We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / CUATRO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

From the Desk of Fr. Lieu Vu, Parochial Vicar…

On Friday March 13th, 2015 Pope Francis announced a Special Jubilee Year, the Year of Mercy, starting December 8th, 2015 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception ending November 20th, 2016 the Feast of Christ the King. During this special Jubilee Year the church focuses on the forgiveness and mercy of God.

“Forgiveness is possible once we discover that goodness is always prior to and more powerful than evil, and the word with which God affirms our life is deeper than our denial.”

Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, no. 55

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Lieu Vu, Vicario Parroquial ….

El viernes, 13 de Marzo del 2015, el Papa Francisco anunció un año jubilar especial, de la misericordia, empezando el 8 de Diciembre del 2015, la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, y terminando el 20 de Noviembre del 2016, la fiesta de Cristo el Cristo. En este año Jubilar, la Iglesia se enfoca en el perdón y la misericordia de Dios.

“El perdón es posible cuando se descubre que el bien es siempre más originario y más fuerte que el mal, que la palabra con la que Dios afirma nuestra vida es más profunda que todas nuestras negaciones.”

Papa Francisco, Lumen Fidei, no. 55

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading - The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.
Second Reading - The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel - A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

FAITH SHARE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?”
Child: “Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?”

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 6
7:00-10:00am NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
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
1:30-3:15pm CH Passion Practice
3:00-4:30pm CR1-4 Confirmation - Program Intro
3:30-5:30pm CR1-4 Confirmation - Program Intro
4:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep
5:00-6:00pm Rm. 11 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, March 7
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alpha & Omega planning meeting
6:00-9:00pm LR CR 4 & K7 Community supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/ANGELICA choir
6:30-9:00pm Rm 11 Stephen Ministry training
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women's Stitching group
6:45-8:45pm Rm 12 Prayer Group A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-10:30pm CH Lenten Reconciliation service
7:00-8:00pm Rm 10 Jovenes Para Cristo team meeting
7:00-9:00pm CH Le Pèlerinado
7:30-10:00pm GYM YA - Open Gym

Tuesday/Martes, March 8
3:30-5:30pm NUR St. Joseph Table meeting
6:00-8:00pm DC Cat Min Spanish RCIC Parent/Child Session
6:15-7:30pm MC Danza Liturgica Practice
6:30-9:30pm CR 44 KOC social
7:00-9:00pm CH Lender Speaker - Development event

Wednesday/Miercoles, March 9
9:00-11:00am CR1 Women's group
12:00-2:00pm NUR Rose's choir
3:00-6:30pm LR CR Min Family Faith Formation session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:00-7:30pm CH Spanish Holy Hour
6:30-8:00pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
7:00-9:30pm DS4 & K7 Italian American Meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Spanish Marriage Encounter
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish Group

Thursday/Jueves, March 10
2:30-3:15pm CH School Stations of the Cross
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsals
6:30-10:00pm CR1-4 & K7 ICF Monthly Meeting
7:00-9:30pm Rm. 12 RCIC Monthly Meeting
7:00-9:00pm NUR Primera Comunión
3:30-5:30pm CR1-4 Confirmation - Program Intro
3:00-4:30pm CH Passion Practice
3:30-5:30pm NUR Women's Stitching group
6:30-8:00pm Rm.10 Spanish Marriage Encounter
7:00-9:00pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish Group

Friday/Viernes, March 11
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
3:00-10:00pm CR1-4 & K7 Parish Family Soup Suppers
7:00-9:30pm Rm.10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:30-9:00pm CH Via Crucis
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano

Saturday/Sábado, March 12
8:30-10:30am Rm 10,11 Cat. Min. - Spanish FFF session
9:00-9:30am CH Cat Min. - FFF Spanish Opening Prayer
9:00-10:00am LR Men's group
10:00-5:00pm MC Quinceañera Retreat
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play practice

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7
Brad & Mayra Mountz
Genevieve James

Tuesday, March 8
† Jurlyo Jumao-As
† Ines Zuluaga
† Frank Mendoza
† Joseph Thatcher
† Jurlyo Jumao-As
† Joe Gieselman
† Jurlyo Jumao-As
† Ramon Muñoz
† Ramona Muñoz
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

It’s almost impossible not to be overwhelmed by the Gospel story of the Prodigal Son (or as many have said, the Prodigal Father). We are people who see rewards as having been earned by dint of our efforts. The story almost seems to be written in a foreign language, one we don’t speak but yet we understand. Such an unexpected audience, “Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain…” The outcasts are drawn to hear Jesus’ word of life but the learned, those who feel “better than” want to be the audience… even though they look only for words which reinforce what they believe and miss the meaning of universal love. In a quiet Lenten moment ponder which camp we occupy or rather in which camp we spend the most time for we live in both. Lent is a good time to admit our shortcomings (usually in the learned camp) and seek to be one of “the least ones” whose vision isn’t clouded by personal biases but seeks the light of Christ. It’s not hard but our humanity can and does get in the way. In truth, simplicity is the secret, being open to unexpected and unearned insight. The Word made flesh is food for all and when we are at our best it is our joy to share in the meal. Not to consume and hold but to become the Prodigal father, so free from attachments that we realize our joy in the sharing of ourselves. Not just our “things” but our hearts, our wonder, our God given grace poured out in a never ending celebration.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Ever think about where the “disposable” utensils we get with take-out food end up? Some are recyclable but most head to the landfill as trash. Try using your own utensils, it means remembering to take them with us (or have them in the car) but … no waste.

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 FR. LIEU
CONTINUED.....

The season of Lent is all about conversion---changing our hearts and turning away from sin and toward God. Our sacramental practices, such as reconciliation, help us change old habits and lead life differently than before. We undertake this journey not just as individuals but also as a community.

“It is called the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: ‘Be reconciled to God’”
(2 Cor: 5:20/Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1424)

The sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God’s action in our lives; the reality of God’s forgiveness. It also celebrates what God hopes for us---to be a forgiving and reconciling people. In light of God’s unconditional love for us we realize that we fall short, get lost, and miss the mark---that is, we sin in our living and our loving. We repent, ask for forgiveness, and take actions to put things right. Perhaps our biggest challenge with this sacrament is to truly believe that we can be, and are, forgiven.

Here at St. Catherine Parish, we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly on Saturday from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday evening during Lent from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. We especially invite you to our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 7th, at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity in which you will have a chance to experience God’s forgiveness of your sins and to feel good about yourself. Come and celebrate.

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: ____________________________________________
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Legacy Planning Seminar
Living Trust
and
Estate Planning

Please note the change of date
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.
Snacks and drinks are provided. Please go to ivolunteer on our website to RSVP 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 continue your causes and support the people who 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

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: We are journeying toward the Promised Land, toward the justice and peace of the Kingdom of God. The Israelites in the first reading, Jos. 5:9-12, reach the land promised them by God, celebrating the Passover in remembrance of their delivery from slavery in Egypt. Jesus in the Gospel, Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32, welcomes sinners and eats with them. In the second reading, 2 Cor. 5:17-21, St. Paul tells us that whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:
If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of Catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, or tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude of our baptism.

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COMPASSION!
We come together to celebrate God’s mercy and compassion for all of us through the Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the church.
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pueblo de Dios entra a la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) o 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.
Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) o Salmo 23(22).
Evangelio — Debemos celebrar cuando nuestro hermano se arrepiente y vuelve a la vida (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) o Juan 9: 1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

Desde el Escritorio del Padre Lieu

Todo es acerca de la conversión durante el tiempo de Cuaresma— se trata de cambiar nuestros corazones y alejarnos del pecado. Nuestras prácticas sacramentales, así como la reconciliación, nos ayuda a cambiar hábitos y nos guía a vivir una vida diferente. Empecemos este viaje no solo como individuos sino también como comunidad.

“Se le denomina sacramento de reconciliación porque otorga al pecador el amor de Dios que reconcilia: "Dejáos reconciliar con Dios.”

(2 Cor:5/20Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, no. 1424)

El Sacramento de Reconciliación celebra la acción de Dios en nuestras vidas; la realidad del perdón de Dios. También celebra lo que Dios espera de nosotros—que seamos indulgentes y que nos reconciliemos. Bajo la luz del amor incondicional que Dios nos tiene, nos damos cuenta de que a veces nos quedamos cortos, nos perdemos y fallamos el punto— eso es, pecamos en nuestras vidas y en nuestro querer. Nos arrepentimos y pedimos perdón, después tomamos las acciones adecuadas para hacer las cosas bien. Quizás nuestra mayor reta con este sacramento es en verdad creer que nosotros somos perdonados. Aquí en la Parroquia de Santa Catalina, celebramos el Sacramento de Reconciliación los Sábados de 4:00pm-5:00pm, y durante la Cuaresma, lo celebramos también los Miércoles por las tardes de 6:00pm-8:00pm. Los invitamos a nuestro servicio de la penitencia Cuaresmal el Lunes, 7 de Marzo del 2016, a las 7:00pm. Esta es una oportunidad en la cual podrá experimentar el perdón de Dios y sentirse bien consigo mismo. Venga a celebrar.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

VIA CRUSIS

FECHA MINISTERIO
11 de Marzo Monaguillos
18 de Marzo Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma; Domingo de las Niñas Exploradoras
Lunes: Santas Perpetua y Felicidad
Martes: San Juan de Dios
Miércoles: Santa Francisca de Roma
Viernes: Abstinencia
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Regocijando en la Misericordia de Dios, Juntos en Cristo

CUDA2016

Colaborando Diocesana Anual

ADA en Acción—La Justicia Restaurativa

Los ministros de la justicia restaurativa comparten el amor incondicional de Dios con los hombres, mujeres y niños que se encuentran en los centros de menores, cárcel y prisiones.

¡Por favor haga su donación hoy!
Nuestra Meta $ 210,564
Promesas $ 161,291

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

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL

FALL FUN FEST
16, 17 & 18, de Septiembre del 2016

Nuestro carnaval del otoño esta compuesto de una comunidad maravillosa. En el Festival Del Otoño, usted puede encontrar juegos mecánicos, deliciosa comida, entretenimiento y una exhibición de automóviles. ¡Es un gran evento familiar! El comité está explorando nuevas maneras de hacer el evento más grande y de mejorar el evento. ¿Qué cree usted que se debe de hacer para mejorar el Festival Del Otoño?
Por favor de enviar sus opiniones a Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org.

CENA DEL DIA DE SAN PATRICIO

Nuestra Meta       $ 210,564
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Corresponsabilidad del año hasta la fecha
1 de Julio, 2015—21 de Febrero, 2016

| Colectas del año hasta la fecha | $785,706 |
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¡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 número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de Santa Catalina tiene una tiendita comunitaria, que estará abierta todos los martes y Jueves de 10:00am a 12:00pm para personas que necesitan ropa para hombres y mujeres GRATIS. Al igual hay ropa de niños, bebes, y algunos artículos para el hogar y muebles. El domicilio de la tiendita es 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

SOPA CUARESMAL SOLIDARIA

Únase con la parroquia de Santa Catalina y sea parte de nuestra comunidad al compartir una cena. El menú consiste de una cena sencilla. Tendremos una deliciosa sopa sin carne, y serviremos pan. La cena se llevará acabo el 11 y 18 de Marzo del 2016 en el centro parroquial O’Donell.

Si a usted le gustaría ayudar, estamos en necesidad de sopa y pan para la cena, personas para servir la cena, y donaciones de alimentos. Si a usted le gustaría hacer una sopa y tráela caliente al centro parroquial. La sopa deberá estar aquí a las 5:45pm. Por favor inscribirse en I-Volunteer para ayudar. Esta es una gran oportunidad para recordar aquellos que necesitan de una cena caliente y también para unirnos como comunidad con un propósito en común. Nuestras cenas serán seguidas durante la Vía Crucis. Las cenas serán a las 6:30pm en español y a las 7:00pm en Ingles.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Venga y acompáñenos para Las estaciones de la Cruz
Cada Viernes a las 6:30pm en español

Jóvenes son invitados a las Estaciones de la Cruz
El Viernes, 18 de Marzo a las 7:30pm.

RECONCILIACION

Venga a nuestra parroquia durante esta Cuaresma este 7 de Marzo a las 7:00pm y reconcíliese con Dios.

UN DOMINGO PARA ALEGRARSE

Pocas parábolas del Evangelio son tan queridas por el pueblo cristiano como la del hijo pródigo. Nos podemos identificar con todos sus personajes, y con las emociones que se entrecruzan entre ellos. El dolor del padre por la avaricia y desconsideración de su hijo se convierte en alegría al verlo regresar. El dolor del hijo por haber perdido todo lo que tenía –dinero, familia, amigos– se convierte en alegría delirante al ver como su padre lo recibe. Pero también comprendemos el desconcierto del hijo mayor ante la generosidad de su padre. Para el hijo mayor, la virtud no es su propia recompensa. Ha trabajado duro, y ha sido un hijo leal, pero eso no se celebra con fiestas ni banquetes. Pero su padre es un padre pródigo, y prodiga su perdón y su misericordia. Y espera que su hijo mayor tenga esa misma generosidad. Quiere que todos se regocijen porque el que estaba perdido ha sido hallado. Este es un domingo para alegrarse. Es día de hacer una pausa, y de considerarnos y alentarnos unos a otros. Porque todos somos hijos pródigos, en el camino de regreso al hogar de nuestro padre. Y debemos también ser hermanos mayores, pero hermanos mayores que esperan junto con el padre ansioso, mientras vislumbra el horizonte. En Cristo Jesús nos vemos reconciliados, con Dios Padre, y con nuestros hermanos. En su Muerte y Resurrección hemos pasado de la muerte a la vida. Somos una nueva creación. Y esto nos llena de alegría.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Adult Faith Formation
for the parish of St Catherine

Gestures & Postures at Eucharist

General Instruction for the Roman Missal
A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bow: a bow of the head and a bow of the body [profound]. The faithful who do not kneel [during the Eucharistic Prayer] ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister.

At the words “and by the Holy Spirit . . . and became man” [of the Creed] all make a profound bow; but on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and of the Nativity of the Lord, all genuflect. (#275, 43, 160, 137)

Bowing
There three times during Mass when the faithful bow.
1. Body bow: At the words of the Creed (and by the Holy Spirit . . . and became man)
2. Body bow: when the priest genuflects at the Consecration
3. Head bow: before receiving Holy Communion.

Hand-usage
There are no instructions for the faithful regarding any hand gestures. But nothing prohibits any hand gestures. Even the manner of the Sign of Peace is not prescribed, but rather left to be established by the Bishops according to “the culture and customs of the peoples.” And applause is neither called for nor forbidden.

So does this mean it is ok to hold hands during the Our Father or to use the “orans” gesture (hands up-lifted like the priest) during various prayers of the Mass? Generally yes. But two general rules apply: (1) any use of hands must be appropriate for liturgy; (2) liturgical prayer should express our unity as a community.

Deacon Phil Flowers, pflowers@dsj.org

Hands at “Our Father”
Paul Turner

At Mass in some parishes, people hold hands while they pray the Lord’s Prayer and raise them while proclaiming “for the kingdom.” The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is silent on this point, so there is no official universal legislation on the custom. Decisions about this gesture are made locally.

The origins of this custom are not clear. There is little evidence for it prior to Vatican II. It may have developed during the 1960s when we struggled to overcome racism and strengthen unity.

The Lord’s Prayer seemed an appropriate time to join hands because it is one of the few texts prayed aloud by everyone at Mass in the first person plural. The eucharistic prayer is in the first person plural, but the priest recites it alone. “Lord, I am not worthy” is prayed by everyone, but in the first person singular.

The Lord’s Prayer, though, goes to God from “us,” not “My Father, give me my daily bread and forgive me my trespasses.” Jesus taught us to pray as a community, not as individuals.

The priest extends his hands for the Lord’s Prayer (GIRM 152) as he does for other prayers at Mass. At a concelebrated Mass, the other priests do the same (237). But there is no instruction for the people.

Not everyone joins hands for the Lord’s Prayer. Some people make no gesture. Others fold their hands. The posture with the most historical, liturgical, and theological value is the one the priest takes: standing up with hands extended. In the early church, this was how all Christians prayed. To pray with hands aloft does not join hands, but it does join hearts with generations of Christians past.

Head on over to Mr. Pickle’s in the Cochrane Plaza across from Staples this Tuesday, March 8th. And don’t be thrown off by the “Pickles” if you don’t like pickles (I don’t) - the sandwiches are fantastic.

No need for a flyer, just go in and mention you’re there for the fundraiser. We really appreciate all of you who go month after month - it’s such a huge help! But lately the numbers haven’t been as they used to be - if you have any ideas or reasons why this might be please let me know! If I need to do something differently, let me know! This can be a great way to raise funds for our Confirmation retreats, but only if we get a good number to go (and the restaurants are more willing when they get a good amount of business).

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Every year we take leaders to LA for the Religious Education Congress. It’s a time for renewal for our leaders so they may be fed and be better prepared to feed those they serve. Some of us started off with a beautiful day in Disneyland! Others went to Youth Day to check out the high energy events. The rest of the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) were filled with keynotes, great music and liturgies and workshops. It was a wonderful time of rest and renewal. I’m so thankful to all those who serve to make our ministries not only possible, but successful as well.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Try for A Lenten Moment

If you are feeling discouraged because your Lenten efforts have been less than stellar, don’t lose heart. Lent is not a pass/fail class. Rather it is a journey of becoming closer to God through prayer, sacrifice, and generosity. Seeing Lent only as a 40-day block can prevent us from taking advantage of Lenten moments - opportunities that arise each day for us to deepen our relationship with God.

Here are just a few:

Prayer. Between now and Easter, look for 5 minute moments alone with your spouse and/or your child. Face each other, hold hands, and ask what he or she is most worried about. Then together pray an Our Father, slowly, for that worry. Then do the same for your worry, followed by a prayer of gratitude from each of you.

Sacrifice. Try a focused, one-to three-day fast from something you truly enjoy, but for a purpose. Give up social media for three days straight and pray for your oldest child. For children, maybe they can give up their electronic devices or playing with their favorite toy. They can then offer a prayer for those in our community who lack basic needs.

Generosity. Generosity can be practiced in small moments throughout the day—flowers for a teacher, a plate of cookies for an elderly neighbor, a thank-you note to someone who inspired or encouraged you recently.

Excerpted from an article by Annemarie Scobey, from the pages of At Home with Our Faith, a print newsletter for parents on nurturing spirituality in the home.

Lenten Suppers

Friday, March 11

Friday, March 18
(Hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation and Middle School Ministry for St. Joseph's Table)
6:00 pm

Join us as we gather as a parish community to share a simple meal of meatless soup and bread on March 11th and 18th in the Parish Center. It is an opportunity to remember those who go without on a regular basis, as well as to unite as one group with a common purpose.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are in need of soup and bread each Friday. Those who wish to bring food donations and/or help serve can sign up on I-Volunteer. Soup can be made at home and brought (heated) to the Parish Center kitchen by 5:45pm. Our Lenten Soup Suppers will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00.

Do you have access to fresh fruits & vegetables?

St. Joseph’s Table is offering a FREE produce giveaway on Friday, March 18, 2016 1:00-5:00 PM in the Parish Center

Sign-up on I-Volunteer to help with produce donations, set up, distribution of produce, serving soup and clean up.
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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, March 9th at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood;
760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.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.

DIVINE MERCY SCHEDULE
Jesus said to St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday the depths of My Mercy will be open to all, that whoever goes to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Our church community will be doing the Divine Mercy Novena in our church starting on Good Friday. The Novena will consist of reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It takes approximately 20-30 minutes. Please join us daily or as often as you can. The schedule is as follows:

Good Friday 3/25 11-11:45 am
Saturday 3/26 3:00-4:00 pm
Sunday 3/27 2:00-3:00 pm
Monday 3/28 5:00 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday 3/29 5:30 - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 3/30 4:00-4:30 pm
Thursday 3/31 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 4/1 5:00 to 6:00p.m.
Saturday 4/2 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday 4/3 2:00 -3:30 p.m. Adoration, Benediction, and recitation of rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS— IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy to the bereaved family and to honor the one who passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one in recognition of the Church’s presence and assist the Church to carry on spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a Memorial gift to honor a loved one, we notify the family and a tax receipt is issued for your generous gift. Please contact Anna Quiñones, at ahermandez@dsj.org with any questions.

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:

March 6
April 3, 10, 17, 24
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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.

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.

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

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

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
“I DESIRE THAT THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW MY INFINITE MERCY.”
“I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those soul who trust in My Mercy.”
Dairy of St. Maria Faustine Kowalska:687
Our 24 hour Adoration begins on First Friday March 4th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:15am and concludes on First Saturday March 5th with Benediction at 8:00am.
”Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” Mt 26:40

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING
Today’s Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father’s initial grief over his young son’s aversion is turned to relief at his return. The son’s grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.
We understand the eldest son’s bewilderment over his father’s generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.
This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It’s time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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.
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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.

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

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST
September 16, 17 & 18, 2016
The Fall Fun Fest is a wonderful community event with carnival rides, great food, games, entertainment and car show. The Committee is exploring ways to improve or expand it. How do you think we can improve the Fall Fun Fest? Send you opinions to Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org.

ADA in Action - Restorative Justice
Restorative justice ministers share God’s unconditional love with men, women and children in juvenile facilities, jails and prisons.

Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal - $210,564
Pledges - $161,291

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

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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Thank you for your continued support.
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St. Catherine School News

Third graders were very excited to receive dictionaries from Morgan Hill Rotary!

DICTIONARIES FOR 3RD GRADE
Morgan Hill Rotary has an annual project of providing every third grader in Morgan Hill with a beautiful dictionary. Rotarians presented the dictionaries to the third graders of St. Catherine a couple of weeks ago. The students were thrilled with the books and quickly thumbed through them to find definitions, maps, and lots of great facts! A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill! Our students will benefit from their generous gift for many years to come.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join the students of St. Catherine School for Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:30 in the church. All are welcome!

ANNUAL APPEAL—A Legacy of Faith 2015-2016
The eleventh Annual Appeal is well on its way! The school’s goal is to raise $65,000 this year. We are now at the halfway point. You can still help! For more information regarding our Appeal, please contact Jeff Layne, Development Director at jlayne@stcatherinemh.org or 779-9950. Funds raised from our Annual Appeal help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating each student, as well as providing funds for new programs and tuition assistance.

Rotarian and MH Police Chief, David Swing, talked with students about how to use their new dictionaries. He showed them the many features of the dictionary and gave them time to search through words and the interesting reference section. Two other Rotarians accompanied Chief Swing.

Bishop McGrath came for his annual visit to St. Catherine School in February. He visited each classroom and answered a myriad of questions from students. Bishop McGrath celebrated mass with students, staff and parents, then enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared by third grade parents.