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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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
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Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).
Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).
Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).
Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).


THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, February 7
7:00-3:00pm CR1-4 Lenten Family Reflection
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:30-10:30am Rm 10,11,12 Cat. Min - FFF session
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
3:00-5:00pm CH Jovenes Para Cristo - special mass
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellet
4:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, February 8
3:30-5:30pm NUR St. Joseph’s Table - meeting
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & Kit Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alta & Omegá 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 10 Jovenes Para Cristo - Team meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR Finance Committee meeting
7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptism class

Tuesday/Martes, February 9
6:30-10:00pm DGSR Kocl - Council meeting
7:00-9:00pm CH Liturgy training

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 10
9:00-11:00am CR1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
6:30-8:00pm Rm 12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
7:00-8:30pm Rm 10 Spanish Marriage Encounter
7:00-8:30pm CR1-4 Ash Wednesday Mass/Services

Thursday/Jueves, February 11
2:30-3:15pm CH School - Stations of the Cross
6:00-9:00pm CR Spanish Choir rehearsals
7:00-9:00pm Rm 12 RICA Master Plan meeting
8:00-9:00am Nur Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, February 12
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:30-7:30pm CH Via Crucis
6:30-9:30pm Rm 10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano
7:30-9:30pm CH Confirmation Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sábado, February 13
ALL DAY GYM CR1-4 & Kit Valentines Dance
8:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
9:00-9:30am CH Cat. Min - Spanish FFF session
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Group
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, February 8      Brad & Mayra Mountz
† Lisa Seifert
Tuesday, February 9      Maria Del Carmen Watty
† Elizabeth Jane Tracey
Thursday, February 11   Zachary Jensen
† Leonardo De Palma
Friday, February 12      Zachary Jensen
† Maria del Carmen Muñoz
† Ngoan & Ky Vu
Saturday, February 13    Maria del Carmen Muñoz
† Ngoan & Ky Vu

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?”
Child: “Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?”
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today’s reading from the prophet Isaiah is a wonderful recounting his call. Isaiah, a humble servant of the Lord who is gifted with a vision, mistakes it for judgment that is punitive but in reality is gift. Sometimes we Christians hear the Jewish scriptures read at mass as interesting history (which it is) but miss, as the saying goes, “what lies beneath [the words].” The image of a burning coal cleansing unclean lips is truly evocative of God’s mercy and forgiveness. What we think of as relegating us to condemnation is rather a graced moment of yearning for wholeness… a wholeness which is ever possible as we come to God in need of mercy. The sacrament of reconciliation is not a series of singular occasions of the forgiveness of God but rather a continuing journey. Each time we reflect on our failings and offer them to God, we build up our own ability to share our forgiveness of others. Prophets, especially in scripture, call us to understand our need to live in an awareness that God is near, always available to heal our brokenness … leaving not a scar but renewed spiritual flesh. Prophetic books of the bible often include a description of their call; the Gospel tells of Jesus’ call of his first apostles. We too, everyone of us, has received a call from God … how are we to react? Not as privileged or better than others but rather as vessels to contain and distribute the truth of God present in and to all. Echoing Isaiah we pray, “Here I am … send me.”

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The recent extreme weather events remind us that being green means not just helping those in our own back yard. Sending help, supporting sisters and brothers in need from our own means enables them to rebuild their lives.

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 ROSE CONTINUED......

questions they have about the Church and to rediscover how Jesus is continually at work in their lives. Together with the RCIA adult and children’s teams, the groups have been meeting to help learn how to respond to that call everyday of their lives. When have we heard God’s call? For many of us, it may have been through a person or a significant event. For others, it may have been that yearning for the “something more in our life”, knowing that something was missing. For all of us, it is through an encounter with Jesus that we begin our relationship with God, connecting our head knowledge (knowing about Jesus) to engaging our hearts (knowing Jesus).

How will you respond to God’s ever present invitation to grow closer to him? What are you being called to do?

For the upcoming Lenten season, we invite you to Rediscover Jesus, through reflections on Matthew Kelly’s book of the same title. Join a small faith discussion group – groups are listed on I-Volunteer. If you do not see a day and time that works for you, consider forming your own group; we will help support you with copies of the book and resources. Sign up to receive Matthew Kelly’s daily Lenten e-mail – it is based on the book and would be a great resource for your daily quiet time. You can also pick up one of the Lenten reflection booklets – there are varieties to choose from including ones for families and children.

God, through his son, Jesus, is always calling us to him. He meets us where we are - wherever we are in our faith journey. We just need to respond.

Blessings,
Rose

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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who said “Santa Doesn’t Have Elves”

South Valley Wood Workers (pictured above) better known as Parish Giving Tree Elves. The woodworkers are a group of turners, marquetatians, carvers and furniture makers and are proof Santa does have elves. The woodworkers used their God given talents to make children handmade wooden trains and cradles. The children from the Parish Giving Tree were lucky recipients of these beautiful gifts. Don Bianucci contacted Anna Quiñones and asked if the church could find good homes for the handmade toys. Anna immediately replied “Yes.” The generosity of the woodworkers time and talent is greatly appreciated and the children are blessed to have handmade toys. For more information or if you would like to become an elf go to www.southvalleywoodworkers.org

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Today we reflect on God’s call. God called Isaiah in the first reading, Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8; God called Paul in the second reading, 1 Cor. 15:1-11; God called Peter in the Gospel, Lk. 5:1-11. Different as each call and each person called was, the essential parts are the same: A call is God’s undeserved grace. The called person objects. God calms all fears and promises assistance and even gives a sign. The called person accepts.

6:15 a.m. Ash Service
8:15 a.m. English Mass
10:45 a.m. School Mass
12:15 p.m. Ash Service
3:45 p.m. English Mass
5:30 p.m. English Mass
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

LENTEN DISCIPLINE: All persons who have reached their 14th birthday are bound by the law of abstinence. All adults are bound by the law of fast up to their 60th year. The current Canonical discipline of penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten Season, may be summed up:

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast; that is, limited to a single full meal a day.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance for each individual who may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat by some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance; this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity or Christina witness.

SHARE your bread with the HUNGRY

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LENTADORAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En una visión, el Señor de los ejércitos llama a Isaías a ser su representante. Isaías responde, “¡Envíame!” (Isaías 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Salmo — Cuando te invocamos, Señor, nos escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo nos recuerda el Evangelio que nos predicó por medio del cual somos salvados, si creemos (1 Corintios 15:1-11).

Evangelio — Jesús le indica a Simón que lleve la barca a la parte más honda para una pesca milagrosa. Simón y sus compañeros lo dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús (Lucas 5:1-11).

Salmo responsorial:

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LENTADORAS DE LA SEMANA

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Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE FEBRERO

SÁBADO, 06 DE FEBRERO
Gustavo Guevarra
Martín Mendoza

DOMINGO, 07 DE FEBRERO
Manuel Lopez Murgia

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Desde el escritorio de Rose Pucan-Meagor, continuado....

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QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!

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1 de Julio, 2015—24 de Enero, 2016

¡Por favor haga su donación hoy!
Nuestra Meta: $210,564
Promesas: $92,126

PASE TIEMPO CON JESÚS EN ESTA CUARESMA

Selezione uno de todas las opciones de folletos disponibles en la oficina parroquial, la Iglesia o en la oficina de formación de fe. Estos folletos cuestan solamente $1.00. Los folletos incluyen temas de oración y reflexión para la oración diaria durante la Cuaresma.

DONDE ESTÁ DIOS

No hay lugar donde vayamos donde Dios no esté. Y donde está Dios, todo está bien.

---Anónimo

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 de dirigir cualquier comentario a Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org o por teléfono al 408-779-3959. Gracias.

OFRENCIA SEMANAL DE LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

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 recogidas cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.
¡MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS!

Miércoles de Ceniza es este 10 de Febrero. La misa en español se llevara acabo a las 7:00PM. ¡Los Esperamos!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Cuando era niño mi padre me llevaba al rancho de mi abuelito en México. En una de esas visitas mi abuelo y mis tíos estaban quemando la tierra en su rancho. Mientras el fuego ardía, papa Manuel nos explicaba que era necesario reducir todo en cenizas para que la tierra recobrara sus fuerzas y quedará más fértil. Sin saberlo, mi abuelo me dio la imagen que hasta hoy sostiene mi concepto del Miércoles de Cenizas y de la cuaresma.

El Miércoles de Cenizas es la fiesta cristiana que por lo menos doce siglos ha señalado el comienzo de la Cuaresma. No cabe duda que para los latinos este día es de particular atracción. Es uno de los pocos días del año litúrgico en cual llegamos al templo en masa por tal de recibir las cenizas en la frente.

Nosotros somos un pueblo enraizado en la tierra y sabemos que la tierra necesita quemarse de vez en cuando para seguir produciendo. Nosotros como la tierra necesitamos dominarnos y cultivarnos para producir frutos y flores para el Señor y los demás.

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

CAMBIO DE HORARIO DE MISA

El horario de la misa de los Sábados ha sido cambiada a las 7:00pm. ¡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!
This paraphrase of St Paul in 1 Corinthians 10.16-17 expresses the communion point of Eucharist. Celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist is celebrating the sacrificial banquet of the Lord’s Body and Blood. The purpose of Christ’s sacrifice is to reconcile us with God and one another, to produce a divine-human union.

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal explains why and how we celebrate Eucharist. In the excerpts in the next column, we see the insistence on “unity beautifully apparent.” Gestures and postures are to be signs of the “community gathered together.” It is important that the people of God “avoid any appearance of division.” How we celebrate liturgy together indicates what we believe.

This bulletin page during Lent will explore some issues that often divide a congregation. The hope is that this discussion will give reasons for proper use of gestures and postures of Mass and encourage unity among the faithful.

Topics to be covered:
- Posture during the Eucharistic Prayer
- Posture during and after Communion
- Other posture during Mass
- Gestures during Mass

Deacon Phil Flowers at pflowers@dsj.org
I’ll be completely honest—I’m hesitant to write about this topic because I have a small fear of how some parishioners might react. But why? As Catholics, shouldn’t we all be pro-life? If anything, shouldn’t this be the place where I can confidently talk about this? Unfortunately, this is not the case. The reality is that there are many people who profess the Catholic faith, yet don’t agree with some of the Church’s teachings. And I don’t attribute this to people’s right to have their own opinion, but to laziness - and I include myself in that as well. We don’t put in the effort or take the time to really research why the Church calls us to have certain beliefs. We just hear it, and decide then and there based on what we’ve heard whether we agree or not and are content to leave it at that. And this isn’t just with abortion (or the death penalty since that’s a part of being pro-life) - it’s about everything - whether we need to go to Mass every Sunday or not, whether the Bread and Wine are actually the Body and Blood of Jesus, etc. We will spend hours watching trivial entertainment yet we can’t spend 10 minutes researching and praying over what the Church asks of us.

So, we should all be pro-life right? But if we say we’re pro-life, people will come and say that we’re taking away a woman’s right to choose. But if a woman is in a situation where she considers abortion, hasn’t she already made a choice by having sex? (I haven’t researched the science, but I’m pretty sure that’s how babies are made). It’s ridiculous that people will choose to have sex and yet be shocked if the woman gets pregnant. That’s like being surprised about gaining weight when all you eat is junk food - not everyone gets fat, but it’s not a surprise if it happens. If you’re not ready for kids (and I’m talking about men too, not just women), then don’t have sex. It’s a pretty simple concept. But society has decided that sex can be had by anyone because it feels good and we have a right to feel good. And hey, since you have the right to choose, you can choose to have sex. But the right to choose to have an abortion is different, because it affects someone other than you. And the argument against that is the baby isn’t a human until it comes out of the womb. Well, that’s just wrong. And I’m not talking from a religious standpoint - that’s just science. A baby that’s born at 36 weeks is just as much a baby that’s born at 40 weeks, so why does its location inside or outside make any difference? A baby’s brain starts working around 4 weeks. A baby has a heartbeat around 6 weeks. And most women don’t find out their pregnant until somewhere between 4-7 weeks. But people who are pro-abortion will still argue that it’s not a baby because they want to be in control of their life and if and when they have a baby. Again, take control by keeping it in your pants and I guarantee you won’t even need to worry about getting pregnant. And yeah, as I said before, you can choose to have sex. But, as I also said before, you’re choosing to risk getting pregnant by having the sex, and if you get pregnant then you should take responsibility for your actions instead of killing a person so you can avoid the consequences. But of course there’s the argument that they used contraceptives and were safe. Well, hate to burst your condom bubble, but contraceptives aren’t 100% effective, so there’s still a risk, which means it’s not the safest option.

Unfortunately, society has decided that we should be able to do what we want when we want and how we want. And anyone who says differently hates you and wants you to be miserable. God, on the other hand, has given us free will (that’s right, God’s pro-choice!) not so we can do whatever we want, but so we can freely choose what’s right. And not what’s right based on opinion, but what’s ethically and morally right. The same thing happened in the Garden of Eden - say the apple is abortion. God said don’t do it. The serpent said it’s fine, you have a right to choose. And they did. They chose poorly, and had to deal with the consequences (it’s horrible that people think creating life is a consequence and not a blessing).

One last thought - I wonder what pro-abortion people think when they see a pregnant woman smoking. Would they just shrug it off because to them it’s not a real life yet? Or do they get upset or disgusted, because they know the harm that smoking can have on that child?

Agree? Disagree? Let’s meet up and discuss! deepuk@dsj.org
“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face... always.”
-Psalm 105:4

“LOOK TO THE LORD: A Lenten Family Reflection”

Sunday, February 7
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 this Sunday!

Ms. Nadine shares how faith is like a mustard seed—it may start out small but can grow mightily!

REDISCOVER JESUS THIS LENTEN SEASON!

Dig deep this Lenten Season and reflect on “Rediscover Jesus”, this year’s parish book by Matthew Kelly in a small faith discussion group!

Consider getting together with friends to form your own discussion group—we have the books and resources you. If you are interested in organizing or joining a group, please call (408) 779-9604.

Sign up to receive Matthew Kelly’s daily Lenten e-mail at http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/

Based on the book Rediscover Jesus, the e-mails are a great resource for your daily prayer time.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

Wednesday, February 10
3:45 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

On February 10th, the Ash Wednesday 3:45 pm Mass will take the place of all Wednesday Faith Formation classes. We look forward to seeing you and your child at the Mass celebration. Children in Ms. Hanh’s class share how they can hear God in the quiet of our days.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SPANISH SATURDAY MASS
The Spanish Saturday Mass time has changed from 7:30pm to 7:00pm.

EASTER SEASON ENVIRONMENT
Join us as we prepare the environment of the church for the Easter season on Saturday, March 26th from 8:00am until 11:00am. We will also be setting up and preparing the environment in the parish center for Easter Sunday Masses. Things that need to be done: decorating the baptismal font for baptisms during the Midnight Mass, putting out the flags, hanging the swoops, steaming the altar cloth in the parish center, decorating the church, church foyer and parish center with Easter lilies, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dlinderhees@gmail.com for more information.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!
"Holy, holy, holy!" Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was “holiest,” so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these “three little words” that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God’s call has to be grounded in awareness of God’s holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God’s power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah’s “Here I am, send me!” and the disciples’ leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own “Holy, Holy, Holy!” lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
As the Roman Empire shattered and collapsed, the bishops were the people best equipped to catch the falling stones. In the West (that’s us), they sought to stabilize society by weaving a structure of laws and courts to uphold the rights and dignity of married couples in a chaotic world. The bishops in the East had a different approach, even allowing the dissolution of marriages in certain cases. To an extent, the bishops took a measure of control away from the fathers of families in order to provide pastoral care for those who suffered most in the social collapse: women and children.

In the West, much of the marriage law was contained in the “penitential books” the bishops devised to regulate the lives of public sinners. In the seventh century, Theodore of Canterbury’s penitential book said that he had the power to give consent to remarriage in the case of a poor fellow whose wife had been carried off by the Vikings. If the Vikings subsequently brought her back, she could remarry, too! No bishop ever made peace with divorce, but there was never a time when the pastoral concern of the church was not struggling with how to care for people in unhappy situations.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.

Join our 40 Days Prayer vigil on Wednesday, February 10th at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

OVER 50’S
The over 50’s group will hold its monthly luncheon this Monday, February 22nd at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Remember to bring a dish to share, canned goods for Reach Out and $1 to participate in the centerpiece raffle.

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.
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.

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 lenten 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.

Ladies of Charity
Annual Bake Sale Feb 14
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with goodies from Ladies of Charity MH Bake Sale - proceeds support Learning and Loving Education Center and Compassion Center in Gilroy.

LEGAL PLANNING SEMINAR
Living Trust & Estate Planning
Hosted by:
St. Catherine Church
Learn about:
Reducing Estate settlement costs
• Wills and Living Trusts
• Alternatives to probate
Reducing taxes
• Turning tax dollars into gifts
• Plan your final arrangements
When: February 24, 2016 at 6pm
Where: St. Catherine O’Donnell Center
Who: You!
Come and learn more about the importance of Estate Planning and how you leave your legacy.
Snacks and drinks are provided
Please go to ivolunteer on our website to RSVP or contact Anna Quinones at: aquinones@dsj.org

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 temporary 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. Combine 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!

Wednesday Women's Faith Sharing Group
The Women’s faith sharing meets every Wednesday morning in the parish center at 9:00am and tries to finish by 10:30am. We are starting a new book by Pope Francis called "The Holy Year of Mercy", a Faith Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis.
We are 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 email: Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com.

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
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rejoicing in God’s Mercy, Together in Christ

ADA in action - Deacon Formation

Deacon formation includes all areas of a candidate’s preparation for ordained ministry.

Please make you pledge today!

Our Goal $210,564
Pledges $92,126

YEAR END STATEMENTS

The year-end contribution 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.

SPEND TIME WITH JESUS THIS LENT

Select one or more Lenten Prayer and Reflection booklets for daily prayer during Lent. Booklets can be found in the Church, the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office for a donation of $1.00.

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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year To Date Stewardship:
July 1 - Jan. 24, 2016

Year To Date Collections
Budget Year to Date

$0 $200,000 $400,000 $600,000 $800,000

$710,337 $747,966
Sixth graders take food items collected from the First Friday offertory to Reach Out. Each First Friday, school students bring a non-perishable food item as their offertory gift at mass.

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God’s people, to live together in harmony! Psalm 133: 1

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL
APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have friends or family members who are interested in St. Catherine School, please encourage them to pick up an application packet. Applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2 with entrance tests being given on March 9. Spaces are limited, so be sure to pick up an application soon.

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.

MATH IN THE REAL WORLD

Each class will enjoy hearing speakers and how they use math in their professions. Recently the 6th graders learned how local farmer, Sandie Silva, applies math every day to run her family farm. Ms. Silva routinely calculates the amount of feed needed for her cattle, formula for new calves, and field measurements to help determine how much seed to order when planting, not to mention tracking finances each year. Students were amazed to hear the many applications of math needed to run a farm. Ms. Silva truly engaged the students and even invited them to the farm to practice math skills.

Share how you use math in your profession, please contact principal, Fabienne Esparza at fespar@stcatherinemh.org or 408-779-9950.

St. Catherine Student Council took school supplies and sports equipment to Super Kids Super Sharing sponsored by the Super Bowl 50 Committee, SF 49ers, Verizon, and Santa Clara University. Above, Student Council appears with some of the 49er cheerleaders at the event.