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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.)

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From the Desk of Deacon Phil Flowers…

A year ago I wrote about the convalidation of marriages that were done outside the Catholic Church (e.g. by a judge). Someone asked me: “If a marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church, can there be a divorce?” The simple answer to this question is that in that previous article I was describing a marriage which is not recognized by the Catholic Church and where divorce is not an issue.

But the questioner was probably thinking about the Church’s annulment of marriages. Take the case of a wedding done within the Catholic Church.

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Desde el escritorio del Diacono Phil Flowers…

Hace un año escribí sobre convalidación de matrimonios que fueron realizados afuera de la Iglesia Católica (por ejemplo, un matrimonio celebrado por un juez). Alguien me pregunto: “¿Si un matrimonio es reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, puede haber un divorcio?” La simple respuesta a esta pregunta se encuentra en el artículo anterior en el cual hablo sobre el matrimonio que no es reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, y es ahí que el divorcio no es un obstáculo.

Pero la persona que me hizo esta pregunta probablemente estaba pensando en la anulación del matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica. Pensaremos en un matrimonio celebrado bajo la Iglesia Católica. En este caso, el matrimonio inicialmente fue reconocido por la Iglesia Católica. Después hubo un divorcio.

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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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, February 14
7:00-1:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality
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
1:30-4:30pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir- Kellet
4:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep

Monday/Lunes, February 15
Presidents Day - Office Closed
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & Kit Community supper

Tuesday/Martes, February 16
6:30-9:00pm Rm. 10 Spanish - Pre Baptism class
6:30-9:00pm MC Confirmation Evangelization
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 Stephen Ministry supervision meeting

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 17
9:00-11:00am CR1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
3:00-6:30pm Rm10,11 Family Faith Formation Session
6:30-8:00pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind
7:30-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CR1-4 Alpha Omega Group

Thursday/Jueves, February 18
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir rehearsals
6:30-9:00pm MC Confirmation Evangelization
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
7:00-9:30pm CR1-4 ICF Monthly Meeting
8:00-9:00pm Nur Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, February 19
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:30-7:30pm CH Via Crucis
6:30-9:30pm Rm10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo
6:30-7:30pm Rm 12 Cub Scouts Den 4 meeting
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, February 20
7:00-4:00pm CR14 Gym & Kit KOC - Third Degree ceremony
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Group
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play

8:15am MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15 Brad & Mayra Mountz
† Richard Conry
Tuesday, February 16 Virginia Ardizzone
† John Henry Adams
Wednesday, February 17 Maria Del Carmen Watty
† Donna Dudek
Thursday, February 18 Alfredo Rodriguez
† Timothy Conry
Friday, February 19 Feliciana Senido
† Therese Dahl
Saturday, February 20 Ramon & Ramona Muñoz
Joseph Chi Chu

FAYTH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?”

Child: “Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?”
In this case, the marriage was initially recognized by the Catholic Church; then there was a divorce. How can the Church later declare the marriage invalid and thus allow the divorce and a subsequent re-marriage?

To answer this question, the Church studies the facts of the marriage in order to see if there was something not known initially, something wrong, something that meant the husband and wife were not “joined together by God” (Jesus’ words in Mark 10.9). If such a defect or invalid condition is found, the Church declares that the marriage was null from the beginning, i.e. the marriage vows never took effect.

I have just given a very short description of the Church’s annulment process. This process is complex. It can take a long time although Pope Francis has recently made changes that may shorten it in particular cases. It requires help, which the parish is happy to provide. Most importantly, the annulment process can result in a healing of the past, a reconciliation with the Church, and (if you have already re-married) the making of your current marriage valid and sacramental for the Church.

Are you a Catholic couple who married outside the Catholic Church because you were divorced previously? Pray about having your marriage recognized by the Church, making it a full part of your Catholic faith, and making it a sacramental sign of Christ’s love for the Church. Contact one of our priests or deacons to start the annulment process.

Deacon Phil, pflowers@dsj.org

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: __________________________

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!
LEGACY PLANNING SEMINAR

Living Trust
&
Estate Planning

Please Note—Date Change Below

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: March 16, 2016 at 6pm
Where: St. Catherine O’Donnell Parish Center
Who: You!

Come and learn more about the importance of Estate Planning and how you will leave your legacy. Snack and Drinks will be provided. Please go to ivolunteer to RSVP on our website or contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org

Estate planning is the way to continue your life’s work. It is vital that you invest some time to ensure that your life’s efforts will continue the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts.

How will you ensure that your legacy and how you live your life today will be carried on in the future? Contact Anna Quinones for more information aquinones@dsj.org

BLESSING FOR A LENTEN MEAL

Blessed are you, our God,
who told Adam and Eve to keep the fast in Eden
and fed Israel with manna in the desert.

Blessed are you who have brought us to these forty days of Lent to share the fast of Jesus,
to learn from Him that we do not live on bread alone,
but on every Word proceeding from your mouth.

As we come hungry to our daily table,
make us feel the hunger pangs of others.
As we spend less on our own needs,
let our bounty be a gift we share with all.

May this fasting bring us fashioned anew to
the Paschal Feast of Jesus the Risen Lord...Amen.
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Libres de los egipcios opresores, los israelitas muestran su fe ofreciendo al Señor los primeros frutos de su nueva tierra (Deuteronomio 26:4-10).

Salmo — Tú eres mi Dios y en ti confío (Salmo 91 [90]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los que expresan su fe en Jesús resucitado y confiesan que él es el Señor, se salvarán (Romanos 10:8-13).

Evangelio — Jesús fue conducido por el Espíritu al desierto y allí fue tentado (Lucas 4:1-13).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14; Fil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE FEBRERO

SÁBADO, 13 DE FEBRERO

Minga Morales

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.

Phl Flowers, continuado….

¿Cómo será posible que la Iglesia declare el matrimonio invalido y permitir que se realice el divorcio y después de eso, un matrimonio subiguiente? Para responder esta pregunta, la Iglesia estudia los hechos del matrimonio para saber si hay algo que inicialmente no se sabia, algo equivocado, algo que significara que el esposo y la esposa no fueron unidos por Dios. “Así pues, lo que Dios ha unido que no separe el hombre” (Las palabras de Jesús en Marcos 10.9). Si se demuestra que hubo alguna equivocación o alguna condición que significará que el matrimonio es invalido, la Iglesia declara el matrimonio anulado desde el comienzo. Ósea, que los votos del matrimonio nunca tomaron efecto.

Acabo de dar una descripción corta de el proceso de anulacion de la Iglesia. Este proceso es un poco complejo. Este proceso puede durar mucho tiempo, aunque recientemente, el Papa Francisco ha hecho algunos cambios para poder hacer el proceso de anulación, solamente en algunos casos, un poco más rápido. Este proceso requiere ayuda, y la parroquia está dispuesta a ayudar. Pero más importante, el proceso de anulación puede resultar en la curación del pasado, la reconciliación con la Iglesia y (si usted se ha vuelto a casar) la realización y validez de su actual matrimonio y el sacramento por la Iglesia.

¿Son ustedes una pareja Católica quienes se casaron afuera de la Iglesia Católica porque estuvieron divorciados anteriormente? Ore para que su matrimonio sea reconocido por la Iglesia, para que así, complete su fe en la religión Católica, y hacer la señal sacramental de el amor que Cristo le tiene a la Iglesia. Contacte a uno de nuestros sacerdotes o diacono para empezar su proceso de anulación.

Diacono Phil en pflowers@dsj.org
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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MISION CUARESMAL

“Caminen contra corriente y sean valientes en el amor”

Del 22 al 26 de Febrero del 2016
7:00pm a 9:00pm en la Iglesia
Expositor: P. Gerardo Menchaca

Después de cada plática tendremos la Celebración de MISA
¡Venga y acompáñenos!

VIA CRUSIS

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DECLARACIONES DE FIN DE AÑO

Las declaraciones de fin de año de donaciones del 2015 fueron enviadas por correo la semana pasada. Si usted no recibió una y la necesita, por favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial al (408) 779-3959 o por correo electrónico en office@stca.org.

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.

¡Por favor haga su donación hoy!

Nuestra Meta $210,564
Promesas $92,126

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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 numero que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

PASANDO LA FE
FORMACIÓN DE FE FAMILIAR EN LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA

LA MISERICORDIA EN ACCIÓN

Como comunidad de fe, estamos llamados a vivir nuestra fe y compartir el amor de Dios con los más necesitados de su misericordia. Las manos de misericordia representan a todos los feligreses en Sta. Catalina trabajando juntos para llevar el amor de Dios a nuestra comunidad.

Les invitamos a todas las familias a comprometerse a ser una "Familia de la Misericordia". Favor de escribir su apellido en un corazón y pegarlo sobre la palma de una mano.

Las familias pueden compartir sus obras de misericordia por escrito sobre el flor de papel y pegarla sobre la Cruz de la Misericordia. Las manos y la cruz de la misericordia conjuntamente con los corazones y flores de papel estarán en el vestíbulo durante la Cuaresma.

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.

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!

LA PENITENCIA: BUSCANDO LA VIRTUD PERDIDA

Les sugiero un ejercicio poco gratificante, pero probablemente muy revelador: diganme cuántas veces han escuchado, a lo largo de los últimos años, la palabra "penitencia" en los templos a los que acuden para la celebración de la Eucaristía. Me refiero a “penitencia” como virtud o como actitud cristiana de reparación por los pecados; por tanto, supriman las veces en que han escuchado la expresión “sacramento de la Penitencia”, en la que la palabra es más adjetiva (para referirse al sacramento) que sustantiva. En definitiva, ¿cuántas veces han escuchado ustedes la invitación a “hacer penitencia” o a vivir con “espíritu penitente”? Probablemente, muy pocas. Nos guste o no, somos hijos de la tormenta que se desató en la Iglesia después del Concilio Vaticano II, y los efectos devastadores de aquella tempestad todavía están lejos de haber sido reparados. El cataclismo se llevó por delante todos los elementos de nuestra Fe que recordaban al hombre su condición pecadora, porque a muchos les parecía indigno el más mínimo golpe de pecho: se dejó de hablar del pecado, el Infierno desapareció, el Diablo pasó a ser un cuento cavernario destinado a asustar a los niños, la Justicia Divina fue borrada de los sermones y catequesis, los reclinatorios desaparecieron de las iglesias (¿por qué ponerse de rodillas si somos dioses?) y la virtud de la penitencia se esfumó de la lista de unas virtudes cristianas que ya no eran virtudes sino “valores”... Desde entonces, y muy poco a poco, hemos ido recogiendo del suelo muchos de los restos de aquel desastre, les hemos quitado el polvo y los hemos devuelto a sus vitrinas: la conciencia de pecado se va recuperando, los confesionarios se vuelven a poblar con sacerdotes y penitentes, se va perdiendo el miedo a hablar del Demonio y -todavía muy débilmente- se recupera la alusión al Infierno en las predicaciones de bastantes sacerdotes. Sin embargo, nadie ha encontrado todavía entre los escombros la virtud de la penitencia. Y, por eso, cuando llega la Cuaresma, se habla de la “pequeñez” (¡Qué bonito!) humana y de la Misericordia de Dios. Y, hasta que alguien recupere la virtud perdida, seguimos hablando de la Cuaresma como de “el tiempo de la Misericordia”... Es verdad; lo es. Si no confiásemos en la Misericordia de Dios, la Cuaresma sería un ejercicio inútil. Pero, principalmente, la Cuaresma es tiempo de penitencia. El motivo de la penitencia, y también de la Cuaresma, es la necesidad de expiar nuestras culpas. En ocasiones decimos, demasiado alegremente, que una vez confesado un pecado ya no hay que preocuparse ni pensar más en él, que “no ha pasado nada”. Pero no es verdad; ha pasado. El Sacramento del Pecado nos absuelve, merced a la Sangre de Cristo, del castigo eterno merecido por nuestra traición. Pero los efectos de ese pecado en el alma, eso que la Teología Moral llama “reato de culpa” deben ser reparados en esta vida o en el Purgatorio: se trata de un desorden en las pasiones, de una inclinación más fuerte hacia el mal, de una ceguera cada vez más profunda para discernir la Luz Divina, de una insensibilidad para escuchar la voz de Dios... Todo ello sólo puede repararse con penitencia.

(Continuara en el siguiente boletín)
Kneeling

Shouldn’t we be kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer? Our parish stands until the distribution of Holy Communion is finished. Is that ok? Shouldn’t we kneel in reverence during the words that consecrate the gifts of bread and wine, transforming them into the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? Aren’t we required to kneel after the “Holy, Holy, Holy”? Yes, kneeling is the normal posture during the Eucharistic Prayer in the United States. But there are exceptions. Please look carefully at paragraph 43 of the General Instruction for the Roman Missal in the next column.

An obvious exception is for someone who is unable to kneel due to age or health. But how is the exception “another reasonable cause” determined? Who has the authority to decide if the reason for not kneeling is a good one? In the Catholic Church we believe that the Pope and the Bishops have authority to make such decisions, not priests, deacons or lay faithful.

Our bishop has in fact made an authoritative decision. His decision has two parts. First, Bishop McGrath wants unity in each parish with everyone taking the same posture during the Eucharistic Prayer. Second, he gives authority to each parish to determine whether that posture is kneeling or standing. The word “normative” meaning whatever is determined is required.

The decision of St Catherine parish to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer was made in 1995 by the pastor Msgr. Gene Boyle in consultation with the Parish Liturgy Committee. The reason given was to promote active participation of the people by the traditional posture of praise and thanksgiving that is evidenced by the early Church’s practice and is referenced in the Roman Canon (now Eucharistic Prayer #1).

General Instruction for the Roman Missal

In the Dioceses of the United States of America, [the faithful] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. (#43)


I am asking each assembly to take a unified posture during the Eucharistic Prayer, whether it is kneeling at the appointed time or standing throughout. The posture would be determined by each parish and would be the normative posture for that parish.

Genuflection

But what about genuflecting (“bending the right knee to the ground”) during Mass? The General Instruction for the Roman Missal (#274) tells the Priest Celebrant to genuflect three times: after both consecrations and before Holy Communion.

Even if a tabernacle is present in the sanctuary, the priest, deacon and other ministers are not to genuflect except when they start and end Mass. Non-ministers are to genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament when they pass by “unless they are moving in procession,” e.g. the communion procession. Deacon Phil Flowers at pflowers@dsj.org
No, this is not a competition between Religious Educators and Eucharistic Ministers (who are technically called Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist). This is the REVS vs. SEMS, but I just thought it was pretty coincidental that the letters coincide.

Anyways, the annual game between our diocesan priests (also known as reverends) and seminarians is this Friday, February 19th. The game is held at Santa Clara University. It’s a really fun event to see all the priests and soon-to-probably-be priests go at it for a full on basketball game. It’s not as intense as professional basketball - although Fr. Andrey got elbowed and got stitches above his eye last year - but it’s still a lot of fun. It’s a great time to see priests from all over the diocese - including those who used to preside at our parish - including Fr. Mark, Fr. Andrey, Fr. Rick, and Fr. Gene (now Msgr.).

And this year, there’s something new: a youth representative from each parish and Catholic school has been invited to play a game of dodgeball against the youth ministers and clergy at halftime. I’m really looking forward sharing the Gospel message with the youth - and by that I mean hitting them in the face with a rubber ball. Just kidding - the face is probably off limits so it’ll be in the gut.

The last teen standing will win a pizza party for their youth group. So here’s my strategy to help us win: Step 1) watch Dodgeball. Step 2) try to get every other teen out other than ours. That’s all I got. Hopefully it’ll work. If it’s not, I’ll just try to dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge!

Every year youth ministry has put on a version of the Passion that is powerful and unique. We reenact the Gospel passage of Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross without any words being spoken. We rely on the facial expressions and movements of the teens to portray what is happening, and it is accompanied by music that allows those watching to feel the emotions that come with the betrayals, the accusations, the torture, the struggles, and the death. The music we use is mostly secular and is the music many of our teens listen to - along with some older songs as well. Music is powerful - it speaks to almost all of us - and by connecting music that teens love with the sacrifice Jesus has made for us allows them to connect more to Him.

If you or any teens you know love to act or want to be a part of this, we begin with an introduction and practices this today (Sunday, Feb. 14th) from 3-4:30pm. We will have practices every Sunday at the same time in the church through Lent. We present these to all who want to witness it on Palm Sunday night at 7pm and again on Good Friday at 2pm.

Questions? deepuk@dsj.org
MERCY IN ACTION

Hands and Cross of Mercy

As a faith community we are called to live our faith and share God’s love with those in most need of His mercy. In this Jubilee of Year Mercy and for the Lenten season, we invite families to commit to being “Families of Mercy” by putting their last name on a heart and placing it on a Hand of Mercy garland. The Hands of Mercy garlands represent all of the parishioners at St. Catherine parish. Families can then share about their works of Mercy on paper flowers and put them on the Cross of Mercy that will be in the church vestibule throughout Lent.

Hands of Mercy garlands, paper hearts and flowers can be found in the church vestibule.

Join us in putting Mercy into Action! For further information, please call (408) 779-9604.

St. Joseph’s Table - feeding the hungry through a fresh produce giveaway and soup supper on March 18th.
SUNDAY SPANISH MASS
The Saturday Spanish 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.

OVER 50’S
The over 50’s group will hold its monthly lunch-eon 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.

ATTENTION GRADUATION SENIORS
The Italian Catholic Federation offers $400 scholarships to Roman Catholic graduating seniors of Italian descent who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2. For more information:
* See your class counselor
* Call the Italian Catholic Federation at 1-888-423-1924
* Visit our website at www.icf.org
Application deadline - March 15, 2016

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.

St. Catherine Service Trip to Ghana, Africa ~ Build Hope Through Education
The next meeting for the parish wide mission trip to Ghana, Africa is Saturday, Feb. 27th, 11:30 - 12:30 am, St. Catherine School, Room 7. Become part of this important service learning opportunity by attending this meeting and discovering ways you can support the school and education of the children in Awaso village. Applications and the $100 deposit to participate in this upcoming summer's trip will be accepted. Join us as we build hope through education. Contacts: Janet Leach (janet95037@gmail.com) or Monica McClintock (monicamc@garlic.com).

SPECIAL MOVIE SCREENING
Hosted by St. Lucy Parish’s World Youth Day Pilgrims 2016

FULL OF GRACE
THE STORY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS
Oakridge Century Theaters, San Jose
Thursday, February 25 at 7pm or Saturday February 27 at 10am
Showings are limited!
Be sure to get your tickets early!

The movie Full of Grace tells the Gospel story from Mary’s point of view. It is a gripping depiction of the early Church ten years after the resurrection. Told through the eyes of Mary, the mother of Jesus, she challenges Peter and the disciples to remember their original encounter with Christ.

No tickets for sale at theater.
Purchase tickets online ($12.00) at https://squareup.com/market/california-rosaries Or St. Lucy Parish Office – Andrew Brown
For questions call 408-839-2797 – Cheryl Jaques
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.

DAILY MORNING MASS
Please note that on Tuesday, February 16th and Wednesday, February 17th, morning mass will take place in the O’Donnell Parish Center conference rooms due to work being done in the Church. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.

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.

SERVE THE POOR
Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
—St. Louise de Marillac

ELECTRONIC UPDATES
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose email addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won't miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically, please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

MEN’S OVER 40’S OPEN GYM
An over 40’s Men’s group gather on Sundays for Open Gym. Come out and join some of your fellow over 40’s parishioners for a friendly game of basketball. Game dates are

February 7, 14, 21 & 28

THE LIGHT IS ON!
On Wednesdays from 6-8pm the doors of St. Catherine Church are open and the Light is on for You! Bring a family member or friend, come in, and rediscover God’s heart of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in this Year of Mercy. Jesus Christ desires to lift your burdens off your heart which you may have been carrying for a short time or for years. To find guides to confession and testimonials of people from around our diocese visit www.dsj.org/light

WEDNESDAY WOMEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP
The Women’s faith sharing meets each 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.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of your weekly envelope, make contributions from your checking, savings or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church in either of two ways:
A) Your bank’s bill pay option; use your envelope number as the account number.
B) Sign up to use the secure on-line ParishPay. Go to www.stca.org and click on “Give Via ParishPay”.

Either way you can:
- Easily adjust the amount of your contribution.
- Avoid writing a check every week.

We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.

YEAR END STATEMENTS
The year-end contribution statements of donations given in 2015 have been mailed. If you did not receive yours and would like 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.

Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal - $210,564
Pledges - $97,163  226 pledges

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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.

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Members of Student Council served as greeters during our kickoff mass for Catholic Schools Week.

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."
- St. Clare of Assisi

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.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE TOGETHER

As part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration, representatives from all the Catholic elementary and high schools in the diocese joined Msgr. Fran Cilia, several parish priests, and Superintendent of Schools Kathy Almazol for liturgy at St. Joseph Cathedral. The Student Council of St. Catherine School took the light rail to the Cathedral. As part of the Offertory, representatives from each school presented a pledge of what they will do for the Year of Mercy. Readings and music were provided by students from various schools. One of our students was an altar server for the mass. The assembly joined in prayer for our schools to be true centers for the teachings of Jesus and that students will in turn spread the Good News of our merciful God. Our students returned with a message that they are indeed an integral part of the Body of Christ in the Diocese of San Jose.

Kindergartners enjoyed a variety of educational activities during Beach Day in their class. Above, students made fish prints.