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

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

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

From the Desk of Rose Pucan-Meagor, Director of Family Faith Formation……..

Word, Worship and Witness are the three pillars of the Diocese of San Jose’s evangelization efforts to form disciples of Jesus Christ. Many of us at St. Catherine parish first saw and heard about these pillars at the recent financial report presentation. During the September visit of Pope Francis many Catholics and non-Catholics alike were struck by his example of our Catholic faith; part of the impact will be felt by how we, as a faith community, respond.

The first pillar, Word, is comprised of faith formation processes - collaborative efforts, across parish ministries and communities to help meet the formation needs of our parish community.

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Desde el escritorio de Roselynn Pucan-Meagor, Directora de Formación de Fe Familiar y Evangelización…..

La Palabra, La Alabanza y El Testimonio son los tres pilares de los esfuerzos de evangelización de la Diócesis de San José para formar discípulos de Jesucristo. En la Parroquia Santa Catalina, vimos y oimos de estos pilares durante la reciente presentación del informe financiero. Con la visita en septiembre del Señor Padre Francisco, muchos católicos y los que no son católicos, fueron impresionados por su ejemplo de nuestra fe católica y parte del impacto se sentirá por la forma en que nosotros, como comunidad de fe, respondemos.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — John’s vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalms — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God’s love, we may be called God’s children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, October 25
7:00-1:00pm CR 1-4 Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:30am LR RCIA dismissal
8:30-10:00am MC, Rm. 10, 11, 12 Cat. Min. – FFF session
1:30-4:00pm CS/JKF Hospitality
2:00-3:00pm CH English Baptisms
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, October 26
6:00-9:00pm CHV Alpha & Omega Planning meeting
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:45-8:45pm Rm. 12 Prayer Group – A Los Pasos de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo/Team Mtg
7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptismal class

Tuesday/Martes, October 27
4:00-10:00pm CHV English Baptisms
6:30-8:00pm CH English Choir
7:00-9:00pm CH New Eucharistic Minister- Practicum
7:00-8:30pm LR Raffle Committee

Wednesday/Miércoles, October 28
12:00-6:00pm NUR Rose Choir
3:00-6:30pm Rm. 10, 11, 12 Family Faith Formation
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
7:00-9:00pm CH CR 3-4 Development event
6:30-7:30pm DC Edge
6:30-8:00pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 10 Spanish Marriage Encounter
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático

Thursday/Jueves, October 29
6:00-9:00pm NUR Spanish Choir Rehearsals
3:00-7:00pm NUR Parish Counselor
3:30-5:00pm CH CR 3-4 Faith Formation Leadership Class
3:30-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, October 30
9:30-10:30am MC Bible Study
5:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos/Play Practice
6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10, 11, 12 Cat Ministry – Spanish FFF Session

Saturday/Sábado, October 31
8:30-10:30am MC, Rm. 10, 11, 12 Cat Ministry – Spanish FFF Session
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Group
10:00-11:30am CH Memorial mass
12:00pm-2:30pm CR 1-4 Memorial mass Reception

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, October 26
† John Grimsich
† Dionisio Marcelo
Tuesday, October 27
Sam Diaz
Stacy Diaz
Wednesday, October 28
† Anthony Justino
Helen Justino
Thursday, October 29
† Leo Michellotti
† Jesse Medrano
Friday, October 30
† Helen Reuter
† Luigi D’Ambrosio
† Antonio Leon
† Emeterio Aléman

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?”

Child: “Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?”
These include Scripture studies, small faith communities and sacramental preparation. We are many parts, on different points in our faith journeys, some barely starting, others rediscovering and deepening their faith through their children or experiencing a milestone in their lives. Still others are caught up in their daily routines, perhaps uncertain about a personal God and struggling to see how God even fits in. Wherever you are on your faith journey know that we are here to journey with you. We also invite you be engaged in activating the Word pillar by helping us to continue assessing our needs as a parish community, developing faith formation processes that inspire and invite participation of all ages, especially those using technology, and volunteering as formation leaders to help form disciples. We grow closer to Jesus through a deep personal relationship with him; encountering Jesus in the everyday, intentionally seeking His guidance and being open to his grace to become the best person that God has called us to be.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation the Joy of the Gospel extends the following invitation, “I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.”

We will share more about the next two pillars, Worship and Witness, in upcoming bulletins.

Blessings,
Rose

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**

One way to avoid throwing out food is to keep it for later. Leftovers may not be “new” at a next meal but they nourish just the same and also lessen what is sent to the landfill.

**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.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________

City: __________________ Zip: __________

Phone: __________ Email: ____________________
LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: In the first reading Jeremiah, Jer. 31:7-9, foretold that a remnant would return from exile, led by God in mercy; among them the blind and the lame. Jesus in today’s Gospel, Mk. 10:46-52, fulfills this prophecy making blind Bartimaeus in Jericho see and follow him. As Bartimaeus prays for his sight to be restored, we pray for new vision and faith in Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest, in the second reading, Heb. 5:1-6.

NOVEMBER: The month of November is coming up soon. The Catholic Church designates a month-long commemoration of prayer for the deceased during November. Traditionally the Church has always firmly believed that we are forever united with those who have gone before us in death. St. Catherine parish will begin this month-long of prayer for the dead with the weekend mass schedule on Sunday, November 1st, the Feast of All Saints. We then follow with the Feast of All Souls on Monday, November 2nd, at the 8:15 a.m. English mass and 7:00 p.m. Spanish mass. We commend those who have gone before us to the Lord’s eternal care. As we pray for the dead, together we pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION: “What is the Church if not the assembly of all the Saints?” wrote the fifth-century bishop Niceta. Each Sunday, in the Profession of Faith, we express our belief in the communion of Saints, the one body—with Christ as its head—made up of “those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified and the blessed in heaven.” We are not alone! The preface for All Saints begins, “For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother.” What astounding words! All Saints Day (like every solemnity) is nothing less than the festival of the fullness of the paschal mystery, our dying and rising in Christ. Of course, now in autumn the mystery comes “clothed” in glorious autumnal garb, and so we celebrate our Easter faith with signs of the harvest, signs of nature’s dying, signs of the “homecoming” that happens naturally when the weather gets cold and families find themselves together more often. While the dying can point to our own mortality, the homecoming reminds us of the mystery of our own resurrection with Christ.

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“Celebration of Life” Memorial mass and Reception Saturday, October 31st at 10:00am We come together as a community to celebrate as one family the loss of loved ones. We all gather to remember and honor the lives of our special people. There is a reception in the Parish Center immediately following the "Celebration of Life" Memorial mass.

A special commemorative photo gallery will be displayed during the liturgy and reception, please bring a photo of your loved one to the parish office or send it via email to aquinones@dsj.org. Please mark the name of your loved one on the photo. The deadline for the photo is Thursday, October 19th. Please RSVP for the luncheon using ivolunteer on our website.

Giving Thanks! Now is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to consider how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him through the Church with a special year-end gift of cash or appreciated assets such as shares of stock. You can designate such a gift to St. Catherine Parish Endowment Fund or simply to St. Catherine Parish’s general operating fund. Please contact Anna Quinones at 408.779.3959 or aquinones@dsj.org

Giving Thanks!
TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Vitoreen con alegría! Yavé ha salvado a su pueblo, al resto de Israel. He llegado a ser un padre para Israel (Jeremías 31:7-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo no se atribuyó la dignidad de sumo sacerdote, sino que se la otorgó aquel que dice: “Tú eres mi Hijo, te he dado vida hoy mismo” (Hebreos 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Jesús le concede la vista a Bartimeo cuando con gran fe le suplica: “Maestro, que vea” (Marcos 10:46-52).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 8:12-17; Sal 68 (67):2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lc 13:10-17

Martes: Rom 8:18-25; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 13:18-21

Miércoles: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16


Viernes: Rom 9:1-5; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 14:1-6

Sábado: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lc 14:1, 7-11

Domingo: Apo 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSELYNN PUCAN-MEAGOR, CONTINUADO….

El primer pilar, La Palabra, se compone de los procesos de formación en la fe - los esfuerzos de colaboración, a través de los ministerios y las comunidades parroquiales para ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades de formación de nuestra parroquia. Estos incluyen estudios bíblicos, pequeñas comunidades de fe y preparación sacramental. Somos muchos miembros, pero solo un cuerpo. Estamos en distintas etapas de nuestras jornadas de fe, algunas apenas comienzan, otros redescubrir su fe a través de sus hijos o de experimentar un acontecimiento importante en sus vidas. Otros están atrapados en sus rutinas diarias, tal vez incierta acerca de un Dios personal y luchando para ver como Dios aún encaja. Donde quiera que se encuentre en su camino de fe, saber que estamos aquí para viaje con usted. También le invitamos a estar involucrado en la activación de la pilar La Palabra, ayudándonos a seguir evaluando nuestras necesidades como comunidad parroquial, el desarrollo de procesos de formación en la fe que inspiran e invitan a la participación de todas las edades, especialmente los que utilizan la tecnología y el voluntariado como líderes de formación para ayudar a formar los discípulos. Nos acercamos a Jesús a través de una relación personal profunda con él, encontrando con Jesús en el día a día, buscando intencionadamente Su guía y estar abierto a su gracia para convertirse en la mejor persona que Dios nos ha llamado a ser. El Santo Padre Francisco, en su Exhortación Apostólica, Evangelii gaudium, nos dijo, “Invito a cada cristiano, en cualquier lugar y situación en que se encuentre, a renovar ahora mismo su encuentro personal con Jesucristo o, al menos, a tomar la decisión de dejarse encontrar por Él, de intentarlo cada día sin descanso.” Compartiremos más información sobre los dos próximos pilares, El Adoración y El Testimonio, en los próximos boletines.

Bendiciones,

Rose

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE OCTUBRE

Miguel Castro
Lucy Natera
Luis F. Castañeda
Luis Jimenez

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.
CULTIVANDO DISCÍPULOS
Estamos por celebrar la 13ª Conferencia Anual de Formación de Fe: Con su lema este año: ¡Cultivando Discípulos! ¡La inscripción para la Conferencia de Formación de la Fe 2015 ya está lista para que se inscriba! Únase a más de 2.500 asistentes en el Centro de Convenciones de Santa Clara con fecha de noviembre 6 y 7. La Conferencia Anual de Formación de Fe es patrocinada por la Diócesis de San José, Monterey y Stockton. Usted encontrará una gran variedad de talleres en inglés, español y vietnamita. Información e inscripción está disponible en línea en www.faithformationconference.com. Inscríbase antes del 16 de octubre para que no pague extra en su inscripción regular. Los programas de la Conferencia están disponibles en la parroquia o en línea. Esperamos verlos en #CatholicFFC.

¡BIENVENIDO! Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene el formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre: _____________________________
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Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:______________________
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Misa Para Los Fieles Difuntos
Se les invita cordialmente a la misa para los fieles difuntos. La misa se celebrará a las 7:00 pm. Pueden traer fotos de sus seres queridos que hayan fallecido para ponerlos en una mesa durante la misa. Después de misa, los esperamos en el Centro Parroquial para tomar chocolate con pan tradicional de esta celebración. ¡Los esperamos!

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO
Recepcionista
La Iglesia de Santa Catalina busca a un profesional que trabaje tiempo parcial de Lunes a Jueves de 8:00am hasta las 12:00pm. El recepcionista será el primer contacto que la gente tendrá con la parroquia y por lo tanto debe ser acogedor, hospitalario y representar una imagen cariñosa para todos los que se acerquen a la parroquia.

El candidato ideal será aquel que ejerce la religión católica y que tiene excelentes habilidades de comunicación. Los requisitos son: ser bilingüe (ingles y español), tener un comportamiento profesional, tener conocimiento en varios programas de computación y bases de datos. El candidato debe tener la habilidad de hacer varias cosas a la vez, ser orientado al detalle y poder priorizar efectivamente.

Solicitudes de empleo están disponibles en la pagina web diocesana (www.dsj.org) o en la oficina parroquial.

CELEBRACIÓN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE
Se les invita al Novenario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El Novenario se llevará a cabo cada Miércoles a las 6:30 de la tarde en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina. También se les agradece si pueden traer flores antes del Rosario.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!
Comité Guadalupano agradece a las personas que cooperaron en la recaudación de fondos, tanto en la preparación y compra de tamales. Dios de en Abundancia.

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!
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom…

TRIGÉSIMO TERCER SORTEO ANUAL DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA. ¡LOS PAQUETES DE BONO SE IRÁN PRONTO!

¡Nuestro recaudador de fondos más grande del año se ha puesto en marcha! Recuerde, su compra de un boleto de $60 para el Sorteo de Automóvil lo podría poner detrás del volante de un automóvil o camioneta de su elección con el valor de hasta $40,000. Como un alternativo al premio del automóvil, el ganador afortunado puede escoger recibir $30,000 en efectivo.

El boleto de $20 para el Sorteo de Vacaciones le ofrece el viaje de su vida. Usted nombra el destino y su boleto ganador lo financiará hasta $7,500 o si usted prefiere, $5,000 en efectivo. ¡Este boleto tiene 5 oportunidades para ganar, incluyendo un Apple iPad nuevo, dinero en efectivo, y hasta un viaje a Disneyland! Compre sus boletos hoy y su boleto automáticamente será incluido en el Sorteo del Pájaro Madrugador. Este sorteo es una oportunidad adicional para ganar premios en efectivo como una recompensa por comprar sus boletos con anticipación.

Los Paquetes de Bono con el precio de $320 cada uno se están vendiendo rápido. El paquete incluye 3 boletos para el sorteo del automóvil, 7 boletos para las vacaciones de sus sueños y su boleto de bono será entrado en un sorteo adicional para tener la oportunidad de ganar dinero en efectivo. Solamente tendremos 350 paquetes de bono a la venta. ¡Y cada paquete de bono que sea comprado antes de la fecha límite del pájaro madrugador, le dará al comprador más 130 maneras de ganar!

Visite nuestra mesa hoy a la salida de misa.

Aceptamos Visa, Master Card y American Express (también se acepta dinero en efectivo y cheques).

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. 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 6-7 pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6-7 pm. Los esperamos!

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de Santa Catalina tiene una tiendita comunitaria, que estará abierta todos los martes y jueves de 10:00am a 12:00pm para personas que necesitan ropa para hombres y mujeres GRATIS. Al igual hay ropa de niños, bebés, y algunos artículos para el hogar y muebles. El domicilio de la tiendita es 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.

¿SE HA MUDADO?

¿Se ha mudado recientemente y necesita actualizar su nueva dirección con nuestra parroquia? Mándenos un correo electrónico a Office@stca.org, déjenos una nota en la colección de los Domingos, o también puede llamarnos al (408) 779-3959. Necesitamos su nombre completo, su dirección anterior, su actual dirección, y su nuevo número de teléfono si es que este también ha cambiado. No se pierda de las estupendas noticias que mandamos por correo o por correo electrónico de nuestros feligreses.

FACEBOOK

Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que nuestra parroquia está haciendo. Visite nuestra página en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/293047417474856

BENDECIDO

Si puedes ver estás bendecido. Si puedes entender estás bendecido mil veces.

—Anónimo
The Christian Communities of Paul's Epistles: Rome

Although the Letter to the Romans is the first of Paul's letters in the New Testament, it is not the first one he wrote. The letter was written around 56-58 A.D. while Paul was in Greece. By that time, some twenty or twenty-five years after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, there was already a sizeable Christian community in Rome. Paul says to the Roman Christians that their "faith is heralded throughout the world" and that he had prayed that "somehow by God's will I may at last find my way clear to come to you." (Rom 1:8-10).

It is not completely certain whether these Christians in Rome were primarily of Jewish or of Gentile origin. We know that there were 40,000-50,000 Jews in Rome in the first century (in a city whose overall population was perhaps between 750,000 and 1,000,000). Some of these Jews were Christian; the Roman historian Suetonius states that the Emperor Claudius "expelled Jews from Rome in 49 A.D. because of their constant disturbances impelled by Chrestus." After Claudius died in 54 Nero allowed them to return to Rome. In the letter to the Romans Paul speaks of both Jewish and Gentile Christians (see Romans 9) and also uses the language of Jewish worship freely, indicating that he knew that his audience would understand what he meant.

The Letter to the Romans is however not focused, as some of the other letters are, on the problems of a specific community. It is to a large extent a summary of Paul's thought and preaching at the time. He emphasizes the supremacy of Christ and of faith in Christ as the source of salvation.

Paul tells the Romans that he is first going to go to Jerusalem and then move on to Spain and that he will stop in Rome on his way to spend some time with them. He never made it to Spain but he did eventually reach Rome where he spent two years under house arrest until he was executed — a martyr for the Christian faith.
The Blind Leading the Blind

In the Gospel today we read of a blind beggar who, by calling out to Jesus, receives sight. At least that’s what we might take from this reading. But if there’s one thing I’ve learned about reading the Bible it’s that some of the phrases or sentences that appear to be of little to no importance can be very important. For example, some of the teachings you could get from this might look like these:

I need to have more faith in Jesus so that I can see what He’s calling me to do.
I need to have more faith in Jesus so that I may be saved.
I need to blindly follow Jesus so that I can see what He really wants to reveal to me.

And so on.

But what about the other people in the story? What if you’re more like them?
The first sentence names all the players in this reading—Jesus, Bartimaeus (the blind guy), the disciples, and a ‘sizable crowd.’ What if we’re more like the crowd? Or the disciples? A few sentences later, after Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, it says, “And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.”

What if we need to look at this reading as if we’re the crowd. Maybe we’re the ones who are mean to the less fortunate, those who are in need. We claim to be followers of Christ, but do we really live that out? Jesus teaches us to serve others, especially those in need. And yet how often do we serve? Just enough? Or when it’s convenient or we feel comfortable doing so? How can we claim to follow Christ, and yet turn our backs on those who need us, or try to silence the cries of those who suffer? What if we sincerely and humbly followed Christ? What would that look like?

Faith, Pope, & Love

Unless you were living under a rock (which in today’s world means you had no internet connection) you know that the Pope visited the U.S. last month. There was a lot of hype about it and for the most part it was quite a positive experience for many. A lot of people love Pope Francis - they love his approach to wealth, to people, to a lot of things. His focus on love, compassion, and mercy are inspiring. A lot of people look at him and all he’s done and is doing and believe that things are going to change. That the Catholic Church will become more relevant and people will flock back to the Church because of this one man. And it’s true - people are coming back, or checking it out. And we as Catholics are overjoyed that there’s someone who’s putting the Church in a positive light. People are saying, “Finally, a pope that can fix our Church,” and, “This pope will inspire the bishops and priests to do the same and our Church will be better because of it.” Isn’t it all just wonderful?

Not really. There’s a big old problem with all of this: We are the Church.

The pope can do all kinds of great and wonderful things. But he’s just one man. The bishops and priests can do all kinds of great and wonderful things. But there’s only so many of them. We need to step up. If we think Pope Francis is so gosh darn awesome because of how Christ-like he is, just think of how gosh darn awesome we’d all be if we were more Christ-like. What if we decided that instead of going out to lunch we’d go and feed the hungry? The pope’s getting people to come back or check out the Church. But what are we doing to keeping them? People are coming hoping to find the Church filled with people like the Pope - compassionate, merciful, loving. Are we inspiring others, or disappointing them?
Passing on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Sr. Silvia leads a Parent Faith Formation session in Spanish during Saturday morning classes.

Our Wednesday, Sunday and Saturday Faith Formation classes continue to grow! What a blessing! If you are searching for ways to serve and share your faith, please consider volunteering for Family Faith Formation. The following volunteer opportunities are available:

**Catechists & Aides:** Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in Spanish

**Office Support:** Sundays, 8:30 am—10:15 am (Commitment is once a month)

Thank you for your prayers!

Please contact Rose at the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 for further information.

St. Catherine Nativity Exhibit
November 28-29, 2015

St. Catherine is hosting a community exhibit of Nativity scenes/crèches on Thanksgiving weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, in the Parish Center. If you have a Nativity set you would like to display as part of this event, please contact Blanca Cinco at blanca.cinco@sbcglobal.net or (408) 362-3466.

Volunteers are needed for set up and during the event. Signs up are through ivolunteer on the parish website.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES

If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things happening at your parish, 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.
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND
We are updating the list of Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound. If you take Communion to individuals, a nursing home or a retirement center please call Judy Gillingham at (408) 778-8904 or email at jdygarden@aol.com. Please include your name, phone number, email address and who you visit each week.
If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound or know someone who is unable to attend mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact Fr. Allen at (408) 779-3959 or email anavarro@dsj.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine Church keeps a Community Closet with free clothing and household items for anyone in need. The shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - noon. 13570 Depot St. in San Martin.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
Do you want to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up to receive them by signing up at www.alertssc.com.

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 on Monday nights from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome.
Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

FORGIVENESS
Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

—Mark Twain

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:    Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday:   Halloween; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In the tangled but fascinating history of penance in the Church, the Irish “tariff” system helped us survive the collapse of the old system of public canonical penance and prepared the way for a new system that emerged in the twelfth century. The old form was unrepeatable, public, dealt with serious community matters, and regulated by the bishops as chief reconcilers. The new form had a more intimate setting of penitent and confessor, was extremely repeatable, and applied to everyone. The old canonical form was closed to children, who were hardly capable of the very grown up sins listed, or their demanding remedies. The old form was likewise closed to clerics, who were protected in a sense by the very nature of the discipline.

In the new Irish form the penitent directly named sins, or answered direct questions by the priest. Sometimes, the penitent would recite a long formula accusing him- or herself in a general way of all sorts of sins, even from the distant past. Next, priest and penitent together would lie prostrate before the altar and recite several of the psalms with penitential themes. Finally, the priest would pronounce a judgment, deciding what form and duration the penance should take, normally insisting that the person return for reconciliation once the penances were completed.

TRUE BLINDNESS
Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a “good blind beggar.” But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. Bartimaeus probably had his arms outstretched as he shouted out to the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: “Bartimaeus, you’re not fit for Jesus.” But it was okay for them and other “sighted” people to follow Jesus. In today’s readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join with others in South County to end abortion and stop the unspeakable practice of the buying and selling of baby body parts by Planned Parenthood. Join our prayer vigil on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:45am in front of Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy. For all information call Brian 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
A taste of Heaven awaits us in Eucharistic Adoration. Indeed, Earth is joined to Heaven each time we are united with the Saints and Angels in extolling God, who in worshiping we see, if not with sight of eyes, then with the eyes of faith.

"O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY! O SACRAMENT DIVINE! ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKS GIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE!"
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"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

Our 24 hour EUCHARISTIC ADORATION begins on First Friday, November 6th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday, November 7th with Benediction at 8:00am.

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

MEN’S GROUP
The men's Spirituality Group meets weekly, currently discussing the book The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything by James Martin SJ at 9:00am on Saturday in the Parish Rectory living room. All men are welcome!

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Catherine Church is seeking a professional part-time receptionist to work Monday to Thursday from 8:00am until 12:00pm. The morning receptionist is the first contact that many have with the Parish and needs to portray a hospitable, welcoming and caring face to the wide variety of people that approach the office. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic, have great written and verbal communication skills, must be bilingual (English/Spanish), have a professional demeanor, be computer literate in several office and database applications, detail orientated, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of your weekly envelop, 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.

DO YOU SING IN THE SHOWER?
How about the car? How about at church? If you said yes to either of these questions then we need you. Who are we? We are the Angelicus Choir and we sing at 8:45 mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We rehearse on Mondays at 7:00pm right here in the church. Call (408-778-0494) or email (mmajjasie@charter.net) Michelle to inquire.
Vroom, Vroom, Vroom…

St. Catherine’s 33rd Annual Sweepstakes Bonus Bundles will Go Fast!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year has kicked into high gear!
Remember that your purchase of a $60 Vehicle Sweepstakes ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car or truck of your choice with a sticker price up to $40,000. An alternative to the car prize allows the lucky winner to choose $30,000 in cash.
The $20 Vacation Sweepstakes Ticket offers a Trip of a Lifetime! You name the place and your winning ticket will fund it up to $7,500 or alternatively the lucky winner can choose $5,000 in Cash. This ticket has five great prizes, including a new Apple iPad Air, cash and a trip to Disneyland!
Purchase your tickets today to automatically be entered into the Early Bird Drawing which provides an additional opportunity to win more cash prizes as a reward for buying your tickets early.
We are quickly selling a limited number of $320 Bonus Bundles. The bundle includes 3 vehicle sweepstakes tickets 7 vacation sweepstakes tickets plus your Bonus Bundle ticket is entered in an additional drawing for cash prizes. We only sell 350 Bonus Bundles and each one purchased before the Early Bird deadline gives the buyer over 130 ways to win!

Visit our table as you leave mass today.
We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express (plus cash and checks).

CELEBRATE OUR BLESSING……
An evening of joyful, inspirational music and reflections for all ages by Dan Schutte, composer of well known workshop music including “Here I am Lord”
Friday, October 23rd
7:00-8:45pm
Saint Anthony Catholic Church
20101 McKean Road
San Jose, CA 95120
For questions or to sign up, please contact st anthony.danschutte1023@gmail.com

HURRY HURRY HURRY
Time is running out to register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 13-15, 2015 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

THANK YOU from the Learning and Loving Education Center
Nearly 130 guests filled the halls and courtyard of the Learning and Loving Education Center on Sunday, October 4 to celebrate “Oktoberfest,” the Center’s annual fundraising event.
Thank you to all of the St. Catherine parish members who were present to help us celebrate, with a special “Thank You” to Deepu for being the afternoon’s outstanding emcee and to Fr. Allen for praying with us before the delicious meal was served.
The Center is approaching 170 women enrolled this year and sixty children in the preschool. The Center teaches five levels of English, computer/technology skills – from basic to Publisher and next semester QuickBooks, language lab, individual tutoring (by volunteers), a math department with four different math classes, nutrition, parenting, leadership/empowerment class coming up beginning in October, yoga, music, art, knitting and sewing.
Additionally, the Center has a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank and is able to give away food once a month to the families along with a hot breakfast and lunch each day from Loaves and Fishes. The sharing room is packed full of clothing and other small items for our families at no charge.
All this can happen only because of generous donors and supporter who are making a difference in the lives of the Learning and Loving Education Center’s women and children.

MASS TIMES
Are you traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church? Go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.
Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are now available in the school office or on the school website. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 16, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2.

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.

First graders made placemats for a recent Community Supper. Several students, siblings and their parents also helped set tables for the meals. Above, students learned how to wrap and tie utensils to make the meal more festive. Below, the students show off their work. All St. Catherine students participate in service projects throughout the year.

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