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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

From the Desk of Deacon Phil Flowers...

Are you a Catholic couple who married outside the Catholic Church? Come to us to have your marriage recognized by the Church. The "convalidation process" is for you.

Many Catholics, for one reason or another, are married in civil marriages. I know of one couple who went to Reno to elope in order to avoid the hoopla that their respective families wanted at their wedding. Some couples are not active in their faith at the time of the marriage, and don’t want a church wedding. Sometimes a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic who wants the ceremony in his or her own religion. And often one or both of the spouses was not free to marry in the Catholic Church because of a divorced previous marriage.

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Desde el Escritorio de Diacono Phil Flowers…

¿Es usted un matrimonio católico que se casó fuera de la Iglesia Católica? Venga a nosotros para hacer que su matrimonio esté reconocido por la Iglesia. El "proceso de convalidación" es para usted.

Muchos católicos, por una razón o otra, están casados en matrimonios civiles. Sé de una pareja que fue a Reno para fugarse con el fin de evitar el alboroto que sus respectivas familias querían en su boda. Algunas parejas no están activas en su fe en el momento del matrimonio, y no quieren una boda por la iglesia. A veces, un católico puede casarse con uno no católico que quiere la ceremonia en su propia religión. Y a menudo uno o ambos de los cónyuges no eran libre para casarse en la Iglesia Católica a causa de un matrimonio anterior divorciada.

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MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 6:30pm
Sábado: 7:30pm
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am, 5:30pm
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESION / 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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THE WEEK AHEAD/ LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 22
7:00-2:00pm CR1-4, Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginning Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
8:30-10:30am MC Catechetical Session
11:30-4:00pm CR1-4, Kit Hospitalidad
12:30-4:00pm MC RCIC Parent/Child Retreat
4:00-8:00pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, March 23
6:00-8:00pm CR3-4, Kit Community Supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell/Angelica Choir Practice
6:30-8:30pm Rm.12 Women’s Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm CR1-2 Confirmation—Pastoral Care
7:30-10:00pm MC English Pre Baptismal Class
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo

Tuesday/Martes, March 24
6:00-7:30pm NUR RICA
5:00-8:30pm CR3-4, Kit Knights of Columbus
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Bible Study
7:00-8:30pm CH Stations of the Cross

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 25
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-7:30pm CH Spanish Holy Hour
7:00-10:00pm MC RCIA
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30pm CH Spanish Charismatic Group

Thursday/Jueves, March 26
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal
6:30-10:00pm CR1-4, Kit Cena Pasqual
7:00-9:30pm MC Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
7:30-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, March 27
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
8:00-10:00pm CR1-4, GYM, Kit Palm Sunday setup
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
6:30-10:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sábado, March 28
All Day CR1-4, GYM, Kit Palm Sunday setup
9:00-10:00am CH Catechetical Opening session
8:00-12:00pm MC Catechetical session
9:00-10:30am Rm.12 RICA
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

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

Child: When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).


8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23 † Joe Mariani
Tuesday, March 24 † Beverly Belle Smith
Wednesday, March 25 † Alicia Salinas
Thursday, March 26 † Jack LoMonaco
Friday, March 27 † Anna Villano
Saturday, March 28 † Thompson family

† = Intercessory prayer
Catholics, however, are required to observe a certain form of marriage ritual for the marriage to be valid. Canon law requires that Catholics enter into marriage by free mutual consent that is witnessed by an authorized deacon or priest and at least two other witnesses. Marriages in which one or both parties are Catholic and which are not so witnessed or which do not receive permission to take place in another forum, are considered invalid in the eyes of the Church.

Marriage is one of the Church's sacraments. “Marriage signifies and makes present to baptized spouses the love of Christ by which he formed the Church as his spouse. . . Christian spouses are called to this imitation of Christ, an imitation that is possible only because, by the Sacrament of Matrimony, the couple receives a participation in his love. . . Their mutual gift of self, conferred in their promises of fidelity and love to the end, becomes a participation in the love to the end by which Christ gave himself to the Church as to a spouse.” (USCCB)

The Church's convalidation process will make valid and sacramental a marriage that was initially invalid. If you want this, please come see me or one of the priests. Even if you think there is a reason you can’t be married in the Church, let's talk. It may be easier than you think!

I will be very happy to talk with you.

Deacon Phil, pflowers@dsj.org, 408-529-2721
Have you ever considered making a Memorial or Honor Gift during the Easter Season?

Did you know you can make an Easter gift in memory or in honor of a loved one for Easter? Honoring someone with a gift at Easter is a great way to tell them how much you love them and support your parish at the same time. This gift will honor someone you love while helping others. You can add the honoree’s name and address on the check or the envelope.

A more significant way to remember a deceased loved one is through a memorial contribution and it can be made as an Easter offering. Memorial contributions can be made for any special occasion. They are also a great idea during Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. You simply need to state on the check or envelope the name and address of deceased.

We will notify the family member that a gift was made in memory or honor of them.

May your family have a wonderful and Blessed Easter. I pray that the peace of Christ is with you always.

God Bless, Anna Quinones

For more information please contact me at aquinones@dsj.org

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Jesus gives us the secret of eternal life: only if we are prepared to die to self can we hope to live with God forever. The true disciple of Christ is the one who follows him, whatever it costs. Like a grain of wheat Christ had to die in order to yield a rich harvest (Jn. 12:20-33) This harvest is the new covenant He established (Jer. 31:31-34). Through his death Jesus learned obedience and became for us the source of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:7-9).

PALM SUNDAY (March 29th):
Weekend Schedules (front page)

HOLY THURSDAY (April 2nd):
7:30 p.m.—Bilingual

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3rd):
12:00 noon Service in English, 1:30 p.m. Passion by Life Teen, 6:30 p.m. Obra de la Pasión de Cristo, 7:30 p.m. Service in Spanish.

EASTER VIGIL (April 4th):
8:30 p.m.—Bilingual

EASTER SUNDAY (April 5th):
Weekend Schedules, no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

BLESSING FOR WALKING

Blessed are you, our God, who led Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldeans and kept him safe in all the pathways of pilgrimage, who led Moses forty days to receive the Law on Sinai, and Elijah to experience your presence on Mount Horeb. Blessed are you who call us to walk in Jesus’ footsteps the path of obedient faith and sacrificial love. As we follow your Spirit’s lead, give us people to serve and places to bear witness. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who, gone before us, leads the way for ever and ever. Amen.
**QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o Ezequiel 37:12-14.

**Salmo** — Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 (50)) o Salmo 130 (129).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) o Romanos 8:8-11.

**Evangelio** — Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) o Juan 11:1-45

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

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**ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO**

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

**FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE MARZO**

Domingo, 22 de Marzo

Monica Avina ~ Esmeralda Mendoza

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.

**CENA PASCUAL**

Jueves, 26 de Marzo 2015

7:00—9:00pm Centro Parroquial

Favor de REGISTRARSE con la Hna. Silvia o en la Rectoría antes del 21 de Marzo. Gracias.

Donativo: $6.00 por persona

**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!
QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

UNA SANTA ESCANDALOSA
Acudió a mí, como quien tiene una noticia sensational que no puede reprimir por más tiempo, un niño de ocho años, y, abrazándose a mi cintura, me dijo: "¡Don Fernando, Don Fernando, mi mamá es santa!"... Sorprendido por no haberme percatado de esa maravilla en el tiempo que llevo en la parroquia, y mientras buscaba en la agenda el teléfono de la oficina para las causas de los santos, le pregunté al niño: "¿Y tú cómo lo sabes, Jaime?"... "Porque ella siempre nos dice que la estamos haciendo santa con todo lo que la hacemos sufrir..."... Cerré la agenda e hice la señal de la Cruz sobre la frente de Jaime: "Bueno, bueno, pues déjala que sea santa despacito y no la empujes"... Me hizo pensar. Desde luego, los santos no dicen eso; los santos, cuando sufren, sufren en silencio. Pero más me hizo pensar esa concepción de la santidad como efecto automático del sufrimiento. Adornado que, detrás, se halla una visión chata de la Cruz, esa visión que nos lleva a escupir el "¡Señor, qué cruz!", cada vez que las cosas no van a nuestro gusto. Pronto identificamos cruz con sufrimiento, y cualquier sufrimiento con la Cruz redentora, la de Cristo... Y así nos va. Tenemos más mártires en la tierra que santos en el Cielo (¡Y eso que hay muchísimos!). Debiéramos prestar una enorme atención a la carta a los Hebreos, cuyas páginas saboreamos en la liturgia de hoy. Es una carta difícil de leer, hay que fijar la mirada en los puntos de luz y enfocar desde ahí el resto. Hoy escuchamos: "Él, a pesar de ser Hijo, aprendió, sufriendo, a obedecer. Y, llevado a la consumación, se ha convertido para todos los que le obedecen en autor de salvación eterna". Si prestáramos atención, nos daríamos cuenta de que el centro del Sacrificio Redentor no estuvo en el sufrimiento -aun cuando lo hubo, y mucho-, sino en la obediencia: Dios no se complació en que su Hijo sufriera, sino en que, aún sufriendo, obedeciera. Ha sido la obediencia de Cristo la que ha dado a su sufrimiento un sentido redentor. No se lo dije al pequeño Jaime, pero no todo el que sufre se santifica; sin embargo, sí se santifica todo el que obedece. Esa obediencia, será, en ocasiones, sufrimiento, penitencia, arrepentimiento y abrazo gozoso a las contrariedades; en otras ocasiones, será celebración, alegría, comida y bebida, fiesta... Y ambas nos santificarán por igual, si nacen del cumplimiento de la Voluntad de Dios. Obediencia es someterse al director espiritual; obediencia es olvidar la propia voluntad; obediencia es orar incesantemente para conocer lo que Dios quiere; obediencia es no ser dueño de la propia vida, sino ponerla a disposición del plan divino. Obediencia es María, la "esclava del Señor"... Virgen Fiell ruega por nosotros!
Fr. Jose-Fernando Rey Ballesteros

ROSARIO 2DO. SABADO DEL MES
Apartir del mes de abril el Comité Guadalupano hace la atenta invitación a rezar el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia a las 7:00 de la mañana. Los esperamos!

ACTIVIDADES DE CUARESMA
5to 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 Prroquial

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

La Luz Esta Encendida Paráti!
Tienes problemas para perdonar a algún conocido, o algún familiar? Has considerado buscar la Sanación? Esta semana continuamos con nuestra campaña cuaresmal "La Luz está encendida para ti." En ella, toda Parroquia Católica en el condado de Santa Clara, incluyendo esta, tendrá abiertas sus puertas, y con sacerdotes disponibles para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación todos los Miércoles de 6-8 PM. Para más recursos, visita www.dsj.org/light

LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA
La comunidad de Santa Catalina les da la más cordial bienvenida a unirse en oración a la novena de la Divina Misericordia según lo declarado por el Padre Santísimo, Juan Pablo II a la fecha de celebración de la Divina Misericordia. La oración se llevará a cabo en nuestra Iglesia y también será ofrecida en español para todos aquellos que estén interesados.

HORARIO:
Viernes: 4/3 11:00p - 11:45p
Sábado: 4/4 5:30 a 6:15p
Domingo: 4/5 2:00 a 2:45p
Lunes: 4/6 5:30 a 6:15p
Martes: 4/7 5:30 a 6:15p
Miércoles: 4/8 5:00 a 5:45p
Jueves: 4/9 4:30 a 5:15p
Viernes: 4/10 5:30 a 6:15p
Sábado: 4/11 4:30 a. 5:15p
Domingo: 2:00-4:30p Adoración, Bendición, y la recitación de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia.
Todos Son Bienvenidos

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LOS ESPERAMOS!
**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.

**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.

**ALFA Y OMEGA**
**RECAUDAR DE FONDOS PARA EL RETIRO DE FAMILIA**
Gracias por apoyar a nuestra retiro de familia con sus oraciones y donaciones de $ 3,069.95!

**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.

**QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**
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**VIA CRUCIS**
**FECHA**    **MINISTERIO**            **TEMAS**
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 prepararnos para la Semana Santa.

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

**Ofrenda Semanal de la Corresponsabilidad**

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**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.

Gracias por sus Ofrendas cuaresmales.
Marriage Convalidation

On Sunday, March 1, two couples who had civil weddings a number of years ago were married in the Catholic Church in a simple convalidation service at which Deacon Phil presided.

Miriam Medina is a baptized Catholic who is preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Victor Ooi is a baptized non-Catholic who is preparing to enter the Catholic Church. Both are married to baptized Catholics, but were not married according to the form required by Canon Law—in front of a priest or deacon and two witnesses.

Deacon Phil worked with them to collect the required documents and presided at the Convalidation. Present were their immediate families and a few friends. See the article “From the Desk of Deacon Phil” in today’s bulletin for more about Convalidation.

Convalidation Process

Convalidation is a process of the Catholic Church to recognize a marriage which was not originally celebrated in the Church. Think of it as the second step in your life-long commitment to your spouse. The first step was a legal marriage. The second step, convalidation, makes that marriage valid in the Church.

1. The couple has an interview with a priest or deacon and receives whatever instruction is necessary.
2. The couple produces needed paperwork: baptismal proofs, marriage certificate, testimonies, etc.
3. The couple selects date/time and nature of the Convalidation liturgy. This liturgy can be as simple as a no-frills 1/2 hour ceremony or a full nuptial mass.
4. Convalidation liturgy takes place and the couple has a valid Catholic marriage.
Slap Hands

Slap hands always makes me think of the movie the Waterboy, where Adam Sandler plays this socially inept football player and no one wants to high-5 him after they score a touchdown (or they win the game, I can’t remember which one it is). He goes around saying, “Slap hands, slap hands!” and everyone looks at him weird. That’s how I feel on Palm Sunday. I try to get everyone to high-5 (because on Palm Sunday we should raise our palms in celebration), but then most people are just like, “Deepu, you’re weird.” Slap hands, people! I know what you’re thinking: “Deepu, High-5’s are not going to become a thing for Palm Sunday.”

YES IT IS.
It just takes time. We have to work together. Spread the word—Palm Sunday is the day where we high-5 EVERYONE.

“But Deepu, the whole flu practice is in effect—we’re not supposed to touch each other so we don’t spread germs.”
Hey, it’s only encouraged that we don’t touch one another. I’ve been hugging and hand shaking this whole time—BECAUSE I LIVE ON THE EDGE.

Plus, check out this priest to the right who’s obviously expecting a high-5 from this parishioner. His face says it all: “You better show some love to the hand right here.”

So show some love next Sunday.

Wait, that’s it?

You might be wondering where’s the message about faith—it can’t just be a column about slapping hands, can it?
Yes, yes it can. And yes it is.
I just really want everyone to high-5 on Palm Sunday. I love high-5’s. Joshua’s been able to high-5 as soon as he could. Why? Because I teach him the important things in life. Not like my wife who teaches him how to eat, how to say please, how to share and play with others.

Silly woman.
Easter is coming up in a couple weeks. What’s your family going to be focused on? Are they going to be focused on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? Is it considered an important time for your family? Or is the focus more on Spring Break or Easter Egg hunts and chocolates? Or on finally being able to do whatever it is you gave up for Lent?

Does your family place more importance on Christmas than Easter? We put a lot more effort into Christmas because of presents and lights and caroling and all that stuff.
But make no doubt—Easter is way more important than Christmas. Sure, Christmas is when we celebrate Christ’s birth (oh, that’s what Christmas is about?), but Easter is when Christ resurrects FROM THE DEAD. Think about it—everyone is born, but how many of us are raised from the dead?

Yet a lot of people put way more emphasis on Christmas—a lot of people don’t think too much about Christ’s Resurrection. But Jesus rising from the dead is kind of one of the most important things He did. If He didn’t rise from the dead, He wouldn’t have conquered death and in doing so, conquered sin. Which, if you’ve been paying attention to what we believe, is kind of a big deal. But we don’t focus too much on that. Why? Because we teach our families and focus on less important things like Spring Break and chocolates and Easter egg hunts.

Silly Catholics.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Companions In Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Giving away the “Basics” toiletries kit during the Monday Community Dinner.

Core Team Members of the St. Joseph’s Table Project plan the Produce Giveaway and Community Pasta Dinner.

“At Home With Our Faith—Lent” Parent Faith Formation Sessions Continue This Week

Sunday, March 22
9:00 am—10:15 am in Room 8

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

Thursday, March 26
10:00 am—11:00 am in the Parish Center

Saturday (SPANISH), March 28
9:00 am—10:15 am in the Milani Center

All are welcome!

FAMILY PRAYER FOR SERVING OTHERS: On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, reflect on how important it is to gladly serve one another. Pray together the Prayer for Generosity by St. Ignatius of Loyola:

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost. To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward, save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

JEWELRY FUNDRAISER CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND!

After Masses on March 21-22 and April 11-12

Stop by and see a wonderful collection of religious jewelry for you and your love ones. Perfect for gifts for Easter and Sacrament celebrations! Proceeds benefit Family Faith Formation programs. Thank you for your support!
"A TASTE OF GHANA"
You are WELCOME to buy tickets for our Ghana Mission Project Dinner Fundraiser!
June 13th at 6pm at St. Catherine's O'Donnell Center, 17400 Peak Avenue in Morgan Hill.
Please contact me 408-836-9843 or email me: bookladylibro@yahoo.com
For tickets: $30 per Adult & $10 children under 10 years of age.

Stephen Ministers Needed
Do you enjoy being with people? Are you caring and compassionate, a good listener? Perhaps you are being called to share your gifts as a Stephen Minister. SM is a one to one Christian caregiving ministry in which you journey with others who are going through a difficult time in their lives. All ministers receive intensive training and on-going support. For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister please call Claranne at 408-782-1413 or e-mail kenandclaranne@yahoo.com.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE
April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Through St. Faustina, Jesus asked us to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy with a Novena of intentions and prayers to be said together with the Divine Mercy Chaplet especially on the nine days before Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us at St Catherine's Church. The Novena starts on Good Friday April 3 and continues through Saturday April 11. We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with Adoration, recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Please see schedule below:

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Auction Date: Saturday, April 18th
Event Venue: Guglielmo Winery
Event Time: 5pm - 9:30pm
Event Food: Gunther's Catering, WG
For more information or donations please contact: Jeff Layne ~ jlayne@stcatherinemh.org
Direct Line: 408-612-4213
or
Audrey Hager ~ ahager@stcatherinemh.org

NEW PARISH GROUP FORMING!
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be community with others here at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us!
First gathering on Monday, April 13 in the nursery room in the community center.
Drop in anytime from 6:30-8:30. All are welcome? Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for any questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

SERRA MINISTRY OF SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY
Please join us Saturday morning, March 28th, at 9:15am for our next meeting. The meeting will be held at St. Mary’s in Gilroy, in the Hennessy Conference room in the Parish office. Please plan on attending and finding out more about the Serra Ministry for Vocations, and the work we do to support vocations. Food and refreshments will be served. Contact Denny Fiala at 683-2787 for more information.

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.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
2015
Monthly 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration in the church begins Friday after the 8:15am mass and concludes Saturday morning.

*Apr. 10-11, May 1-2, *June 12-13
*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 Grisendale-ziasandra@sbcglobal.net or 310-0410; Crystal Dietrich-crystaldietrich@gmail.com or 512-897-6712

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
On Wednesdays from 6-8pm visit St. Catherine Church and experience the freedom, healing and light of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We encourage you to invite another to the sacrament, especially those who have not been to the sacrament for some time. Do not worry if it has been a long time since your last confession. The priest will help you. Visit www.dsj.org/light to find guides to confession and times of confession at other parishes.

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.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES
5th week of Lent
March 24 Tuesday
7:00pm Stations of the Cross – Church
March 25 Wed 6:00-8:00pm 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

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE
The Italian Catholic Federation and St. Catherine’s Middle School Ministry are hosting the St. Joseph’s Table, a produce giveaway and pasta dinner to help the less fortunate in our community will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 6:30pm. Volunteers are needed, to make this even possible! Visit the iVolunteer link on our website or contact Rose-Pucan-Meagor at (408) 779-9604 for more information. This is a great Family Lenten Service project.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Called to Do God’s Work, Together in Christ

ADA2015
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Your gift funds catechist training for effective and passionate teachers who share faith with our children.

Please make your pledge today!

Our Goal - $204,412
Pledges as of 3/8/15 $181,406 89%

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Families who had their picture taken for our directory last summer may pick up their free directory at the Parish Office. Mon. - Friday 8 to noon, 1 to 7, and Sunday 8 to noon. A limited number are available for sale at $5 each.

ALFA Y OMEGA FAMILY RETREAT FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting our Family Retreat with your prayers and donations of $3,069.95

THANK YOU LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity hosting coffee and donuts and sharing sweets for Valentine’s Day at their Bake Sale.

We will not have coffee and donuts on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The Knights of Columbus will have a free pancake breakfast on April 12. All are welcome.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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.

Parish Giving

Thank you for your Lenten Offerings.

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St. Catherine School News

Art in Action is a multimedia arts program that engages students through the works of great masters from many cultural groups. Above, 4th graders sketched and painted pictures of California missions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join the students of St. Catherine School for Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:30 in the church. All are welcome!

GOING GREEN
St. Catherine School strives to take care of God’s wonderful creation by using environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled paper, paper towels, toilet paper, and biodegradable lunch trays, as well as reusing materials whenever possible. The school works to use energy efficiently through programmed thermostats & ceiling fans. Students bring reusable water bottles in order to eliminate the wasteful one use bottles. Motion activated faucets save water in student restrooms.

Our Ecology Club collects recyclable waste paper from the classrooms every week. Our Green Team has sponsored four eWaste Drives and our Garden Coordinator continues to work on our composting program. Both garden waste and lunch waste will be composted.

You can help by placing any recyclable materials in the appropriate containers when using parish or school facilities. Help us take care of our tiny bit of this beautiful planet.

ACCREDITATION NEWS
The visit by the WCEA/WASC team in February went extremely well. The team was very impressed and encouraged us to toot our horn a little more and continue striving to further improve our programs. Here are some highlights from their report:

- Students and staff fully embody the Mission and Philosophy of St. Catherine School by living their Catholic faith and responding in a personal way to God and others.
- The pastor and priests play an instrumental role in the spiritual growth and support of the school’s students and faculty. There is a positive working relationship with the parish staff and community that fosters good will and cooperation.
- St. Catherine School students are well-rounded individuals who thrive in a culture and environment of faith, empathy, respect, and joy.
- St. Catherine School has a strong academic program that supports student learning in multiple ways such as a resource learning center, instructional aides, differentiated instruction, technology, tiered intervention program, a variety of assessments, and adoption of CA CCSS textbooks.
- There is strong integration of technology in both the teaching and learning processes that includes the use of quality digital tools to support student learning and to exercise good digital citizenship.
- St. Catherine School students, staff, and parents are stewards of the environment. They initiate and participate in sustainable activities to improve the environment for this and future generations.

Our kindergartners love to be at school! Learning and being with friends are highlights of each day.