la temporada penitencial de la Cuaresma. Ahora la pregunta que viene a la mente de todos: Esto significa que no tengo que ayunar o hacer mi trabajo de Cuaresma el domingo? (Continuado en Pagina 5...)
Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Víemes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?
Child: What can you do this week to be an example to others?

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, February 16  † Richard Conry  † Luis Tan
Tuesday, February 17
Wednesday, February 18  Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 19  † Timothy Conry  † Alfredo Rodriguez
Friday, February 20  † Albina Grimsich
Saturday, February 21  † Maria Sablan Locsin  † Sandi Craven  † Esther Marie Paweski

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, February 15
7:00-2:00pm CR1-4, Kft Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginning Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
9:00-10:15am Dc, Rm.10 & 11 Catechetical min classes
1:00-5:00pm CR3-4 Fil/Am GIFS—Practice
4:30-8:00pm Rm.10 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, February 16
President’s Day/Día de los Presidente’s Office Closed/Oficina Cerrada

Tuesday/Martes, February 17
All Day CR1-4, GYM Ash Wednesday Setup
3:00-9:00pm CH Lent Environment Change
6:00-7:30pm NUR RICA
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Bible Study

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 18
All Day CR1-4, GYM Ash Wednesday Setup
6:15am CH Ash Service
12:15pm CH Ash Service
7:30pm CH Spanish Mass

Thursday/Jueves, February 19
All Day CR1-4, GYM Ash Wednesday Setup
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm Rm.12 RICA
7:00-9:30pm MC Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
7:30-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Saturday/Sábado, February 21
7:00-6:00pm CR1-4, GYM, Kft SVDP Winter Clothing Giveaway
9:00-10:00am CH Catechetical Opening Session
9:00-10:30am Rm.12 RICA
10:30-5:00pm MC RICA Retreat
7:00-9:00pm MC Knights of Columbus, Color Corps
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play Practice

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Even though Lent doesn’t begin until this coming Wednesday, St. Paul’s words to the Church in Corinth give us a wonderfully succinct summary for our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal … and in fact, for our entire life’s journey: “Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks {meaning every person for us today} or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me as I am of Christ.” We often tend to make things too complicated. Paul’s words express how we are to behave in order to fulfil Jesus’ call to love God and neighbor. It may seem that “pleasing everyone in every way” isn’t possible. But when we seek the benefit of others rather than living just for ourselves, we please others by default. “In every way” might be understood as reminding us that there is nothing that does not arise from our creator God, thus all things provide an opportunity to strengthen our awareness that God is with us. But, we are human, we fail at times to center our actions in imitation of Jesus. By happy coincidence :-), we are about to begin our Lenten journey. Our offerings of prayer, fasting and outreach give us a gentle nudge, reminding us that we are not out to earn God’s love and approval (we already have that) but rather to spread God’s love … “to everyone in every way.”

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Lent is a time of self-examination. Being green means recognizing God as the source of all we are and have and opening ourselves to share our goods and time with others.

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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You can think about this answer in the context of love. For example, if parents made a decision to give their children a blessing everyday as a sign of love to their children, would they say on Sunday: “It’s Sunday we don’t need to bless them today.” The three pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, are important and should be thought about very carefully.

Prayer: Prayer should include time spent in growing our spiritual life. If we make a commitment to pray a certain amount of time each day, we should ensure that part of this time is devoted to study and contemplation of God’s presence in our lives.

Fasting: Is often thought of as giving up something…like chocolate…but it should also be understood as choosing to be transformed. Fasting from food or other things reminds us that we need to empty ourselves from the worldly objects that often hold us back from a full and complete relationship with God and each other.

Almsgiving: We can think about this as the other hand of fasting. If we choose to give up something we are then challenged to give something to God and others. The act of charity in giving of our time, talent and treasure in stewardship of God’s gifts helps us to find the joyful love of God during this penitential season.

Lenten prayer books are available or go to the parish website to find online resources to enrich your Lenten journey.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

p.s. Invite a friend to Mass with you this Lent.

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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SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 1 – MARCH 4, 2015
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT TALK &
PARISH MISSION
LED BY
KATRINA J. ZENO, MTS

Join international speaker and author Katrina J. Zeno, MTS here at St. Catherine Church. She will speak to our Youth and Young Adults on Sunday, March 1st about the Theology of the Body for Youth/Young Adults. She will then talk on Monday, March 2 through Wednesday, March 4 for a three day Parish Mission. All parishioners, families, friends of St. Catherine’s, other Diocesan parishes and community members will be invited to hear this dynamic speaker.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY AND SPREAD THE WORD...

Katrina’s Biography
Specializing in the theology of the body, the single life, the genius of woman, chastity formation, marriage and the Eucharist, and passing on the faith, Katrina brings a dynamic and personal dimension to her speaking. She was born and raised in San Diego, California, but left the sun and beach for Steubenville, Ohio, where she earned her BA in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

As a single mother, Katrina has acquired a wealth of experience and knowledge across life’s journey from marriage to single life to raising children to romance. She is the author of Every Woman’s Journey: Answering ‘Who am I’ for the Feminine Heart, The Body Reveals God: A Guided Study of John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, and When Life Doesn’t Go Your Way: Hope for Catholic Women Facing Pain and Disappointment. She is a contributing author to Amazing Grace for Women and Freedom: 12 Lives Transformed by Theology of the Body; and the co-editor of Rocked by God, an inspiring collection of teen testimonies.

She has spoken in Switzerland, Austria, England, Canada, Guatemala, and Trinidad and throughout the United States at parishes, retreat centers, and national conferences. Katrina is the blest mother of a young adult son Michael.

Currently Katrina lives in Phoenix, Arizona where she is the coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture for the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona (see www.tobcenter.org). Bishop Thomas Olmsted’s has given his endorsement of her work.

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: The leper who is cured by Jesus is restored to his full life in the community. We are restored to our full life in the community in the Eucharist. The first reading, Lev. 13:1-2, 44-46, describes how to deal with a variety of skin diseases that the unclean person (leper) are isolated from the community. But the Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel, Mk. 1:40-45, says the leper is not out-cast; Jesus heals and brings him back into the community. St. Paul in the second reading, 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1, tells us whatever we do, we shall do for the honor of God, imitating Christ and bringing others back to the community.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 18th, Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of the Season of Lent. But the 40 days of Lent begin on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday which is First Sunday of Lent, February 22nd, and will end on the Holy Thursday, April 2nd, 2015. Happy and Holy Lent. During Lent Christians are called by Jesus’ commandment to pray, fast and give alms:

• PRAYER: spend extra time in prayer.
• FASTING: eat, drink and smoke less than usual. Fasting includes abstinence, not eating or drinking certain kinds of food, such as meat or alcohol. Fasting also means less entertainment, less music, less nonsense.
• ALMSGIVING: giving a little to the poor with justice is better than giving a lot with injustice.

6:15am Ash Service
8:15am Mass
10:45am School Mass
12:00 noon Ash Service
3:45pm Mass
5:30pm Mass
7:30 p.m. Spanish Masses (Church & Parish Center)
SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Salmo — Perdona, Señor, nuestros pecados (Salmos 32 [31]).
Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).
Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie ( Marcos 1:40-45).

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE MARK

CONTINUADO...

Usted puede pensar en esta respuesta en el contexto del amor. Por ejemplo, si los padres toman la decisión de dar a sus hijos una bendición todos los días como un signo de amor a sus hijos, dirían ellos el domingo: "Es domingo, no necesitamos bendecirlos hoy." Los tres pilares de la Cuaresma, la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, son importantes y deben ser pensados con mucho cuidado.

Oración: debe de ser pensado con mucho cuidado. La oración debe incluir el tiempo invertido en el crecimiento de nuestra vida espiritual. Si nos comprometemos a rezar una cierta cantidad de tiempo cada día debemos asegurarnos de que parte de este tiempo se dedica al estudio y la contemplación de la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas.

El ayuno: es a menudo considerado como renunciar a algo ... como el chocolate ... pero también se debe entender como elegir a transformar. El ayuno de los alimentos u otras cosas nos recuerda que tenemos que vaciarnos de los objetos mundanos que a menudo nos impiden una relación plena y completa con Dios y entre sí.

La limosna: Podemos pensar en esto como otra parte del ayuno. Si optamos por renunciar a algo entonces estamos desafiados de dar algo a Dios ya los demás. El acto de caridad en dar de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro en la administración de los dones de Dios nos ayuda a encontrar el amor gozoso de Dios durante este tiempo penitencial.

Libros de oración de Cuaresma están disponibles en la rectoría o visite el sitio web de la parroquia para encontrar recursos en línea de calidad y entretenimiento para su camino cuaresmal.

Dios Los Bendiga
Padre Mark
PS Invitan a un amigo a Misa con usted en esta Cuaresma

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

ADORACIÓN DEL SANTISIMO

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

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!

Pasa tiempo con JESUS ESTA CUARESMA

Seleccione una o más de los folletos de oración y reflexión para la oración diaria durante la Cuaresma. Los folletos se pueden encontrar en la Iglesia, la Oficina de Formación de Fe y la Oficina Parroquial.

Donación de $ 1.00 por folleto.

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE FEBRERO

Domingo, 15 de Febrero
Minga Morales

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.

GRUPO CARISMÁTICO

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

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

HACER DE LA NECESIDAD VIRTUD
"El hecho de predicar no es para mí motivo de orgullo. No tengo más remedio y, ¡ay de mí si no anuncio el Evangelio!... Las cartas a los Corintios son una mina. Permítame, aprovechando la frase de San Pablo, que les muestre dos listas paralelas de actividades varias. Cosas que son motivo de orgullo: 1) Dejar de fumar: por si fuera poco, quienes lo consiguen nos dan la tabarra a los demás. Muchos que llevan dos meses sin fumar lo dicen como si merecieran un homenaje. 2) Adelgazar: si, pasado el verano, algún compañero o compañera de trabajo ha reducido su línea perímetral, no dejes de decírselo o se ofenderá. 3) Aprobar con nota un examen: hay que enmarcar el diploma urgentemente y ponerlo en el salón. 4) Con- seguir un autógrafo de Ronaldo: hay que enseñárselo a todo el mundo... Sí, sí, ya sé que todo esto parece de Perogrullo. Pero cuando San Pablo se refiere al apostolado, lo sitúa en la segunda lista y no en la primera. Nosotros, sin embargo, hemos llevado todo lo referente a la piedad al catálogo de medallas y condecoraciones. Muchos cristianos, si durante un mes han dedicado cada mañana media hora a la oración sin fallar un sólo día, se sienten como si merecieran un diploma. Otros, si en una ocasión han dado la cara ante los amigos y han hablado de Dios, se ufanan como si hubieran hecho una proeza. También hay quien, después de confesarse, espera que lo feliciten como a un héroe... Dejemos que el apóstol ponga las cosas en su sitio: "¡Ay de mí si no rezase!", "¡Ay de mí si no hablase de Dios!", "¡Ay de mí si no confesara!". Si no rezase, si no hablase de Dios, si no confesara mis pecados, sería yo como quien no come, como quien deja de respirar, como quien no duerme. No somos héroes por rezar, ni por hablar de Dios, ni por confesarnos; antes bien, mereceríamos palos por no hacerlo. Si quieres méritos, mira a la Cruz: Jesús no necesitaba sufrir, no necesitaba salvarse, no necesitaba su compañía ni la mía... Y subió libremente a la Cruz para redimirnos porque nos amaba. ¡Ese es el mérito! Y ese mérito infinito, volcado en Sangre a través del Costado, lo recogió María para distribuírnoslo a nosotros. Cuando lo recibimos, cuando vivimos en gracia, se transforma nuestra oración de tal manera que una sola comunión, realizada con fervor, bastaría para redimir a todas las almas. En eso consiste el milagro de la gracia: en hacer, de nuestra necesidad, Virtud. Virtud de Cristo

Fr. José-Fernando Rey Ballesteros

GRUPO ALFA Y OMEGA
RECAUDADOR DE FONDOS PARA RETIRO DE FAMILIA

Padre Mark, Padre Lieu y Padre Andrey CANTARÁN Y BAILARÁN!!! SI usted nos ayuda a recaudar $2,000 El Domingo 8 de Marzo a las 2 p.m. en el Gimnasio del Centro Parroquial. Por favor, ponga su donación, grande o pequeño en esta jarra. Gracias.

ACTIVIDADES DE CUAREMA

Febro 18th – Miercoles de Ceniza 7:30pm Misa en la Iglesia y Centro Parroquial
Feb. 20 Viernes – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia 1ª semana de Cuaresma
Feb. 23-27 Lunes a Viernes Mision Cuaresmal 7–9pm – Iglesia
Feb. 27 Viernes – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia 2ª semana de Cuaresma
Marzo 6 Viernes 9:00am 24hr Adoration de el Santisimo Sacramento terminando Sabado a las 8:00am 3ª semana de Cuaresma
Marzo 11 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Iglesia Spanish Holy Hour 6:30-7:30pm
Marzo 13 Vier – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia Spanish Charismatic Group 7:30pm
Marzo 18 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Iglesia Spanish Holy Hour 6:30-7:30pm Spanish Charismatic Group 7:30pm
Marzo 20 Vier – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia 4ª semana de Cuaresma
Marzo 25 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Iglesia Spanish Holy Hour 6:30 – 7:30pm Spanish Charismatic Group – 7:30pm 6:30-10pm – Cena Pascual – Centro Parroquial
Marzo 27 Vier – 6:30 PM-7:30 PM—Iglesia Oportunidades continuas de Misiones, Fe y Estudio de las Escrituras Para todos Martes 7:00-9:00pm Estudio de Biblia con Padre Andrey – Centro Milani Jueves 7:00-9:00pm Catechesis — Centro Milani
ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA
Los invitamos al estudio de Biblia con el Padre Andrei los Martes a las 7:00pm en el centro Milani.

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 Rectaría a registrarse, las clases inician en el Salón 12 todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Biblia y Cuaderno.

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.

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.

MISIÓN CUARESMAL
En la semana del 22 al 27 de Febrero tendremos la Misión Cuaresmal de las 7:00 a 8:00 pm y después tendremos misa todos los días de la Misión. El Padre Sergio Ovando párroco de la parroquia de San Martín de Tours, dará las pláticas. Los esperamos en la Iglesia.

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

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Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 15 de Febrero de 2015
Todo lo que hagan ustedes, sea comer, o beber, o cualquier otra cosa, háganlo todo para gloria de Dios. — 1 Corintios 10:31

Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La Corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La “Meta Semanal” es el número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

Colección Especial:  
Minorías Étnicas y la Iglesia en América Latina $2785 - Gracias.
Reasons to be Catholic. #4 The Church is a family

The Church is the biggest most diverse extended family in the world. It has 1.2 billion members and it is even bigger than that because we are always welcoming new members—those born into the family and those who choose to join us. The basis for our family is Jesus Christ. We are all sisters and brothers of the Lord Jesus. We help each other, we celebrate with each other, we mourn with each other. The Church gives us a framework for life that is broader and deeper than anything we could manage on our own.

There is nothing like attending an Easter Vigil Mass and seeing brand-new Catholics being welcomed warmly into the Church. They are different ages, races, and sexes, but they are all joining all of us in this family of the Church; you can see the joy and excitement not only on their faces but on the faces of their friends, families, sponsors, and the whole assembly.

Or maybe you have been to a Sunday Mass when a baptism is celebrated. If Father Mark is the presider, he invites all the children present to come and sit on the floor around the font so they can see the new baby being baptized; then he holds the newly baptized child up for all of us to see and to laugh and applaud and welcome this new Catholic.

We share all of the major and minor moments of life—births, deaths, weddings, and so many more—with each other. We share food, and stories, and hugs, and tears, and laughter. And we try to remember that our family is larger than just the people around us: it includes people from all over the world, all of whom are, like us, celebrating those life moments through the sacraments that we all take part in.

Adapted from Kathy Coffey, “Ten Reasons to be Catholic”, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1998
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Holy Heck Lent is Here, I Better Get My Ash in Gear

I feel like we just finished Christmas not too long ago and it’s already gonna be Lent this Wednesday. Well, better get to it.

Before you settle in on what you’re doing (or not doing) for Lent, let’s take a minute and think on last year’s Lenten journey:
What did you do for Lent? Were you able to stick to your sacrifice(s)? How did it help your faith life, or your life in general?
These are the kind of questions you should reflect on before deciding on this year’s Lenten sacrifice.
First off, your Lenten sacrifice shouldn’t be a repeat. Change it up. Do something different. It should be a challenge, after all. Plus, if you’re giving up something for Lent, it’s probably something that’s not good for you, in which case you should give it up for good, not just for Lent.

So step it up a notch.
Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The Mass and Service times are all up on the parish website and probably somewhere in this bulletin.
And to all the people who come to church JUST on Ash Wednesday (and Christmas and Easter) and not every Sunday—sacrifice an hour a week and get to Mass. Remember, there’s SEVEN of them every weekend. We make it pretty dang easy to be able to get to one.

One last thing. Lent is about sacrifice, and preparing ourselves for Christ to rise from the dead (Easter). It’s not about bragging. So don’t get ashes just so you can show off that you got them, and don’t give something up just so you can tell people you’re giving something up. Lenten sacrifices don’t make you better than anyone else. Lenten sacrifices make you better than you were. Hopefully.

Young Adults!

Game night is next Wednesday from 7-9pm at our house. All are welcome (please note this is under the title Young Adults).

Life Teen

Next Sunday is the Oscars. We will be watching them after Mass at the Kellett’s home!

Reconciliation. Reconciling yourself with God is a big part of Lent. We’re called to go to Confession often (I’ll be honest, it is a struggle for me to go as often as I should, but I’m doing much better now than I have in the past). But during Lent, a time of sacrifice, reflection, and preparation, Reconciliation is especially important.
Now, if you for some reason didn’t know, we offer Reconciliation EVERY WEEK on Saturdays from 4-5pm.
BUT IF THAT’S NOT ENOUGH (see how we’re taking away all your excuses to not celebrate the Sacraments and practice your faith?), our entire Diocese is participating in “The Light is On for You.” This means from Feb. 25th to Apr. 1st, every parish in our diocese will offer Reconciliation every single Wednesday from 6-8PM. So no matter where you are, whether up in San Jose, down in Gilroy, or right here in Morgan Hill, on a Wednesday evening during Lent you can get your confession on and be free of sin (for at least a minute or two—what happens after that is up to you).
“Getting to the Heart of Lent”: a Lenten Intergenerational Event

Sunday, February 22
1:30 pm—5:00 pm in the Parish Center

During the 40 days of Lent we are called to come back to God with our whole hearts. It is a time of preparation and reflection before the joyful celebration of Easter. What areas of our lives do we need to turn over to God? How can we create a Lenten focus in our homes?

Deepen your understanding of the disciplines, practices and devotions of Lent at this event for all parishioners! ALL are welcome to spend time in community and in prayer reflection through:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Prayer Labyrinth
- Activity Centers

We look forward to seeing you there!

REMINDER:

On Ash Wednesday, February 18th, there will be no Faith Formation classes.

Instead, parents and children are asked to join together to celebrate Mass at 3:45 pm to receive ashes and mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent.

PARENT FAITH FORMATION SERIES CONTINUES:

Sunday, February 15
9:00 am—10:15 am in Room 8

Wednesday, February 25
3:15 pm—4:30 pm
4:45 pm—6:00 pm
Room 12

Thursdays, February 19 & 26
10:00 am—11:00 am in the Parish Center

Saturdays (SPANISH), February 14 & 28
9:00 am—10:15 am in the Milani Center

Join us as we “dig deeper” into the Bible through Sacred Scripture and how to integrate it in our daily lives. All are welcome to attend.
2015 Greetings to St. Catherine Parish
Friends from the Learning and Loving Center (LLEC), Morgan Hill!

St. Catherine Parish has long opened their hearts to the work of the LLEC; for that, Executive Director Christa Hanson, staff, volunteers, students and preschoolers are most grateful. St. Catherine School donates the money they raise from their Mission Carnival; 2nd and 6th grade make Easter baskets and 5th graders make cute teddy bears for the Center’s preschool.

Additionally, the Learning and Loving Center extends sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Youth Group of the Parish for their generous donations during the Holiday Season. The Youth Group has future plans to provide items from the Center’s Wish List, found on the website at www.learningandloving.org. To so many others who donated toys, pajamas, gift cards and money, thank you!

As we move through 2015, we look forward to sharing more of the “Good News” about the Learning and Loving Education Center and look forward to greeting and thanking you personally at an upcoming Hospitality Sunday.

For more information or to schedule a visit to the Center, phone 408.776.1196 or email to edctr@earthlink.net.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to “do everything for the glory of God.” In today’s scriptures Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit “the many,” as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us “with the joy of salvation.”

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES

February 18th – Ash Wednesday
6:15am Ash Service
8:15am Mass
10:45am Mass
12pm Ash Service
3:45pm Mass
5:30pm Mass
7:30pm Mass in Church and Parish Center

February 19 Thursday – “Digging Deeper Into the Bible”
10am – 11am – Parish Center
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church

February 20 Friday – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Church

1st week of Lent

February 22 Sunday – "Getting to the Heart of Lent", a Lenten Intergenerational Event
1:30-4:30pm in the Parish Center

February 23-27 Monday through Friday
Mision Cuaresmal 7–9pm – Church

February 25 Wednesday “Digging Deeper into the Bible”
10-11am – School Room 12
6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church

February 26 Thursday – “Digging Deeper Into the Bible”
10-11am – Parish Center
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church

February 27 Friday – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Church
February 28 Saturday - “Digging Deeper Into the Bible”
10-11am – Milani Center

2nd week of Lent

March 2 – 4 Monday through Wednesday
Katria Zeto Parish Mission 7–9pm - Church, Child Care available School Day Care
March 4 Wed 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church
March 5 Thursday
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church
March 6 Friday 9:00am
24hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending Saturday at 8:00am
March 7 Saturday 8:45am – 1st Saturday Rosary

3rd week of Lent

March 9 Monday
7:00pm Parish Reconciliation - Church
March 10 Tuesday
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church
March 11 Wed 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church
Spanish Holy Hour 6:30–7:30pm
Spanish Charismatic Group 7:30pm
March 12 Thursday
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church

4th week of Lent

March 15 Sunday 4:00–8:00pm
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner - Parish Center
March 17 Tuesday 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross – Church
March 18 Wed 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church
Spanish Holy Hour 6:30-7:30pm
Spanish Charismatic Group 7:30pm
March 19 Thursday
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church
March 20 Friday – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Church
March 21 Saturday - 6:30pm
Feast of San Guiseppi Dinner–Parish Center

5th week of Lent

March 24 Tuesday
7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Church
March 25 Wed 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church
Spanish Holy Hour 6:30 – 7:30pm
Spanish Charismatic Group – 7:30pm
March 26 Thursday
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church
6:30-10pm – Cena Pascual – Parish Center
March 27 - Friday – Via Crucis – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
–Church

Ongoing Opportunities for Missions, Faith Sharing and Scripture Study

For Men  Mondays 6:30-7:30am
Faith Sharing with Fr. Mark – Parish Center

For Women  Wednesdays -9:00am
Faith Sharing – Parish Center

For all  Fridays 9:30-10:30am
Bible Study with Deacon Rick- Parish Center

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Any Catholic Church in Santa Clara County
Wednesdays of Lent 6pm - 8pm - www.dsj.org/light
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE THANK YOU!
Thank you to the many parishioners who generously donated coats, jackets and blankets. Because of your thoughtfulness we were able to deliver items to the Compassion Center as well as to our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you Ladies of Charity and the youth in Family Faith Formation for delivering and sorting the items. Without everyone’s generous gift of time, talent and treasure this would never have been possible! THANK YOU!

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
Sunday March 15
4 PM—8 PM
SAVE THE DATE

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS THIS LENT
Select one or more Lenten Prayer and Reflection booklets for daily prayer during Lent. Booklets can be found in the Church, the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office for a donation of $1.00.

ADA in Action: Rosa’s Story
Inmate at Elmwood Correctional Facility
A female inmate in her 20’s at the Elmwood Correctional Facility, Rosa wanted to become Catholic. When asked why she was attracted to the Catholic Church she became a little impatient and said, “I just told you that when I was growing up I never had a mother and I know that if I become Catholic Mary will be my mother.”

Through the funding provided by ADA Rosa’s goal of having Mary as her Mother came true and Rosa is now a follower of Christ.

Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal $ 204,412
Pledges as of 2/1/15 $ 67,224

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

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.

Special Collection
Ethnic Minorities & Church in Latin America $ 2,785 - Thank you.

Called to Do God’s Work, Together in Christ
ADA 2015
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Mission of the Catholic Church:
Called to Do God’s Work, Together in Christ
St. Catherine School News

St. Catherine School will be on winter break from February 9-16. The school office will be closed during this time.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2015-2016

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2015-2016 school year. If you have friends or family members who are interested in St. Catherine School, please encourage them to pick up an application packet. Applications for grades 1-8 are due March 4 with entrance tests being given on March 11. Spaces are limited, so be sure to pick up an application soon.

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.

A huge THANK YOU to all who made our e-Waste drive such a success. You not only helped St. Catherine School but ensured that the materials in your old electronics will be recycled rather than ending up in a landfill.

DICTIONARIES FOR 3RD GRADE

Morgan Hill Rotary provides every third grader in Morgan Hill with a beautiful dictionary each year. Rotarians presented the dictionaries to the third graders of St. Catherine a couple of weeks ago. The students were thrilled when they received their dictionaries and quickly thumbed through them to find words, maps, and lots of great facts about words and our world! A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill! Our students will benefit from their generous gift for many years to come.