From the Desk of Fr. Lieu Vu, Parochial Vicar….

Welcome to Advent! This Holy Season of prayerful preparation for Christmas is also a time to focus our attention on Christ, recognizing of his presence in our lives. I would like to call your attention to several parish activities that help us to welcoming Christ into our hearts and serving Him in others in this Season of Advent:

- **Daily & Weekend Masses**, see the schedule on the front page of the bulletin.
- **Advent Penance Service**, Monday, December 14th, at 7:00pm in the Church.

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Lieu Vu, Párroco…

¡Bienvenidos a Adviento! Esta temporada santa de oración y preparación para Navidad es también el tiempo de enfocarnos en Cristo, reconociendo su presencia en nuestras vidas. Quiero dejarles saber de algunas de las actividades parroquiales que nos ayudan a bien venir a Cristo dentro de nuestros corazones y así servirle a Él en otros durante esta temporada de Adviento.

- **Misas todos los días y fines de semana**, por favor vea la página principal del boletín para más información.
- **Servicio de penitencia durante el adviento**, Lunes, 14 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm en la iglesia.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, November 29
7:00-10:00 pm GYM Cat Min - Nativity Set
7:00-3:00 pm CR 1-4 Advent Family Celebration
8:00-12:00 pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:00 am LR RCIA Dismissal
5:00-6:00 pm CRM Rm 11 Spanish Bible Study
6:45-8:00 pm CH Danza Litúrgica - Practice
Monday/Lunes, November 30
6:00-9:00 pm CR 1-4 & M Community supper
6:00-9:00 pm CH Bell choir/ Angelica choir
6:00-7:00 pm MH Omega Planning meeting
6:30-8:00 pm NUR Women's Stitching group
6:30-7:30 pm CR 1-2 Cub Scouts Meeting
6:30-9:30 pm MC Folklorico La Amistad Practice
6:45-8:45 pm Rm 12 Prayer Group - A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00 pm Rm. 10 Jóvenes Para Cristo/Team Meeting

Tuesday/Martes, December 1
6:30-9:00 pm CH Spanish Pre Baptismal Class
6:30-8:15 pm CR 1 EMS to Homebound Pastoral Care Training
6:30-8:30 pm CR 14 Hispanic KOC - Board Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm LR Raffle Committee

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 2
12:00-8:00 pm NUR Rose Choir
3:00-6:30 pm MC Rm 11 Family Faith Formation Session
5:00-6:00 pm CH Children's Choir rehearsals
6:30-7:30 pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-8:30 pm DC Edge
6:30-8:00 pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:00 pm Rm 10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30 pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30 pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-8:00 pm NUR FilaM Comm. Meeting

Thursday/Jueves, December 3
5:00-8:30 PM CH Christmas Concert Rehearsal
6:00-9:00 PM CR 14 Kit KOC - Reverse Christmas Party
7:00-9:00 PM LR Liturgy Comm.-Meeting
7:00-8:30 PM MC Jóvenes Para Cristo Play Practice
7:00-9:00 PM Rm 12 RICA
8:00-8:00 PM NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, December 4
9:30-10:30 am CR 1-2 Bible Study
6:00-9:00 pm CH Christmas Concert
6:30-10:00 pm LR Men's Group

Saturday/Sábado, December 5
8:30-10:30 am CR 1-4, 10, 11 Cat Ministry - Spanish FFF Session
8:45-9:30 am CH FilaM - 1st Saturday Rosary
9:00-10:00 am LR RICA
5:00-8:30 pm CR 4, kit. Children's Choir Christmas Party

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, November 30 † Jesse Medrano† Brad & Myra Mountz
Tuesday, December 1 † Margaret Drake† Maria Levy
Wednesday, December 2 † Paul Ruel† Teresa Flores
Thursday, December 3 † Martha Nguc Nguyen† Leonardo De Palma
Friday, December 4 † Albina Grimsich† Luigi D'Ambrosio
Saturday, December 5 † Ed Rezendes Sr. † Lino Leon

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?”

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL
On the first Sunday of the Church year we hear about our need to be prepared … for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as one like us certainly but also for our future return to God. We are not to let “the anxieties of life” lull us into a false comfort that we have plenty of time still left. We should be “vigilant at all times and pray that we have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent…” Those words can sound foreboding but they are an expression of the reality we live. Anxieties and tribulations are part of the rhythm of our lives, both physical and spiritual. What is offered by the words of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel reading is the reassurance that prayer will provide us the strength needed in times of trial. It will instill in us the focus to turn to Jesus, to the one who walks with us always, knowing that in him we find the grace that gives respite from anxiety and worry. The Advent season is about anticipation and preparation, two themes of scriptural longing. It seems, though, that we are more able to anticipate than we are able to prepare. Preparation is active acknowledgement that we need to always “look after” our relationship with God. Prayer is an essential means of staying in contact with the Lord. It can be through ritual prayers but should also include spontaneous ‘conversations’ as we talk with God about our current state. Perhaps the call to remain vigilant summarizes how we are to both anticipate and to prepare… offer a short prayer right now, asking for God’s presence and grace.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
When using email resist the temptation to print messages. Electronic “paper” won’t fade or tear :-) and it saves natural resources. Learn how to use your email program’s search tool to replace that paper copy.

HAVE YOU MOVED?
Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. LIEU
CONTINUED......

Giving Tree, a giving tree in the Church is decorated with ornaments. You can pick one or more ornaments and buy the gift suggested on the ornament. You can bring the gift back to the Church placing it under the giving tree or drop it off at the parish office. Your gift will be given to the poor in our community.

St. Catherine Church is also decorated with the Advent Wreath, symbolizing Jesus Christ as the Light (Jn. 8:12). Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles, three violet and one rose, representing the four weeks of Advent. The number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday.

As we journey through the Season of Advent, we have a unique opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to “COME HOME” to St. Catherine community, deepening our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Come Home” when we gather for Sunday and Daily Mass.
“Come Home” for Advent Mission, December 5-9.
“Come Home” when we celebrate the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, December 8.
“Come Home” for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Saturday, December 12.
“Come Home” for Sim Bangabi celebration on Monday, December 21.

I wish you and your family will have happy and holy Season of Advent……Fr. Lieu Vu

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: ____________________
**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 ivolunteer 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.

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**LITURGY WORSHIP**

**REFLECTION:** God promised that our Saviour would come. The first reading, **Jer. 33:14-16,** tells us that the Lord will raise up for David a just shoot (fulfilled at Christ's incarnation). The Lord, in the second reading (**1 Thes. 3:12-4:2**) and the Gospel (**Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36**), is coming for the Parousia (second coming). Together we watch and pray, preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and his coming at the end of time.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:**

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world’s dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don’t let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

LETRAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmos 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad; pórtense de tal manera que complazcan a Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).


LETRAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126:1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE NOVIEMBRE

Domingo, 29 de Noviembre

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.

Oliver Cedano
Natalie Gonzalez

Deseo que usted y a su familia tengan una feliz y santa temporada de Adviento.

P. Lieu Vu
PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

EL SORTEO ANUAL LLEGA A SUS ULTIMAS SEMANAS. ES TIEMPO DE CONSIDERAR SU REGALO DE NAVIDAD.

¿Qué le parece un automóvil nuevo? ¡Entre en el trigésimo tercer sorteo anual de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina el día de hoy!

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 o 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.

¿Tiene una familia de cuatro personas y le gustaría incluir a sus hijos? Usted podría disfrutar de Hawái por 7 noches o un crucero por 7 noches en Alaska, El Caribe o México. ¡Este boleto tiene más oportunidades para ganar, incluyendo un Apple iPad nuevo, dinero en efectivo, y hasta un viaje a Disneyland!

¡Aún témenos algunos Paquetes Extraordinarios a la venta!

Visite nuestra mesa hoy a la salida de misa.

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

FACEBOOK

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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución Ineffabilis Deus del Papa Pió IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!
PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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 ayudarán en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

CORONAS DE NAVIDAD PARA AYUDAR A LA MISIÓN DE AGUA DE HUAUTLA
La Misión de Huautla estará vendiendo coronas frescas de Navidad por tan solo $25. Las coronas se estarán vendiendo después de cada misa el Sábado 28 de Noviembre al igual que el Domingo, 29 de Noviembre. Por favor de llamar al 408-506-1710 si usted desea hacer una orden especial.
¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Concierto Comunitario de Navidad
"El Mejor Regalo"
La Iglesia de Santa Catalina junto a la Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos del último día están patrocinando el concierto comunitario anual, el cual se llevará acabo en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina el Viernes, 4 de diciembre a las 7:00pm.
¡Este es un evento que no quedará perderse! Grupos vocales al igual que grupos instrumental de Morgan Hill y Gilroy se unirán en una celebración musical. Este evento es completamente gratuito y es para toda la familia. Todos son bienvenidos.

LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA LOS INVITA A CELEBRAR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Viernes 4 de Diciembre
5:00pm Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia para ir a Misa en la iglesia de Guadalupe en San José, precedida por el Señor Obispo

Martes 8 de Diciembre
7:30pm Misa Inmaculada Concepción de María

Jueves 10 de Diciembre
7:00pm Rosario con ofrecimiento de Flores

Viernes 11 de Diciembre
7:00pm Representaciones Guadalupanas
Por el Grupo Parroquial Jóvenes para Cristo
10:00pm a 4:00am Serenata Guadalupana por Parroquianos
La iglesia permanecerá abierta durante toda la noche

Sábado 12 de Diciembre
4:00am Mañanitas con Mariachi
5:00am Misa

4:00 am– 8:00am pan y chocolate en el salón parroquial
Habrá venta de menudo

Domingo 13 de Diciembre
10:00am Procesión, nos reuniremos por la calle Depot y estacionamiento del Centro Cultural Comunitario por las Calles Dunne y Monterey en Morgan Hill

11:00am Bendición de las imágenes.
12:15pm Misa solemne en la Iglesia y en el centro Parroquial
2:00pm Entretenimiento y Comida

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.
The Christian Communities of Paul’s Epistles: Thessalonica

On Paul’s second missionary journey, around 50 AD, he arrived in Greece for the first time. He had with him Timothy and Sylvanus. After making converts in Philippi, they moved on to Thessalonica. There he was persecuted by both Jews and Gentiles. Moving on, he was again harassed by enemies from Thessalonica and hurriedly left for Athens, leaving Timothy and Sylvanus behind (Acts 16). Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica, and his return to Paul with a report on conditions there is what caused Paul to write the first letter to the Thessalonians, which is the oldest preserved Christian writing.

Thessalonica had a Jewish community, but also many other religious cults, from the Roman pantheon to Egyptian and other eastern deities. His converts were probably mainly from among these Gentiles, as the first letter to the Thessalonians talks of “how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.” (1 Thess 1:9) He reminds them to conduct themselves with holiness, “that you refrain from immorality” and praises their charity: “On the subject of mutual charity you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.” Then he reminds them to stay sober and alert for the coming of the Lord, “for all of you are children of the light,” and concludes with an admonition to “cheer the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient with all . . . Always seek what is good for each other and for all. Rejoice always.”

The second letter was written not long after the first, and contains many of the same ideas. It may have been written by a follower of Paul. It again praises the faith and love of the Thessalonians, as well as their steadfastness in the suffering that they have undergone. He reminds them that when Jesus comes again, their persecutors will be punished and they, the faithful, will be given rest from their afflictions and be glorified by God.
Yes, that's right.
All these pictures can only mean one thing...

STAR WARS MARATHON!!

Saturday, December 5th-
Sunday, December 6th.
Evening til Morning.
For more Information,
Contact Deepu

depuk@dsj.org

And yes, I did use all these images so I didn't have to write as much this week.
Just keeping it real.
This weekend, we begin the Advent season. This is a time to reflect on and journey toward the light of Jesus. This is also a great time to share the treasures of our faith at home with our families through rituals, symbols, prayer and song. Following are several ideas to help Advent come alive:

- Make a family Advent wreath and put it in the middle of the dining room table. Light each candle following the lighting of the candles during Mass and share how the candlelight represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth. Sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.
- Pray together using one of the Advent booklets and children’s Advent calendars that are available in the church vestibule.
- Participate as a family in a community service project. Ideas include wrapping gifts or delivering them for the Giving Tree and serving at the Community Supper.
- Clean out the toy box and bookshelf and donate loved but good quality items to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Make a manger with twigs you collect from outside and talk about Baby Jesus and the type of place he was born into. Make a Nativity scene to add it to (or take out the family Nativity set).

Start simple, perhaps adding one or two of these each year to your own Advent family traditions. For more ideas and resources, stop by the Advent Family Celebration after Mass on Sunday!

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**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 **THIS WEEKEND** 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.
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!!

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.
Monday, November 30 after the 8:15am Mass
Thursday, December 3 after the 8:15am Mass
Saturday, December 5 after the 8:15am Mass

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.

Community Christmas Concert
“The Greatest Gift”
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 - 7:00pm
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.

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.
Bringing the blessing to the table and around your table!

“If communicating through one’s stomach is a way to the soul, then Fr. Leo is all for it. One meal at a time.”
-Viviano Hurtado, ABC World News

“Fr. Leo... just had a really great spirit to him... He was just a terrific competitor”
-Bobby Flay, Food Network

Rev. Leo E. Patalinghug, STL
Host & Creator

There’s a place for you at this table!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION “FINDING GOD”
&
COOKING DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION
MARRIAGE AND SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
(SPICING UP MARRIED LIFE) WITH FR. LEO PATALINGHUG

Location
ST. CATHERINE CHURCH
17400 PEAK AVENUE
MORGAN HILL, CA. 95037

Date
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Time
PARISH MISSION: SUNDAY—TUESDAY 7PM-8PM
COOKING DEMO: WEDNESDAY, 6PM-9PM
ST. CATHERINE’S INVITES TO THE CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Friday, December 4th**
5:00pm We will gather at St. Catherine’s to attend mass, preceded by the Bishop, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in San Jose

**Tuesday, December 8th**
6:00pm English Mass of Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, December 10th**
7:30pm Spanish Mass of Immaculate Conception of Mary

**Friday, December 11th**
7:00pm Rosary with offering of flowers

**Thursday, December 10th**
7:00pm Representation of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe by our parish group, Youth for Christ.

**Friday, December 11th**
4:00pm - 4:00am Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe by Parishioners.

The church will remain open throughout the night.

**Saturday, December 12th**
4:00am Mañanitas with Mariachi

5:00am Spanish Mass

4:00am – 8:00am Hot chocolate and Mexican bread at the Parish Center.

There will be a Menudo Sale.

**Sunday, December 13th**
10:00am Procession, we will be meeting at Depot St. in the parking lot of the Community Cultural Center

11:00am Blessing of Images

12:15pm Mass in Spanish, both in the Church and in the Parish Center

2:00pm Food and Entertainment

THE ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES IS IN ITS FINAL WEEKS. IT’S TIME TO CONSIDER YOUR EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

How about a new car! Enter the 33rd Annual St. Catherine’s Sweepstakes today.

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. Have a family of 4 and want to include your children? You could enjoy Hawaii for 7 nights or a 7 night Alaska, Caribbean or Mexico cruise vacation. 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!

A few Bonus Bundles are still available!

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today.

We accept Cash, Checks, Visa, Master Card and AmEx.

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

MASSE 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.

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APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

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.

TREATS FOR OUR TROOPS

Operation Care and Comfort, a San Jose based Military Charity, hosts “Treats for Troops” each year after Halloween. Students donated their leftover Halloween candy to send to the deployed troops overseas. At St. Catherine School over 150 pounds of candy was collected. Students packed and weighed the candy which was taken to SJ Muni Stadium to be packed with all the other candy collected in Santa Clara county for shipping to various stations overseas. We hope the troops enjoy their treats!

MATH IN THE REAL WORLD

Fifth graders used their math and tech skills to develop budgets for Thanksgiving dinner. Students were allotted an amount they could spend per person for their Thanksgiving dinner. First they designed a menu, then determined how much food would be needed based on the number of guests they expected for Thanksgiving. Using newspaper ads and visits to the grocery store for pricing, each student developed spread sheet which indicated the number of items needed, unit price for each item and total cost for the amount needed. Their spread sheets also totaled the amount the students would need. If that amount went over budget, the student needed to make some changes to their menu until he/she was within the budget allotted.

This activity introduced spread sheets and reinforced estimation, as well as addition and multiplication of decimals. Students were very surprised to learn the real world prices of food and the challenge of staying on budget.

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 ecosafehome1@yahoo.com.