SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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

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

From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor……

Dear parishioners,
The following is a paragraph that I cut and pasted from the Roman Cannon Law book:

Can. 519 The pastor (parochus) is the proper pastor (pastor) of the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law.

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Jeronimo Gutierrez, Párroco…..

Estimados feligreses,

El siguiente párrafo fue tomado del libro de Derecho Canónico Romano. 519 El párroco es el pastor propio de la parroquia que se le confía, y ejerce la cura pastoral de la comunidad que le está encomendada bajo la autoridad del Obispo diocesano en cuyo ministerio de Cristo ha sido llamado a participar, para que en esa misma comunidad cumpla las funciones de enseñar, santificar y regir, con la cooperación también de otros presbíteros o diáconos, y con la ayuda de fieles laicos, conforme a la norma del derecho.

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SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH

IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA

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: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcede-3;
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 146:7-10; 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcede, 4, 13-14;
Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).
Gospel — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets. (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44])

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, November 1
7:00-1:00pm 9:14th MT Hospitality– World of Donuts
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:30am LR RCIA dismissal
8:30-10:00am Cat Min.-- FFF session
1:00-5:00pm Rm. 12 FIL/AM Music Band Practice
1:30-4:30pm CR 1-4 & KIT Reconciliation Retreat
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, November 2
6:00-9:00pm CR 2 (1-4) Community supper
6:00-8:00pm CH Ball chair/Angelica choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alfia & Omega Planning meeting
6:00-8:00pm CR 2 St. John’s XXIII College Prep Meeting
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group- A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 10 Joyes Páramos Cristo Team Mtg
7:00-9:00pm CR 1 ICF Board Members Mtg
7:30-10:00pm MC Hospitalidad

Tuesday/Martes, November 3
5:00-10:00pm MC  Grupo Amigos/Play Practice
6:30-9:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica
6:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Pre Baptismal Class
7:00-9:00pm CR 1-2 Mistagogia
7:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
6:00-10:00pm CH  Spanish Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:30pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10 Comite Guadalupano Reunion
7:00-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-9:00pm NUR FIL/AM Committee Mtg

Wednesday/Miercoles, November 4
6:00-9:00pm NUR Rose Choir
6:00-8:30pm DC  Edge
3:00-6:30pm MC Rm.10 & 11 Family Faith Formation
6:30-7:30pm CH  Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:30-8:30pm CHH Hora Santa
9:00-11:59pm CHV Grupo Carismático
3:00-6:30pm CH Vida állida
6:00-7:00pm CHV Children’s Choir rehearsals
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:00-8:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
6:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group- A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 10 Joyes Páramos Cristo Team Mtg
7:00-9:00pm CR 1 ICF Board Members Mtg
7:30-10:00pm MC Hospitalidad

Thursday/Jueves, November 5
6:00-9:00pm NUR Spanish Choir Rehearsal
3:00-7:00pm CHV Parish Counselor
6:30-8:00pm CH Spanish Liturgica
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
7:00-9:00pm LR Liturgy Committee Meeting
7:30-10:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Reconciliation Retreat
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
5:00-6:00pm CH  Spanish Choir Rehearsal
5:00-6:00pm CHV Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:00-8:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Reconciliation Retreat
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10 Comite Guadalupano Reunion
7:00-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-9:00pm NUR FIL/AM Committee Mtg

Friday/Viernes, November 6
12:00-2:00pm 9:00-12:00pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
8:45-10:30am LR  Liturgy Committee Meeting
2:00-4:00pm CH  Cat Min. 1st Reconciliation
3:00-6:30pm MC Rm.10 & 11 Family Faith Formation
3:00-7:00pm LR  RCIA dismissal
6:00-8:30pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
8:00-12:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Community supper
3:00-6:30pm MC Rm.10 & 11 Family Faith Formation
6:00-8:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Community supper
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6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10 Comite Guadalupano Reunion
7:00-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-9:00pm NUR FIL/AM Committee Mtg

Saturday/Sábado, November 7
12:00-2:00pm 9:00-12:00pm CR 3-4 & KIT Community supper
8:45-10:30am LR  Liturgy Committee Meeting
2:00-4:00pm CH  Cat Min. 1st Reconciliation
6:00-8:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Community supper
6:30-10:00pm Rm. 10 Comite Guadalupano Reunion
7:00-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-9:00pm NUR FIL/AM Committee Mtg

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2  
† Peter Chi Nguyen
† Margaret Drake
Tuesday, November 3  
† Leonardo De Palma
† Jorge Cavazos
Wednesday, November 4  
† Dillion Dabreau
† Severa Tejerina
† Leo Michellotti
† Margarita Tejenna
† Paulette Martinez
Friday, November 6  
† Martin Ngo
† Shenthi Delawis
Saturday, November 7  
† Martin Ngo
† Shenthi Delawis
† John Annie

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “What is the greatest challenge of the beatitudes for you?”

Child: “What does it mean to be blessed by God?”
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE  
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today we celebrate those who have gone before us having lived lives worthy of emulation. The reading from Revelation is a vision of the life to come which speaks of those whose lives were purified by living Jesus’ call. The beatitudes found in the Gospel describe how we become worthy by the way we follow Jesus’ call. The reading from the first letter of John contains a truth that underpins our presumption that we are called to be saints, “Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.” It is God’s gracious gift, we who are made in the image and likeness of God, to be known as and to live as the children of God. Ok, then how are we to become saints? Certainly not by fiat; we demonstrate our sainthood by the content of our lives. Which leads us to the realization that as humans we will sin. The challenge is to recognize and overcome those things in our lives that estrange us from God. The saints whom the Church honors with that title were not perfect (sinless). But their lives have much evident goodness that is worthy of emulation. Each of us is called to be a saint. As children of God we are imbued with the desire, even though not always recognized, to live lives of virtue and love. We must not be overcome by our failures. Pick a Saint in whom we find a connection. If we have a Saint’s name we might start there; if not there are many Saints to chose from who will inspire us by their lives and who hear our prayers.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Most plastic bags are recyclable (containing a triangle with a number inside). Make it a habit to check before discarding them in the trash.

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  
CONTINUED......

In today’s new evangelization vocabulary the function of teaching is called Word: the function of sanctifying, Worship: and governing is called Witness. What remains the same is the fact that the pastor needs the cooperation of other priests, deacons and the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful. What I would like to stress at this time is the evident need of the collaboration of all in order to have a vibrant and enthusiastic parish.

For the function of Word-Teaching the pastor needs parishioners willing to share with others what they know and practice so that the present and future generations become true disciples of Jesus.

For the function of Worship-Sanctifying the pastor needs the assistance of all the faithful and a formal parish group called “Liturgy Committee” so that our liturgical celebrations inspire the members of our community to keep coming every weekend.

For the function of Witness-Pastoral Care-Governing the pastor needs the help of many people in the parish. The pastor needs to form a “Pastoral Council” so that the members of such a council advise him of what the parishioners are looking for and the direction the parish should take.

For this function the pastor needs the collaboration of some parishioners to form a “Finance Council” so that all the financial transactions of the parish become transparent and available to all. For this function the pastor needs to create a “Social Justice Group” in order to promote in many ways justice for all. For our planet, for our immigrants, for the poorest among us.

As you have already noticed, the bottom line of all this is that the pastor needs the assistance of many people. Whether paid professional people or volunteers, the pastor cannot do his ministry alone. I encourage each one of you to participate in your community by sharing of your talents and time. 

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: __________________________
“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

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: In the first reading, Rev. 7:24, 9-14, John describes his vision of the Saints worshiping in front of the throne of the lamb in heaven. The second reading, 1 Jn. 3:1-3, tells us that we will be like all the Saints, we will be blessed because Jesus tells the crowd in today’s Gospel, Mt. 5:1-12, to rejoice and be glad, for their reward will be great in heaven.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
For those of Mexican heritage, November 2 means celebration of el Dia de Los Muertos, or “the Day of the Dead.” One of the most important days of the year for many, they join All Saints and All Souls together, visiting the graves of babies and children of All Saints, since they are sanitos (little saints) or angelitos (little angels). Flowers, their favorite toys, favorite music, and so on, are taken to them. The following day, people spend time—some of them all day—at the cemetery with their loved ones who have died. From the ancient custom of the Indians the families pray, talk with them, and take them their favorite food. It is a most solemn but joyful day. It is a day to celebrate Christ’s victory over death: “Death, where is your sting?” There is a mocking of death as people make skeletons, candy that represents death, and Pan de los Muertos (bread of the dead) and consume them in a kind of role reversal.

One of the customs is to build an altarcito (little altar) where one places mementos and pictures of those who have died. There are also favorite foods, candles, statues or pictures of favorite saints, books, and Bibles. Some parishes have begun to build an altarcito where all parishioners can join in honoring the deceased. A remembrance book can be placed to write names in. The altarcito is traditionally left up for the month of November.

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TODOS LOS SANTOS

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Visión de Juan de una multitud de todos los pueblos y naciones cuyas vestiduras habían sido blanqueadas con la sangre del Cordero (Apocalipsis 7:2-4, 9-14).

Salmo — Señor, este es el pueblo que espera ver tu rostro (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Por el amor de Dios podemos ser llamados hijos suyos (1 Juan 3:1-3).

Evangelio — Las Bienaventuranzas: Su compensa será grande en el cielo (Mateo 5:1-12a).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23 (2):1-6; Rom 5:5-11 o 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, o lecturas de entre las Misas para los difuntos

Martes: Rom 12:5-16b; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:15-24

Miércoles: Rom 13:8-10; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lc 14:25-33

Jueves: Rom 14:7-12; Sal 27 (26):1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lc 15:1-10

Viernes: Rom 15:14-21; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Lc 16:1-8

Sábado: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Sal 145 (144):2-5, 10-11; Lc 16:9-15

Domingo: 1 Re 17:10-16; Sal 146 (145):7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mc 12:38-44 [41-44]

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE OCTUBRE

Brenda Gonzalez
Karla Gonzalez
Elian Castilla
Brenda Lizbeth Gonzalez Hernandez
Maria Selene Rodriguez

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.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE JERONIMO GUTIERREZ, CONTINUADO....

En el lenguaje de la Nueva Evangelización a la función de enseñar se le dice Palabra; a la de santificar Culto y a la de regir, Testimonio.

Lo que permanece igual es el hecho de que el párroco necesita la colaboración de otros sacerdotes, diáconos y la ayuda de los fieles laicos. Lo que quiero remarcar en esta ocasión es la evidente necesidad de la colaboración de todos para poder tener una parroquia entusiasta y vibrante.

Para la función de la Palabra-Enseñar, el párroco necesita de feligreses dispuestos a compartir con los demás lo que saben y practican en materia de la fe para que las futuras generaciones lleguen a ser verdaderos discípulos de Jesús.

Para la función del Culto-Santificar, el párroco ocupa la ayuda de todos los fieles y la de un grupo organizado que se llama “Comité de Liturgia” para nuestras celebraciones inspiren a los miembros de nuestra parroquia a venir cada semana.

Para la función de Testimonio-Regir-Cuidado Pastoral, el párroco necesita la ayuda de mucha gente en la parroquia. Necesita formar un “Consejo Pastoral” en el que los miembros le hagan saber los que buscan los feligreses y le aconsejen en la dirección que la parroquia debe tomar.

Para esta función, el párroco necesita la asistencia de algunos fieles para formar un “Consejo de Finanzas” que le ayuden a que todas las transacciones financieras de la parroquia sean transparentes y accesibles para todos.

Para esta función, el párroco necesita crear un “Grupo de Justicia Social” que promueva justicia para todos: para nuestro planeta, nuestros inmigrantes, los más pobres entre nosotros.

Usted habrá notado que al final de todo esto el párroco tiene la necesidad de mucha ayuda de parte de todos ustedes. Ya sean profesionales que son pagados o voluntarios ofreciendo su tiempo y talento, el Señor cura no puede ejercer su ministerio por él sólo.

Los invito a que participen en su parroquia y compartan de sus talentos y tiempo.
TODOS LOS SANTOS

VACUNAS CONTRA LA GRIPE

El domingo 8 de noviembre, después de todas las misas incluyendo la misa en español de las 12:00pm, se estarán ofreciendo vacunas contra la gripe. ¡Esto es totalmente gratis! Tiene que tener por lo menos 18 años de edad para recibir este servicio. Este evento es patrocinado por St. Louise Hospital, Fil-Association y Ladies of Charity.

¡CONSIGALOS AHORA QUE ESTÁN CALIENTES!

Los Boletos de Bono dan más de 120 maneras de ganar, ahora mismo por tiempo limitado.

¡Trigésimo tercer sorteo anual de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina esta en marcha!

Rápidamente se están vendiendo los Boletos de Bono limitados con el precio de $320 cada uno. El paquete de bono 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 120 maneras de ganar!

Recuerde, su compra de un boleto de tan solo $60 para el sorteo del automóvil podría ponerlo 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!

Visite nuestra mesa hoy a la salida de misa. Aceptamos Visa, Master Card y American Express (también se acepta dinero en efectivo y cheques).

SANTOS Y PECADORES

La única diferencia entre los santos y los pecadores es que los santos tuvieron un pasado y los pecadores tienen un futuro.

-Oscar Wilde
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 agradecería que trajeran flores antes del Rosario.

¡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 este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre: _____________________________
Dirección:____________________________
Ciudad:__________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:________________________________

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.

CULTIVANDO DISCIPULOS
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.

Los programas de la Conferencia están disponibles en la parroquia o en línea. Esperamos verlos en #CatholicFFC.

CENAS COMUNITARIAS
Jóvenes, familias, adultos, grandes y chicos: la Parroquia necesita de su ayuda. Necesitamos más gente en algunos de nuestros equipos para servir cena a nuestra comunidad. El compromiso es de tan solo una vez cada 7 semanas de 5 - 7:30pm. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar a prover buena comida y buena compañía para nuestra comida semanal que ayuda a todos los de la comunidad, por favor de ponerse en contacto con Carol Lilling en Lillig@garlic.com o llamando al (408)857-4516.

GRUPO AMIGOS
Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos 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!
Philippi lies in northern Greece, in the province of Macedonia. In Paul's day, it was a Roman town with a Greek-Macedonian population and a few Jews. According to Acts of the Apostles (16:9-40) Paul established at Philippi the first Christian community outside of Asia Minor. This was on his second missionary journey, probably around 49 or 50 AD. The account in Acts tells of the conversion of a businesswoman, Lydia and, while Paul was imprisoned in Philippi, of the faith and baptism of a jailer and his family. After Paul left Philippi, he went on to Thessalonica, and in his letter to the Philippians, he thanks them for supporting him during that time with gifts of money.

This letter to the Christians of Philippi was written while Paul was in prison. This may have been when he was imprisoned in Rome, between 59 and 63 AD, or when he was imprisoned in Caesarea, around 57-58 AD, or from Ephesus around 55 AD. Some scholars believe that two or even three separate letters have been combined into what we now know as the Letter to the Philippians.

Paul wants the Christians at Philippi to “do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world.” (Phil 2:14-15). He encourages them by saying “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 4:4-7)

The Letter to the Philippians is a beautiful and encouraging letter to a community that Paul clearly had fond feelings about.
Beatitudes Challenge

Over the summer, we had a group of teens meet on Monday evenings at Starbucks to study Scripture a bit. Every week there was a challenge. One week, the challenge was to pick a beatitude and really try to work on it for the week. The teens really liked working on it, and many continued working on it for the following weeks (and a few added on another beatitude).

So I have a challenge for you this week. Read the beatitudes again (hopefully at least twice), and spend some time meditating over them. Think about your life and what God is calling you to improve on. Write that beatitude down on a piece of paper and place it somewhere you’ll see often, or set an alert on your phone to remind you of it often, or even take a picture of the words and set it as your wallpaper. Try to become better at that one, and you’ll become more Christ-like. It will be challenging, at some times more than others, but it’ll totally be worth it.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

I’m back! Paternity Leave is over and I’m back to work... Yay (I guess). But then again, I’m not. I actually haven’t even started my leave yet. But Deepu, how’s that possible?

Well, kind reader, it’s possible because I had to write this bulletin article before I left for Leave. Since these need to be submitted a little over a week in advance, I’d still be on leave when the deadline came. So, if you’re interested in knowing how my leave was, you’ll have to ask me personally. Or just wait until the 15th when I might bring it up (yes, not even the 8th since I still will be on leave when that deadline comes). But by the time I write the article for the 15th, (due on the 5th), I’ll already be 5 days into work again and won’t have time to reminisce on that long ago (but while I write this in the future) Paternity Leave that I took but still have not taken yet.

Confused yet? Good. Now you’re ready to read the First Reading from the Book of Revelation. Why? Because on your first read through, it’s super confusing. And then, you read it again, and you still don’t get it. But once you get some background information, and go through it sentence by sentence, it slowly starts to come together to form a very large picture. That’s basically what it’s like to read that first paragraph. You need some background on the kind of person I am before it starts to form a cohesive thought. Actually, you’re probably better off just focusing on Revelation and unraveling that beast.

Look forward to next week’s article when I’m back at work but I wrote it when I was still working before I stopped working but currently am now working.
**Called to be Saints**

I recently read a reflection from James Martin’s *My Life with the Saints*. In his book, he shares that “The beginning of (holiness) is loving yourself as a creation of God. And that means all of yourself, even the parts of you that you wish weren’t there, the parts of you that you wish God hadn’t made, the parts of you that you lament.

God loves us like a parent loves a child—often more for the parts of the child that are weaker or where the child struggles or falters. More often than not, those very weaknesses are the most important paths to holiness, because they remind you of your reliance on God.”

Throughout our church’s history, the saints led lives of holiness and are considered our church’s heroes. They point the way toward God by their example. For many, however, living lives of holiness was not easy. Consider St. Augustine’s struggles to find God, St. Francis of Assisi’s partying attitude as a young man and Mother Teresa’s doubts even as she served.

God calls each of us to be saints. Each moment can be lived toward holiness. The moments may not always be pretty, but God finds a way to work through our imperfections. The key is to continue to seek His help in prayer and ask for the intercessions of the saints to help us as well. As for me, I can use all the help I can get!

As a family, pray the Prayer of St. Francis, to be “made instruments of God’s peace”.

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**St. Catherine Nativity Exhibit**  
**November 28-29, 2015**

Do you have a Nativity set that has a special history? We invite you to display it as part of the St. Catherine Nativity Exhibit at the end of November. The exhibit will be held on Thanksgiving weekend, November 28-29. For further information, please contact Blanca Cinco at blanca.cinco@sbcglobal.net or (408) 362-3466.

Volunteers are also needed for set up and during the event. Signs up are through I-Volunteer on the parish website.

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**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.
**ELECTRONIC UPDATES**

If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are 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.

**ALL SAINTS**

**“DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH: RAISING SAINTS IN A SECULAR SOCIETY”**

"I don't want to go to church" and "I don't believe anymore" are common objections to the faith that we parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers, clergy, lay leaders all deal with in our children, especially our teenagers. Come listen to Mark Hart give practical ways to form young disciples. Mr. Hart is the Executive Vice President of LifeTeen, one of the most successful Catholic youth programs in the United States. All those dealing with the hard question of developing faith in our young people are welcome. The talk will be at St. Martin Church (593 Central Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086) on Thursday, November 5, 7:30-8:30PM. There is no cost. The talk will be in English. It is presented by the Diocesan Offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Evangelization and Vocations. More details at www.dsj.org/beasaint.

**FREE FLU SHOTS**

On Sunday, November 8, flu shots will be offered free of charge after all masses including the 12:15pm Spanish mass. You must be 18 years or older to receive this service sponsored by St. Louise Hospital, the Fil-Am Association and the Ladies of Charity.

**WAKE UP TO AGING: LONG TERM CARE PLANNING OPTIONS**

Planning for the future can be stressful and overwhelming, especially when planning aging needs in the face of a vast amount of options. Join us as we 1) deconstruct long term care options, 2) learn about available resources in Santa Clara County, and 3) make participants aware of the key areas to prepare for in the future to ensure healthy aging.

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015
Time: 9:30-11:30am
Location: Holy Spirit Parish
1200 Redmond Ave, San Jose, CA 95120
Coffee and Pastries will be served.

Space is limited. Please RSVP as soon as possible. For more information, send an email to au@catholiccharitiesscc.org.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eight hundred years ago, the church’s practice of penance underwent major revision as theologians, called scholastics, reflected on the practice of their day. By then, penance was normally a very secret rite, celebrated completely apart from the community. Public penance had mostly disappeared behind the walls of monasteries and the cloister grills of convents. The scholastics trimmed penance down to bare essentials, even sweeping aside age old traditions like a laying on of hands and prayers of absolution. All that was left was the confessor’s simple statement, “Ego te absolvo,” “I absolve you.”

In 1614 a new ritual book tried to make penance more public and solemn. It suggested, but did not require, that the priest wear a surplice and stole, and hear the confession in a confessional. For the first time, we have the directive that the priest be separated from the penitent by a screen, a rule that some bishops applied very strictly. By the 1940s, large numbers of Catholics availed themselves of the sacrament of confession every Saturday, and most people thought confession was a prerequisite for Communion. In some urban parish churches, confessonals were staffed, usually by the junior priest, for several hours every day, even during the celebration of Mass. It is remarkable how quickly things changed, but as we have seen, the system has collapsed before and what often comes next is an impulse of the Spirit, new life, and a fresh start.

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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, November 4th 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 exulting God, who in worshipping 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 THANKSGIVING 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it’s a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. It’s a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. 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.

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 oriented, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.

GET ‘EM WHILE THEY’RE HOT!
Bonus Bundles deliver over 120 ways to win, right now for a limited time.

St. Catherine’s 33rd Annual Sweepstakes is rolling!
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 into 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 120 ways to win! Remember, your purchase of a $60 Vehicle Sweepstakes ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car with a sticker price of up to $40,000. As an alternative to the car prize, the lucky winner can choose to receive $30,000 in cash. The $20 Vacation Sweepstakes Ticket offers you 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 to receive $5,000 in Cash. This ticket has 5 great prizes to win, including a new Apple iPad, Cash and a trip to Disneyland!

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today. We accept Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, Checks and Cash.
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 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul’s Day)
Tuesday: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres; Election Day
Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

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 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. 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.

WE LONG TO SEE GOD’S FACE

“Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.” This antiphon for today’s responsorial psalm offers the focus for today’s readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We too long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed “white in the blood of the Lamb.”

The passage from John’s First Letter offers further assurance: we are God’s children who will one day see God. But today’s Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, and peacemakers! Then we too will see the face of God.

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MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Teens, families, adults, young and old: the parish could use a few more people on some of our Community Supper teams. The commitment is once every 7 weeks from 5-7:30 pm. Contact Joe or Carol Lillig if you’d like to help provide good food and good company for our weekly dinner for the community at lillig@garlic.com or 408-857-4516.

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 7:00 pm right here in the church. Contact Michelle at mmajjasie@charter.net.

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.

LIMITS TO SAINTHOOD

All saints can do miracles, but few of them can keep a hotel.

—Mark Twain
OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION NIGHT

St. Catherine School is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, November 3. Prospective families are invited to an information session at 6:00pm followed by an Open House. Admission packets for prospective students are available online and in the school office, and are currently being accepted. Current students and their families are welcome to attend the Open House from 6:30-7:30pm. Come and see the great work our children are doing!

APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are now available in the school office and 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/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.

Parishioner, Wendy Plasencia, spoke with first graders about El Día del los Muertos. Students followed up by making papel picado banderas and decorating paper skulls.

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Veterans Day Prayer Service

St. Catherine School students and staff invite all veterans to join them on Veterans Day as we dedicate our prayer service to you. Please join us so we may thank you for the time you put your life on hold, leaving family and friends to serve our country. It is an honor for us to show our gratitude to you. We also invite the families of active military. We would be honored to send our appreciation to them through you.

The prayer service will take place on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 in St. Catherine Church, 17400 Peak Avenue, followed by a reception in the Milani Center.