SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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

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

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

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

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

One of the devotions we, as Roman Catholics, are invited to pray and practice during Lent are the Stations of the Cross. Our tradition as Catholics tells us that our Blessed Mother Mary visited daily the road to Calvary that her Son and our Lord walked as he travelled his passion and death. We also know that St. Jerome in the 4th Century talked about pilgrims coming to Jerusalem to pray the Way of the Cross. By the 14th when the Franciscans were given the ministry of protecting the religious sites in the Holy Land the pilgrimage for the Stations was very popular. Because of war and the closing of access to the holy sites by the Turkish Moslems at different times it became a common practice, as it is today, for images of the Stations of the Cross to be displayed in Churches for the faithful…..

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

Una de las devociones que tenemos, como Católicos Romanos, que estamos invitados a orar y practicar durante la Cuaresma son las Estaciones de la Cruz. Nuestra tradición como católicos nos dice que nuestra Santísima Madre María visitó a diario el camino del Calvario que su Hijo y nuestro Señor caminaron mientras viajaba su pasión y muerte. También sabemos que San Jerónimo en el siglo cuarto habló de los peregrinos que vienen a Jerusalén para rezar el Vía Crucis. Por el 14º, cuando los franciscanos se les dieron el ministerio de la protección de los lugares religiosos en Tierra Santa la peregrinación de las Estaciones era muy popular. A causa de la guerra y el cierre de acceso a los lugares sagrados por los musulmanes turcos en diferentes momentos se convirtió en una práctica común, como lo es hoy, para las imágenes de las Estaciones de la Cruz que se …..

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).
Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).
Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).
Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?
Child: What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, February 23 †  Nick Mariani
†  Jose Mendoza
Tuesday, February 24 Eric Hernandez
†  John Martin
Wednesday, February 25 †  Theodore Mackin
†  Anna Villano
Thursday, February 26 †  John Barnes
Robert Knapp
Friday, February 27 †  Jaime Salinas
†  Tom Powers
Saturday, February 28 †  Rev. William Worner
†  Virginia O’Doherty
“Repent and believe in the Gospel” we may have heard these words last Wednesday as we were marked by the ashes which remind us of our “temporary visa” here on earth. Mark has the gift of being succinct and to the point, but the challenge is to discover what repentance is for us and what our belief in the Gospel entails. Repentance asks that we bring to mind that we are imperfect but that the response to that awareness is to take in the fullness of the Good News that the Gospel is for us… that Jesus came to be one like us to show us the worth of our human nature, even in our imperfection. Being a steward asks that we take in not only the mystery of our redemption but also our baptismal call to be apostles to the world in sharing what that means. It is true that Lent offers us a time for personal evaluation and renewal… and one way to live out our belief in the Gospel is to share ourselves, in whatever way we can, with others. In doing so we build up the body of Christ which is the Church and at the same time we ourselves are renewed in the process. It is the yin and yang of Christian living, strengthening our faith while giving it in service to others. Maybe this Lent we are called to live that seeming dichotomy, that give and take which builds us into the person that God invites us to be. Being imperfect yet loved as we are truly is the Good News of the Gospel in which we believe. May we be rainbows of God’s grace to the world so in need of beauty, peace, and compassion.

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**

The color green is restful. Caring for God’s created world brings us peace and restfulness… knowing that, in our small way, we’ve helped to further God’s plan of goodness for our world.

**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!

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.

**STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE**

BY DEACON RICK HAECHEL

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**FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARK CONTINUED......**

to spend time in prayer with our Lord as we contemplate his Passion and death on the Cross.

This devotion is an important part of our call to holiness. We will be celebrating this pray many times during Lent within our church building but we are also encouraged to pray this devotion outside of the church if we are unable to attend the parish celebrations.

Pope Francis in his meditation on the Stations writes, “The stations of the cross invite us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our Christian faith urges us to look to the cross. How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the cross if only for a moment! In the silence of the cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken. As we reflect on the various events of the stations using the scriptures, we might well ask ourselves: Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus? Where is my heart? May these questions remain with us throughout this Lent and Holy Week.”

Matthew Kelly reminds us that God is not a “God who tweaks, God is a God who transforms.” As we pray the stations, let us be transformed in and through the love of Jesus.

God Bless,
Fr. Mark Arnzen
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 Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness to prepare Him for His ministry. On this First Sunday of Lent, we pray that we will be inspired to spread the Good News of God. The first reading, Gen. 9:8-15, tells us that God makes the rainbow the sign of the Covenant with Noah and his descendants. Jesus in today’s Gospel, Mk. 1:12-15, tells us: “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Thus, Peter in the second reading, 1 Peter 3:18-22, draws a parallel between the waters of the flood which cleansed the earth, and the waters of baptism which bring salvation through the resurrection of Christ.

ENGLISH: Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2015, @ 7:00 p.m., in the church.
SPANISH: Every Friday, @ 6:30 p.m. during Lent, in the church
SCHOOL: Every Thursday, @ 2:30 p.m. during Lent, in the church

BLESSING FOR A PLACE OF PRAYER

Blessed are your, our God, whose hand led Israel forty years in the wilderness, and whose Spirit strengthened Jesus through forty days of desert testing.

Blessed are you who have given us this time of Lenten renewal, this place of Lenten prayer.

As here you center us in truth, teach us holy wisdom.
Let your gentle rain of mercy cleanse our hearts and clear our vision, that the desert of this world may bloom with charity, and the long winter surrender to a springtime of paschal joy.

Glory to you, for ever and ever. Amen!
ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA
Los invitamos al estudio de Biblia con el Padre Andrei los Martes a las 7:00pm en el centro Milani.

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24)).

Segunda lectura — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

DESER DEL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE MARK
CONTINUADO...

mostrarán en las Iglesias para los fieles para pasar el tiempo en oración con nuestro Señor como contemplamos su pasión y muerte en la Cruz.

Esta devoción es una parte importante de nuestra vocación a la santidad. Vamos a celebrar esta oración muchas veces durante la Cuaresma dentro de nuestro edificio de la iglesia, sino que también estamos animados a rezar esta devoción fuera de la iglesia, si no somos capaces de asistir a las celebraciones de la parroquia.

Papa Francisco en su meditación sobre las Estaciones escribe, “Las estaciones de la cruz nos invitan a entrar profundamente en el misterio de la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús. Nuestra fe Cristiana no exharta a mirar a lo cruz. ¡Cuánto quisiera que todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad miraran a la cruz aunque sea por un momento! En el silencio de la cruz, el alboroto de las armas acaba y el lenguaje de la reconciliación, perdón, diálogo y paz es hablado. Al reflexionar acerca de los varios elementos de las estaciones usando las Escrituras, no podríamos preguntar: ¿Quién soy yo, en frente a mi Señor? ¿Quién soy yo enfrente al sufrimiento de Jesús? ¿Dónde está mi corazón? Que estas preguntas permanezcan en nosotros a través de esta Cuaresma y Semana Santa.”

Matthew Kelly nos recuerda que Dios no es un "Dios que pellizca, Dios es un Dios que transforma." Cuando oramos las estaciones, vamos a ser transformados en y por el amor de Jesús.

Dios Los Bendiga
Padre Mark

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles:Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo:Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 (115):10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10

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.

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

Pasa tiempo con
JESUS ESTA CUARESMA
Selezione 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.

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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!
¡ME ENCANTA LA TEOLOGÍA!

"Si quieres, puedes limpiarme"... No es una petición en sentido estricto. No se trata de un "¡Señor, que veal!" o un "¡Jesús, hijo de David, ten piedad de mí!" como los que profirieron otros enfermos. La frase del leproso es, más bien, un acto de fe sublime. Aquel leproso era un teólogo. La súplica, desde luego, existe. "Se acercó a Jesús un leproso, suplicándole de rodillas"... Esa carne podrida arrodiillada a los pies del Maestro era una plegaria más elocuente que todas las palabras de este mundo. Aquellos miembros parecían estar gritando: "Mírame, Señor, ¿no te doy lástima?". ¿Has probado alguna vez a suplicar así? ¿Te has postrado alguna vez ante el Sagrario y te has desmoronado ante la presencia de Jesús para moverlo a compasión? Esa oración es tan poderosa que Jesús, "sintiendo lástima", sanó al leproso. Déjame decirte que miro con cierta desconfianza, aunque no siempre lo manifiesto, a aquellas personas que aseguran: "yo pido por todo el mundo menos por mí". Sé que parece generosidad, pero a mí me parece secreta soberbia. Si supiéramos quiénes somos, si conociéramos hasta qué punto estamos enfermos y necesitados, nuestra oración diaria comenzaría en el suelo, postrados por tierra e intentando mover a compasión el Corazón de Cristo. Pediríamos, primero, por nosotros, y después por los demás. Confieso que, en esto, he perdido hasta el pudor. Le pido que rece por mí a todo el mundo, y cuando alguien me dice que elevará oraciones por mi parroquia, lo agradezco con toda mi alma y añado: "sí, pero, primero, pide por el sacerdote". No sé... Quizá se porque me ha caído y he hecho el ridículo de muchas veces como para saber quién soy. Entonces brota, de aquella carne purulenta y arrodiillada, el acto de fe: "Si quieres, puedes limpiarme". Bastan cuatro palabras para hacer un evangelio. Bastan cuatro palabras para decir: "Tú, Jesús de Nazaret, eres Dios Todopoderoso. Si tú mandas alejarse a la lepra, la lepra se alejará porque la Creación te está sometida. Un acto de Voluntad tuyo es más poderoso que toda la ciencia y la sabiduría de los hombres. Sólo hace falta que Tú lo quieras"... Por si no fuera bastante, el "puedes" del leproso es un permiso en toda regla: "puedes limpiarme" también significa "te dejó limpiarme", o, lo que es lo mismo, "te dejo ser Dios conmigo"... No es ninguna tontería, no. A veces andamos tan empeñados en solucionar por nosotros mismos nuestros problemas, que no le dejamos a Dios ser Dios en nuestra vida. Con tanto afán, con tanto empeño, con tanta auto-suficiencia, parecemos estar diciendo: "déjame solo, Señor, que esto lo arreglaré yo". Repito: ese leproso es un teólogo. Ese hombre que ha tocado fondo en su vida ha descubierto que allí, en el fondo, está Dios y está sanando... No todos lo descubren, pero un enfermo repudiado por los hombres encontró, en una página del evangelio, la verdad de las palabras de María: "derriba del trono a los poderosos, y enaltece a los humildes"... Me encanta la Teología

Fr. José-Fernando Rey Ballesteros

ACTIVIDADES DE CUARESMA

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 4 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconcilation - Iglesia
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
Marzo 13 Vier – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia

4ª semana de Cuaresma
Marzo 18 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Iglesia
Marzo 20 Vier – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Iglesia

5ª semana de Cuaresma
Marzo 25 Mier 6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Iglesia
Marzo 27 Vier – 6:30 PM-7:30 PM—Iglesia

Oportunidades continúas 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

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 la jarra. Gracias.
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.

VIA CRUCIS

FECHA  MINISTERIO             TEMAS
Marzo 6  Monaguillos         El comienzo de la Cuaresma
Marzo 13 Coros               40 días par al reconciliación
Marzo 20 Lectores y Comentadores  El sentido del ayuno
Marzo 27 Danza Litúrgica  La oración

Les invitamos todos los viernes a las 6:30 PM en la Iglesia. Este tiempo de oración acompañando a Jesús en su pasión, nos ayuda a preparamos para la Semana Santa.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS

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

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PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

MISIÓN CUARESIMAL

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.

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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.

ADA en Acción: La historia de Rosa

Presa en la Instalación Correccional de Elmwood

Una reclusa de 20 años encarcelada en el Centro Penitenciario de Elmwood, Rosa quería ser católica. Cuando se le preguntó por qué se sentía atraída por la Iglesia católica se convirtió un poco impaciente y dijo: "Ya le dije, cuando yo era niño nunca tuve una madre y sé que si me convierto en Católica María será mi madre."

A través de la financiación proporcionada por ADA, la meta de Rosa de tener a María como su madre se hizo realidad y Rosa es ahora un seguidor de Cristo.

Por favor haga su compromiso hoy!

Nuestra Meta $204,412
Promesas desde 2/1/15 $ 67,224

LA BELLEZA DEL PERDÓN

La humanidad nunca es tan hermosa como cuando reza implorando perdón o cuando perdona a otro.

—Jean P. F. Richter

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Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La Corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de 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.

Gracias por dar gozosamente a Dios por todo lo que el les ha dado.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion
at St Catherine Church

Reasons to be Catholic. #5 We Have Splendid Heroes and Heroines

Not too late.

If you are an adult who is interested in becoming a Catholic, it is never too late. The preparation time will depend on you: are looking for full initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) or are you already baptized and now want to be a Catholic Christian? What are your desires and hopes?

Set up an appointment with me to tell your story and decide on a program that fits your needs.

Call or email Deacon Phil.
408-779-3959
pflowers@dsj.org

Sometimes it seems as if our society today has substituted “celebrities” for “heroes.” We are interested in people simply because they are famous. But what do today’s celebrities have to teach us about how to live our lives? What do they teach our souls?

Fortunately, as Catholics, we have a whole set of heroes and heroines to look to: the saints. These are people who made a difference in the world and who are worth imitating. They are people who loved Jesus Christ so much that it came through in their actions. They are models, teachers, and intercessors for us. The great thing about the saints is that each one of us can find one or more saints whose lives are particularly meaningful to us. Thomas More might appeal to husbands and fathers, to lawyers, and to politicians—because he was all of those things. Elizabeth Ann Seton might be a model for mothers, widows, and teachers—because she was all of those things. Or perhaps we prefer to recall St. Teresa of Avila, who was both a mystic and a reformer. Or St. Francis of Assisi, who had a vision of Christ that radically changed him, as he discarded his wealthy life and devoted himself to the poor and the sick. St. Clare heard Francis preach and ran away from her own wealthy home in order to live as he did, helping the needy. The writings of the brilliant theologian Thomas Aquinas still resonate today, as do those of St. Augustine of Hippo, who at first resisted the call of Christ, but eventually became one of the Church’s greatest defenders. And all those years that St. Augustine was resisting God’s call? Well, his mother, St. Monica, was praying for him!

The saints were young and old, male and female, single, married, and widowed. The represent all of us, and give us all true heroes and heroines to admire.

Adapted from Kathy Coffey, “Ten Reasons to be Catholic”, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1998
The Parish Mission
We have our Parish Mission starting next week! It's always exciting having speakers come in to help us in our faith journey. This year, our mission is being given by Katrina Zeno. Something special to this year, she is not only talking Monday-Thursday night, she is also giving a talk on Sunday night after the 5:30 Mass. And, she'll be talking about something completely different from the rest of the nights. She'll be talking about Theology of the Body.
If you've ever wondered or doubted the Church’s teaching on contraception and abortion, or your flat out against it, you should come and listen. There are some of you out there who don't agree with the Church’s teaching—but you won't come hear someone talk in favor of it. Why? Maybe because you don't want to change your mind. Maybe you're too stubborn. More stubborn than you think the Church is. Why do we expect the Church to change, but aren't willing to change ourselves? We do this constantly in our lives, don't we? We think we're always right or our way makes the most sense. We think that everyone else who disagrees is an idiot and is too stubborn to see the truth. But sometimes that idiot is us. Sometimes we're too stubborn to see the truth. To see the Truth.
Too many people today—us Christians especially—make up their minds about how things should be, without any real thought or research. We'll go with what we feel is right. But how often are our feelings right? How often do our feelings lead us to mistakes? And the research we might do is just looking at what the media says. Have you ever looked at actual Catholic teachings and doctrine? Have you ever read Canon Law? Maybe it's about time we stop thinking the Church is so closed-minded, and open our own minds to the thought that the Church might actually know what she's talking about. Maybe.

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

Life Teen—The Passion
Change of plans—we will not be going to the Kellett's this Sunday (the 22nd). We are in Lent now, and that means we have rehearsal for the Passion Reenactment! Every year, we do a reenactment of the Passion that uses no spoken words, but contemporary music—most of it is secular too. We’ve used music from all kinds of musicians—from Bruno Mars to Linkin Park. From The Allman Brothers to En Vogue. It’s a very powerful and moving experience. Teens, if you have any great ideas of songs that you think would work very well in the reenactment, come tonight and let us know, we'll be taking suggestions!

It’s Lent
Do you have something to do for Lent? It’s already started, so you should. But, just in case you haven’t started yet, or you’re looking for something more, go to redeemedonline.com. Sign up to receive short videos and ways to share your faith with others. This isn’t about giving something up, but taking something on. Using your social media accounts to share your belief in Jesus Christ. So make sure to check it out. They say it’s simple.

#shareJesus
“Getting to the Heart of Lent”: A Lenten Intergenerational Event

Sunday, February 22

1:30 pm—4:30 pm in the Parish Center

At the heart of Lent is the desire and commitment to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. For 40 days, through the spiritual disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, we can turn away from the things that distract us from God, and allow Him to change our hearts.

How can we grow more in tune with God during Lent? 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!

THE “BASICS” COLLECTION

Donations needed:

- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Dental Floss
- Empty shoe boxes
- Travel Sizes:
  - Shampoo
  - Body Wash
  - Toothpaste
  - Lotion

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting these items to give to organizations that serve the less fortunate in our community.

The empty shoe boxes will be used to package the “Basic” kits. Please bring items to the February 22nd Lent Event or drop them off at the Family Faith Formation Office and Rectory at anytime during Lent. Thank you for your generosity!

PARENT FAITH FORMATION SERIES CONTINUES:

**Wednesday, February 25**

3:15 pm—4:30 pm
4:45 pm—6:00 pm

Room 12

**Thursday, February 26**

10:00 am—11:00 am in the Parish Center

**Saturday (SPANISH), February 28**

9:00 am—10:15 am in the Milani Center

**Coming in March:**

“At Home With Our Faith—Lent” Parent Faith Formation Sessions
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).

REACH OUT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
Do you have 2 hours a month to help pack and distribute food to the needy? If you can help from 12:30-2:30pm, one afternoon a month, please contact Fran at (408) 779-7442.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE 2015
Monthly 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration in the church begins Friday after the 8:15am mass and concludes Saturday morning.
*Note that April and June Adoration are 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 Fardigmag@charter.net or 776-6698; Sandra Gristdale-ziandra@sbcglobal.net or 10-0410; Crystal Dietrich-crystaldietrich@gmail.com or 512-897-6712

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.

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.

FUNDRAISER
Fr. Mark, Fr. Andrey and Fr. Lieu will SING and DANCE Sunday March 8th at 2pm In the Parish Center Gym

IF
You help us raise $2,000 for our Family Retreat.
Please put your donation, big or small, in the jug after Mass or during the week in the Parish Office.
Thank you for your support.

BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS
Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.
—Jean P. F. Richter

THE QUALITY OF CHANGE
To change and to change for the better are two different things.
—German proverb
LENTEN ACTIVITIES

1st week of Lent
Feb. 22 Sunday – "Getting to the Heart of Lent", a Lenten Intergenerational Event
1:30-4:30pm in the Parish Center
Feb. 23-27 Monday through Friday
Mision Cuairesmal 7–9pm – Church
Feb. 25 Wednesday “Digging Deeper into the Bible”
10-11am – School Room 12
6:30-8:00pm Reconciliation – Church
Feb. 26 Thursday – “Digging Deeper Into the Bible”
10–11am – Parish Center
2:30pm School Stations of the Cross-Church
Feb. 27 Friday – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – Church
Feb. 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
March 13 Friday – 6:30-7:30pm Via Crucis – 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

LENTEN ACTIVITES CONTINUED ...

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS
Visit our website site at www. Stca.org, for links to various daily Lenten reflections.

RECONCILIATION
Confessions will be heard every Wednesday of Lent in the Church from 6:00-8:00pm.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNUAL
ST. PATRICK’S DAY
DINNER

Sunday March 15
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
O’Donnell Parish Center

Delicious Irish Food
Corned Beef and Cabbage
served with “Champ”
Irish Potato Dish
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert and Coffee
Tickets = $15 each

Children’s Hot Dog, Chips & Soda = $6.

Special Craft Corner
with lots of fun St. Patrick’s Day crafts for little folk of all ages.

Entertainment will feature - Traditional Music,
Irish Dancing Exhibitions, raffle and much more.

Purchase tickets online at www.stca.org, or complete the ticket order form at the Rectory Office. For more information or to volunteer please contact Michael Barry 408-425-5674 or ffbarry@yahoo.com.

Your gift supports youth ministry who guide our teens on their faith journey.

Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal - $204,412
Pledges to as of 2/9/15 $96,139

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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Year To Date Stewardship
July 1, 2014 to Feb. 8, 2015

Thank you for joyfully giving back to God for all you have been given.

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.
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.

ANNUAL APPEAL—
A Legacy of Faith 2014-2015

The eleventh Annual Appeal is well on its way! The school’s goal is to raise $65,000. We are moving forward, but not yet at goal. You can still help! For more information, please contact Jeff Layne, Development Director, at jlayne@stcatherinemh.org or 779-9950. Funds raised from our Annual Appeal help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating each student, as well as providing funds for new programs & tuition assistance.

WCEA/WASC Accreditation Visit

St. Catherine School is dual accredited through the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) & the Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC). For the past year, the faculty, staff and many parents collaborated in writing a Self-Study addressing the accreditation criteria. Earlier this month the school was visited by an accreditation team. Students, teachers, staff and parents got to show off the great things that are happening at St. Catherine. The team left a report of their findings and the school will now focus on the goals established in the Action Plan.

Thank you,
St. Catherine Parish,
for all your support of our school!

More smiles from Grandparents’ Day