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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor…

Now that I have joined you on your journey of faith, let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born and raised in the city of Lerdo, Durango, México. It was a small town, way back in the fifties.

Right after finishing elementary school I went to the 'Minor Seminary in Durango City for what you call “Middle and High School” and then to the 'Major Seminary,' which requires seven years of formation on subjects such as Philosophy and Theology. I remained there until I was ordained a priest.

I was ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Durango, Mexico on the 8th of December, 1981.

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Desde el Escritorio del Padre Jerónimo Gutiérrez, Párroco…

Ahora que me he unido a su jornada de fe, permítanme contarles algo acerca de mí.

Nací en una pequeña (en aquel tiempo) ciudad del estado de Durango que se llama Lerdo.

Al terminar la primaria fui al Seminario Menor en la ciudad de Durango para estudiar la secundaria y la preparatoria. Después, ingrese al Seminario Mayor que requiere siete años para los estudios de filosofía y teología. Ahí permanecí hasta mi ordenación sacerdotal.

Fui ordenado sacerdote el 8 de diciembre de 1981 para servir a la Arquidiócesis de Durango y trabaje en varias parroquias como asociado del párroco. Tuve también el privilegio de dar clases de “Introducción a la Filosofía y también “Introducción a las Sagradas Escrituras” en el Seminario Mayor en los años 1982 y 1987.

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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: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).
Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “What unavoidable weakness in yourself do you struggle to accept?”
Child: “What have you wished would be different or better about you?”

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, July 5
8:00-12:00pm CR1-4, Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
1:00-5:00pm CR3-4 Fil/Am—Band Practice
7:00-10:00pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, July 6
6:00-7:00pm CR3-4, Kit Community Supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women's Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm CR1 ICF -Board Members Mtg

Tuesday/Martes, July 7
6:30-8:30pm CR3-4 Knights of Columbus
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Bible Study

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 8
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir
6:30-7:30pm CH Spanish Holy Hour
7:00-9:30pm CR3-4 American—Meeting
7:00-9:30pm CR1-2 Community Supper - St Cat
7:30-9:30pm CH Spanish Charismatic Group

Thursday/Jueves, July 9
6:00-9:00pm CR1 Spanish Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm Rm.12 RICA
7:00-9:30pm LR Liturgy Committee—Mtg
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Faith Ongoing Catechesis
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, July 10
9:00-12:00am CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:00-7:30pm Rm.12 Congreso de Niños
6:30-10:00pm Rm.10&1 Jóvenes Para Cristo
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano

Saturday/Sábado, July 11
12:00-8:15am CH 24 Hour Adoration I
7:00-9:00pm MC Danza—Jr Giants Fundraiser

COMMUNITY SUPPERS
Some of our Monday Night Community Supper teams have a few open spaces. If you’d like to volunteer, you’d help once every 7 weeks, either from 5-7:30pm or from 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Carol and Joe Lillig at 408-857-4516 or lillig@garlic.com.

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, July 6 † John Wojcik
† George Barnes
Tuesday, July 7 † Katherine Wojcik
† Lee Morawski
Wednesday, July 8 † Joseph Wojcik
† Marianne Tamer
Thursday, July 9 † Mary Wojcik
Ali Ismail Abbas
Friday, July 10 † Joe Cirringione
† Helen Haeckel
Saturday, July 11 † Mathilda Hess
† Veronika Poth
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
by Deacon Rick

How slow we are to honor the message without honoring the speaker. Today’s Gospel shows Jesus’ awareness that the truth of his message failed to move people who had known him from his youth. The response of the people was to “take offense at him” even after speaking admiringly about his words and deeds. We humans are a strange breed sometimes, we make assumptions based on our previous knowledge, forgetting that God’s revelations come in all manner of ways … not just in places where we’ve recognized God before. Our use of personal experience to form judgments is a pretty ordinary event, so much so that we, like Jesus’ contemporaries, assume that our assessments are correct when familiarity with someone casts them in doubt. One way to overcome that shortcoming is to make a conscious choice to acknowledge that people change. This is especially essential in relationships which have been damaged, we need to act with mercy and forgiveness. Besides making fruitful the relationship we also improve in our ability to act as Jesus did. Look at the first disciples he called, not people of stature or standing but rather those open enough to see that Jesus’ message was truly God present to them. Our emotions reflect our inner feelings; when we can look on others in love and respect we receive the gift of calm and are better able to see God’s grace in action in our lives. Is there anyone in your life that deserves a new assessment?

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Green is the new green.. Huh? Green living reflects an understanding that we are to be stewards, caretakers, sharers of God’s gift of creation by passing it on to 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. JERONIMO
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Immediately I was appointed associate pastor to a couple of parishes in the Archdiocese and also had the privilege to join the Seminary of Durango "Team Formation" in 1982 and 1987 teaching: “Introduction to Philosophy” and “Introduction to Sacred Scriptures.”

I came to the Diocese of San Jose twenty-six years ago in 1989 and since then I have served in the following parishes: St. Patrick Parish in San Jose, (Associate); St. Joseph Parish in Mountain View, (Associate); St. Mary Parish in Gilroy, (Associate); and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in San Jose, (Pastor) and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto, (Associate), Christ the King in San Jose (Pastor).

Having said that, I can assure that I know well that any change brings with it all kinds of feelings, however, working together we will transform those feelings into an opportunity to grow in our faith, hope and love.

Fr. Jerónimo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maria Goretti
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Saturday: St. Benedict

WAITING
Our Lord prefers to wait for the sinner for years rather than keep the sinner waiting one instant.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard

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

Name: __________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________

City: _____________________________ Zip:____________

Phone: ______________ Email: ____________________
**Summertime**

“Summertime and the living is easy.”

That’s what the favorite old song says. The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly in our parish because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend mass at other parishes. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please consider our electronic giving option. Currently many of our parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. If you would like to learn more, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or check out our website at [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org) and click on give via parish pay.

**Don’t want to Miss Mass!**

Looking for a parish while on vacation go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

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**LITURGY WORSHIP**

**REFLECTION:** We hear from this weekend’s Gospel that Jesus visits his home town and teaches in the temple and that many people are amazed at him. But their wonderment is quickly turned sour by prejudice and bigotry. The prophet Ezekiel in the first reading, Ez. 2:2-5, announces that a prophet would not have an easy job to it, telling of the cold reception Jesus would receive. Jesus in the Gospel, Mk. 6:1-6, is rejected by his own people; no prophet is without honor except in his native place. Thus, St. Paul in the second reading, 2 Cor. 12:7-10, tells us that he and we are strong in weakness; the strength of Christ enables us to be content in the face of our weakness.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:** The American summer is officially underway, and people are on the move. Signs of hospitality are everywhere. In today’s Gospel, Jesus’ visit home is hardly marked by hospitality. He goes up to the bema, the elevated place for solemn public reading of the Torah, and his message is poorly received. Today, we read from the descendant of the bema, the ambo, almost an “altar of the Word of God.” Many ancient ambos are preserved in Italy, decorated with marble, ivory, precious metal, and jewels. Six hundred years ago, the pulpit came into us, meant for preaching rather than proclaim of Scripture. Before microphone systems, pulpits were often located halfway down the church, amid the gathered people, and not so clearly associated with the altar.

Today, the ambo (the plural is “ambone”!) is an expected feature of our worship spaces because the Word is once again proclaimed to the people. Before 1964, typically the readings were done quietly by the priest at the altar in Latin, and optionally repeated in English from the pulpit. With the restored place of scripture in our worship, a beautiful and worthy ambo, related in design to the altar table, has come again become a prominent and familiar feature of Catholic architecture.

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DECIMOCUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Ezequiel es enviado como el profeta de Yavé a los obstinados israelitas (Ezequiel 2:2-5).
Salmo — Ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad (Salmo 123 [122]).
Segunda lectura — Pablo reconoce sus debilidades y se gloria de ellas (2 Corintios 12:7-10).
Evangelio — Jesús predica en la sinagoga de su pueblo natal (Marcos 6:1-6).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Génesis 28:10-22a; Salmo 91 (90):1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Martes: Génesis 32:23-33; Salmo 17 (16):1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles: Génesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Salmo 33 (32):2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves: Génesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Salmo 105 (104):16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Sábado: Génesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Salmo 105 (104):1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo: Amós 7:12-15; Salmo 85 (84):9-14; Ef 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mc 6:7-13

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 JULIO
Domingo, 7 de Julio
Víctor Urbina Peralta
Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumplen años 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.

PREBAUTISMALES
Esta plática es diseñada para preparar a los padres y padrinos del niño/a que recibirá el sacramento del Bautismo. El programa es requerido antes del Bautismo y se llevaran acabo en la iglesia a las 6:30pm durante esta fecha: Julio, 14 2015 . Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha a la oficina Parroquial al 1-408-779-3959.

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.

DESE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE JERÓNIMO CONTINUADO...
Llegué a la Diócesis de San José hace veintiséis años en el verano del 89’ y desde entonces he trabajado en las siguientes parroquias: San Patricio en San José, (Asociado); San José Obrero en Mountain View, (Asociado); Santa María en Gilroy, (Asociado); Sagrado Corazón en San José, (Párroco); y Santo Tomas de Aquino en Palo Alto, (Asociado) y Cristo Rey en San José, (Párroco)

Habiendo dicho esto, les aseguro que sé muy bien que un cambio trae consigo todo tipo de emociones, sin embargo, al trabajar juntos transformaremos esas emociones en una gran oportunidad para crecer en nuestra fe, esperanza y caridad.

Padre Jerónimo

LA ESPERA

Nuestro Señor prefiere esperar al pecador durante años que dejar al pecado esperando por un instante.
—San Pedro Julián Eymund

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 Tel. 408-779-3959 para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y llevarles la comunión.

2016 LIBRO DE MISA DE INTENCIONES

El nuevo libro de 2016 de misas de intenciones ha llegado. Pase por la oficina de la parroquia para solicitar sus misas para sus seres queridos.

REUNION DE CONSEJO HISPANO

Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de Consejo Hispano el Viernes 10 de Julio al las 7:00pm en la Rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los Esperamos.
DOGMAS Y OPINIONES

Los cristianos no tenemos “derecho a la vergüenza” cuando hablamos sobre las verdades de la Fe. Esas verdades no son nuestras, ni han surgido en el pensamiento como fruto de reflexiones personales, siempre sujetas a examen. Son un depósito recibido del mismo Dios a través de Jesucristo y de su Iglesia, y debemos proclamarlas con un “santo orgullo” que no esté reñido -jamasá!- con la caridad. Proclamar las verdades de la Fe como si uno pidiera perdón por creer, o precedidas de fórmulas timoratas al estilo del “yo pienso...”, “a mi me parece...”, “en mi opinión...” es humillar a Cristo. En lo tocante a esas verdades, debo dejar claro que ni las pienso yo, ni me parece a mí, ni es mi opinión; las piensa Dios y las proclama la Iglesia. Y no soy yo quién para tamizarlas con mis complejos o mis temores. Debo proclamarlas con la frente muy alta. “¿Qué sabiduría es esta que le han enseñado?”. Esa misma autoridad con que Jesús hablaba de su Padre ha sido entregada a nosotros en el sacramento del Bautismo, por el que hemos sido instituidos profetas. Por eso, cuando escucho o leo a alguien que habla sobre las verdades de la Fe con seguridad y aplomo, consciente de que no proclama una opinión propia, sino de que transmite un legado del que se siente orgulloso, me doy cuenta de que estoy ante un hijo de Dios. Pero si, más adelante, escucho a esa misma persona hablar con la misma seguridad y el mismo aplomo sobre cuestiones que son perfectamente opinables... Si contemplo cómo esgrime la misma autoridad con que defendía las verdades de la Fe para defender puntos de vista tan personales como discutibles... Entonces cambio de opinión y comienzo a pensar que estoy ante un soberbio de tomo y lomo a quien no hay forma de llevarle la contraria. Las verdades de la Fe son muy contadas, y todas ellas están escritas para que nadie se llame a engaño. Pero, fuera de esas verdades, tanto en materia religiosa como en cualquier otra, existen miles de sensibilidades, de opiniones, de grados diversos de certeza y de discusiones que siguen abiertas mientras se hace la luz. Y, en todos esos terrenos, debemos ser humildes, porque no podemos tener la seguridad absoluta de estar en la verdad. Nuestras palabras, en lo referido a materias opinables, deben ser medidas, claras y sencillas, como serían las de quien ofrece su punto de vista al servicio de la búsqueda de mayor claridad. Tomar la autoridad que el Señor nos ha dado para defender las verdades de Fe y emplearla para apoyar nuestras opiniones sería un robo sacrílego. ¿Cuántas veces, a lo largo de los últimos días, han escuchado ustedes las palabras “tienes razón; me has convencido”? ¿Cuántas veces las han dicho? Por desgracia, no es una expresión frecuente en los programas de televisión, ni en las de la radio, ni en las conversaciones cotidianas, ni en los mensajes que se cruzan por escrito unos y otros en los medios de comunicación. Quien defiende con aplomo y autoridad las verdades de la Fe, y está abierto a cambiar de opinión y a aprender en todo lo demás, se parece a los santos, valientes para defender a Dios y humildes para propone sus opiniones. Quien defiende con aplomo y autoridad las verdades de la Fe y emplea el mismo aplomo y la misma autoridad para tratar cuestiones opinables es un soberbio que ha robado el cetro que le prestó el Señor. Y quien se muestra timorato y avergonzado para defender las verdades de la Fe, pero después habla de asuntos opinables con el aplomo de los maestros es, simplemente, un pobre bobo que se ha creído Dios

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

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 ayudarán en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

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!

FATIMA Y LOURDES

Con Peregrinaje de Santiago de Compostela 11 días: Noviembre 3-13, 2015
Visiting: Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca, Madrid y Lourdes
Para más información, póngase en contacto con Lupe Silva (408)839-9009, lupesilva2@gmail.com

ROSARIO 2DO. SABADO DEL MES

El Comité Guadalupano les hace la atenta invitación a rezar el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia el sábado, Julio 11 a las 7:00 de la mañana.

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.
Un vistazo a lo que está por venir!

- Cupón de Paseo ilimitado, para ser utilizado en cualquier día del evento: $15
- Hojas de Boletos, también estarán disponibles, 24 boletos por: $15
- Santa Catalina boletos de comida y juegos: 10 por $9

Un gran agradecimiento a todos los que participaron en la celebración de despedida del P. Mark & P. Andrey. Dios los bendiga a todos!

Oportunidad de Trabajo

Asistente de Oficina
La rectoría de Santa Catalina tiene una oportunidad de empleo, de tiempo parcial (8 horas) como asistente de oficina por la mañana. El o la candidata (o) debe ser bilingüe (Ingles/Español), con conocimientos de computación y experiencia en contabilidad. Aplicaciones de empleo están disponibles en el sitio web de la Diócesis (www.dsj.org) o en la oficina parroquial.

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
5 de Julio de 2015

Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad. — 2 Corintios 12:9

OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA

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

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

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

Apreciamos su generosidad si contribuyen con un cheque o dinero en efectivo, utilizando los sobres o por vía electrónica. Gracias.
We first hear of Moses' sister in the story of the birth of Moses. The book of Exodus tells us that the infant's sister was waiting and watching as the Pharaoh's daughter pulled Moses from the water and adopted him.

The next we hear of Miriam is after the events of the Passover. After Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt across the Red Sea, causing the Sea to part for the Israelites and allowing it to flow back to drown the Egyptians we are told that Moses and the Israelites sang a hymn of praise to the LORD. Then, “The prophetess Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, while all the women went out after her with tambourines, dancing, and she led them in the refrain.” Here Miriam is identified as a “prophetess” and as “Aaron’s sister.” But since Aaron and Moses are brothers, Miriam must also be Moses’ sister. So, assuming this is the same sister, Miriam has a prominent role in both the beginning and the end of the Exodus experience.

There is one more story about Miriam, in the book of Numbers. While the Israelites are wandering in the desert, Miriam and Aaron have a disagreement with Moses. “They complained, ‘Is it through Moses alone that the LORD speaks? Does he not speak through us also?’” In this story, the LORD declares that Moses is the greatest and he causes Miriam to be covered with a skin disease so that she is confined outside the camp for seven days. Yet despite her punishment the people are loyal to her and refuse to start their journey again until she is back.

Although we know very little about Miriam, the bits and pieces we do have point to a strong and important woman, therefore one worth remembering and contemplating. The prophet Micah places Miriam in a leadership position with her brothers: “For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the hand of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.” (Micah 6:4)

“The prophetess Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, while all the women went out after her with tambourines, dancing; and she led them in the refrain:

“Sing to the LORD for he is gloriously triumphant; Horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.”

-Exodus 15: 20-21
JULY 22nd
6-9pm
This is the date for the next event in our summer music series! We’ll have some different food trucks coming in, along with drinks again! Bring your blanket and/or chairs, your family and friends, and relax and enjoy some great live entertainment!

It was wonderful seeing so many people come out and enjoy the evening. Our community is fantastic! It was especially great watching the kids run around on the field, and parents knew that their kids were safe.
Save the date and invite your friends!
Companions In Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

116 children and 35 volunteers participated in the Everest Vacation Bible School last week. Check out these images—we all had a great time!
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FLOWER POWER
The Fil/Am is hosting a Dinner/Dance on August 15th. The dance theme is FLOWER POWER. The (optional) attire is: back in the 70'ties, "Flower child or Hippies". Music by the "Giks". Tickets are $40 per person. Save this date on your calendar. For tickets see any of our Fil/Am friends Tom Rhodes, Flor Cortez, Gerry Achanzar and Yoly Merritt. See more details on our flyer.

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 kemandclaranne@yahoo.com.

Jubilee: Stepping into the year of mercy
A Retreat Day for Women
"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Pope Francis proclaiming the jubilee year of mercy

Come and step onto the path of merciful love by spending a day of prayer, reflection and spiritual companionship by the ocean.
Villa Maria Del Mar Retreat Center 21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA
Tuesday, August 11th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost is $55.00 includes lunch
Facilitators: Carmella Dautoff and Rosemarie Peoples
For more info rosemarie778@gmail.com or (408) 778-3595 or (408) 623-7502

FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST
Mark’s Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in him because they know his origins, not because of any fault with his teaching or ministry. As with many of Mark’s passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus’ two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus’ return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel’s writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus’ followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is he, once again, amazed by its absence?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age old marriage customs. The Council singled out “praiseworthy” customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is “praiseworthy.” In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight. Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is “giving her away” to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding. Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of “praiseworthy” practice we’ve been looking for!

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SPORTS CAMP
Summer is around the corner and so is our wonderful Sports Camp!
July 6 - Soccer 9am and Basketball 1pm-4pm
July 13 - All Sports Camp 2 - 9am-3:30pm
July 20 - Soccer 9am-12pm
and Basketball 1pm-4pm
July 27 - All Sports Leadership Camp

9am-3:30pm
August 3 - All Sports Camp 3
9am-3:30pm

Registration forms are available in the Parish & School offices and on our website - www.stca.org.

FACEBOOK
Join us on Facebook and keep up to date on what the parish is doing. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/293047417474856

KNITTING GROUP
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others here at St Catherine's? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime from 6:30-8:30. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

EVERGIVE
Have you joined St. Catherine’s on Evergive? Download the Evergive app today! The community code is STCA.

2016 MASS INTENTION BOOK
The new 2016 Mass Intention book has arrived. Stop by the Parish Office to request your masses for your loved ones.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL
The St. Vincent De Paul Helpline has received a call requesting a wheelchair. If you have one that you’re no longer using consider offering it to a family in need. Contact Carol Lillig at (408)857-4516

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

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

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MEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP
Open Invitation to all men. Come and join us as we discuss, share and grow our faith. We meet Monday mornings in the O’Donnell Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30am to discuss our faith and relationship with God through discussions of Catholic books. Coffee and refreshments are provided.
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Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In lieu of your weekly envelope offering, process contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church in several ways:

A) Use your bank’s bill payer function option and put your envelope number as the account number.
B) Sign up to use the secure on-line ParishPay. Go to www.stca.org and click on “Give Via Parish Pay”.
C) Download the Evergive App to your iPhone or Android Phone, register with our Community Code: STCA to make and manage your donations.
D) Make one-time donations via PayPal

**What are the benefits? Allows you to:**
- Set and schedule the amount of your monthly giving in the same way you plan for other financial commitments.
- Continue to support your parish while traveling, on vacation, illness, etc.
- Easily adjust the amount of your automated contribution.

*We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.*
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. Most classes are currently full for next year; however we still have spots left for kindergarten, first and second grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are seeking a full-time kindergarten aide and first grade aide. These positions are 35 hours per week. Additionally we are in need of an Extended Care Assistant to work MTTF 2:30-6:00 and Wednesday 12:30-6:00. Applications are available on the diocesan website www.dsj.org . Once the application is completed please send it to: fesparza@stcatherinemh.org.

Summer Programs
July 6-23, 2015

Math Camp—July 6-23, 9:00am-12:00noon
Mondays through Thursdays, for students entering grades 1-8. Grades are clustered into three groups: 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Instruction is tailored to the specific needs of the students in the class, while also emphasizing the development of number sense, basic facts and real world applications as appropriate for each grade level. Students use technology, hands on learning, collaboration, projects and pen and pencil activities to deepen their understanding of mathematics, with lots of fun thrown in for good math measure. This program meets the needs of those students who are recommended or required to do additional work in math this summer.

Coding Camp—July 20-23, 1:00-4:30
for students entering grades 5-8. Students learn basic coding and develop a computer game. More advanced students will develop their own computer games, with support.

Kinder Program—July 7-23, 9:00-11:00am
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
The program supports a smooth transition for students entering kindergarten next fall. The following concepts are addressed through small group work and hands-on activities: Phonemic Awareness, Number and Letter Recognition, Letter/Sound Correspondence, and Fine Motor Skills
We also address the social and developmental needs of the students as they prepare to begin their academic journey.

Extended Care—Care is offered from 7:30-9:00 am and 12:00-6:00 pm on program days for students participating in the above programs.