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La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

**From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director…**

**ADA UPDATE:**

As of Ash Wednesday, we have received 226 pledges totaling $97,163.59, of those 59 were new donors, putting us at 46% of our goal of $210,564.

Thanks to all who have returned their pledge card. There are, of course, many reasons some of us have yet to pledge, listed below are **TEN of them.**

**TOP 10 REASONS WHY SOME OF US HAVEN’T PLEDGED YET**

10. I lost my pledge card.

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**Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo…**

**Actualización de ADA:**

El informe de promesas actualizado desde el Miércoles de ceniza: Hemos recibido 226 promesas equivaliendo un total de $97,163. 59 de esas promesas fueron realizadas por nuevos donantes. Estábamos con un 46% de cumplir nuestra meta de $210,564.

Gracias a todos aquellos que han entregado su tarjeta de promesa. Hay algunas razones por las cuales algunos de nosotros aun no hemos nuestra donación, y aquí, se encuentran **DIEZ de esas razones.**

**TOP 10 RAZONES POR LAS CUALES ALGUNOS DE NOSOTROS AÚN NO HEMOS HECHO UNA PROMESA DE DINERO**

10. Perdí mi tarjeta de promesa

(Continuado en Pagina 5…)
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].
The recounting of the Transfiguration can seem that we are on the outside looking in, so to speak. This powerful experience was for Peter, James and John; showing that Jesus would triumph over his earthly persecution. Besides validating the truth of Jesus’ victory how does it apply to my life? For one thing, we benefit from the example of Peter, dear Peter, so filled with zeal and also with frailty. Doesn’t that resonate, well at least the frailty part anyway. We’re beginning our Lenten journey, through our desert temptations, seeking to build up our zeal, to strengthen our resolve so that even in our imperfections and struggles we are invited into the company of the holy one. When we have those moments of quiet prayer when we feel the closeness of God, don’t we want to “make a tent” and stay in the wonderful moment of enlightenment? But then we return to the job of making our way through the challenges of daily life … challenges which often seem to keep us from attention to God’s presence. Lent is a time of ambivalence, both a special time of prayer and yearning but also of the thorns of temptations which distract us from conscious awareness of God with us. Perhaps we count too heavily on our ability to be the persons we wish to be. We need the gift of strength our Savior provides … but that presence, when sought and seen in the lives of others, invites our own mini transfiguration experience. This Lent, it’s not about building tents so much as finding what lies before us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Probably one of the easiest eco-friendly things we can do is actually easy with practice. Carry cloth bags in your car for use not just in the supermarket but in every store...saving the need to take bags we’re given by the stores and the need to then dispose of them.

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!
Legacy Planning Seminar
Living Trust
and
Estate Planning

Please Note the Date Change
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 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

Planned Giving:
Leaving your legacy

Estate planning is a way to continue your life's work. It is vital to invest time to insure that your life’s efforts will continue your causes and support the 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

REFLECTION: Our life with the Lord is a blessed life. Abram, Paul, Peter, James and John were all blessed by the Lord. The Lord, in the first reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, establishes a covenant with Abram, blessing Abram with the land. Jesus in today’s Gospel Luke 9:28-36, gives Peter, James and John a glimpse of his glory as he is transfigured before their eyes. The voice from the cloud instructs them to listen to Jesus Christ. Paul in the second reading Phil. 3:17-4:1, tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “Elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the non-baptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the Eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.

ATTENTION: Since we celebrate the scrutinies at the 8:45 Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent (Feb. 28, Mar. 6 and 13), we use the readings from year A; however, we use the readings from the current year, C, for the other Masses on those days.
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hizo una alianza con su siervo fiel Abram, diciendo: “A tu descendencia daré esta tierra” (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura — Esperamos al Señor Jesús, quien nos cambiará para conformarnos con su cuerpo glorificado (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Evangelio — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Martes:  Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Miércoles:  Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves:  Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes:  Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado:  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo:  Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 11, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9 Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE FEBRERO

DOMINGO, 21 DE FEBRERO

Daniel Villa
Alex Villa

Dammos 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.

DESPRE EL ESCRITORIO DE ANNA QUIÑONES....

9. Perdí mi pluma
8. Dejé mi tarjeta de promesas en mi tocador...por segunda vez.
7. Pensé que el Padre Jeronimo haría todas las promesas de ADA este año porque el es nuevo a la parroquia.
6. ¡Espera! ¿Aún no eh hecho mi promesa?
5. El perro se comio mi tarjeta de promesa.
4. Pense que mi esposo/a, o hijo habia entregad mi tarjeta de promesa.
3. Se me sigue olvidando venir a misa.
2. ¿Campaña de ADA?¿Qué campaña de ADA?
1. Estaba esperando para el miércoles de ceni-za.

¡Si usted se encuentra entre estas 10 razones por las cuales no ha hecho su promesa, aún no es tarde! Usualmente estamos retrasados durante este tiempo, pero estoy segura que se debe a las razones que acabo de mencionar. Estamos seguros que como siempre, la generosidad de nuestra comunidad parroquial nos ayudara como siempre lo suele hacer. Dios los bendiga durante esta temporada de Cuaresma y si el perro en verdad se comió su tarjeta de promesa, aún tenemos muchas tarjetas para dar....

Las tarjetas de promesa siempre están disponibles en los vestíbulos de la Iglesia. Las tarjetas las puede entregar en la canasta durante la co-lección en misa, también las puede entregar en la oficina parroquial o enviarla por correo.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o preocupación acerca de las tarjetas de promesa, por favor siéntase con la libertad de contactarme en aqui-nones@dsj.org o con Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org

DIRECCIÓN

La gran cosa en este mundo no es tanto en qué lugar estamos, sino en qué dirección nos dirigimos.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Regocijando en la Misericordia de Dios, Juntos en Cristo

PARROQUIA SANTA CATALINA DE ALEJANDRÍA
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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!

CENA DEL DIA DE SAN PATRICIO

Domingo, 13 de Marzo
4:00pm a 8:00pm
Centro Parroquial O’Donnell
Música Irlandés y Entretenimiento
Deliciosa comida Irlandés
Los boletos cuestan solo $15
Hot Dog, Sabritas & Refresco para niños= $5.
¡Los Boletos se venderán en la entrada!

Para más información o para ser voluntario, por favor de contactar a Mike Barry en ffbarry@yahoo.com

OFRENCDA SEMANAL DE LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!

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.
¡BIENVENIDO! Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre: _____________________________
Dirección:____________________________
Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
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Email:________________________________

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

SEREMOS TRANSFORMADOS

La manifestación de la Gloria de Dios en el Evangelio de hoy está llena de una luz que a la vez asombra y revela. Jesús, transfigurado en el Monte Tabor, llena de su energía a los apóstoles adormecidos, que ven la visión, pero no la saben captar. Es perdonable que no capten del todo el significado de esta extraordinaria visión de Jesús transfigurado, entre Moisés y Elías. Aquí, en el monte santo, se resumen la Ley y los profetas. Hoy esa transfiguración se nos ofrece y se nos entrega. Como nos recuerda san Pablo, somos nosotros los que vamos a ser transformados.

Y, créanme, es mucho mejor y más conveniente repararlo en esta vida que esperar al Purgatorio, donde esa purificación será mucho más dolosa. Los pecados hay que confesarlos, desde luego. Pero también hay que llorarlos. Y precisamente para eso está la Cuaresma.

A poco que se lea la Sagrada Escritura, uno aprende que Dios es siempre muy tierno con el pecador arrepentido, muy duro con el pecado, y muy exigente con la penitencia. En la Edad Antigua, los pecadores públicos se azotaban a la vista de todos en las puertas de los templos durante la Cuaresma. El Emperador Teodosio el Grande, aconsejado por San Ambrosio, fue visto por todos los cristianos haciendo pública penitencia a causa de un arrebato de ira. Nosotros, durante la Cuaresma, nos imponemos voluntariamente castigos por nuestras culpas, siempre asesorados por el confesor, y así suplcamos la gracia de la restauración de nuestras almas. No lo olvidemos: los ayunos cuaresmales, las limosnas y la oración, a lo largo de estos cuarenta días, cobran sentido cuando el hombre se sabe pecador, cuando está dispuesto a llorar sus culpas, y cuando desea, más que ninguna otra cosa, reparar los efectos del pecado para convertirse y nunca más pecar. Eso es la Cuaresma.

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

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Standing

Catholic Christians are a standing people. The standard Mass (without exceptions) has the laity standing almost as much as the priest and ministers. The standard looks like this.

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Exceptions that allow kneeling

(1) **Eucharistic Prayer**: Last week we discussed the United States special permission to kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer and how this has been modified by our Bishop. We **stand** at St Catherine’s.

(2) **Lamb of God**: There is an exception to allow kneeling for the “Lamb of God.” But our Bishop has expressly revoked this. We **stand** at St Catherine’s.

(3) **After Communion**: The last exception (“they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion”) is enforce for our diocese. At St Catherine’s we follow the lead of the Priest Celebrant who usually **sits**.

Can I kneel right after I receive communion?

Bishop McGrath wants everyone to stand until the last person receives Holy Communion and the Priest Celebrant sits (or kneels). The Sacred Silence that follows this is the period for private reflection, meditation, and prayer about our personal union with Christ Jesus through the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

If you kneel or sit immediately after you receive Holy Communion it is true that you can pray then, but you want to wait in order to show respect and love for each person standing in line.

Deacon Phil Flowers at pflowers@dsj.org

General Instruction for the Roman Missal

The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect; for the Alleluia Chant before the Gospel; while the Gospel itself is proclaimed; during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer; and from the invitation, Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated here below. (#43)


To show clearly our union with Christ, I am asking that each assembly stand and sing from the beginning to the end of the distribution of Communion. Once all have received, the assembly may continue to stand during the silence after Communion or during the assembly’s song of praise, or otherwise may sit or kneel for a period of silence after Communion.
Have you ever done the exercise where you reflect on a Scripture reading and wonder who you’d be? For example, in the Gospel would you be like Peter? Would you be always so willing to help and do things to bring honor to Jesus? But then at the same time you don’t know exactly how to help and in retrospect you wish you didn’t say that? That you, like Peter, don’t always know what you’re talking about? Peter has it rough - just a couple weeks ago Jesus called him Satan. If that doesn’t break your ego I don’t know what would. Anyway, I read the Gospel and thought, I’d totally be Peter. But then I thought about it some more and realized I wouldn’t be Peter. Not because I don’t know what I’m talking about, because many times I don’t - I’ve definitely been one to put my foot in my mouth. But I think I’d be more like one of the other disciples. You know, the ones that didn’t say anything. I think I wouldn’t know what to say. And then I’d hear Peter offer to make tents and I’d think, “Dang, I wish I thought of that. That Peter is always so willing to serve and help out, I should be more like that.” But then there’s the awkward moments after where no one really responds to Peter. And then I’d think, “Man, I’m glad I didn’t say anything.” Unfortunately, I think a lot of us are like that - we are afraid to offer help without knowing all the details. We don’t want to volunteer unless we know the exact times that we’re committing to and exactly what we’re doing. We want to give, but we want to give on our terms. We want to serve, but we want to serve in a specific way. I think we could all be a little more like Peter. And when we don’t know what we’re supposed to do, we do as the Gospel says, and just listen to Jesus.

**ATTENTION:**

**College-age Students**

*(if you’re not in college read this anyway - not that you were actually going to stop, but now you can do so confidently without wondering if someone’s looking over your shoulder wondering why you’re reading the section for college-age students when clearly you’re not in college. And no, I didn’t say you’re old - you did. You were the one wondering, remember?)*

We’ve got exciting news! We’re kicking off a new Young Adult group for people who are college-age and wanting to serve those in need. You don’t need to be in college, but just around that age (so 18-20something).

We are having a informational/meet and greet gathering on **Thursday, March 3rd at 8pm** at Mikaila Locsin’s house. If you’re interested and want to know more, feel free to message me or follow us on Twitter [@stcatherineya](https://twitter.com/stcatherineya) or [facebook.com/stcatherineya](https://www.facebook.com/stcatherineya). The address will be in next weekend’s bulletin. At this meeting we’ll talk about our vision, give you time to meet others, and hear what service projects you’d like to do. We have lots of service opportunities here at the parish, in which this group will definitely be involved, but they’ll also go out into our community and beyond to not only help others but hopefully build lasting relationships and connections with other Catholics in the same age range.

Some of the service projects will also include some fellowship - for example, going to the beach to do some coastal cleanup and ending with a bonfire. Come check it out, and feel free to bring a friend. And if you’re not in this age range let someone you know who is know about this and encourage them to check it out.

*Questions?* deepuk@dsj.org
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Passing on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Photos from our recent catechist gathering during the Presentation of the Lord.

During this Lenten Season, please continue to keep the following Elect in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass:

- Royce Elkehale
- Esperanza Galvan
- Anthony Herrera
- Maia Kilinski
- Ken Masterson
- Jacob Molina
- Nathan Shebib
- Everett Wallace
- Jacob Wallace

Hands and Cross of Mercy

Many families have committed to being “Families of Mercy” by putting their last name on a heart and placing it on a Hand of Mercy garland. Has yours?

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.

Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these acts of kindness by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Mourn the dead
HELP NEEDED - CHURCH ENVIRONMENT
Join us Thursday, March 24th from 9:00am to 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.

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 17th at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com.

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 Parish Pay”.
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.

MASS TIMES
Are you traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church? Go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.

St. Catherine Service Trip to Ghana, Africa ~ Build Hope Through Education
The next meeting for the parish mission trip to Ghana, Africa is Saturday, Feb. 27th, 11:30am - 12:30pm, St. Catherine School, Room 7. Become part of this important service learning opportunity by attending this meeting and discover ways you can support the school and education of the children in Awaso village. Applications and the $100 deposit to participate in the upcoming summer trip will be accepted. Join us as we build hope through education.

Contacts:
Janet Leach (janet95037@gmail.com) or Monica McClintock (monicamc@garlic.com).

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 set up and prepare the environment in the parish center for Easter Sunday Masses. Things that need to be done: decorating the baptismal font for baptisms during the Vigil Mass, putting out the flags, hanging the swoops, steaming the altar cloth in the parish center, decorating the church, church vestibule 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.

ATTENTION GRADUATING 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 1-88-423-1924
*Visit our website at www.icf.org
Application deadline - March 15, 2016

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU
Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.

—St. Teresa of Ávila
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.

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.

ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join us for stations of the cross this Lent.
Every Thursday at 2:30pm.
Every Friday at 6:30pm in Spanish.

Teens are invited to Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18th at 7:30pm.

MEN’S OVER 40’S OPEN GYM
An over 40’s Men’s group gathers 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 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 the 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

PARISH FAMILY SOUP SUPPERS
Join our Parish Family Soup Suppers on Fridays, March 11 & 18 at 6:00pm in the O’Donnell Parish Center

WEDNESDAY WOMEN’S FAITH SHARING GROUP
The Women’s faith sharing group 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.

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS
Join a small faith sharing group to discuss “Rediscover Jesus”. To sign up for a group, please visit our parish website, under the volunteer option, select “Rediscover Jesus”.

PARISH RECONCILIATION
Come to our Lenten Parish Reconciliation on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm.

DIRECTION
The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ADA in Action
A retreat to develop leadership for youth in our parish.
Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal - $210,564
Pledges - $117,198

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST
September 16, 17 & 18, 2016
Do you remember the first time you went to a festival; the fun, the thrills, the food, the rides? Did you ever wonder how it all happened?
Now is your chance to find out and to make your festival dreams come true.
The core committees are looking for new ideas and ways of doing things. You and your talent, background, or vision can make a difference.
I invite you to do two things. 1) visit our website www.stca.org, groups, Fall Fun Fest to look at each committee’s responsibilities and 2) contact one of the members to share your vision.
With thanks, Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org or 408-779-3959.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER
Sunday March 13
4:00 to 8:00pm
O’Donnell Parish Center
Irish Music and Entertainment
Delicious Irish Food - Tickets = $15
Children’s Hot Dog, Chips & Soda = $5.
Tickets sold at the door!
For more information or to volunteer contact Mike Barry - ffbarry@yahoo.com

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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.
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.

COUGAR ATHLETIC CLUB

The Cougar Athletic Club (CAC) supports St. Catherine School's after school sports program. CAC holds a volleyball/football tournament each fall and two basketball tournaments each January.

Over the past ten years CAC has supported our athletes and St. Catherine by purchasing sports equipment, installing the built-in buffet in O’Donnell Center, acquiring the upper grade fitness equipment on the play yard, and paying for the logo and lines on the gym floor. They had also contributed seed money toward upgrading the sound system in the gym. A huge thank you to the Cougar Athletic Club for all their work!

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

A huge thank you to all who helped make this special day such a success! Kudos to those who helped with planning, food preparation, and other behind the scenes tasks that made the day flow. Thanks also to the faculty and staff of the school for all their great work with our children.