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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / TRIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO

From the Desk of Deacon Phil Flowers……..

A couple of months back I answered the question "What does a deacon do all day?" A more basic question is “Why am I a deacon?”

Well, the first time someone invited me to consider becoming a deacon, I thought he had to be kidding. The restrictions seemed too much. Did he seriously want me to get no compensation for work as a deacon? Didn’t he know how much I disliked having to obey people? And did he think I was willing to stay unmarried if my wife died before me? So I spent a long time in thought and prayer about the restrictions of no-salary, obedience, and no-remarriage.

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Desde el escritorio del Diácono Phil Flowers…..

Algunos meses atrás conteste la siguiente pregunta, “¿qué es lo que hace un diácono todo el día?” Una pregunta aún más básica es “¿Por qué soy diácono?”

La primera vez que alguien me pidió que considerada convertirme en diácono pensé que debería de estar bromeando. Eran demasiadas las restricciones que venían junto con el título de diácono. ¿En verdad él pensaba que no merecía tener una compensación por el trabajo de diácono? ¿A caso él no sabía que a mí no me gusta obedecer a la gente? ¿Y en verdad pensaba que yo me quedaría soltero sin volverme a casar si es que mi esposa muriera antes que yo?

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The militias and their leaders, including the head of the Spanish militia, the civilian leader, and the commander-in-chief, arrived at the village of Santa Catalina at 8:30am, ready to proceed to the church. The procession was led by the head of the Spanish militia, who carried the flag of Spain, and followed by the civilians and the militiamen. The procession arrived at the church at 9:00am, precisely on time. The Spanish militia and civilians then held a service of prayer and reflection inside the church, led by the head of the Spanish militia. After the service, the Spanish militia and civilians received a blessing from the head of the Spanish militia. The procession then proceeded to the town square, where it was met by the town's mayor and other local officials. The mayor thanked the Spanish militia for their help and support in the region, and the Spanish militia responded with gratitude and appreciation. The procession then proceeded to the nearby market, where the Spanish militia and civilians sold food and goods to the local people. The proceeds from the sales were then donated to the local charity. The Spanish militia and civilians then returned to the village, where they rested and prepared for the next day's activities. The next day, the Spanish militia and civilians held a second service of prayer and reflection, and then proceeded to the market to sell food and goods again. The proceeds from the sales were then donated to the local charity. The Spanish militia and civilians then returned to the village, where they rested and prepared for the next day's activities. The process repeated for several days, with the Spanish militia and civilians holding a service of prayer and reflection each day, followed by a day of work and rest.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL
How does one measure a person’s worth? There are usually two approaches, either by external appearance or by intrinsic value. In daily life we are apt to evaluate someone by what is most obvious… externals. Today’s gospel warns that cannot be the sole measure. Jesus teaches us a positive by warning against the negative. Some scribes (a learned prominent position) seek public recognition and mistreat society’s least as not worthy of respect; they may have external “success” but are not to be emulated. The poor widow contributes little externally but internally she honors God from her very self. The one we are to emulate is obvious as we listen to Jesus’ teaching; how well we make that same choice as we walk in our world is often not so easy. We are bombarded with images of “success” measured only by what has been acquired whether it be money, stardom, popularity, good looks … it’s a long list. But every now and then we see real inspiration in the lives of some who display their values in a difficult situation. The young men who disarmed the gunman on the train in France come to mind. They have received honor not only because of their bravery in the face of mortal danger, but also because the lives of those on the train were worthy in their eyes more than simply their own safety. We probably won’t face a choice as dire as theirs but we are called to look beyond appearances, even beyond our own comfort when gauging the worth of others … of all of God’s children.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Believe it or not indoor air can be more polluted than outdoor air. Crack open a window every now and then to circulate the air. The air and you will be fresher and healthier.

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 DEACON PHIL
CONTINUED......

Now I think I can explain how these are actually beneficial and even essential to why I am happy to be a deacon, namely how they foster the diaconal threefold service of Charity-Justice, Word, and Liturgy.

Charity-Justice: When I am doing my primary ministry of forming new deacons or taking my turn at a parish task like teaching in parish RCIA, I actually find enjoyment in giving of myself with no pay. It is a different model of clerical service. Because of my retirement pension I don’t need an income from the Church for support, like bishops and priests do. Yet because of ordination I can witness to the clergy’s commitment to service without unnecessary cost.

Word: Obedience means listening to others, being open to their needs, and trying to be with them. And I am learning continually that I only have something to say if I listen to God’s word and to the words of those I serve.

Liturgy: Marriage and family in my life have meant happiness in a community of love which I have learned includes the Church. The public worship of God celebrates this community which cannot be taken away even by death.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

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: ____________________________________________

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City: _____________________________ Zip:__________________

Phone: _______________ Email: __________________________

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Today we meditate on the totality of giving. The widow of Zarephath in the first reading, 1 Kgs. 17:10-16, gives Elijah a little cake, thus giving him all the flour and oil she has. The poor widow in the Temple in today's Gospel, Mk. 12:38-44, gives all she has to the Lord although it is only about a cent. The second reading, Heb. 9:24-28, elaborates the unique sacrifice of Christ offering himself totally for all humanity to destroy sin and death. Let us ask the Lord to help us to be as generous toward our sisters and brothers.

THE POOR: As Christians we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also give witness and service they render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that ultimately we can depend only upon God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensitivity, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.

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“I am thankful for St. Catherine Church and would like to share my blessings.”

Be Thankful, Make a difference!

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be taking stock of the blessings in our lives. They might include a grateful awareness of the gift of life, of family, of faith and freedom. But let's not stop at a generic “counting of blessings.” I challenge myself and you to take the time to consider the gifts in the concreteness and particularity of our own personal experience. Without a vivid sense of gratitude we are at risk of taking even what is most precious in life for granted. We must be always mindful of the loving God who is the source of all our gifts, whom we trust to continue to provide for all our needs.

To those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to gather peacefully with family and friends around the table, let us open our hearts and fully share each reason for being thankful. Also please pray for those who do not have a table this season. Let us find ways to make room for them in our lives and share our bounty in meaningful ways. If you would like to make a gift to help the less fortunate. Please consider making a gift to our Charity Account.

Contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959. God Bless you and your family, and we pray you are blessed this Thanksgiving and always!

Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program

Many families go without things that most of us take for granted which is a way of life for some people in our community. Some children cannot attend social events, expect certain toys for Christmas or their birthday, or even have a Christmas tree because their families cannot afford these expenses. Fortunately, the families of St. Catherine Parish have the Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program to help make the dreams of their children come true... On the weekend before Thanksgiving the stars will go on the trees. You will be able to take them the weekend before Black Friday and shop on the weekend of Thanksgiving for our friends. If you want to adopt a family please contact Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959
TRIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El profeta Elías pide a una viuda pobre que le dé algo de beber y un poco de pan. Cuando ella compartió, su escasez fue saciada (1 Reyes 17:10-16).

Salmo — El Señor siempre es fiel a su palabra (Psalm 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo se sacrificó una sola vez para borrar todos los pecados de los hombres (Hebreos 9:24-28).

Evangelio — El óbolo de la viuda de unos cuántos centavos es mucho más grande que todas las otras donaciones porque en su pobreza, ha dado todo lo que tenía para vivir (Marcos 12:38-44 [41-44]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Martes: Sab 2:23 — 3:9; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-19; Lc 17:7-10
Miércoles: Sab 6:1-11; Sal 82 (81):3-4, 6-7; Lc 17:11-19
Jueves: Sab 7:22b — 8:1; Sal 119 (118):89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lc 17:20-25
Viernes: Sab 13:1-9; Sal 19 (18):2-5ab; Lc 17:26-37
Sábado: Sab 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Sal 105 (104):2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lc 18:1-8
Domingo: Dn 12:1-3; Sal 16 (15):5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mc 13:24-32

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo, 8 de Noviembre

Natalie Gonzalez
Martha Reyna

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.

HAZ CUALQUIER COSA

Iré a cualquier lugar y haré cualquier cosa para convidar el amor de Jesús a quienes no lo conocen o a quienes ya se olvidaron de él.

—Santa Francisca Xavier Cabrini

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL DIÁCONO PHIL FLOWERS, CONTINUADO….

Ahora creo que puedo explicar por qué estas razones son beneficiales para mí y hasta porque soy feliz siendo diácono. Es decir, la manera en que el diaconal acoge las tres maneras de servicio incluyendo la caridad-justicia, la palabra y la liturgia, eso me hace feliz.

Caridad-Justicia: Cuando estoy haciendo mi ministro principal de formar nuevos diáconos o cuando estoy tomando mi turno en un trabajo de la parroquia así como el de enseñar en la parroquia RCIA, en realidad disfruto dar de mí mismo sin tener pago. Es un modelo diferente de servicio clerical. Como tengo mi pensión de retiro, no necesito algún tipo de ingreso de la iglesia así como los arzobispos y los padres. Ellos necesitan este tipo de apoyo de parte de la iglesia. Aun así, en la ordenación puedo ser testigo del compromiso de parte del clero hacia el servicio sin ningún tipo de pago.

La Palabra: Obediencia quiere decir que le hacemos caso a otros. Que estamos listos para ayudarlos en cualquier necesidad y hacemos el intento de estar con ellos para apoyarlos. Constantemente estoy aprendiendo que solamente tengo algo que decir cuando escucho la palabra de Dios y la palabra de aquellos a quien sirvo.

La liturgia: El matrimonio y la familia en mi vida significan felicidad en una comunidad de amor que incluye la iglesia. La celebración publica de adorar a Dios celebra esta comunidad que ni si quiera la muerte la puede separar.
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. También 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.

MISMA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS
Venga y acompañenos a celebrar la misa bilíngüe del día de acción de gracias. La misa se llevará a cabo este jueves 26 de noviembre a las 10:00am.

CENA DE CARIDAD DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA
La iglesia de Santa Catalina se está preparando para llevar a cabo la cena anual de caridad este miércoles, 25 de noviembre a las 6:00pm. Se necesitan voluntarios y donaciones. Por favor visite nuestra pagina web en www.stca.org para apuntarse como voluntario o para donar un artículo necesitado. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

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

¡SOLO QUEDAN 2 SEMANAS PARA PODER ENTRAR AL SORTEO DEL PAJARO MADRUGADOR!
Compre sus boletos el día de hoy y automáticamente será entrado al sorteo del Pájaro Madrugador el cual le provee una oportunidad adicional para ganar más premios en efectivo como una recompensa por haber comprado su boleto con anticipación.

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 financiara hasta $7,500 o si usted prefiere, $5,000 en efectivo.

¡Los Paquetes Extraordinarios se están vendiendo rápidamente! Recuerde que estos boletos son limitados, solamente tendremos 350 paquetes extraordinarios a la venta. Cada uno cuesta $320. El Paquete Extraordinario incluye 3 boletos para el sorteo del automóvil, 7 boletos para las vacaciones de sus sueños y su boleto también será entrado en un sorteo adicional para tener la oportunidad de ganar dinero en efectivo. ¡Y cada paquete extraordinario que sea comprado antes de la fecha límite del pájaro madrugador, le dará al comprador más 120 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).

¡Trigésimo segundo Domingo del tiempo ordinario
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. también 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.
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Entre las comunidades hispanas aún existe el concepto de que a la Iglesia se le da limosna. Esta es una horrible costumbre, puesto que ni a Dios ni a la Iglesia se le debe la limosna, sino el diezmo y no necesariamente económico, esto es, también debemos considerar tiempo y talento. Este diezmo se le da a Dios por medio del mantenimiento de la Iglesia, la ayuda directa a los necesitados, la generosidad con agencias de caridad, etcétera. No importa a quién o cómo damos el diezmo que debemos a Dios, lo que importa es reconocer que no es limosna, es decir, dar de lo que nos sobra. Es dar desde el corazón, compartir, como la viuda del Evangelio, lo que tenemos para vivir.

No obstante, muchos somos tacaños con el Señor. En lugar de dar con generosidad, damos poco o damos para hacernos notar. Damos de lo que nos sobra, si acaso damos. Tenemos mucho que aprender de la viuda que se nos presenta en Marcos 12:41-44. Ella, siendo pobre y necesitada, aún así quiso compartir con Dios de lo que tenía para vivir. Casi siempre los pobres son más generosos que los ricos o la clase media. Son ellos quienes nos muestran la generosidad de Dios y nos desafían a hacer lo mismo, a fin de erradicar la pobreza.

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SE NECESITA MÁS QUE ESO

Asistir a la iglesia no te hace cristiano, al igual que ir a un garaje no te hace un automóvil.

—Billy Sunday

¡QUÉ POCO RAZONABLE ERES, ELÍAS!

¿Acaso no había en Sarepta personas adineradas, que vivieran en casas lujosas, gente de buena voluntad que te hubiera recogido y sentado a su mesa sin gran trabajo? Hubieras comido bien, hubieras descansado en una cama mullida, y hasta hubieras hecho amigos "influentes". ¿Cómo se te ocurre acercarte a una pobre viuda, que está cansada recogiendo leña, y pedirle el único trozo de pan que les queda a ella y a su hijo antes de morir de hambre?

Malo para ella, porque no puede darte lo que le pides sin sacrificar su vida y la de su pequeño... y malo para ti, porque ¿a dónde vas con un pedacito de pan, después de tantos días sin probar bocado?! ¡Qué poco razonable eres conmigo, Señor! No te conformas con que te dé un poquito... Te quise dar más de la mitad, y tampoco estabas conforme...

Te he ofrecido casi todo lo que tengo, y aún extiendes ante mí tu dulce y llagada mano de mendigo... ¡Es que lo quieres todo! ¿No vas a dejar de dar de lo que nos sobra, si acaso damos. Tenemos mucho que aprender de la viuda que se nos presenta en Marcos 12:41-44. Ella, siendo pobre y necesitada, aún así quiso compartir con Dios de lo que tenía para vivir. Casi siempre los pobres son más generosos que los ricos o la clase media. Son ellos quienes nos muestran la generosidad de Dios y nos desafían a hacer lo mismo, a fin de erradicar la pobreza.

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The Christian Communities of Paul's Epistles: Ephesus

Ephesus was built in the 10th century BC, in the Roman era it was a thriving city of 35,000-55,000 people. According to the Acts of the Apostles Paul spent at least two years there converting both Jews and Gentiles.

However, the Epistle to the Ephesians does not include any of Paul's customary personal greetings to specific people, friends he made in the various communities he visited. Therefore most scholars believe that the letter was written as a general letter to a number of churches in Asia Minor.

Certainly the content of the letter bears out this interpretation since the letter does not focus on the specific needs of Ephesus but rather on the worldwide church. Christ is the head of the church and the purpose of that church is to be the instrument for making “the manifold wisdom of God” known throughout the whole universe. (Eph 3:10)

In this letter Paul uses the analogy of a body to explain our relationship to Christ. He says that we are all given gifts to equip us “for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” and that “living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body’s growth and builds itself up in love.” (Eph 4:11-16)

Many scholars find that the letter's literary style doesn’t match the letters that Paul himself wrote and ascribe it to another (unknown) author. With its well-developed concepts of the church, the Letter to the Ephesians could have been written by a later disciple who took Paul’s ideas and expanded on them.
Give God Our First and Best

How strongly do we believe in God? How strongly do we believe in Jesus and that He sacrificed Himself for us? Is that belief strong enough to give God our everything? To give ourselves completely over to Him and His will for us?

As Christians, that should be our goal. We should want to get to that point. And it’s not as easy as just deciding to do it. It takes time, work, prayer and practice. And how do we start? By giving God our first and our best. Instead of taking care of the things we need to do, and then if we still have time we might give it to God (instead of Netflix), we first give our time to God, and then take care of the rest. And trust me folks, I’m totally in this with you. I am working (some days harder than others) on giving God my first. But if we start doing this, things will change. We will change. And it’s not just time—our money as well. Don’t spend your money and then see if you have anything left to give to God. Don’t give out of your surplus as Jesus talks about. Make your donations the first thing you do with your paycheck (of course not the entire paycheck).

God tries to teach us this in today’s readings—the poor widow who gives her everything is blessed with so much.

And yet, many of us don’t do this. Why? Because we don’t believe God strongly enough. It’s sad to recognize this about ourselves. But only when we recognize and acknowledge our limitations, or sinfulness, or our unbelief, can we ask God to help us grow in faith and love towards Him. Just like if you’re sick, you’re not going to go to the doctor or take any medicine if you don’t think you’re sick. We can deny our faults—but then we’ll never try to fix them.

We must recognize our imperfectness so that we may seek help from the One who is perfect. And by giving our first to God, it’s a way to recognize that what we want to use our time, talent, and treasure for isn’t necessarily what we should be using it for.

So give God first dibs on your life.

FOOD FUNDRAISER

I apologize, but I do not have this month’s fundraiser planned out at the moment (and this moment is the beginning of October when I wrote this). By the time you read this, the location of November’s fundraiser most definitely will be known. In fact, I’m sure that before you read this bulletin you’ve already heard about it, or will soon. Through announcements, Evergive, Facebook, or Twitter, you’ll know before this Tuesday.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Passing on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Middle schoolers together with 3rd-5th graders learn about which American saint they are most like.

6th-8th graders learn about the unbroken Apostolic chain—the role and authority of bishops and priests especially focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Preschoolers hear about Bartimeaus, the blind man whose faith in Jesus enabled him to see.

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. Sign ups are through I-Volunteer on the parish website.

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 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.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God’s action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God’s gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a “soul friend” as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

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SAVE THE DATE!
Fr. Leo Patalinghug is coming to St. Catherine’s Church this December 5-9.
Don’t miss this great opportunity to see and hear Fr. Leo at this once in a lifetime experience. Watch for more information to come!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
How would you rate your marriage? You are eligible for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend not because you need it, but because you and your marriage deserve it! It’s a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage. Make this season special by devoting one weekend to your marriage. 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.

HOPE
If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement

WAKE UP TO AGING: LONG TERM CARE PLANNING OPTIONS
Planning for the future can be stressful and overwhelming especially when planning for 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
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.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

“It's going to get worse before it gets better” is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend’s readings. They point toward the promises of God’s kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.

THANKSGIVING MASS

Join us for a bilingual Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 26th at 10:00am. Please note there will be no 8:15am morning mass on this day.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

—Mark 13:31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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!

ST. CATHERINE’S CHARITY DINNER

St. Catherine’s will host our annual Charity dinner on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:00pm. Volunteers and donations needed. Visit our website at www.stca.org to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

YEAR OF MERCY NOVENA

Our parish community’s will be initiating the jubilee Holy Year of Mercy being declared by Pope Francis starting December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. It will highlight the Catholic Church’s mission to be a witness of mercy. We will be reciting the Divine Mercy Novena after the morning mass for nine days starting Friday, November 13 through December 8, 2015. We invite you to participate in this wonderful way to begin this extraordinary Year of Mercy. The days you are not able to participate after the morning mass you can participate by reciting the novena at home.

Friday, November 13 after the 8:15am Mass
Monday, November 16 after the 8:15am Mass
Thursday, November 19 after the 8:15am Mass
Friday, November 20 after the 8:15am Mass
Monday, November 23 after the 8:15am Mass
Monday, November 30 after the 8:15am Mass
Thursday, December 3 after the 8:15am Mass
Saturday, December 5 after the 8:15am Mass

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

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.
**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.*

**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 5-7:30pm. 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.

**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.

**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.

**EVERGIVE**

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

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**St. Catherine’s 33rd Annual Sweepstakes is rolling!**

**Two weeks left to be in the Early Bird!**

Purchase your tickets today and automatically be entered into the *Early Bird* drawing which provides an additional opportunity to win cash prizes as a reward for buying your tickets early.

Remember your purchase of a $60 *Vehicle Sweepstakes* ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car 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 to receive $5,000 in cash. This ticket has 6 great prizes to win, including a new *Apple iPad*, cash and a trip to *Disneyland*!

We are quickly selling a limited number of **$320 Bonus Bundles**. Bonus bundles give you over 120 ways to win! It 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 they are going fast!

*Visit our table as you leave mass today.*

*We accept Checks, Cash, Visa, Master Card and Amex.*

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**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.
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.

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.

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

All teachers and administrators at St. Catherine School are required to maintain Catechist Certificates, as well as California teaching/administrative credentials. Teachers have four years from their date of hire to complete Catechist Certification. Certification includes 40 hours of training in Knowledge of the Faith, the Nature and Purpose of Catechesis, Liturgy, Prayer, Moral Formation, Diversity, Communal Life, and Missionary Spirit. The program is offered and monitored by the Diocese of San Jose, Department of Education.

Once a teacher completes certification, he/she must participate in a minimum of 10 hours of catechetical classes or workshops each year. Having a grounded knowledge of our Catholic faith is as important a component for our teachers as their knowledge of academics.

Kinders had a great time on their recent field trip. They learned about Native Americans and visited a pumpkin patch. Each child received a pumpkin to take home.

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