SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATOLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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 Disciplulado y el Servicio.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ CUARTO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday:  8:15am
Saturday:  5:30pm
Sábado:  7:00pm
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 Fabienne Esparza, School Principal....

Catholic schools in America have been a vital part of the culture of our country and our church since the early 1800s. The role has changed a bit over the years, but one thing remains the same. Catholic schools continue to nurture faith in God and the message of Jesus in our lives.

As a product of Catholic schools, and a Catholic school educator and administrator for over thirty years, I am truly grateful for my experiences through Catholic education. My childhood is filled with fond memories of singing at mass with the school choir, praying Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, and enjoying Sr. Celestine’s many stories.

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Desde el escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Directora de la Escuela...

Desde los años de los 1800’s, las escuelas Católicas en América han formado gran parte de nuestra cultura y de nuestro país. Los oficios han cambiado pero una cosa sigue siendo igual; las escuelas Católicas continúan alimentando la fe en Dios y el mensaje de Jesús en nuestras vidas. Como un producto de las escuelas Católica, y una maestra y administradora por más de 30 años de la escuela Católica, estoy verdaderamente agradecida por las experiencias que he tenido por la educación Católica. Mi niñez esta repleta de memorias indulgentes así como cuando cantaba en misa con el coro de la escuela, cuando rezaba las estaciones de la cruz cada viernes durante la cuaresma y también recuerdo disfrutar de la una de tantas historias del Sr. Celestine.

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)
Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).
Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).
Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, January 31
7:00-1:00pm
CR1-2 MI: Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm
NUR: Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:00am
LR: RCIA Dismissal
12:00-2:00pm
DC: Cat. Min Spanish RCIC
12:00-2:30pm
NUR: Cat. Min Spanish ECE
1:30-4:00pm
MC: Hospitalidad
3:30-5:30pm
CH: Worship Choir- Kellet
4:00-8:00pm
CR1-2: Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep
5:00-8:00pm
Rm 11: Spanish Bible Study

Monday/Lunes, February 1
3:30-5:30pm
NUR: St. Joseph’s Table - meeting
6:00-9:00am
CR3-4 & Kit: Community supper
6:00-9:00pm
CH: Bell Choir/Angelica choir
6:00-7:00pm
CHV: Alpha & Omega Planning meeting
6:30-8:30pm
NUR: Women’s Stitching group
6:30-9:00pm
Rm 11: Stephen Ministry - training
6:45-8:45pm
Rm 12: Grupo - A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm
Rm 10: Jóvenes Para Cristo - Team meeting
7:00-9:00pm
CR1: ICF- Board meeting
7:30-10:00pm
GYM: YA Open Gym

Tuesday/Martes, February 2
6:00-8:00pm
DC: Cat. Min Spanish RCIC Parent/Child Session
6:30-8:30pm
Rm 14 & Kit: KofC - Board meeting

Wednesday/Miercoles, February 3
12:00-8:00pm
NUR: Rose’s Choir
5:00-6:00pm
CH: Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:00-7:30pm
CH: Spanish Holy Hour
6:30-8:00pm
Rm 12: Jesus to Mankind
6:30-8:30pm
DC: Edge
6:30-9:30pm
CR3-4 & Kit: Italian American - meeting
7:30-9:30pm
CH: Alpha Omega-Spanish Carismatico group
8:00-9:00pm
NUR: Filip/Am meeting

Thursday/Jueves, February 4
6:00-9:00pm
CH: Spanish Choir rehearsals
7:00-9:00pm
Rm 12: RICA
7:00-9:00pm
LR: Liturgy Comm. meeting
8:00-9:00pm
Nur: Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, February 5
9:00-11:59pm
CH: 24 hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am
CR1-2: Bible Study
6:30-9:30pm
Rm 10,11: Jóvenes Para Cristo
7:00-10:00pm
MC: Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, February 6
12:00-8:15am
CH: 24 hour Adoration
8:45-9:30am
CH: Filip/Am - 1st Saturday Rosary
9:00-10:00am
LR: Men’s Group
8:30-10:30am
Cat. Min: Spanish FFF session
8:30-10:00pm
CH: Spanish Passion Play

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, February 1
Brad & Mayra Mountz
† Leonard Sando
Tuesday, February 2
† Charles Tan
† Laura Adams
Wednesday, February 3
Maria Del Carmen Watty
† Maria Guadalupe Peña
† Ramon Muñoz
Thursday, February 4
† Ramona Muñoz
Friday, February 5
† Carmen Muñoz
† Joseph Berra
Saturday, February 6
Gizelle Inclan
† Pauline Rodriguez

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When was it hardest for you to trust in God’s plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such time?”
Child: “When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?”
FROM THE DESK OF FABIENNE CONTINUED......

I remember having St. Patrick’s Day off from school because our pastor’s name was Msgr. Patrick Leddy. While these memories may not be individually inspirational, the overall message that I received in Catholic schools supported and motivated me to pursue a career in education and to strive to live and deepen my faith each day.

Years later as a mother and Catholic school teacher, I realized the immense benefit of having both home and school living the same message of the redeeming grace of our Savior. Working in Catholic schools has nourished my faith life as an adult. I am indeed grateful for the many people who have encouraged me through the years: my parents, family, teachers, students, priests and colleagues. My life would certainly be different without the influence of Catholic education.

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week. St. Catherine School, along with approximately 8,300 Catholic Schools nationwide, will participate in a week-long celebration recognizing the valuable contributions Catholic schools make to their communities. Please join me in celebrating St. Catherine School and pray that our good work will continue for years to come.

WANTING

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Women’s Spirituality Retreat

Stop All That You are Doing for God, and Let God Do For You

February 6, 2016
10am - 5pm
St. Catherine Church Parish Center
Retreat led by
Sonja Corbitt

Registration information will be available soon. Do not wait to sign up, this event is guaranteed to be sold-out.

Retreat participants receive Sonja Corbitt’s book *Unleashed*.

*Included as part of the retreat!*

All women are invited!

Please invite your friends, mom, sisters and daughters. The day will be for you!

The day includes a **light breakfast and lunch and Sonja’s new book!!!**

*Suggested donation $25
Scholarships are available.

LITURGY WORSHIP

**REFLECTION:** Whatever else happens in life, love will never come to an end. The prophet Jeremiah in the first reading, *Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19*, tells us that God knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. He calls us to action and will never resort to us...I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. In today’s Gospel, *Lk. 4:21-30*, Jesus tells us that God loves all people, in season and out of season. St. Paul in the second reading, *1 Cor. 12:31-13:13*, describes love, showing us what God is really like.

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus’ neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless they remind each other, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Surely the people know who he is, the carpenter’s son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God’s people: the Good News of the Scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today’s Gospel we are reminded that, like love, Jesus’ mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

**LENT:** The Season of Lent is coming! Yes, we are going to begin the Season of Lent on **February 10th, Ash Wednesday**. There are multiple Masses and services so that you could attend:

- **6:15 a.m. Ash Service** 3:45 p.m. Mass
- **8:15 a.m. Mass** 5:30 p.m. Mass
- **10:45 a.m. School Mass** 7:30 p.m. Spanish
- **12:15 p.m. Ash Service**  Mass
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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios destina a Jeremías a ser profeta de las naciones (Jeremías 1:4-5, 17-19).

Salmo — Señor, tú eres mi esperanza (Salmo 71 [70]).

Segunda lectura — El amor con todas sus muchas facetas es la más importante de las virtudes (1 Corintios 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Evangelio — Cuando Jesús reclama que su misión salvífica es para todos los pueblos, los miembros de la sinagoga de Nazaret enfurecidos lo echan fuera (Lucas 4:21-30).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Sal 3:2-7; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Miércoles: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: 1 Re 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Cr 29:10-12; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Sir 47:2-11; Sal 18 (17):31, 47, 50, 51; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: 1 Re 3:4-13; Sal 119 (118):9-14; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Sal 138 (137):1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lc 5:1-11

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE ENERO

SÁBADO, 30 DE ENERO
YaQuelin Cedano
Gustavo Vargas Rodríguez
Hiram Rodríguez

DOMINGO, 31 DE ENERO
Blanca Villa
María Del Rosario Juarez

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que compartan su tiempo y talento en nuestra Parroquia. Pedimos al Señor los haga crecer en su fe y les recompense su generosidad.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIENNE ESPARZA, CONTINUADO....

Recuerdo que no había escuela el día de San Patricio porque el nombre de nuestro pastor era Msgr. Patrick Leddy. Aunque mis recuerdos quizás no sean muy inspiradores, el mensaje que recibí en la escuela Católica me apoyo y me motivó a perseguir una carrera en educación. También me ayudó a esforzarme para vivir y para profundizar mi fe cada día.

Años más tarde, como una madre y una maestra de la escuela Católica, me eh dado cuenta del beneficio inmenso que es llevar el mismo mensaje de nuestro Salvador en la casa y en la escuela. El poder trabajar en una escuela Católica, ha ayudado a florecer mi fe en vida como un adulto. Estoy inmensamente agradecida por todas esas personas que me han animado durante los años; mis padres, mi familia, mis maestros, estudiantes, sacerdotes y colegas. Mi vida sería muy diferente sin la influencia de la educación Católica.

Hoy comienza la semana de las escuelas Católicas. La escuela de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina, junto a aproximadamente 8,300 escuelas Católicas de toda la nación, participaran en una celebración que durara toda una semana y que durante esta semana, la celebración reconocerá las contribuciones valorables que hacen las escuelas Católicas hacia su comunidad. Por favor acompáñeme en celebrar a la escuela de Santa Catalina y oren que nuestro trabajo continúe por muchos años más.

EL GRAN HIMNO AL AMOR

Cabe dudar que, cuando san Pablo se sentó a escribir lo que ahora conocemos como el capítulo trece de la primera carta a los corintios, supiera que lo que estaba escribiendo se convertiría en una clave principal de la ética cristiana. En este breve pasaje, ha consignado ideales sobre el amor que se han mantenido firmes en el transcurso de los siglos. A veces pensamos que porque estos son sólo ideales a los que uno aspira, estamos libres de no practicarlos en nuestra vida diaria. Lo que Pablo estaba escribiendo era una carta a sus amigos, dándoles buenos consejos sobre lo que significaba — y todavía significa— vivir en el amor, día a día, en seguimiento de Cristo. Encontramos en las palabras a sus amigos una ampliación del gran mandamiento de Jesús de amar a Dios y al prójimo. Hoy en día escuchamos cómo este amor debe expresarse en nuestras acciones, y cómo debe regir nuestras relaciones con los demás.
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¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!

OFRENDAS SEMANALES 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.

EL PLAN MAESTRO DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA

El Padre Jeronimo y el comité de finanzas le a pedido a los comités de Master Plan Leadership y Feasibility que revisiten el plan maestro terminado en el 2013. Quieren revisar el plan conforme las necesidades que la comunidad tiene ahora y las necesidades que tendrá en el futuro. El comité de Finanza busca la aportación para poder seguir adelante y tomar decisiones sobre las reparaciones y el mejoramiento de la Iglesia. La junta se llevará acabo el Jueves, 11 de Febrero a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial O’Donnell. La agenda incluye la revisión de:

- el plan y los estudios de factibilidad
- el consenso del 2013 del comité en como proceder
- la evaluación de las necesidades que la comunidad ahora y las necesidades que tendrá en el futuro.
- La evaluación de las necesidades de mantenimiento de la Iglesia
- Discusión en como proceder

Esta junta esta abierta para todos aquellos que formaron parte de la formación del plan maestro, los que participaron en el estudio de factibilidad o que estén interesados en los resultados de los planes. Por favor dirigir cualquier comentario a Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org o por teléfono al 408-779-3959. Gracias.

ANTICIPO
La fe espera de Dios lo que está más allá de toda expectativa.

---Andrew Murray

ADA en Acción - Evangelización

JOVENES POR CRISTO DISCUTEN SER DISCIPULOS DE JESUCRISTO

Obispo McGrath y los líderes de la parroquia, incluyendo a el personal de la parroquia, hablan sobre como son discípulos de Cristo.

¿Por favor haga su donación hoy!
Nuestra Meta $210,564

Promesas desde el 17/1/16 $49,779

PARISH GIVING

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!

REGOCIJANDO EN LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS, JUNTOS EN CRISTO
CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CAMBIO DE HORARIO DE MISA
El horario de la misa de los Sábados ha sido cambiada a las 7:00pm. Los esperamos!

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.

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,

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

PREPARACION SACRAMENTAL
PRIMERA COMMUNIÓN
JUNTA DE PADRES #2
Sábado, 6 de Febrero
9:00—10:15 am en el Centro Milani
Esta junta es para los padres que están preparando a su hijo/a en recibir el sacramento de la primera comunión en el mes de Mayo. Por lo menos uno de los dos padres deberá asistir.

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!

“Viviendo el Año de la Misericordia”
Serie de Oradores
Empieza el 25 de Febrero

Febrero 25, 2016 de 7:00pm—8:30 pm en la Oficina del Diócesis “La Misericordia del Padre” por el Padre Sergio Ovando

VIAJE DE SERVICIO A GHANA, AFRICA—
CONSTRUYE LA ESPERANZA ATRAVÉS DE LA EDUCACIÓN
Gran misión parroquial— un viaje a Ghana, África, se organiza para el verano del 2016. Se parte de la Misión de Santa Catalina 2016 y danles esperanza a los niños de África . El grupo de la Misión de Santa Catalina esta organizando el viaje para apoyar a la escuela y la educación de los niños en el pueblo de Awaso, el Padre Paul Mensah’s cuidad natal en la escuela de Awaso Academy. ¡El Padre Paul, ex párroco y fundador de la escuela primaria de Awaso Academy en Ghana, está a la espera de dar la bienvenida al siguiente equipo que formara parte de la misión! Los viajeros escogen un área de interés para apoyar las necesidades educativas de los niños (entre las edades de 3-11 años). Usted puede apoyar a la misión trabajando en los salones de la escuela, apoyando al personal educativo, ayudando en la realización de talleres, construyendo la escuela secundaria o simplemente ayudando a ampliar el proyecto de cultivo. Hay muchas maneras en la cual usted puede ayudar. Descubra mas sobre esta misión. Por favor de ponerse en contacto con Janet Leach en (janet95037@gmail.com) o con Monica McClin- tock en (monicamc@garlic.com).
Baptism Symbols — Cross

In both pictures the sign of the cross is being made using the thumb only. It is a small gesture. The picture on the left is from Baptism when the priest or deacon signs the forehead of the child to be baptized. The picture on the right is Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his assistant signing themselves on the forehead as the Gospel proclamation starts at Eucharist.

The sign of the cross is one of the secondary symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism (along with the oil, the white garment, and the candle). The sign of the cross is not essential to the Sacrament of Baptism (unlike water which is essential). The use of this signing 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.

The welcoming associated with the sign of the cross is done by the minister of Baptism at the beginning of the Baptism service, after the minister of Baptism has questioned the parents and godparent about their intentions.

Priest/Deacon:

(N.) the Church of God welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.

The cross is a symbol for Baptism. The cross stands for the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Resurrection is included because the mere execution of a good and just man would not merit the use of the means of his execution as a major religious symbol. It is because Christ rose from his grave that we believe in him and use his cross in our rituals. Baptism makes us a member of Christ’s body; and through Christ we become children of God.

When we trace the cross on our bodies, we are reminding ourselves that we belong to Christ. We are Christians. The large sign of the cross is on our foreheads, breast and shoulders to bring our whole self into Christ. At the Gospel proclamation during Eucharist, the small gesture of the cross is on our foreheads (minds), lips (words), and breast (heart). At Baptism the small cross is on the child’s forehead to claim the child for Christ as we begin the baptismal ceremony.
I want to take a moment to give a huge thank you to all the leaders who helped on the retreat two weekends ago (has it already been two weeks?). They came together to plan, give talks, share, and most importantly be present to these young people. I am so very grateful for each one of them - they all bring something special to the retreat, whether it's a specific skill, their personality, or how they are able to show the teens that a love for God and a faith-filled life can be so fulfilling. So thank you to (in no particular order):

AJ, Isabel Hernandez, Brianna Everett, Ashlee Madden, Sandra Hussein, John Kellett, Annie Bui - and our teen leaders - Matt Roth, Adrianna Scalzo, Lucia Gomes, Nick Scalzo, Jamie Gussman, and Jjaks Reyes.

I am also especially grateful to those in our diocese who have become my friends through our service in youth ministry who helped lead on this retreat as well - Michael Lomas (St. Mary’s Los Gatos), Jeff Gans (Holy Family), Gina Giovanetti (Holy Spirit), Ryan Harvey (St. Christopher), and Kurt Martin (Sacred Heart Saratoga).

It is such a blessing to work with such wonderful servants of God. They come from all different backgrounds and upbringings and they all practice their faith in different ways. This has allowed the teens to be exposed to several walks of life in the Catholic faith that they were able to learn from and hopefully grow from. A lot of people come up and thank me for the work I do with the youth - you’re welcome (see what I did there Todd?) - but so much gratitude should be given to these leaders and all those who volunteer their time to help serve our Church. Those of us who get paid to serve the Church are very few and there’s absolutely no way that we can effectively share God’s love with our community without those who volunteer. So the next time you see someone listed above, or anyone who volunteers, tell them thank you. Let them know that the sacrifice they make is appreciated. Our Church - and our world - can use a lot more people who give their time to serve others for God’s glory.

depuk@dsj.org
Passing on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

The “LOVE” Passage

Can you just hear it - “the LLOOOOVE passage”. Perhaps you can also see the kid’s eyes rolling, seemingly thinking, “oh, no, not that again!”

In this week’s second reading, Paul reminds us and reassures how love truly is, that at the end of the day, God is love. Sometime this week as a family, reflect on and discuss the following questions based on the LOVE passage (1 Cor 13:1-13):

**Love is patient**...Loving God, sometimes it is hard to be patient with the people in my own family. How do I act when someone I love is having a bad day?

**Love is kind**...It seems so simple to be kind, God. Kindness is being thoughtful in little ways, like going out of your way to show someone you care about them. Do I do that?

(**Love**) is not going out of your way...Who me, God? Am I jealous? Do I ever worry that someone may have more than what I have?

(**Love**) is not rude, it does not seek its own interests...does not rejoice in wrong doing ... Gracious God, you are asking me to be aware of and respond to the needs of others. Do I take the time to think about how I can help others? Do I hold grudges or can I forgive others when they let me down?

**Love... rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...**So faith, hope, love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

(Reflection adapted from Gathering Together by Loyola Press

COMING SOON ON FEBRUARY 7:

**“LOOK TO THE LORD: A Lenten Family Reflection”**

During Hospitality after the morning and 12:15 Masses
In the Parish Center

Join us for a special gathering time of prayer and activities to help prepare us for the Lenten season.

It’s Souper Sunday!
Bring your food donations to the Souper Sunday Table during the LENT FAMILY REFLECTION on February 7th!

Dig deep this Lenten Season and reflect on **“Rediscover Jesus”**, this year’s parish book by Matthew Kelly in a small faith discussion group! If you are interested in organizing or joining a group, please call (408) 779-9604.

Mission San Juan Bautista: An Evening of Music and History

**Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm**

Bring the family and enjoy this wonderful evening presented by Oregon Catholic Press. The event features bilingual musicians and composers: Anna Betancourt, Bob Hurd, Jaime Cortez, John Flaherty, Dan Shutte. Tickets are $10; the event is sponsored by the Mission San Juan Bautista Preservation Fund. For information, please call (831) 623-2127.
Today we present a brief mid-year financial update to show you where we are in terms of the funds you generously give to St. Catherine Church each week. Please review the chart above.

First of all, thank you! Your gifts of treasure allow St. Catherine parish to do the incredible work that you see each week. We are called to be an evangelizing church. Through the pillars of Word, Worship, and Witness, we live out our mission to the fullest. We do this through faith formation programs, sacraments and liturgy, and through charitable works of social justice.

This fiscal year, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Finance Committee and staff budgeted a 6% increase in Sunday Offertory collections to sustain and grow our works of evangelization in the parish and greater community, provide salaries and benefits to our employees, and maintain the grounds and facilities.

Each week we post in the bulletin our offertory collection revenue and our budget so you can track how we are doing. You can see that our giving has not kept pace with the anticipated 6% increase. Fortunately other income such as end of year donations, an $18,000 bequest, and fewer that expected expenses covered some of the shortfall. The result at December 31 was that actual net income was ahead of budget by $13,848.

We believe in the mission of this year’s budget and what it can do to strengthen and enliven our community; we ask each of you to prayerfully discern what more you are able to give in the offertory during this fiscal year and beyond.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to discuss them with us. Thank you for your time and support! God bless!

St. Catherine Finance Committee
Ernie Quinones, Chair  Matt Fardig  Bill Kiernan
Rev. Msgr. Jeronimo Gutierrez  John Rinaldo  Ken Miller
Fabienne Esparza, Principal  Jeanette Thatcher, Business Manager

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**Statement of Income / Estado de Ingreso**

**Year to Date December 31, 2015 vs. Budget**

**Estado Financiero - Hasta la Fecha del 31 Diciembre 2015 y el Presupuesto Actual**

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Hoy estamos presentando una breve actualización financiera de mediados de año para tomar conciencia en dónde estamos en términos de la utilización de los fondos que generosamente dan cada semana. Favor de revisar la tabla de arriba.

Primeramente, agradecemos sus dones de tesoro que permiten a la parroquia de Santa Catalina hacer el increíble trabajo que se ve cada semana. Estamos llamados a ser una Iglesia evangelizadora. A través de los pilares de la Palabra, Adoración, y Testimonio, vivimos nuestra misión al máximo. Lo hacemos por medio de nuestros programas de formación en la fe, los Sacramentos, la liturgia, obras de caridad, y justicia social.

Este año fiscal, Julio 1, 2015 al Junio 30, 2016, el Comité de Finanzas y el equipo pastoral, presupuestó un aumento del 6% en las colectas domingueras para sostener y hacer crecer las obras de evangelización en nuestra parroquia y comunidad en general, ofrecer salarios y beneficios a nuestros empleados y mantener los edificios e instalaciones. Cada semana, en el boletín, publicamos los ingresos de las colectas y el presupuesto para que puedan hacerle seguimiento de cómo estamos económicamente. Se puede ver que las colectas no han seguido el ritmo del aumento presupuestado del 6%. Afortunadamente otros ingresos: donaciones de fin de año y un legado $18,000, cubren parte de la pérdida. Por el otro lado, nuestros gastos se encuentran por debajo del presupuesto por $28,061. El resultado al 31 de diciembre era ingreso neto por encima del presupuesto por $13,848.

Creemos que el presupuesto de este año ayuda a fortalecer y a animar a nuestra comunidad. Pedimos que cada uno de ustedes en oración discierna si pueden dar un poco más como ofrenda en este año fiscal y en el futuro.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta, favor de siéntase libre para platicar con nosotros. Gracias por su tiempo y apoyo! ¡Dios bendiga!

Comité de Finanzas Santa Catalina
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

SERVICE TRIP TO GHANA, AFRICA ~ BUILD HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION
A parish wide mission trip to Ghana, Africa is being organized for the summer of 2016. Give hope to the children of Africa by being a part of the St. Catherine 2016 Mission Trip. The St. Catherine Parish Mission group is organizing to support the school and education of the children in the village of Awaso, Father Paul Mensah’s hometown at the Awaso Academy school. Father Paul, a former St. Catherine parish priest and founder of the Awaso Academy elementary school in Ghana, is looking forward to welcoming the next mission team! Travelers choose an area of interest to support the educational needs of these children (ages 3-11) by either working in the classrooms, supporting the teaching staff, conducting workshops, hosting sports activities, constructing the middle school, or helping expand the farming project. There are many ways you can be involved. Come find out more on Saturday Jan. 30th from 11:30am -12:30pm at St. Catherine School, Room 7. Bring a friend! Contacts: Janet Leach (janet95037@gmail.com) or Monica McClintock (monicamc@garlic.com).

SVdP Help Line in Action in our Community!
Our parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry appeals to our church community for donations four times a year, the last time was during Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to your generosity then we were able to meet the needs of many callers to our Help Line this past month or so. Worried callers shared that they were short of funds for rent or other bills because their normally steady work just produced less income during the holidays-less temp jobs than usual, hourly employees at school districts who were off for a week at Thanksgiving and two at Christmas, and companies who might normally close for a week during the holidays closed for two weeks or more this year. Combined that with family visits, holiday travel and gifts, our cold rainy weather, and the ends just don’t meet sometimes. Your donations allowed us to provide a safety net for our local brothers and sisters and to keep their families together and sheltered as best they could during this winter season. We’ll be at all masses again this weekend sharing stories of the people you help through us. Bring your Sunday envelope and your checkbook to keep the warmth going!

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTICADORATION SCHEDULE
"MANKIND WILL NOT HAVE PEACE UNTIL IT TURNS WITH TRUST TO MY MERCY"
"FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION have mercy on us and the whole world."
Diary of St. Maria Faustine Kowalska:300,476
24 hour Adoration begins on Friday February 5th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:15am and concludes Saturday February 6th with Benediction at 8:00am.
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"Mt 26:40

HELP NEEDED - CHURCH ENVIRONMENT
Join us Thursday, March 24th between 9:00am and 12:00pm as we change the environment of the church from Lent to Holy Thursday and set up the parish center for adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. Things to be done: take down and store the lent environment; put up palm trees, set up the church for the Holy Thursday washing of the feet, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dlinderhees@gmail.com for more information.
ST. CATHERINE MASTER PLAN
Fr. Jeronimo and the Finance committee have asked the Master Plan Leadership and Feasibility Committees to revisit the Master Plan completed in 2013. They want to review the plan relative to the current and future needs of our community and to assess the maintenance required for the church. The Finance committee seeks this input in order to make decisions about repairs and improvements to the church.

The meeting is Thursday February 11th at 7:00pm in the O’Donnell Parish Center. The agenda:
- A review of the plan and feasibility studies
- A review of the committees’ 2013 consensus statements on how to proceed
- An assessment of the current and future needs of our community
- An assessment of the maintenance needs of the church
- Discussion on how to proceed

This meeting is open to anyone who was involved in the formation of the Master Plan, participated in the Feasibility Study, or is interested in the outcome of the plans. Please forward any comments you may have to Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org or 408-779-3959. Thank you.

YEAR END STATEMENTS
The Contribution year-end statements of donations given in 2015 were mailed out last week. If you did not receive yours and need one please contact the Parish office at 408-779-3959 or email us at office@stca.org.

SVDP SPECIAL REQUEST
We have a caller to our Help Line (a disabled Vietnam Vet) who is in need of a couch and a double or queen bed. We can arrange to pick these items up at your location and deliver it to him. If you have something that would help him out we’d appreciate hearing from you! Call or text Carol Lillig 408-857-4516.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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Thank you for your continued support.

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 was budgeted to meet our yearly budget.
St. Catherine School News

The eighth graders had a fabulous time at Yosemite. Above, they participated in team building activities. Below, teams of students cleared snow off paths in their effort to be positive agents in keeping the area safe for everyone.

TUITION ASSISTANCE 2016-2017
A link to Tuition Assistance forms for 2016-2017 are now available on our school website, www.stcatherinemh.org. In order to apply for tuition you must complete both the PSAS and the parish forms. The forms, along with the processing fee are due February 12 in order to be considered for all our tuition assistance providers. Those families receiving Basic Fund grants will receive information in the mail after the new year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
Anyone wishing to contribute to our Tuition Assistance Fund should contact Ms. Esparza.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016
Be Not Afraid

Sunday, January 31
10:30 am Liturgy to Kick Off Catholic Schools Week
-6th grade hosting
-Students will wear uniforms.
8:00 am-12:00 noon Book Fair open

Monday, February 1
9:00 am Mass @ St. Joseph Cathedral
-SCS Student Council will attend
8:00 am-4:00 pm Book Fair open

Tuesday, February 2
Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day
8:00 am-4:00 pm; 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Book Fair open
8:15 am-12:00 pm Classroom Tours
5:30 pm-7:00 pm Open House

Wednesday, February 3
Grandparents/Special Persons Day
8:00 am-1:00 pm Book Fair open
10:00 am-12:30 pm Grandparents/Special Person Day
-9:30 Sign-in and refreshments
-10:00 Prayer Service begins in church

Thursday, February 4
Parish Staff Appreciation Day
8:00 am-4:00 pm Book Fair open

Friday, February 5
Student Appreciation Day
8:15 First Friday Mass
Special Activities in each class

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to be witnesses 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.