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 Sister Silvia Frias, Pastoral Associate....

I am pleased to share with you one of the great blessings the Lord has given me as I was called the religious order and to work with the Hispanic community in our parish of Saint Catherine’s.

The first blessing was at the beginning of my religious life, one of my dreams was to come to this country and I thank the Lord for the nearly 13 years with you, where I have learned, valued, and shared the journey of faith, and all that the parish does to continue to carry the message of Jesus.

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Desde el escritorio de la Hermana Silvia Frias, Asociada Pastoral...

Vivo la gratitud

Tengo el gusto de compartirles una de las grandes bendiciones que el Señor me ha dado al recibir el llamado a la vocación religiosa y el colaborar con la comunidad hispana en nuestra Parroquia de Santa Catalina.

La primera es que al inicio de la vida religiosa una de mis sueños era venir a este país y agradecerle al Señor el compartir casi 13 años con ustedes, donde he aprendido, valorado, compartido el camino de la fe, y todo lo que como parroquia hacemos para seguir llevando el mensaje de Jesús y el haberme permitido celebrar con mi parroquia y familia espiritual 25 años de mi consagración a Dios.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday ( Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36


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IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA
SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH

November 21/22, 2015

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, November 22
7:00-1:00pm  School Foyer  Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
9:00-10:15am MC, Rm. 10, 11, 12 - FFF session
5:00-6:00pm Rm 11 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:30pm MC  Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, November 23
5:00-9:00pm CR 1-2 Jóvenes Para Cristo Dinner
6:00-9:00pm CR 3 & Kit Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CH  Bell choir/ Angelica choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alfa & Omega Planning 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 Jóvenes Para Cristo Team Meeting
7:30-9:30pm MC  English Pre-Baptismal Class

Tuesday/Martes, November 24
2:30-3:30pm CH School  Thanksgiving Pray Service
6:00-9:00pm CR 14 & Kit Charity Dinner - Setup
6:30-8:00pm GYM Danza Litúrgica
6:30-8:00pm Rm 12 KoC Assembly Meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR  Raffle Committee
7:00-9:00pm CH Liturgy Training

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 25
12:00-8:00pm NUR  Rose Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir Rehearsals
6:00-9:00pm CR 14 & Kit Charity Dinner
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-8:00pm Rm. 12 Jesus To Mankind
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático

Thursday/Jueves, November 26
10:00-12:00pm CH Thanksgiving Mass

Office Closed / Oficina Cerrada

Friday/Viernes, November 27
Office Closed / Oficina Cerrada

Saturday/Sábado, November 28
7:00-10:00pm GYM Nativity Exhibit
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Group

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23 † Vivian Conry † Nick Mariani
Tuesday, November 24 † Joseph Nava † Zachary Jensen
Wednesday, November 25 † Manuel Garibaldi † Hack Edwards
Thursday, November 26 No 8:15am Mass

Friday, November 27 † Jon Szczepaniak † Carol Szczepaniak
Saturday, November 28 † Fred Hyndman † Robert Hyndman

Faith Sharing Question of the Week

Adult: “In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?”

Child: “How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?”
I was also blessed to have been able to celebrate with my parish (St. Catherine’s) and my spiritual family, my 25 years of dedication to God as a religious. I feel very privileged because this year, my congregation (Eucharistic Missionaries of the Holy Trinity) will also celebrate 50 years of being in California. As part of my congregation’s mission is to support the Hispanic community, in which we have at St. Catherine’s for the past 40 years. Working in this parish, sharing our charism to recruit and train worshipers of the Lord and to pray for our priests. We ask for God to grant us the privilege to continue to serve Him in this Diocese.

This month, as we celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving, I invite you to live giving thanks to God for everything and everyone, as my congregation’s Founder, Paul Maria Guzman, invites us to live with this attitude and the best expression of this Thanksgiving is the sacrifice of the Eucharistic. I pray that the celebration of the Eucharist is an important part in our lives to live in union with Jesus our discipleship. I will pray for you and ask for you to keep me in your prayers.

Sister Silvia Frias Z. MESST

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: __________________________

Stewardship in Scripture
By Deacon Rick Haeckel
John’s Gospel was written to the nascent Church which was emerging from having been expelled from formal Jewish worship. It that vein the Gospel presents theological underpinnings for the understanding of Jesus as the one “who is to come,” the promised one whom the Jewish leaders did not recognize but many others did. Today’s reading describes Pilate’s interrogation prior to Jesus’ crucifixion. Jesus’ response that his kingdom is not of this world confused Pilate, a non-Jew, who had no understanding of the expected Jewish messiah. Asking if Jesus was the “King of the Jews” reflected hearsay and a Roman understanding of a ruler. Then and still today kings are seen as the person in whom all power rests. Jesus’ response doesn’t do much to help Pilate who has no understanding of another world. In much less harsh ways we can inadvertently become Pilate by rationalizing our choices which don’t conform to Jesus’ teaching. We make our world here and now more important than the kingdom of Jesus which is to come. Usually we take short cuts in loving our neighbor, I do love my friends after all, we may offer. But we know that we are called to love everyone … even our enemies. The close of the Church’s year is a good time to see if we can improve the way we live as disciples of the King. Having Jesus as a partner in our life choices means that our King is not on a throne somewhere out of reach but rather he walks with us, through whatever life brings.

Green Tip of the Week
When giving gifts, consider using newspaper or brown craft paper you can decorate yourself. Sunday comics also make a colorful, recyclable wrap kids will love.

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!

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 volunteer at 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: Christ is our King, and will draw all people to himself, presenting the whole restored creation to God. The prophet Daniel in the first reading, Dn. 7:13-14, has a vision of Christ as King whose sovereignty is eternal. As King, Jesus in today’s Gospel, Jn. 18:33b-37, testifies to the truth and makes us a line of kings, of priests to serve God the Father (Rv. 1:5-8).

THE END: We conclude the ecclesiastical year, Church calendar, with the feast of Christ the King. We firmly proclaim and profess Jesus Christ, our King and Lord, who always blesses, nourishes and protects all of us in our lives. He is the King of Kings. He is the King of justice and peace. He is the King on the cross who will draw all people to Himself, presenting the whole restored creation to God. Thus, we unite with Christ, offering ourselves to the Father and giving Him praises.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, on behalf of Msgr. Jeronimo, I want to thank ALL of you for your continued and faithful stewardship and generosity to the parish and school. Please consider starting your thanksgiving prayer by join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day morning at 10:00 a.m. There is no regular 8:15 a.m. daily Mass on this day. HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY to you and your family.
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura – Cuando uno, como el Hijo del Hombre se dirigió hacia el anciano y fue llevado a su presencia, recibió el dominio eterno, un reinado indestructible (Daniel 7:13-14).

Salmo —Señor, tú eres nuestro rey (Salmo 93 [92]).

Segunda lectura – Que la gloria y el poder sean dados a Jesucristo, el primogénito de entre los muertos y Señor de toda la tierra (Apocalipsis 1:5-8).

Evangelio – Jesús como Rey, vino a ser testigo de la verdad. Quien escucha la verdad, escucha su voz (Juan 18:33b-37).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Jueves:  Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lc 21:20-28
Día de Acción de Gracias
(sugerencia):Sir 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19
Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado:  Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo: Jer 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Tes 3:12 — 4:2; Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo, 22 de Noviembre

Cynthia Bermardino
Marisol González
Gitzelle Villa

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 LA HERMANA SILVIA FRÍAS, CONTINUADO....

Me siento muy privilegiada también por que en este año se cumplen 50 años de presencia de mi Congregación de las Misioneras Eucarísticas de la Santísima Trinidad en California, siendo parte de nuestra misión el de acompañar a la comunidad hispana, de los cuales alrededor de 40 años como Congregación hemos estado trabajando en esta parroquia, compartiendo nuestro carisma de ser buscar y formar Adoradores del Padre y el orar por nuestros sacerdotes, pedimos a nuestro Padre Dios nos conceda seguir sirviéndolo en esta Diócesis.

Por mi parte también en este mes en que estamos próximos a celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias, les invito a vivir dando gracias a Dios por todo y por todos, como nuestro Padre Fundador Siervo de Dios Pablo María Guzmán, nos invita a vivir en esta actitud y la mejor expresión de esta acción de gracias es el sacrificio Eucarístico, pido a Dios que la celebración de la Eucaristía sea parte importante en nuestras vidas para vivir más en unión con Jesús nuestro discipulado. Pido siempre por ustedes y me encomiendo a sus oraciones.

Hna. Silvia Frías Z. MESST

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.
Gran acontecimiento de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina en este trigésimo tercer sorteo anual.
¡Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! ¡Es el fin de semana del Pájaro Madrugador!
Esta es la última semana para poder comprar sus boletos y ser automáticamente entrado en el 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.

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. Las posibilidades son infinitas. Imagínese usted con su pareja en un crucero por un Río Europeo, por las Islas Griegas, las Islas Británicas o por un crucero Mediterráneo. O disfrute de una excursión por Italia, Alemania, Irlanda, China o por Centro o Sur América. Estas son solamente algunas sugerencias para unas vacaciones como pareja. Usted nombra el destino y su boleto ganador le financiaría 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!

¡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).
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

LA VERDADERA GRATITUD

Recordemos que así, como lo mucho que se nos ha dado, mucho se espera de nosotros y que el verdadero agradecimiento viene del corazón y se expresa con la boca, además se muestra con las obras.

—Theodore Roosevelt

MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Venga y acompañen 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.

¡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 estás 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:________________________________

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.

Desde la Cueva de Poncio Pilato, continuado...

Lo inmediato para él lo es todo. Son sus urgencias. Es un perfecto egoísta. "¿Qué es la verdad?"... Para él, no hay más verdad que sus conveniencias de hoy. Dos mil años después, la escena se repite hasta el aburrimiento. Jesús, presente en su iglesia, sigue pronunciando palabras de vida eterna a través de sus representantes en la tierra. Cuando los obispos y el Santo Padre hablan sobre la familia y condenan las agresiones que leyes de occidente están asiendo a valores sagrados, son hombres de Dios quienes hablan, y lo hacen en el lenguaje del mismo Señor. Este lenguaje requiere trascender las urgencias, mirar hacia lo alto, tener en cuenta algo más que los gritos de protesta de colectivos sociales: si uno no tiene ante la vista realidades como la vocación del hombre, el designio del Creador, el carácter divino del amor humano y el valor sagrado de vida, no puede entender jamás las palabras que pronuncian los pastores de la Iglesia. Pero los políticos, como entonces Pilato, no están dispuestos a asomarse más allá de dos palmos de sus narices para entender el mensaje. Responden desde su cueva, embacados en sus urgencias, en sus campañas y en su conveniencia de poder...No puede haber diálogo. Aunque empleen los mismos fonemas, hablan de realidades distintas desde distintas galaxias. Para entender el idioma de Dios encarnado, hay que alzar, al menos un poco, la cabeza. He dicho "la cabeza", y no "la voz". Alzando la voz no se llega más arriba.

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 necesiten 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.
The Christian Communities of Paul's Epistles: Corinth

Paul established a Christian church in Corinth in about 51 AD, while he was on his second major missionary journey. Because it was a seaport and a commercial crossroads for ancient Greece, it was a real melting pot of men and women of different cultures and religious backgrounds. Immigrants came there from Italy, including freed slaves of Greek, Syrian, Jewish, and Egyptian origin. There were worshippers of Greek and Egyptian gods, as well as a substantial Jewish colony. Paul first attempted to convert the Jews of Corinth (see Acts 18) was not very successful, but he then spent a year and a half among the Gentiles and particularly won over the “lowly and despised” (1 Cor 1:28).

After Paul had left Corinth and was on his third missionary journey, in Ephesus, he received word that things were not going well in Corinth. Much of the letter concerns the divisions or factions that existed in Corinth. Some Christians, he learned, saw themselves as followers of Paul, of Apollos, of Peter (1 Cor 1:12). Paul reminds them that it wasn’t he who was crucified for them, but rather “you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.” (1 Cor 3:22).

Next Paul discusses some of the problems of Christian behavior that had been reported to him, issues about marriage, sexuality, and even worship of idols. There were even problems in how they celebrated liturgy: sometimes when they met together, instead of celebrating the Lord’s Supper, “each one goes ahead with his own supper, and one goes hungry while another gets drunk.” (1 Cor 11:20). Some members discriminated against others, or treated the poor badly.

Paul addresses these issues and many others that arose in this bustling and diverse seaport city. He reminded them of the importance of putting Christ first and to focus on loving one another.
I would've hated having Jesus as my student. He's a know-it-all who answers questions with questions or gives parables as His answers. If Jesus was a student in a school today, He'd be sent to the principal’s office all too often.

For example:
Principal: “Jesus, Did You cheat on the test?”
Jesus: “Do you say this on your own or have others told you I did?”
P: “I am not a student, am I? Your own classmates and teacher handed You over to me. What have You done?”
J: “My knowledge does not belong to this world. If my knowledge did belong to this world, my classmates would be fighting to keep me from being sent to your office. But as it is, my knowledge is not here.”
P: Then You did cheat?”
J: You say that I cheated. For this I woke up and for this I came to school, to take this test. Everyone who took this test listens to me.”

See what I mean? Annoying. We read the Gospel stories and know that Christ is just being awesome and mysterious while being persecuted. But when He was a teenager? Oi.
So to all you students out there. Start answering your teachers’ questions with parables and more questions. And when they get mad and tell you to knock it off, just inform them (respectfully of course), that you're just trying to be more like Christ.

Cue the angry emails from parents and teachers.

We’re collecting fresh food items before/after all the Sunday Masses EXCEPT for 5:30pm (sorry, it’s just too late at this point to go out and deliver). We'll start delivering around 1pm, so if anyone wants to help deliver the baskets of food to the families, come on by the Milani Center. Here’s what we’re looking for as far as food:

- Frozen Turkeys
- Potatoes
- Gravy Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing
- Bread Rolls (prefer not sandwich bread)
- Fresh Veggies
- Fresh Fruits
- Pies

If you have questions, email at deepuk@dsj.org
“Don’t be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving us. God is pure mercy.”
Pope Francis

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children and youth in the faith formation program have been learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They participated in Reconciliation retreats together with their parents and celebrated God’s forgiveness during this month of November.

ST. CATHERINE NATIVITY EXHIBIT
November 28, 2015
Hours: 10:00 am—8:00 pm

November 29, 2015
Hours: 8:00 am—7:00 pm
in the Parish Center

“JOURNEY TO THE LIGHT OF JESUS:
An Advent Family Celebration”
November 29, 2015
During Hospitality after the morning and 12:15 Masses
In the Parish Center

Join us for these special events for the whole parish to prepare for the Advent Season!

Reflect on the Holy Family while walking through the Nativity Exhibit. Learn more about how we can journey to the light of Jesus at the activity centers during the Advent Family Celebration.

The Nativity Exhibit is co-sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Cinco Family and the Family Faith Formation Office. Volunteers are needed to help set up and host the Nativity Exhibit—please visit I-Volunteer on the St. Catherine church website to sign up.

For further information, please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 or Blanca Cinco at blanca.cinco@sbcglobal.net or (408) 362-3466.
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 a few household items for anyone in need. You may shop once a month. The shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - noon. The shop is located at 13570 Depot St. in San Martin. You are also welcome to drop off donations at this location during those hours. Volunteers are welcome. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Please contact Carol at 408-857-4516 for more information.

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!!

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 to sign up to volunteer. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

YEAR OF MERCY NOVENA
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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!!

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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.
“Finding God through the Communion of Saints”. Father Leo discusses how Saints help us to find God in our lives. But, getting to know saints is not that easy in a world that doubts, misunderstands or misinterprets "holiness."

Monday Dec. 7th 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Church
“Finding God through His Mother” Father Leo’s presentation is on the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's presence in Christianity can confuse or frustrate even the best of Catholics. This evening helps all Catholics and even Christians from different denominations to understand Mary in the most authentic, orthodox and dynamic way.

Tuesday Dec. 8th 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Parish Center
Finding God at the Lord’s Table” Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. You will find the true presence of God in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. In this Eucharistic During Father Leo’s theological presentation, you will see the scriptural, theological and even anthropological significance of the Eucharist.

Wednesday Dec. 9th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM—Parish Center- Marriage and Sacrament of Marriage “Spicing Up Married Life”
Fr. Leo may be a priest, but he shows couples what it takes to have a truly faithful and enduring love, whether dating, just married, or celebrating a golden anniversary. Offering insights and recipes from his latest book, Spicing Up Married Life, Fr. Leo is not afraid to shed light on what problems marriages face these days and how couples can overcome them. So bring your appetite and see why your marriage is worth celebrating more than once a year.

Fr. Leo will lead a cooking demonstration at 6:00 PM. Dinner immediately following demonstration.
Tickets for this Special Event in the evening may be purchased online at www.stca.org or at the Parish Office during business hours.

Free babysitting will be provided each night. Please reserve your child’s place through volunteer at www.stca.org

St. Catherine Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints co-sponsor this annual concert to be held at St. Catherine Church on Friday, December 4 - 7:00 PM
This is an event that you won’t want to miss! Vocal and instrumental groups from across Morgan Hill and Gilroy come together in musical celebration. This free event is wonderful for the whole family. All are welcome.

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.
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.

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.

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Above and left, students with their favorite veterans at a reception that followed our Veterans’ Day Prayer Service. The prayer service was attended by Veterans and their families, active service members, and school parents. Highlights of the service included presentation of the flag of each branch of the Armed Forces, a candle lighting for each war/conflict in which the US participated, and everyone in the church singing “God Bless the USA.”

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Do you buy product with Box Tops? Just look for the Box Tops logo on your favorite products. You can deposit them in the Box Tops collection box located inside the front entrance of the church. See how much our school has earned and find out how you can help even more using the Box Tops website at http://www.boxtops4education.com.

Thank you, God, for everything!

Save the Date ---eWaste Drive
The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, January 23. 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 will help 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 ecosafelome1@yahoo.com.