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**MASSES / MISAS**
- Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
- Saturday: 5:30pm
- Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am, 5:30pm
- Domingo: 12:15pm

**CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN**
- Saturday/Sábado: 4:00-5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

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- Wednesday/Miércoles 6:30pm
- 1st Friday - 24 Hours

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

Dear parishioners,
The month of December is here and with it multiple opportunities for you to celebrate with us the mysteries of our faith.

**Season of Advent:** This four weeks only Liturgical Season helps us to prepare ourselves to receive the Lord when He comes to save us and to make anew His birth in our human flesh.

**Immaculate Conception of Mary:** on December 8th along with the Solemn Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (a Holy Day of obligation) the universal Church begins the extraordinary Jubilee Year, “The Year of Mercy.”

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

Estimados Feligreses,
El mes de diciembre ya está aquí y con él muchas oportunidades para celebrar con nosotros los misterios de nuestra fe.

**Tiempo de Adviento:** Este tiempo Litúrgico de cuatro semanas nos ayuda a prepararnos a recibir al Señor cuando él venga y a celebrar una vez más su nacimiento en nuestra carne.

**Inmaculada Concepción de María:** El 8 de diciembre junto a la celebración de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María, (Fiesta de Guardar) la Iglesia Universal comienza un Año Jubilar. “El año de la Misericordia.”

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 12:1-36
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 6, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10b; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).
Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).
Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).
Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).


THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, December 6
7:00-1:00pm CR 1-4, 10 Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA Dismissal
1:00-5:00pm Rm 12 FIL/AM Music Band Practice
1:30-3:00pm CH Danza Litúrgica—Practice
1:30pm-3:15pm GYM, CR 14, NUR & KIT Confirmation program intro
3:15pm-5:30pm GYM, CR 14, NUR & KIT Confirmation Winter intro
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir-Kellet
5:00-6:00pm Rm 11 Spanish Bible Study
6:30-8:30pm DC Parish Mission babysitting
7:00-9:00pm CH Parish Mission

Monday/Lunes, December 7
6:00-9:00pm CR 14 & KT Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell choir/Angelia choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alfa & Omega Planning meeting
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:30-9:30pm MC Folklorico La Amistad Practice
6:45-8:45pm Rm 12 Prayer Group – A Los Pies de Cristo
6:30-8:30pm DC Parish Mission babysitting
7:00-9:00pm CH Parish Mission
7:00-8:00pm Rm 10 Jovenes Para Cristo/Team Meeting
7:00-9:00pm CH Parish Mission
7:30-10:00pm GYM Open Gym

Tuesday/Martes, December 8
6:30-8:30pm CR 14R KOC—Board meeting
6:30-8:30pm DC Parish Mission babysitting
7:00-9:00pm Rm 11 Huautla Mission monthly meeting
7:00-9:00pm CH Worship Choir-Kellet Development event with Fr. Leo
7:00-8:30pm LR Raftte Committee

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 9
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir
3:00-6:30pm MC Rm 10,11 Family Faith Formation session
6:00-8:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
6:30-8:00pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind

Thursday/Jueves, December 10
6:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Choir Rehearsals
6:00-10:00pm CH Rosary - Spanish
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
7:00-10:00pm CHV Alfa & Omega Planning meeting
8:00-8:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, December 11
9:30-10:30am CR 1-2 Bible Study
6:00-9:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
5:00-6:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Play Practice
7:00-10:00pm Rm 10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sábado, December 12
8:30-10:30am CH Cat Ministry– Spanish FFF Session
8:30-10:30am MC Rm. 10,11 Cat Ministry– Spanish FFF Session

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7 † Sal Tacci
† Steven Vasquez
Tuesday, December 8 † Allen Goncalves
† Brad & Myra Mountz
Wednesday, December 9 † Dede Mariani
† Anna Villano
Thursday, December 10 † Allen Navarro
† William Orella
Friday, December 11 † George Barnes
† Cecilia Orella
Saturday, December 12 † Martin Ngo
† Victor Ardizzone
† Steven Vasquez

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “In what areas of your life do you need God’s forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?”
Child: “What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?”
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

On the second and third Sundays in Advent we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We hear about John the Baptist who was a precursor to Jesus. He is referred to in Scripture as pointing the way to him. In a much less prominent but no less important way ... we too are to point to Jesus as the one who calls everyone to follow him in our journey to God. At first it may seem presumptuous to speak of ourselves in company with John the Baptist. However, like a true prophet, John would want nothing more than to attract people to exercise their prophetic voices by calling others to God’s truth. Today’s Gospel quotes the prophet Isaiah as he described our preparation for the coming of God’s salvation. We are to “prepare the way of the Lord,” who me? Yes, each one of us... our preparation is built on our need to make ourselves aware of God in our lives; not only in familiar places like our prayer and worship, but in all actions, especially those which affect others. When we consciously make our relationships expressions of Jesus’ care and concern we become those who prepare, who invite accompaniment on our journey of faith. In doing so we enable the others as well as ourselves to anticipate, as Isaiah did, that “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” The amazing thing is that we are not just to be witnesses of God’s saving gifts but to participate as co-creators of God’s love and grace by our own prophetic voices. Be certain that God has given you this gift for you to share.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Clean air is essential for good health. Rather than masking odors with synthetic sprays, find the source and clean it up. Open a window, even in winter, to help overcome stale air.

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JERONIMO CONTINUED......

Our Lady of Guadalupe: on December 12th and 13th we, as a parish, celebrate the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to a converted indigenous (Juan Diego) in the city of Mexico in the month of December in the year 1531. For your information, the Virgin appeared to Juan Diego four times. The first was on Saturday the 9th of December and the last on Tuesday the 12th of December. The effect of Guadalupe continues today and has gone beyond the borders of Mexico. Come and see and celebrate with gratitude the protection our Mary mother of Jesus and our mother too.

Advent Reconciliation Service: on the 14th of December we offer you the opportunity to receive the sacrament of the Mercy of God. Personally, I don’t see a better way to prepare myself to celebrate Christmas. The season of Love, Peace, and Reconciliation.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day: the parish offers eight opportunities to all its parishioners and family and friends to come and celebrate with us the encounter of the Divine and human natures of the Word of God made flesh; of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day: I hope that the word ‘bilingual’ will not discourage you from coming to Mass these days. After all, God bestows His benefits on all of us regardless our tongue and background. Please check the times of our celebrations and take advantage of these opportunities your parish has prepared for you.

I am looking forward to seeing you here.

Fr. Jeronimo

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: ________________________________
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HAVE YOU MOVED?

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: In our hearts we welcome the Lord who is to come. The prophet Baruch in the first reading, Bar. 5:1-9, who lived 500 years before Christ, tells the people that God is coming to them, God will bring back the captives and Jerusalem will prosper again. John the Baptist in today’s Gospel, Lk. 3:1-6, tells us that to prepare the way of the Lord means to level down every mountain and fill up every valley, making a road for the Lord to come. St. Paul in the second reading, Phil. 1:4-6. 8–11, tells us that the day of the Lord is coming. Christ will bring everything to completion.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Monday, 7:00pm
December 14th
Many priests will be available; you won’t have to wait long.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa’s sleigh at the Macy’s parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn’t catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6)

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: el 12 y 13 de diciembre celebramos las apariciones de la Virgen María al Indio (convertido) Juan Diego en la ciudad de México en el año 1531. Para su información, la Virgen se le apareció a Juan Diego cuatro veces entre el sábado 9 de diciembre, hasta el martes 12 de diciembre. El efecto Guadalupe continúa el día de hoy y ha ido más allá de las fronteras de México. Venga, vea y celebre con gratitud la protección de María, Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra.

Servicio Comunitario de la Reconciliación: el 14 de diciembre le estamos ofreciendo la oportunidad de recibir el Sacramento de la Misericordia de Dios. Personalmente, no veo otra manera mejor de prepararme a celebrar la Navidad la cual es tiempo de amor, paz y reconciliación.

Noche Buena / Navidad: la parroquia ofrece ocho oportunidades a sus feligreses, familiares y amistades para celebrar con nosotros el gran encuentro de la naturaleza humana y Divina; de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne; del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Vigilia de Año Nuevo / Feliz Año Nuevo: Ojala, que la palabra ‘bilingüe’ no le desanime a venir a Misa estos días. Después de todo, Dios derrama sus bendiciones sobre cada uno de nosotros sin distinguir idiomas o nacionalidades. Por favor, revise los horarios de nuestras celebraciones y aproveche estas oportunidades que la parroquia ha preparado para usted.

Espero verlo en estos días.

Padre Jeronimo

UNA MADRE OCUPADA

María podrá descansar solamente después del juicio final; desde ahora y hasta ese momento, está muy ocupada con sus hijos.

— San Juan Vianney

PERDÓN

Dios perdonar como la madre que besa la ofensa en un perdón sin fin.

—Henry Ward Beecher
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

EL SORTEO ANUAL ESTÁ LLEGANDO A SU FIN
¡El tiempo se acaba! Obtenga sus boletos el día de hoy para el trigésimo tercer sorteo anual de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina. Venga al sorteo en la parroquia el domingo, 20 de diciembre y vea como son premiados los boletos ganadores. Disfrute de comida y un poco de alegría de las fiestas. También tendrá la oportunidad de ser entrado en un sorteo gratuito donde podrá ganar premios. ¡No necesita estar presente para ganar, pero sería mucho mas divertido si estuviese presente!

Su 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 financiará 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!

¡Aún témenos algunos Paquetes Extraordinarios a la venta!

Visite nuestra mesa hoy a la salida de misa.

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

POSADAS
Los invitamos a participar en el novenario de las posadas. Las posadas se llevarán acabo en nuestra parroquia. Si alguna familia desea hacerse cargo de un día, por favor comuníquese con la Hna. Sílvia Frías Z. MESSST llamando a la oficina parroquial al (408) 779-3959. Todas las posadas inician a las 6:30 pm. La posada general a las 7:00pm.

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CENA GRATOS
Ahora en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina hay una cena para la Comunidad cada lunes de 6:00-7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial. Comida caliente gratuita también está disponible en cada martes en la Iglesia Luterana de 5-6 pm, todos los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6-7pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6-7pm. Los esperamos!

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA
¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la cuidad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

EL CENTRO DE COMPASIÓN DE GILROY NECESITA CALCETINES
El centro de compasión de Gilroy (8425 Monterey Road) provee servicios básicos a todas las personas sin hogar en el condado de Santa Clara. Necesitan una donación urgente de calcetines para hombre y mujer para esta temporada de frío. El centro está abierto de lunes a viernes de 6am-mediodia. Visite su pagina en http://gccsoco.org/
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

LA MÁS DULCE Y DIFÍCIL VIRTUD

El Adviento está poblado de promesas. Cada una de ellas merece ser paladeada en oración y pregustada en esperanza, porque es Dios quien promete, y Él es fiel a su palabra. Si uno repasa las lecturas que propone la Sagrada Liturgia a lo largo de estas cuatro semanas, allí encontrará la restauración de una paz sin límites, la sanación integral del hombre, la victoria sobre la muerte y el pecado, la reparación de todo cansancio, la erradicación del dolor y, sobre todo, la alegría desbordante de poder ver, por fin, a Dios. El necio desea ver cumplidos sus sueños, pero los sueños del necio no valen nada. Dios no ha prometido cumplir nuestros sueños, sino los suyos. Y son ellos, los sueños de Dios, los únicos que pueden colmar las almas y los corazones de los hombres por Él creados. El Adviento es la promesa de que los sueños de Dios, al fin, se cumplirán. Sin embargo, esa esperanza no está al alcance de todos. Si uno repasa detenidamente las promesas de Dios, se dará cuenta de que van dirigidas a un grupo muy determinado de personas. Quien se sitúe al margen de ese grupo, queda excluido, por tanto, del favor divino. No quisiera convertir estas breves líneas en una colección de citas. Bastarán tres o cuatro para localizar a esa “élite” divina a quien van destinadas las más consoladoras promesas: “Fortalezcan las manos débiles, robustezcan las rodillas vacilantes, digan a los cobardes de corazón” (Is 35, 3)... “Los ciegos ven, los inválidos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios, los sordos oyen” (Lc 7, 22)... “No temas, gusano de Jacob” (Is 41, 14)... “Alegrate, la estéril, la que no dabas a luz” (Is 54, 1)... Recapitulemos: los débiles, los cobardes, los ciegos, los sordos, los inválidos, los leprosos, los gusanos y las estériles. Podríamos añadir, desde luego, y muy especialmente, a los pecadores. Es a ellos a quienes se dirigen, en este tiempo, las promesas de Dios. Quedan fuera los ángeles, los perfectos, los fuertes, los consolados, los ricos y los sanos. No hay Adviento, y no habrá Navidad, para quien no sienta en su vida la urgente necesidad de ser salvado, o, lo que es lo mismo, sanado. Sólo quien es capaz de reconocerse enfermo, débil, cobardo y pecador escuchará como dirigidas a él las palabras consoladoras de Dios. Por eso, el Adviento es el tiempo de la humildad. Dios se dispone a abajarse; se agachará hasta tocar el suelo con pies de carne. Y el hombre, para estar a su altura, debe postrarse también, porque su Creador va a rebasarlo por debajo, y la criatura corre el riesgo de quedar, dramáticamente, situada por encima de su Dios. El más pequeño en el Reino de los Cielos es mayor que el mismo Juan. Es urgente que nos despojemos de esas máscaras y disfraces con que solíamos mostrarnos ante los hombres y ante nosotros mismos para ocultar nuestra debilidad. Sólo que, en algunos casos, caretas y disfraces están tan íntimamente unidos a la persona a la que podemos llevarnos jirones de piel en el intento. Pero no puede, quien vive en la mentira, escuchar las promesas de quien es la Verdad encarnada. Debemos situarnos ante Dios como enfermos, pobres y pecadores, a fin de merecer su compasión. No es ahora tiempo de buscar la aprobación del Creador; es, más bien, tiempo de darse lástima y suscitar su piedad: es tiempo de mostrarnos po de buscar la aprobación del Creador; es, más bien, tiempo de mostrarnos débiles, robustezcan las rodillas vacilantes, digan a los cobardes de corazón” (Lc 1, 48). Sin esa humildad, no puede el hombre ver a Dios.

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

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

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
4:00am– 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 tienda 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 tienda es 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.

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!
The Christian Communities of Paul's Epistles: Colossae

At the time the letter to the Colossians was written Paul had never visited Colossae. The city was one of three closely related cities (with Laodicea and Hierapolis) located on an important commercial route that ran between Ephesus on the western coast of Asia Minor to Tarsus and Iconium in the southeast. Colossae was a textile center, known for its purple wool products. Purple dye, which came from sea snails, was rare at the time. The population at Paul's time was mostly Greek and Phrygian but there were also Jewish families there.

The Christian community had apparently been established by a Gentile named Epaphras who may have been evangelized while Paul was in Ephesus (54-57 AD). But problems had arisen in the community due to false teachings that stressed angels and cultic practices as well as strict rules about food and drink. To deal with these problems Epaphras sought out Paul, who was in prison at the time, to help him teach the truth. Paul insisted that these teachings detracted from the person and work of Christ.

Paul sets out the preeminence of Christ in a beautiful hymn (Col 1:15-20) in which he reminds his listeners that “all things were created through him and for him, he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church . . . For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things fro him, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

He urges his readers, “Let no one, then, pass judgment on you in matters of food and drink or with regard to a festival or new moon or Sabbath. These are shadows of things to come; the reality belongs to Christ.”
That’s right, we’re back at the Beach Hut Deli for delicious sandwiches and more for our monthly Food Fundraiser!

**Go ANYTIME between 2 and 9pm.** Tell all your friends - blast it on Facebook and Twitter. Text and email. Call your loved ones. And drinks are included (yes, that means beer!)

You don’t need a flyer. Heck, you don’t even have to mention that you’re there for the fundraiser! You don’t even have to know about it! You just have to eat there - from anyone who goes in, a percentage of their bill will come back to us. And the food is seriously good. And if there’s a **sports game** you don’t want to miss, they’ve got TVs in every booth and every wall.

This is a super easy and helpful fundraiser. The money goes to a very worthy cause - it helps pay the costs for retreats for teens who come from low-income families. To those of you who come every month to support it, **thank you so very much.** You have helped out our ministry. And it’s so awesome seeing familiar faces outside of the church. It’s a great reminder that we are a community outside of our church walls as well as inside.

The **Parish Mission** is this week. So here’s your plan for Tuesday. Come in to Beach Hut Deli at about 6pm or before. Eat delicious food with whoever you bring. Head over to the church before 7 to enjoy a great talk by **Fr. Leo Patalinghug.** How do you know it’ll be great? Because you’ll have already gone to his talks the two nights prior and you know you won’t want to miss it.

And if you eat the food at Beach Hut Deli and you don’t like it, let me know. If I hear from enough people that they don’t like the places I choose, we’ll stop going there. I want this to be a win-win for all of us. You shouldn’t have to eat food you don’t like. Except for this month. If you don’t like Beach Hut Deli, just deal with it and help us out.

Again, thank you all for your support. I really don’t like just asking for money, so at least this way you get some food out of it.
During Thanksgiving weekend the parish celebrated the beginning of Advent with the St. Catherine Community Nativity Exhibit and the Advent Family Celebration.

Thank you to Blanca and Lorenzo Cinco and family, St. Vincent de Paul, the many volunteers and members of the parish community who shared their nativity sets and stories with us! What a wonderful way to begin the Advent Season! To see more photos, please visit the parish website under Formation.

Shine the Light of Jesus:

Bring your GENTLY USED winter coats and jackets (adults and children) and NEW children’s pajamas to the Family Faith Formation Office. Donations will be given to St. Vincent de Paul (coats and jackets) and the Learning and Loving Education Center (pajamas). For further information, please call (408) 779-9604.
WANT TO HELP FEED THE NEEDY DURING THE HOLIDAYS?
Reachout will again be the recipient of food from Nob Hill’s “Food for Families Donate a Bag Program.”
For a $10 donation Reachout receives 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!!

SIMBANG GABI 2015
The Fil/Am association celebrates a three evening “Simbang Gabi” beginning:
Saturday, December 19th at the 5:30pm mass. The Fil/Am choir will sing (there is no reception after mass).
Sunday, December 20th at the 5:30pm Youth Mass. The youth choir will sing (there is no reception after mass).
Monday, December 21st, there is a special 6:30pm mass in the Parish Center. Light, warm reception provided by Fil/Am in the Parish Center after mass.
All are welcome.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
"My Mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.
Who can measure the extent of MY GOODNESS?"
Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska
"COME AND TASTE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD!"
Our 24 hour Adoration begins on Friday, December 18th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on Saturday, December 19th with Benediction at 8:00am
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour? "Mt 26:40

A new tradition has started…
We are once again inviting newlywed couples!
(Celebrating their 5th year or less)
Bishop Patrick J. McGrath would like to invite all couples celebrating their 5th (or less), 25th, 40th and 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversaries in 2016 to participate in our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San Jose. The couples are invited to renew their wedding vows and will receive a blessing from Bishop Patrick McGrath who will preside at the celebration. Each couple also receives a certificate signed by the Bishop.
February 6, 2016 at 2pm.
St. Joseph Cathedral (Parking Details)
A short reception will follow after
Call Sylvia Blanch (blanch@dsj.org) at 408-983-0128 for more information.

Event Information:
The Sound of Mercy Concert with Audrey Assad
Friday, December 11 at 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
St. Frances Cabrini Parish
15333 Woodard Rd, San Jose, CA
General admission: $15 per person
Purchase tickets here. Open to all ages.

In celebration of the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis, we are excited to host The Sound of Mercy Concert, a diocesan wide music event featuring renowned Catholic music artist, Audrey Assad and band. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Jose Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office.

HELPS 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.

Mass Times
Are you traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church? Go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.
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
PARISS MISSION: SUNDAY—TUESDAY 7PM-8PM
COOKING DEMO: WEDNESDAY, 6PM-9PM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE’S INVITES YOU TO THE CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Friday, December 4th**
5:00pm We gather at St. Catherine’s to attend mass, presided 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**
7:00pm Rosary with offering of flowers

**Friday, December 11th**
7:00pm Representation of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe by our parish group, Youth for Christ.

**10:00am - 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 Menudo on sale.

**Sunday, December 13th**
10:00am Procession, we will meet 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

St. Catherine Women's Book Club's November Selection is:
*Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life* by James Martin, S.J.

MEETING TUESDAY, December 2nd
7:30-9:00 PM at Peet’s Coffee on Cochrane Rd.
Questions? Contact Paula Barbara paulacbarbara@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE’S ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES COMING TO A CLOSE

Time is running out! Get your tickets today for the St. Catherine’s 33rd annual sweepstakes. Come to the drawing at the Parish Center on Sunday, December 20th and see the names of the winners drawn live and enjoy some food and holiday cheer. Also be entered into a separate free raffle for door prizes. You don’t need to be present to win, but it’s a lot of fun if you are!

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 five 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.

GILROY COMPASSION CENTER NEEDS SOCKS!

Gilroy Compassion Center (8425 Monterey Road) provides basic services to the homeless in South County. They have an urgent need for donations of men and women’s socks during the upcoming cold months. They are open M-F from 6am-noon. Visit their website for more info: http://gccsoco.org/

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. 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.
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.

Fifth graders enjoyed a fabulous trip to St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park. The students attended mass, got a tour of the facilities, and got to ask lots of questions. The trip focused on religious vocations. The boys spent some time with seminarians for a presentation, while the girls met with a sister. A great day for all!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join the school community for mass on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 10:45am. Our sixth grade has planned the mass. All are welcome to attend!

Prepare Ye the Way

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Please join us for our annual Advent program on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00pm in the church. Our 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Quinn, is already busy working with her class on the dramatic portion of the program. Other classes are learning the songs and movement for their performances. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Doors open at 5:30; no seats may be saved before that time. All empty seats being saved must be relinquished at 7:00 when the show begins. Once again, students will report to their classrooms before the performance. We always have a FULL house, so don’t be late!

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.