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 Alejandria, 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.

MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sábado: 7:30pm
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.)

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

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From the Desk of Deepu Kochuparambil, Youth Director...
I hope you had an incredible experience at Mass today. And I say had as in past tense since you shouldn't be reading this during Mass. Because, well, then what's the point of coming to Mass? Mass is a time to spend together as one family - one body - in prayer and thanksgiving. If you're sitting at Mass not trying to participate, then it's worse than sitting at the dinner table with your family at home and being on your phone or reading the newspaper. You're together, but you're not really together, ya know?

Another way that we aren't together is in our posture. Mass is meant to be a prayer together as one body.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother’s request (John 2:1-11).
And as God created us both body and soul, that means that there are specific times to stand, sit, genuflect, bow, and kneel. And in our parish, during Mass, we are either standing or sitting. We don’t kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer or after Communion. Some of you might disagree, and I have to be honest, at one point I was right there with you. But that’s because I didn’t know any better. When we changed from kneeling to standing, I continued to kneel (at least after Communion) because I liked kneeling as a time for personal prayer and reverence for what I just received. But I wasn’t thinking about Jesus most of the time. I was thinking about how I was kneeling and most others weren’t. And it became a pride thing - I was kneeling more to show everyone how holy I was. Was I being more holy? Definitely not, as I was more focused on being different from those standing. But then I learned that to pray together at Mass doesn’t just mean the words and the songs, but our posture as well. So I learned that my kneeling when the rest of the community stood was not a sign of holiness but of separation. Separation from the people I came to pray with. And so, unless it is decided that we do something different, we stand. We don’t sit after Communion until the priest sits, to show that we stand with those still receiving (that’s why everyone stands from the beginning, not when it’s their turn to move into the line). I hope you join us fully in prayer and participation during Mass. And you are of course more than welcome to kneel before and after Mass if you really kneed to (see what I did there?).

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:**
TO ALL OF THE AMAZING PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE PARISH GIVING TREE!

This Christmas was especially wonderful for over 160 families because of YOU!
We had over 800 stars on our tree’s this year and we have over 45 families adopted by individuals in and outside of our community.
I am again honored and privileged to see the generosity from our parish community during this Christmas season. As usual parishioners went over and above anything I have imagined. The outpouring of love and support for our needy families was overwhelming. I would like to THANK you and all the VOLUNTEER who helped wrap, sort and deliver gifts to all the families. None of this would be possible without the helping hands of many people who shared of their time, talent and treasure and prayer.

I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK
Kirk’s Kids Foundation
Paramit Corporation
Reuter Family
Brian Cunningham
DVD Copy Control Station

YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE GIVING TREE IS A BLESSING TO OUR FAMILIES. EVERYONE OF YOU ARE THE GREAT STEWARDS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

Save the Date!
Women’s Spirituality Retreat
Stop All That You are Doing for God, and Let God Do For You

Retreat Led By: Sonja Corbitt
Founder of Pursuing The Summitt

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY!
February 6, 2016
From 10:00AM TO 5:00PM
O’Donnell Parish Center

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: For the Eastern Church Christ’s life was (theologically speaking) a series of epiphanies (revelation) of which the baptism of the Lord was the first and most important one. Since in the West the story of the Magi was so popular, the baptism of Christ could only take the place of the following Sunday, which is now the first Sunday of the year.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Lord’s Baptism, the beginning of the public mission of Jesus. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading, Is. 40:1-5, 9-11, speaks of the Servant of God who shall bring justice to the nations. Jesus in today’s Gospel, Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22, fulfilling the Isaiah’s prophecy, comes to the Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist in order to take upon himself the sins of mankind and to be revealed as the Son of God and thus start his public ministry as Servant of God. St. Paul in the second reading, Tit. 2:11-14, 3:4-7, speaks that we are offered new life through Jesus Christ. Through baptism, we are reborn in the power of the Spirit.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primer lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.
Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o Salmo 104 (103).
Segunda lectura — Dios ungí con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.
Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; Mc 1:14 - 20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:2 -128
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29 - 39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40 - 45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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.

CENAS COMUNITARIAS
Jóvenes, familias, adultos, grandes y chicos: la Parroquia necesita de su ayuda. Necesitamos más gente en algunos de nuestros equipos para servir cena a nuestra comunidad. El compromiso es de tan solo una vez cada 7 semanas de 5:30pm 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.

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 EL ESCRITORIO DE DEEPU
CONTINUADO…. Y como Dios nos creó el cuerpo y en alma, eso significa que hay momentos específicos para pararse, sentarse, arrodillarse, e inclinarse. Y en nuestra parroquia, durante la misa, estamos ya sea de pie o sentados. No nos arrodillamos durante la Eucarística o después de la Comunión. Algunos de ustedes podrían estar en desacuerdo, y tengo que ser honesto, en un momento yo estaba ahí con usted. Pero eso es porque yo no sabía lo que hacía. Cuando cambiamos de estar arrodillados a estar de pie, seguimos arrodillado (al menos después de la comunión) porque me gustaba estar de rodillas para poder tener tiempo para la oración personal y la reverencia por lo que acabo de recibir. Pero yo no estaba pensando en Jesús la mayor parte del tiempo. Estaba pensando en cómo me estaba de rodillas y la mayoría de los otros no. Y se convirtió en una cuestión de orgullo - Yo estaba de rodillas más para mostrar a todos lo santo que era. Estaba siendo más santo? Definitivamente no, ya que estaba más centrado en ser diferente de los que estaban allí. Pero luego me di cuenta que rezar juntos en la misa no significa sólo las palabras y las canciones, nuestra postura también. Así me enteré de que cuando me arrodillaba estaba separándome. La separación de la gente con la que vino a rezar. Y así, a menos que se decida que hagamos algo diferente, de pie nos quedamos. No estamos sentados después de la Comunión hasta que el sacerdote se sienta, para mostrar que estamos con los que siguen recibiendo (por eso todo el mundo se encuentra de pie desde el principio, no cuando es su turno para entrar en la línea). Espero que se unan a nosotros totalmente en la oración y la participación en la misa. Y, por supuesto, más que bienvenido a arrodillarse antes y después de la misa si realmente lo necesita.
EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en las oficinas de la parroquia, de Catecismo o en nuestra página del web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: rosepm@dsj.org.

OFICINA DE CATECISMO

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS
A las personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación, pueden pasar a la Rectoría a registrarse para RICA. Las clases inician el 10 de Septiembre en el Salón 12, todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Bíblia y Cuaderno.

ROSARIO 2DO. SABADO DEL MES
El Comité Guadalupano les hace la atenta invitación a rezar el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia el sábado, Julio 11 a las 7:00 de la mañana.

TIP VERDE DE LA SEMANA
El otoño se acerca y el invierno no se queda atrás. Baja el termostato a 68˚ o más bajo y usa ropa calientita adentro y afuera.

ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO
Los invitamos a la Adoración del santísimo y a un tiempo para reflexión personal, todos los Miércoles a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia.

CAMINATA POR LA VIDA
Únanse a la caminata por la vida! La caminata es en San Francisco y los invitamos que vayan acompañados por “Respect Life Committee” y Knight of Columbus. Tenemos dos autobuses saliendo de Santa Catalina a las 10:00am y regresaran a las 6:00pm. Vístase con zapatos cómodos, piense en el clima—quizás este frío, y traigan un lonche.

El costo por persona son $22, pero déjennos saber si tiene dificultad con pagar eso. Para más información o registrarse llámenle a Irma Mora al 408-461-1273, email: Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net o hablen con Sergio Arzate al 408-340-0454, email: S_Arzate@yahoo.com.

Para el horario del evento visite: www.WalkForLifeWC.com

¡TAMALES! ¡TAMALES!
El grupo Jóvenes Para Cristo venderá tamales este fin de semana después de misa. Esta venta de tamales se hace para recaudar fondos para el retiro. Gracias por su apoyo.

ABRIGOS Y COBIJAS
Enero 11 — Enero 29
Si tienen abrigos o cobijas nuevas o en buenas condiciones que guste donar puede llevarlas a los botes de ropa en la entrada de la Iglesia. Lo que donen se distribuirán con la ayuda de San Vicente de Paul. Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial.

OFRENDAS SEMAÑAL DE LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

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Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La “Meta Semanal” es el número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

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EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA
Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?
- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- No hay más que escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:
A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.
B) Registre para utilizar la línea segura ParishPay. Ir al www.stca.org y haga clic en "Give A través de Parish Pay".
C) Dando por medio de PayPal. Vaya a www.stca.org y haga clic en “Give Via PayPal”

Apreciamos su generosidad si contribuyen con un cheque o dinero en efectivo, utilizando los sobres o por vía electrónica. Gracias.

¡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 está 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:_____
Número teléfono:_____________________
Email:________________________________

APRENDIENDO DE LA FE A TEMPRANA EDAD...

¿Tienen niños entre las edades de 3 a 6 años? ¡Fantástico! La oficina de catecismo ofrecerá clases de formación de fe para estos niños. Se les invita a todos los padres de familia que estén interesados a que pasen a registrarlo a la oficina de catecismo. Las clases serán los domingos de las 12:00 a 1:30pm, y empezarán el día domingo 24 de Enero. Tendremos una junta para los que estén interesados el día 17 de enero a la 1:30pm en el centro Milani.
¡Gracias los esperamos!

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!

¿SE HA MUDADO?
¿Se ha mudado recientemente y necesita actualizar su nueva dirección con nuestra parroquia? Mándenos un correo electrónico a Office@stca.org, déjenos una nota en la colección de los Domingos, o también puede llamarnos al (408) 779-3959. Necesitamos su nombre completo, su dirección anterior, su actual dirección, y su nuevo número de teléfono si es que este también ha cambiado. No se pierda de las estupendas noticias que mandamos por correo o por correo electrónico de nuestros feligreses.

CLASE PREBAUTISMALES
Esta plática es diseñada para preparar a los padres y padrinos del niño/a que recibirá el Sacramento del Bautismo. La clase es requerido antes del Bautismo y se llevaran acabo en la iglesia a las 6:30pm durante esta fecha: Enero 26, 2016 *Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha a la oficina Parroquial al (408) 779-3959.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Adult Faith Formation
for the parish of St Catherine

Baptism Symbols — Oil

Oil is one of the secondary symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism (along with the white garment, the candle, and the cross). Oil is not essential to the Sacrament of Baptism (unlike water which is essential). The use of oil in the baptismal ceremony is to help us understand what Baptism means. Actions and physical objects are often better ways to foster understanding than just using words.

There are two kinds of oil used during Baptism: Oil of the Catechumens (OC) and Sacred Chrism (SC). You see three kinds of oil in the picture above: OC, SC, and OI. The last is the abbreviation for Oil of the Infirm or sick. All are olive oil, the common oil in the Mediterranean area, which includes the Holy Land. Sacred Chrism has perfume added to it, giving a distinctive smell. All three oils are blessed/consecrated by the Bishop during Lent and distributed to the parishes.

**Oil of Catechumens (OC)** is used on the person’s chest. Its use during the celebration of Baptism is immediately after the Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful). The Rite then has the minister say: “We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may he strengthen you with his power who lives and reigns for ever and ever.” This oil symbolizes strength like a swimmer might grease up to beat the waves or a person with dry hands might use hand lotion to alleviate the pain.

**Sacred Christ (SC)** is used on the crown of the person’s head. Its use is immediately after the essential part of the celebration, namely after the water flows and the baptismal words of Jesus are proclaimed. The Rite then has the minister say: “God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live as members of his body, sharing everlasting life.” In antiquity, priests, prophets and kings were designated by the smearing of oil. As members of Christ, we are priests by praying for others, prophets by proclaiming God’s word, and kings by caring for other people and the environment.
Retreats can be an incredible opportunity to step away and grow closer to God. Why do I say can be? Because just like your faith, it depends on you. You can go on a retreat with a closed mind and you will grow very little. But, if you go with an open heart, it can be a great stepping stone. Or if you go on a retreat and plan to be on your phone to stay connected, there's a huge loss there as well. It takes away from the whole point of the retreat. In your normal life, you have your phone and you stay connected (and distracted), and it creates less time to spend with God. If we're all being honest, we already spend too little time with God.

"Whoa, Deepu, I go to Mass every Sunday, and I pray before meals. I even spend a few minutes in the morning praying. I spend plenty of time with God. I don't need to spend an entire weekend with Him. That would take me away from my family. And my primary vocation is my spouse so shouldn't I be trying to spend more time with them?"

Well, sort of. As your primary vocation, your ultimate goal is to get your spouse to heaven. And the ONLY way to do that is by making sure that you're going to heaven. And the only way to do that is by making sure that your relationship with God is strong, and that you are able to listen to Him and follow His will. And the only way that you can grow in your relationship with God is by spending time with Him. And that's just logic. Can you be close to someone you don't spend time with? Whom you don't talk to? Whom you don't listen to? If you have a best friend who moved away, you might've been close, but unless you keep in contact with that person, you grow apart. Same thing with God. You can't expect to stay close with God after one encounter, or one special moment, or even one great retreat. You need to continue connecting with Him. But a retreat is a great place to jump start or reconnect with God.

This weekend we are taking teens on their second retreat for Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers. But know that I am praying for you - even those of you who aren't reading this. I pray that you take more time with God, and that when you can make it, you attend a retreat for your own growth.

Go here this Tuesday. If you don't want or need a full meal, just go in for a shake! They're so good!

MLK
With Martin Luther King Day next week, (and teens having school off), we'll be having a movie night next Sunday night and be watching Selma in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NIGHTS OF MERCY
As we are now in the Year of Mercy, we will be starting Life Nights focused on Mercy starting January 24th. All high school teens are welcome to join us.

deepuk@dsj.org
Today, Luke’s gospel tells us about Jesus’ baptism. We hear that God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit were all present, and that God called Jesus, his “beloved Son”. When we too are baptized, we become children of God.

During the upcoming year, consider celebrating your child’s baptismal date. After all, our baptism is THE beginning of life in Christ as “Holy baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (no. 1213). A baptism anniversary celebration is a wonderful way to recognize your child’s special relationship with God.

Take out the invitation, baptismal gown and pictures. Light the baptismal candle and share the story of how you chose your child’s name. Say a special prayer together in gratitude about how your child is growing in his/her faith and how you see God working to help him/her become the best person he/she can be. Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross on your child’s forehead. End with a special meal or treats. All can be powerful reminders of who we are, of whose we are.

For resources or if your child has not yet been baptized, please contact the Family Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604. Adults interested in baptism can also contact us—we would love to talk with you further.
ELECTRONIC GIVING

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KNITTING GROUP

Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others here at St. Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us!

The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

THINGS TO DO IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

- Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong. If possible, consider forgiving debts owed you and/or returning collateral.
- Go to Confession regularly - monthly or even weekly.
- Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke.
- Perform one or more works of mercy every day.
- Go on a pilgrimage.
- Share the Good News of God’s mercy through your words and good deeds.
- Make the Stations of the Cross regularly, especially at 3:00pm, the hour of Great Mercy.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily, imploring mercy “on us, and the whole world.”

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.

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN INVITING NEWLYWED COUPLES!

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@jsdj.org) at 408-983-0128 for more information.

WALK FOR LIFE 2015 - JANUARY 24, 2015

St. Catherine’s Parish please join us in attending the “Walk for Life” event in San Francisco along with our Respect Life Committee, Knights of Columbus and our Youth! We have 2 buses departing from St. Catherine’s at 0:00am and returning by 6:00pm. Need to dress in comfortable shoes, in layers watching the weather, and bring a lunch. Price is $22 per person or let us know if you have a hardship so we can help. For registration and more information contact Irma Mora at Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net, cell (408) 461-1273, or Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzarte@yahoo.com, cell (408) 340-0454.

Event schedule and speaker information at: www.WalkForLifeWC.com

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE**  
*January 11 thru 29*

Please bring new or slightly used coats and blankets to the Coat Bins in the Church vestibule, or to the Parish Office. They will be given to the Armory, other shelters and St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

We have the Men and Women’s Clothing Giveaway Day at the shop in San Martin on Saturday, January 23rd from 10am-2pm. We could really use a few more bilingual or Spanish-speaking volunteers to help the people who shop get what they need.

**MEN’S GROUP**

The men’s Spirituality Group meets weekly, currently discussing the book *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* by James Martin SJ at 9:00am on Saturday in the Parish Rectory living room. All men are welcome!

**MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS**

Teens, families, adults, young and old: the parish could use a few more people on some of our Community Supper teams. The commitment is once every 7 weeks from 5-7:30pm. Contact Joe or Carol Lillig if you’d like to help provide good food and good company for our weekly dinner for the community at lillig@garlic.com or 408-857-4516.

**MARRIED COUPLES**

How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 26-28, 2016 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Clar-anne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

**JOY the most infallible sign of the presence of God**

An overnight retreat for women  
At Villa Maria Del Mar  
Santa Cruz, CA  
Begins: 10:00 am Monday February 22, 2016  
Ends: 5:00 pm Tuesday February 23, 2016

Facilitators: Rosemarie Peoples & Carmella Dautoff  
A sacred time to experience the abundance of God’s love. Enjoy this blessed setting by the sea in companionship with other women of faith. Come and be renewed and embraced with the sweet grace of God.

Contact Rosemarie 408-778-3595 or rosemaries778@gmail.com to register

**Wednesday Women’s Faith Sharing Group**

The women’s faith sharing group will start back up on January 6, 2016. We meet every Wednesday morning in the parish center starting at 9:00 am and try to finish by 10:30 am. We are starting a new book by Pope Francis called “The Holy Year of Mercy”. A Faith Sharing Guide With Reflections by Pope Frances.

Our group is a gathering of women who have a desire to study scripture, read books by authors who inspire us to lead more God centered lives, and to share our own life experiences with each other. All women are welcome and invited to come and visit our Wednesday group.

If you have any questions you can email: Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com.

**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.
St. Catherine Parish
Annual Crab Cioppino
Saturday, January 16th
Dinner 6:30pm
O’Donnell Parish Center

Menu
“Homemade Cioppino”
With Fresh Crab, Shrimp & Clams
Pasta
Green Salad
Fresh Breads
Local Wines
Dessert

Tickets Now On Sale
$45 per person
$360 Reserved Tables of 8
$10 per child
(10 yrs. & under)

Purchase Tickets
- Online www.stca.org
- At the parish office
- After weekend Mass

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY
Our nursery is open every Sunday from 8:30 AM to 11:45 AM for children ages 1 to 4. Drop in to meet our caretakers and see our toys. Just drop in, there is no fee.

TEMPER AND PRIDE
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—Anonymous

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Tamale Sale
Jovenes Para Cristo will be selling Tamales after Mass this weekend to help fund their retreat. Thank you for your support.

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/

Parish Giving
Religious Retirement
$6,399
Christmas - $60,173
THANK YOU!

Stewardship Notes:—Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter. The “Weekly Goal” number reflects the amount that would need to be collected each Week to meet our yearly budget.
St. Catherine School News

Kindergartners love cooking day. With the help of a large number of parent volunteers, kindergarten students have cooking day once a month. The theme is usually seasonal, but always reinforce skills and concepts being taught in class, including math, language and fine motor skills. Each student gets to taste their creations and take samples home for their family to enjoy.

8th Grade to Yosemite

The 8th graders of St. Catherine School are leaving today for a week at the Yosemite Institute. They will learn about the history, geology and geography of Yosemite, as well as develop leadership skills and self-confidence. Two St. Catherine teachers and five parents will accompany the class.

The students will spend the week on the valley floor with lots of hikes and activities as they explore the wonders of God’s great creation. Please pray for a safe and successful trip for our 8th graders and their chaperones. We hope they don’t get snowed in. Look for pictures in future bulletins.

Go Cougars!

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.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

If you have a grandchild at St. Catherine School, your grandchild will be asking you to join him/her for a special day filled with quality time seeing and learning about “a day at St. Catherine School.” Mark your calendar for the morning of Wednesday, February 3. Your grandchild will be inviting you just after the first of the year. For more information, contact Gina Colton at 779-9950.