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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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From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director….

I am thankful for St. Catherine’s Parish and I would like to Share My Blessings.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving in the coming weeks, we will take stock of the blessings in our lives. They may have included 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 will 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, who we trust to continue to provide for all our needs.

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Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo…

Estoy muy agradecida con la Parroquia de Santa Catalina y quiero compartir mis bendiciones. En las próximas semanas, mientras nos preparamos para la celebración del día de acción de gracias, tomaremos en cuenta todas las bendiciones que tenemos en nuestras vidas. Esto incluye el conocimiento de el regalo de la vida, de la familia, de fe y de libertad. Pero no hay que detenernos en las bendiciones contadas que simplemente son genéricas. Me retare a mi misma, y también los reto a ustedes a que se tomen un poco de tiempo para reflexionar en los regalos concretos y particularmente en nuestras propias experiencias.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b,15; Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).
Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 1:2 — 4:2).
Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, November 15
7:00-1:00pm CR 1-4 & KIT Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:30-10:00am MC,Rm. 10,11,12 Cat. Min. — FFF session
1:00-3:00pm CHV Afa & Omega Planning meeting
1:30-5:00pm CH Sac Prep. Reconciliation Retreat
5:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group- A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Jóvenes Para Cristo/Team Meeting

Monday/Lunes, November 16
6:00-9:00pm CHV Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell choir/Angelica choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Afa & Omega Planning meeting
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:30-9:30pm MC Folkorico La Amistad Practice
6:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group- A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Jóvenes Para Cristo/Team Meeting

Tuesday/Martes, November 17
6:30-9:00pm Rm 10 Confirmation Catechesis
6:30-8:30pm MC Christ’s Healing Heart Mission
7:00-8:30pm LR Raffle Committee

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 18
12:00-8:00pm Rm 10 Family Faith Formation Session
3:00-6:30pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
5:00-6:00pm CHF Hora Santa
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:00pm Rm 10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático

Thursday/Jueves, November 19
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal
6:30-9:00pm MC Jóvenes Para Cristo Play Practice
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, November 20
9:30-10:30am MC Bible Study
5:00-6:00pm MC Grupo Amigos/Play Practice
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, November 21
8:30-10:30am MC,Rm. 10,11,12 Cat Min. — Spanish FFF Session
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Group

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, November 16 † Mary Tacci Nguyen Family
Tuesday, November 17 † Gregoria Florendo
Wednesday, November 18 † Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, November 19 † Joseph Phan
Friday, November 20 † Peter Nguyen

Friday, November 20 † Michael Nguyen
Richard Torres

Saturday, November 21 † Lucy Lango
† Paul Vu
† Martin Ngo

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?”
Child: “Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less?”
FROM THE DESK OF ANNA CONTINUED......

To those of us who will be fortunate enough to be able to gather peacefully with family and friends around the table, let us open our hearts and fully reflect on each reason for being thankful. Also let us please pray for those who will 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.

Sunday, November 30th marks the beginning of Advent. It is a time for excited anticipation. It can also be a time of great stress. We want to reach out to those struggling individuals and families while still preserving their human dignity. In a society that seems to be creating deeper divisions between the rich and poor, we need to remember Christ’s teachings and his own personal example of humility. This Thanksgiving season, let us practice gratitude for what is precious in our lives, and pray for the needs of the poor in our community. If you would like to make a gift to our Parish Giving Tree or Charity account in support of those less fortunate, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org.

I hope you and your family have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

With Gratitude,
Anna Quinones

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STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We are approaching the end of the Church’s year which explains the foreboding messages in the readings today. Knowing that something is coming may or may not cause us to prepare for it. For example, April 15th doesn’t come as a surprise each year but most of us put off tax preparation (unless we are due money back :-). We also know that our lives here on earth are temporary … but we can easily allow ourselves to “put off” preparation for our return to our creator. The unfortunate aspect of this delay is the assumption that our preparation offers little benefit today. In reality living as those prepared to meet the Lord each day provides us with many essential gifts. We are better able to judge the worth of seemingly needed “things” (both physical and mental) in the light of our discipleship. Are they simply something I desire or do they aid me in my journey with Christ? It isn’t easy to live in the world which places such emphasis on what we have acquired and how soon we need the next new thing. It’s a question of moderation, we may actually mentally need a new acquisition to bolster our spirits. The caution is to not let that become the norm, to find satisfaction in sharing our goods and ourselves with others. So there will be some of both, rewarding ourselves with physical acquisitions and also spiritually with the peace and comfort which come from sharing our love of our neighbor. Sort of putting on a spiritual overcoat knowing that the winter of life will come.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

As we migrate indoors for the winter, a lot of energy can be wasted keeping your home comfortable. Between 40 and 70% of all home energy is wasted. We can save about half of that by buying efficient appliances and taking energy-saving measures, e.g. lower the thermostat to 68° or lower.

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!

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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: ____________

God is great all the time,
all the time, God is great!
Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program

Doing without things that most of us take for granted is a way of life for some families in our community. Some children cannot go to 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...

This program is more than just giving and receiving. It is mainly about sharing one’s love and strength with someone else who feels tired and run down. By participating in this type of program, “…the strength of our ever loving Christ child becomes present and joy fills the air.”

If you, your family or a group of families would like to adopt a family, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or cell phone 408.234-0225.

Of course you may choose to take a star from the Giving Tree as you do every year. On your star there will be information about an Adult or Child, Female/Girl or Male/Boy, clothing size, and or toys.

We are requesting the gifts be returned by Sunday, December 13th; all gifts should be returned to the Church and placed under the Giving Tree on the weekends or taken to the Parish Rectory office during the weekdays. On Sunday, December 20th at 9:00am in the Milani Center, we will begin sorting, preparing and delivering gifts to our families. You can volunteer to help on www.stca.org.

If you would like to participate by donating money or gift cards, all gifts are appreciated. Please make your check payable to "St. Catherine Parish Giving Tree" and deliver it to the Parish Rectory office.

Your generosity is truly appreciated by all in the community. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: The author of the Book of Daniel, the first reading, Dn. 12:1-3, encouraged his fellow Jews in the time of the persecution by Antiochus IV (175-163 B.C.): God promises to spare his own people and to give them everlasting life. Mark in today’s Gospel, Mk. 13:24-32, encouraged his Christians and us to look at the Parousia, the second coming of Christ. As we wait for the return of Christ, we trust in his promise to gather his elect from the ends of the world into his kingdom because Christ has offered a perfect sacrifice which removes all our sins and opens to us the way to the Father, our second reading (Heb. 10:11-14, 18).

Please consider starting your Thanksgiving prayer by joining us for Mass on Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving morning at 10:00am. There will be NO 8:15am daily Mass on that day.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvest. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days).

The United States Bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogation Days, and other national days of prayers. However, tucked within Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers (a book published by the U.S. Bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — En aquel tiempo se levantará el guardián de tu pueblo. Entonces serán salvados cada uno de los que estén inscritos en el libro (Daniel 12:1-3).
Salmo — Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida (Salmo 16 [15]).
Segunda lectura — Ahora, el que ofreció un único sacrificio por los pecados y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, espera que sus enemigos sean colocados como tarima de sus pies (Hebreos 10:11-14, 18).
Evangelio — Nadie sabe cuándo será el día ni la hora (Marcos 13:24-32).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Martes: 2 Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: 2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Sal 17 (16):1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lc 19:11-28 (para la memoria de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Jueves: 1 Mac 2:15-29; Sal 50 (49):1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lc 19:41-44
Viernes: 1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: 1 Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Apo 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo, 15 de Noviembre

Maria Miranda
Saira Rodriguez
Nayelie Gonzalez

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 DE ANNA QUIÑONES, CONTINUADO....

Sin una imagen clara de lo que es estar agradecido, estamos en riesgo de tomar hasta lo más preciado que tenemos en esta vida sin saber valóralo. Debemos de estar consientes de nuestro querido Dios. Él es quien da todos nuestros regalos y bendiciones. En Él confiamos para que siga dándonos todo lo que necesitamos.

Para todos aquellos que son afortunados de poder sentarse en paz alrededor de la mesa con la familia y amigos, abramos nuestros corazones y hay que reflexionar en cada una de las razones por las cuales estamos agradecidos. También, debemos de orar por todos aquellos que no tendrán comida en esta temporada. Que tengamos la oportunidad de encontrar el camino para hacer espacio para ellos en nuestras vidas y que podamos compartir nuestra generosidad en maneras significativas.

Este 30 de noviembre marca el comienzo de Adviento. Es el tiempo de anticipación y emoción. Al igual, también puede ser un tiempo de stress. Que extemos la mano a todos los individuos y a todas las familias que están batallando pero que aún mantienen su dignidad. En una sociedad que está creando divisiones entre los pobres y los ricos, necesitamos recordar las enseñanzas de Cristo y su propia experiencia personal sobre la humildad. En esta temporada de acción de gracias, hay que practicar ser agradecidos por todas las cosas bellas en nuestras vidas y de orar por las necesidades de los pobres en nuestra comunidad. Si a usted le gustaría dar un regalo para nuestra organización de Giving Tree o para nuestra cuenta de caridad en apoyo aquellos menos afortunados, por favor de ponerse en contacto con Anna Quiñones en aquinones@jsj.org.

¡Espero usted y su familia tengan un día de acción de gracias feliz y lleno de bendiciones!

Con Gratitud,
Anna Quiñones
Oficina de Desarrollo y Evangelización
¡Trigésimo tercer sorteo anual de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina esta ganando vapor!

¡SOLO QUEDA 1 SEMANA PARA PODER ENTRAR AL SORTEO DEL PÁJARO 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. El último día para poder comprar su boleto para ser entrado en el sorteo del Pájaro Madrugador es el 22 de Noviembre.

¡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!

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. ¡Este boleto tiene más oportunidades para ganar, incluyendo un Apple iPad nuevo, dinero en efectivo, y hasta un viaje a Disneyland!

El futuro comienza hoy, no mañana.
—Papa san Juan Pablo II

TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡Trigésimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario

AL FINAL TRIUNFARÁ LA JUSTICIA

1. Este es el mensaje consolador que, envuelto en un ropaje apocalíptico, nos traen las lecturas de este penúltimo domingo del año litúrgico. Si nos fijamos más en el lenguaje apocalíptico de los textos que en el mensaje consolador que estos textos quieren transmitirnos corremos el peligro de ser infieles a la intención pastoral de los autores que escribieron estos textos. Ni el profeta Daniel, ni el evangelista Marcos, escribieron estos textos con la intención de asustar o meter miedo a los lectores. Lo que ellos quisieron decir, y dijeron, es que, en medio de las mayores crisis o desastres naturales o sociales, los cristianos debíamos mantener firme la esperanza de la victoria de Cristo, del Mesías, sobre el mal. Guerras, desastres, hambre, muerte, injusticias, destrucción... las vamos a tener siempre; a veces serán de tal magnitud que, en esos momentos, nos parecerá que ese es el final definitivo de la historia y de cada uno de nosotros mismos. Pero, no. El profeta Daniel se dirige a los judíos de su tiempo y les dice, en nombre de Dios, que, después de aquellos “tiempos difíciles como no los ha habido desde que hubo naciones hasta ahora, todos los que están inscritos en el libro se salvarán”; y el evangelista Marcos, dos siglos más tarde, nos transmite las palabras de Jesús diciendo a sus discípulos que “después de esa gran angustia... verán venir al Hijo del hombre con gran poder y majestad”. El mensaje es el mismo: vendrán tiempos difíciles, difícilesísimos, pero, al final, triunfará el bien sobre el mal, Cristo sobre Satanás, la justicia sobre la injusticia.

2. Sabed que él está cerca, a la puerta. Precisamente, las crisis y las catástrofes, en lugar de asustarnos y de quitarnos la esperanza, lo que tienen que hacer es acrecentar nuestra esperanza. Sabemos que Dios está cerca de cada uno de nosotros, está a la puerta y quiere entrar. Quiere entrar en nuestro mundo y en nuestra alma, pero, muchas veces, nosotros no le dejamos entrar y así le va al mundo y así nos va a nosotros. Un mundo sin Dios es un mundo a la deriva, en continua crisis y en continuo estado de frustración. Necesitamos que Dios venga a nosotros, que se apodere de nuestro mundo y lo dirija, que la paz de Dios y la justicia de Dios se hagan realidad entre nosotros. Para esto, necesitamos nosotros vivir siempre atentos y vigilantes, atentos al paso de Dios junto a nosotros y vigilantes para abrirle de par en par las puertas de nuestro corazón y rogarle que entre y que se quede con nosotros para siempre.

Visite nuestra mesa hoy a la salida de misa.

Aceptamos Visa, Master Card y American Express (también se acepta dinero en efectivo y cheques).
AL FINAL TRIUNFARÁ LA JUSTICIA, CONTINUADO…

3.- Muchos de los que duermen en el polvo despertarán: unos para vida eterna, otros para ignominia perpetua. Este texto del profeta Daniel habla de una justa y, por tanto, desigual retribución que Dios da a justos y pecadores. Dios nos quiere libres y responsables de nuestros actos; por eso, a la hora de juzgarnos, tendrá en cuenta nuestras obras. La justicia de Dios será siempre una justicia misericordiosa, misericordiosamente justa. Es evidente que en este mundo nuestro no siempre se ve recompensada la buena obra, ni justamente castigadas las malas acciones. Precisamente por eso, es por lo que es importante saber, mediante la fe, que Dios retribuirá a cada uno teniendo en cuenta sus obras. La fe en una justa retribución eterna debe ser para nosotros una ayuda y un estímulo, sobre todo en los momentos difíciles, para fortalecer nuestro siempre frágil deseo de hacer el bien.

4.- Cristo ofreció por los pecados, para siempre jamás, un solo sacrificio. El sacrificio de Cristo es realmente el que nos salva, pero nuestros sacrificios, unidos al sacrificio de Cristo, hacen más propicia y cercana nuestra salvación. Al final de los tiempos, y durante todos los tiempos, Cristo vendrá, y está viendo cada día, para salvarnos. Acojámonos al perdón y a la salvación que Dios, a través de su Cristo, nos ofrece a todos, porque, como nos dice el autor de la carta a los Hebreos, donde existe este perdón no son necesarias las ofrendas por los pecados. Tene mos que saber sacrificarnos cada día para hacer el bien, gastando y desgastando generosamente nuestra vida a favor de los demás. En la medida en que nuestros sacrificios aumenten la fe, la esperanza y el amor en el mundo, así el sacrificio de Cristo nos salvará a todos.

Fr. Gabriel González del Estal

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 página web en www.stca.org para apuntarse como voluntario o para donar un artículo necesario. Muchas gracias por su generosidad.

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.

MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

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

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, bebes, 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.
The Christian Communities of Paul's Epistles: Galatians

The Galatians lived in what is modern-day Turkey. Around 279 BC, Celts and Gauls had invaded the area; they were the ethnic Galatians. After the last Galatian king died in 25 BC, their homeland was incorporated into the Roman Province of Galatia, which extended south toward the Mediterranean.

There is some debate among scholars about whether the “Galatians” that Paul writes to are the ethnic Galatians of the north or the Hellenized (Greek) population to the south. If it is addressed to the Galatians in the north, it was probably written around 54 or 55 AD, not long before the letter to the Romans, and while Paul was in Ephesus. If it was written to the southern Galatians it may have been written earlier.

In any case, the Galatian Christians were converts from paganism rather than Jews. It seems that in the time between when Paul converted them and the time he wrote the letter, there were other missionaries among them who were encouraging them to add observances of Jewish law (such as circumcision) to their practice of Christianity. These other missionaries were apparently also undermining Paul’s authority.

Paul responds with a vigorous defense of his teaching authority reminding them that he received the gospel “through a revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Gal 1:12) He stresses to the Galatians the absolute preeminence of Christ as the way to salvation and holiness.

He speaks quite forcefully to the Galatians asking “Did you receive the Spirit from works of the law, or from faith in what you heard? Are you so stupid?” (Gal 3:2-3) This is his way of reminding them that obeying the Jewish law is not the way to salvation but rather accepting Christ’s sacrifice. He goes on to say, “Before faith came, we were held in custody under law . . . but now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian. For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.” (Gal 3:23-26)
The Office of Youth and Young Adults is offering Caritas: A Night of Renewal. This is an opportunity for any adult leaders to be nourished and revitalized for the journey ahead. It will be an evening of reflection and catechesis. Our keynote speaker will be Fr. Jeremy Leatherby: a pastor from Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in the Diocese of Sacramento. Families are welcomed as well! For more information, please email: rocampo@dsj.org

**Annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive!**

It’s that time of the year folks. Next week, we’ll be putting baskets of fresh food together so that families in our own community can share in a Thanksgiving meal together. This will take place on Sunday, November 22nd. We will be in the Milani Center all day before 4pm collecting food from all of you wonderful people, putting them into baskets, and personally delivering them to the homes of these families. We are looking not only for food donations, but time donations. If you’d like to help deliver these baskets, come by the Milani Center around 1pm. You can make this a service project for your family by going together to bring a meal to someone else. Seeing the types of homes some of these families live in can be shocking and eye opening. Below you’ll find a list of food items we are looking for. If you have any questions, please email me at deepuk@dsj.org

*Frozen Turkeys, Potatoes, Fresh Veggies and Fruits, Cranberry sauce (or canned)*  
*Bread rolls (we’d prefer not sandwich bread), Gravy mix, Stuffing mix, Pies*

*We and the families thank you for your support.*
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Saints Celebration

Thank you to all who shared about the saints and the wonderful morning pastries!

St. Catherine Nativity Exhibit
Nov. 28-29, 2015

Make plans to display your family Nativity set and visit 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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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.

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.

WANT TO HELP FEED THE NEEDY DURING THE HOLIDAYS?
Reachout will again be the recipient of food through Nob Hill’s “Food for Families Donate a Bag Program.” For a $10 donation Reachout will receive a bag of food worth DOUBLE that amount. All bags sold in Morgan Hill are given to Reachout! Save yourself some shopping time - buy a $10 bag at Nob Hill and help others!!

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!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
For good reason, Americans have been ambivalent about “kings” for many years, even long before George III’s troops were sent packing in 1776. To say Christ is our King is to make a statement not about our politics, but about the dignity of our own identity. At our baptism, the crown of our head was once slathered (or at last dabbed) with oil while the Church prayed “as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as his body.” To celebrate Christ’s kingship, then, is to claim our own identity.

Your head was anointed just as Samuel poured oil over David’s head. David had his gifts, but he was no prize, and perhaps that might comfort you as you think about your call, out of the messiness of your own life, to stretch into a lifestyle that is marked by worship, by prophetic speech and deeds, and the kingly ability to fashion a world (or at least a patch of it) where relationships are marked by justice, mercy, and cultivation of the good. It is precisely because of this kingly role that our faith community has something to say about the environment, about the dignity of human life, just wages, access to health care and education, the building of peace, and avoidance of war. In a few weeks’ time we will hymn the coming of the “newborn king,” but today we sketch out the meaning of his reign, and our own incorporation into his work for the life of the world.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EVERGIVE
Have your joined St. Catherine’s on Evergive? Download the Evergive app today! The community code is STCA.
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YEAR OF MERCY NOVENA
Our parish community 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

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!

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
Do you want to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up to receive them at [www.alertssc.com](http://www.alertssc.com).

ST. CATHERINE’S CHARITY DINNER
St. Catherine’s will host our annual Charity dinner on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:00pm. Volunteers and donations are needed. Visit our website at [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org) to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS TO HELP HUAUTLA MISSION WATER PROJECT
Huautla Mission will sell fresh Christmas wreaths for $25 on Saturday, November 28 and Sunday 29 after every mass. Call 408-506-1710 for special orders. Thank you for your support.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
A TIME FOR JESUS
This season take time to renew your relationship with Jesus by spending time in prayer each day. The Parish is offering Advent prayer and reflection booklets, the Little Blue Book, and others for children, teens, families and adults. They will be available in the vestibule of the church, and the Parish and Family Faith Formation offices. A donation of $1.00 will be gratefully accepted for each booklet.

TRUE STEWARDSHIP
The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God’s kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5
HELP US REACH 1,000 LIKES?
Do you have a Facebook account? Have you liked St. Catherine’s page? Help us reach 1,000 likes! Go onto our Facebook page and like us and you could win a raffle prize! Once we reach 1,000 likes, we will raffle off a prize. Don’t miss out on staying on top of all the events in the Parish.

WORLD of DONUTS and ALL SAINTS DAY
Thank you Rose Pucan-Meagor and Faith Formation catechists for displaying images of Saints and providing sweets from many countries and cultures at Sunday hospitality.

TRUE GRATITUDE
Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. —Theodore Roosevelt

St. Catherine’s 33rd Annual Sweepstakes is gaining steam!
One week left to enter the Early Bird!

Purchase your tickets today and automatically be entered into the Early Bird drawing which provides an additional opportunity to win more cash prizes as a reward for buying tickets early. The last day to enter the early bird is November 22nd.

We are quickly selling the limited number $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 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 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 leave mass today.

We accept Checks, Cash, Visa, MasterCard, and AmEx.

SUNDAY PARKING
at the OLD CITY HALL lot

Act Revival Center & Ministries rents space on Sunday morning in the City Hall Chambers building. They use the parking lot from 8:30am to 12:30pm every Sunday. Please do not park in the City Chambers parking lot during these hours. Thank you for your cooperation.
St. Catherine School News

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The football/volleyball seasons have drawn to a close. Our athletes are now practicing for the basketball season. With eight teams, it is difficult for everyone to get enough gym time for practice. Our Athletic Director continues to seek alternative practice facilities and is grateful for creative and cooperative coaches and players who work together to balance practice time on the court. We also appreciate the patience and support of parish groups with whom we share gym parish center space. Our program includes teams for boys and girls in grades 5-8.

The 5th and 6th grade boys’ flag football team had a great season. They finished the year undefeated. Congratulations, Cougars!

APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Applications for the 2016-2017 school year are available in the school office or on the school website. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 16th, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2nd.

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.

SECOND STEP

As in all schools, students don’t always make the best decisions regarding how they treat others. This is our fourth year using the Second Step program which promotes the development of moral intelligence, empathy and good decision making. Additionally students learn age appropriate skills for social interaction, stress reduction, anger management and the handling of bullying and teasing. Arming students with these skills will promote treating each other with kindness and respect and ties in with our School-wide Learning Expectations. Students are enjoying the activities and learning some great skills.

Halloween fun included a Spirit Rally followed by a parade through Pacific Hills.

CAMP ROCK

St. Catherine School presents “Camp Rock.” Performances will be at 7pm on Friday, November 20th and Saturday, November 21st with a matinee on Sunday, November 22nd at 2pm. For information contact the school office.

Save the Date
---eWaste Drive

The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team is Saturday, January 23rd. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The money raised from this event helps fund more energy efficient lighting in our classrooms. This is also a great opportunity to get parent hours or student service hours. Contact Arlene Handa at ecosafehome1@yahoo.com.