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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

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Saturday / Sábado:  4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

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Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

From the Desk of Fr. Randy Valenton, Parochial Vicar…..

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH PAIN AND SUFFERING?

Our Lenten journey is coming to an end but the love of God for us will never end. It is challenging for us to keep our Lenten promises, especially if we are living in an environment where comfort and sophistication are embedded in our culture. Business companies are competing very hard to provide us with the best services such as the internet, telephones, hotels, airlines, cars, restaurants and so on. Without noticing, we become more impatient, demanding, and dissatisfied. We have less tolerance for imperfections, flaws, and mistakes. Many people are finding it harder to sustain a good and lasting relationship.

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Randy Valenton, Vicario Parroquial…

¿CÓMO PODEMOS HACER FRENTE A DOLOR Y SUFRIMIENTO?

El camino Cuaresmal está llegando a su fin, pero el amor de Dios por nosotros no tiene fin. Es difícil para nosotros mantener nuestras promesas de Cuaresma, sobre todo si estamos viviendo en un ambiente donde la comodidad y la sofisticación están incrustadas en nuestra cultura. Empresas comerciales están compitiendo muy duro para proporcionarle los mejores servicios como Internet, teléfonos, hoteles, líneas aéreas, coches, restaurantes, etcétera. Sin darnos cuenta, nos volvemos más impacientes, exigentes e insatisfechos. Tenemos menos tolerancia a las imperfecciones, defectos y errores. Muchas personas les resulta más difícil mantener una relación buena y duradera.

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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

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 26; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 
   b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;c) Ex 14:15 — 15; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15; 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
   h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
   Lk 24:1-12 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
   Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacri-ficed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 20
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
3:00-4:30pm CH Passion Play Practice
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellet
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
7:30-8:30pm CH Danza Liturgica

Monday/Lunes, March 21
5:30-7:00pm CH Holy Thursday Rehearsal
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alpha & Omega planning meeting
6:00-9:00pm DC 34 & Ki Community supper
6:30-8:30pm DC Bell Choir/Angelica choir
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6:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Cub Scout Meeting
6:45-8:45pm Rm12 Prayer Group A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm10 Jovenes Para Cristo team meeting

Tuesday/Martes, March 22
6:30-9:30pm MC Confirmation Pastoral Care Meeting
6:00-10:00pm LR1-4, Ki Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00-9:00pm CH Lector Training

Wednesday/Miercoles, March 23
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
3:00-6:30pm MC, Rm10,11 Family Faith Formation session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir Rehearsals
6:00-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-8:30pm Rm. 12 Jesus to Mankind
6:30-9:00pm DC Edge
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish Group

Thursday/Jueves, March 24
6:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Choir Rehearsals
7:00-9:00pm Rm.12 RICA
7:30-9:00pm CH Holy Thursday Mass
8:00-9:00pm Nur Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

Parish Office Closed / Oficina Cerrada

Saturday/Sábado, March 26
8:30-10:30am LR1-4, Ki, M. Knights of Columbus Meeting
9:00-9:30am CH Cat Min. - FFF Spanish Opening Prayer
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Friday/Viernes, March 25

Parish Office Closed / Oficina Cerrada

Saturday/Sábado, March 26
8:30-10:30am MC, Rm10,11,12 Cat Min. - Spanish FFF session
9:00-9:30am CH Cat Min. - FFF Spanish Opening Prayer
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s group

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?”
Child: “What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time of this Easter season?”

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 21
† Brad & Mayra Mountz
† Dave Appling
Tuesday, March 22
† Alicia Salinas
† Pedro Florendo
Wednesday, March 23
† Joe Mariani
† Romeo Bravo
Thursday, March 24
No Morning Mass
Friday, March 25
No Morning Mass
Saturday, March 26
No Morning Mass
PALM SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

There is a snippet in today’s Gospel which speaks to the heart of the human condition, “...an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so.’” These words were spoken aloud but how often do we harbor thoughts which might not be as specific but do allow us to feel “better than” others. A portion of that is normal and useful, those who have knowledge or skills are meant to share their gifts with those who wish to learn. But the ominous gremlin in the room is the evil one who whispers silently “you’re special, don’t worry about others” and our ego is tempted to agree. The fundamental difference arises from the presence or absence of humility. When we bask in our accomplishments as if we are solely responsible for them we forget, at our peril, our God given life and gifts. Jesus, our savior, pointedly tells his apostles, “I am among you as the one who serves.” This poignant reminder, told in the midst of the Passion narrative, is meant as a precious gift for us too. Service is an amazing way to stay grounded in the truth that we are our best when we give ourselves to others. We become enablers of community, even if it’s only a community of two. To live as God’s holy people we are fulfilled not by what we do or possess but rather by how we love one another... as Jesus loves us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Contemplation of the events of Holy Week has green overtones. Ask yourself “how much is enough?” Scaling back our desires in terms of things means there are more of those things for others. We are only as rich as what we are able to give away.

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. RANDY
CONTINUED......

For some, the Lenten season helps them to become more aware of the danger in their souls and can motivate them to change their hearts and return to God.

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. We acknowledge the kingship of Jesus as well as His Passion. We rejoice in His kingship and we grieve for His suffering. Those who are influenced by the world of materialism, consumerism, and utilitarianism, will find it hard to deal with pain, end of life issues, losing a job, divorce or death of a loved one. Without Christ they live in fear, desperation, hopelessness and bitterness. But those who remain in God’s presence will find the meaning and purpose of their lives, peace and hope, even in the midst of darkness and mortality. Moreover, even in pain and suffering, people can still go to bed joyfully.

Blessings,
Fr. Randy Valenton

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.

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: __________________________

Pray for Courage—Speak Up

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."

(Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet so as to not cause a disturbance or worse yet, because you don’t want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party - whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration - to think about the gift that you bring. Even when the invitation says, “No gifts, please,” most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say “No gifts, please.” In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, “No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.” - Deuteronomy 16:16-17 Did you remember your gift?
LECTURAS DE HOY

Evangelio para la procesión de los ramos — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

Primera lectura — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedare confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).


Salmo responsorial: Leccionario I

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA


Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Jueves: Misa del crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Ap 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21

Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;


Sábado: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 21:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-5;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41):3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4b; 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lc 24:1-12


REDUCCIÓN ESENCIAL

Toda mi teología se reduce a este estrecho compás: “Jesucristo vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores”.

—Archibald Alexander

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE RANDY VALENTON.....

Para algunos, el tiempo de Cuaresma les ayuda a ser más conscientes del peligro de sus almas y puede motivarlos a cambiar sus corazones y volver a Dios.

Este domingo celebramos el Domingo de Ramos. Reconocemos la realeza de Jesús, así como su pasión. Nos recogiéramos de su realeza y nos afligimos por su sufrimiento. Para aquellos que fueron influenciados por el mundo del materialismo, el consumismo y el utilitarismo, tendrán dificultades para lidiar con el dolor, el final de la vida, la pérdida de un trabajo, un divorcio o la muerte de un ser querido. Sin Cristo, vivirán en el miedo, la desesperación, la desesperanza y la amargura. Sin embargo, para los que permanecen en la presencia de Dios, van a encontrar el significado y propósito de su vida, la paz y la esperanza, incluso en medio de la oscuridad y la mortalidad. Incluso en el dolor y el sufrimiento, la gente podrá ir a la cama con alegría.

Paz,

Padre Randy

PASIÓN

La palabra “pasión” conlleva un profundo y determinado compromiso. Pero es interesante que también tiene relación a la pasividad. La persona profundamente apasionada del relato evangélico de Lucas es Jesús. Parece pasivo pero no lo es. Está totalmente consciente de sí mismo y totalmente presente al día que comienza el jueves por la noche en su última cena con los apóstoles y termina con su entierro antes de la puesta del sol el día siguiente. Entonces le sigue el largo silencio del sábado. El relato de la pasión se lee entero y sin pausa el Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión. Esta historia, que se encuentra en cada uno de los evangelios, no cambia. Somos nosotros los que cambiamos. Cada año, nos presentamos con otro año de historia para escuchar y hacerle caso a esta historia que tanta falta nos hace. La vida nos trae y de nuevo volvemos a los relatos de la Pasión para aprender a seguirle.
DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Gracias a todos los que ya hicieron su regalo o promesa. Aún no alcanzamos nuestra meta pero aún faltan algunas semanas. Por favor ore y responda a la llamada para que usted haga su parte para ayudar a la misión de Dios aquí en la Diócesis de San José al hacer su promesa o su regalo el día de hoy. Gracias. Puede hacer su promesa en http://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/

Solamente falta una semana, Por favor haga su donación hoy!

Nuestra Meta $ 210,564

Actualización del Plan Maestro

Gracias a todas las personas que asistieron a la junta de revisión del plan maestro que se llevo acabo el 11 de Febrero. Durante la junta, el historial del plan, el estudio de viabilidad, y los resultados de liderazgo fueron revisados. A cada persona que asistió a la junta, se le dio la oportunidad de contestar las siguientes preguntas:
-Mi opinión es que la Iglesia se debe de renovar/ o de remodelar la Iglesia existente porque:
-Mi opinión es que se debe de construir una Iglesia nueva porque:
El comité de finanzas revisara las actas de las jun tas durante la junta del 14 de Marzo.
Gracias una vez más a todos nuestros participan tes.

LOS DISCÍPULOS SON GENTE DE GRATITUD- La fe que llevamos dentro de nuestro corazón nos ayuda a ser personas de bien. Podemos expresar gratitud por las bendiciones que hemos recibido de nuestro amoroso y misericordioso Dios. El significado de la palabra Eucaristía, la cumbre nuestra fe, es la acción de gracias. En agradecimiento, compartimos los dones del tesoro moviéndonos por el mundo transmitiendo alegría , paz y amor.

“Debes darle, y darle con alegría; y el Señor, tu Dios, te bendecirá en todas tus obras y en todas tus empresas.” - Deuteronomio 15:10

¡Gracias por ser tan generosos!

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 Otroño, 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 Otroño?
Favor de enviar sus opiniones a Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org.

CAFÉ Y DONAS

El café y las donas no se servirán el Domingo de Ramos ni el Domingo de Pascua. Los veremos el 3 de Abril del 2016.

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!
DOMINGO DE RAMOS

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

Ayude a transformar la Cruz de la Misericordia en la Cruz de la Resurrección
¡Invitamos a todos los feligreses para ayudar a transformar la Cruz de la Misericordia en una Cruz de la Resurrección! Favor de traer flores frescas y cortadas a la iglesia para decorar la cruz. Después de la decoración, se llevará acabado la Vigilia de Pascua a la 1:00pm el Sábado, 26 de Marzo.

Usted es bienvenido a traer flores frescas durante cualquiera de las misas de Viernes Santo.

Si usted y su familia están disponibles para ayudar a decorar, favor de llamar a la oficina de Formación de Fe al (408) 779-9604.

ATENCIÓN NIÑOS:

Estamos aceptando aplicaciones para el programa de Béisbol de Junior Giants que se llevará a cabo este verano. La liga de Junior Giants es un programa para niños y niñas de 5-18 años de edad. Todos los juegos se llevan a cabo aquí en el campo de la parroquia los sábados por la mañana. Para apuntarse electrónicamente favor de ver el sitio de internet jrgiants.org o recoger una aplicación en la oficina de la parroquia.

Para más información puede comunicarse con Alicia Aviña al 408-427-4545.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La liturgia oficial de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos es algo paradójica. Entramos proclamando Hosannas con cantos y vítores y al poco tiempo estamos gritando: “¡crucifícalo, crucifícalo!” Según el rito la lectura del Evangelio y la consagración de la Eucaristía se hacen dentro del templo, pero se comienza afuera del templo con la bendición de los ramos.

En Estados Unidos y otros países latinoamericanos se usan palmas en lugar de ramos. En Europa, normalmente, se usan ramos de olivos. Últimamente en Colombia para proteger la palma de cera del Quindío, se les ha pedido a los fieles que usen ramitas de plantas o ramos de flores. Estoy de acuerdo hay que proteger el ambiente, pero admito que prefiero las palmas, ya que es difícil poner un ramo de olivo o de flores detrás de una imagen sagrada colgada en la pared. Esta es una costumbre latina que nos recuerda que los “hosannas” y el “crucifícalo” del domingo de Ramos nos acompañan todos los días del año.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
The Catholic liturgical year has two most solemn holydays around which every liturgical celebration moves: Easter and Christmas. Because it celebrates our redemption, Easter is the most important.

Easter remembers the Death, Resurrection of Christ Jesus along with the coming of the Holy Spirit. This sequence of events is so important that we celebrate for three days - triduum is Latin for three days.

1. Thursday evening to Friday: Good Friday
2. Friday evening to Saturday: Holy Saturday
3. Saturday evening to Sunday: Easter Sunday

The Triduum begins with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday evening (7:30pm), continues throughout the next day when our liturgy recalls Christ’s passion and death, on Friday (12noon), reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday night (8:30pm), and concludes after the Sunday masses (regular schedule) that commemorate the Resurrection, with the Church’s evening prayer.

We rejoice in the central mystery of our faith: the passage of Jesus Christ from death into life, a passage through which Christ leads us from the darkness and sin that we know too well into the light and joy of the eternal life that God longs to share with us.

It is the same mystery we celebrate each Eucharist, but once a year we journey with Jesus, step by step, from the Last Supper to the cross, the tomb, and then Resurrection so that what we believe might deepen within us: our faith that our salvation is in Christ Jesus.
WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

It happens all too often. There I am sitting (or standing) trying to focus on the readings during Mass. Someone makes a noise. As a concerned Catholic citizen, it is my duty to turn my face towards the noise to make sure it is some issue that I most likely won’t do anything about anyway - except maybe judge the person (if it was a person) for allowing such a noise to be made. Dang it! I missed the last eight sentences that was proclaimed. Okay, back into focus, here we go. Oh, reading’s over, time for the Psalm. . . Good, start with the piano, nice, I like it...original..."My God, my God, oh why have You abandoned me?” I totally know this one. Okay so singing along with the refrain. Here comes the verse...lalalalalalala...and back to the refrain and time for me to sing along.

Wait a second. How can I be so full of myself? How can I think I know it all? These are ancient, holy, spirit-filled words being sung (or spoken). This is the Word of God! How can I be so nonchalant about this? Sure I’ve heard the words before but that shouldn’t matter - because the last time I heard those words I was in a completely different place in life than I am now. Every time I open the Bible or hear Scripture I should be open and willing to receive God’s message to me.

And there is so much to just that one line - "My God, my God, oh why have You abandoned me?” Usually, we think, “Yeah, that’s totally how I feel sometimes when things just aren’t going my way.” But here’s the thing - this is JESUS saying this. This is GOD. How much pain and suffering and hurt and loneliness must Jesus have been going through to even ask such a question? To Jesus, this is like (as best as I can imagine) going through unimaginable torture in front of the person that we love the most and that loves us the most, and them not doing anything about it. Jesus and God the Father LOVE each other. It’s the most pure kind of love out there. It’s so pure and so complete and so perfect that the Holy Spirit proceeded from that Love. And then for Jesus in His humanity to feel abandoned by God the Father? To not feel that Love? And here I am, having the audacity to just shrug it off and think, “Oh, I totally know this one.”

This is definitely something I need to work on (and I’d guess that many of you do too). The Word of God should not be taken lightly because half (more than half depending on the homily) of the time that we spend at Mass is given to the Liturgy of the WORD. Mass is all about receiving Jesus Christ so that we can go out and spread Him to the people we come in contact with. We receive Jesus spiritually through the Word, and we receive Jesus physically through the Body and Blood. So let’s be open. Let’s receive Jesus willingly.

Happy High Five Sunday!

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"Great is the LORD and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding.”
Psalm 145:3

The stories of Jesus’ teachings and miracles spread throughout the land and everyone wanted to see him. Many believed that he was the king who would lead them to freedom from the Roman rule. They shouted “Hosanna” - praises of joy when they saw Him. Jesus does free us - from all of our sins. He is our King and is worthy of our praise!

On the way home or during dinner today reflect as a family on the following question: If you were part of the crowd, how would you have shown your joy when you saw Jesus? Close in prayer by reading Psalm 145 together.

During Holy Week, 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
Charles Soliday
Everett Wallace
Jacob Wallace

Help Transform the Cross of Mercy into the Cross of Resurrection

We invite all parishioners to help transform the Cross of Mercy into a Cross of Resurrection! Please bring fresh cut flowers to the church to decorate the cross beginning at 1:00pm on Easter Vigil, Saturday March 26th. Donations of fresh cut flowers can also be brought to the church during either of the Good Friday celebrations. If you and your family are available to help decorate, please call the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those to whom he ministered, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbors in their spiritual needs.

Admonish the Sinner
Instruct the Ignorant
Counsel the Doubtful
Comfort the Sorrowful
Bear Wrongs Patiently
Forgive all Injuries
Pray for the Living and 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.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS STEPHEN MINISTRY WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT?
Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear or help others through the tough times in life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry and currently a new group of ministers are in training here at St. Catherine. If you or someone you know would like to know more about how Stephen Ministry may help, contact Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. CATHERINE’S REACH OUT FOOD PANTRY
Where: Advent Lutheran Church
16870 Murphy Ave, Morgan Hill
When: April 16th, 7:00 to 9:30 PM
Who: Performance by Gospel Group Bluer than Blue (6 member string/vocal group)
Contact: Richard Simunic, 408-316-4745 or 408-779-0254
Admission fee: Free or donate non-perishable food or make a cash donation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Would you like to help prepare our Easter and Christmas mailings? Volunteers are needed. Please email Maria Dominguez at mdominguez@dsj.org to sign up. We will add your information to a list and contact you a couple of days before we are ready to stuff the mailing. Come and share of your time and talents and meet some of your fellow parishioners.

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 4:00-4:30 p.m.
**Friday** 4/ 1 5:00-6:00p.m.
**Saturday** 4/02 4:00-5:00 p.m.
**Sunday** 4/3 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Adoration, Benediction, and recitation of the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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 23rd 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.
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.

TOUR GUIDES - CATHEDRAL
Are you interested in showing visitors our treasured Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph? Do you know your Cathedral is a national historic landmark? Volunteer to become a Cathedral docent. You are invited to learn about it during a special orientation for prospective docents on Tuesday, March 29th. Check-in begins at 1:00pm; the presentation lasts approximately one and a half hours. This takes place in Loyo- la Hall, 80 South Market Street in San Jose, next door to the Cathedral. We kindly ask that you RSVP to Nina Tranchina at (408) 283-8100 ext. 2210 by Wednesday, March 23rd or via email at atranchina@dsj.org.

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.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE
Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8, 2016 call 831-439-9503 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

LUAU
Luscious Hawaiian Buffet and side dishes
Hawaiian entertainment and more
Saturday April 16th, at 6:00pm
In the O'Donnell Center
Tropical Drinks, Wine, Beer
Tickets are $60/person
Contact - Tim Nondorf (408 779 4363)
Tom Rhodes (408 683 4959)
“The Luau is going to be very special this year. This will be as authentic as you can get outside of Hawaii... palm trees, roasted pigs, ukulele band, Hawaiian dance show, mai tai drinks, leis, etc. It is going to be a very fun evening.” Knights of Columbus

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of the weekly envelope, make contributions from a 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.

OVER 50’S
The over 50’s group will hold its monthly luncheon this Monday, March 21st at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. They will be serving Corn beef and cabbage. The cost per plate is $5. Remember to bring a salad or dessert to share and canned goods for Reach Out.

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:
April 3, 10, 17, 24
Thanks to those who have already made their gift or pledge. We have not yet reached our goal and there are only a couple of weeks remaining. Please pray and answer the call to do your part in supporting the mission of God here in the Diocese of San Jose by making your pledge or gift today. Please help to make this Appeal a success. Thank you. You may pledge online at http://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/

Only one week to go, Please make your pledge today!
Our Goal - $210,564

MASTER PLAN UPDATE
Thanks to all who attended the February 11th Master Plan review meeting. At that meeting the plan history, the feasibility study, and the resulting leadership outcomes were reviewed. Each attendee was given the opportunity to answer these questions:
- My opinion is to renew/remodel the existing church because:
- My opinion is to build a new church because:
The Finance Committee will review the responses at the March 14th meeting.
Again thanks to all our participants.

COFFEE AND DONUTS
Coffee and donuts will not be served on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. We will see you again on April 3rd.

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.

DISCIPLES ARE A PEOPLE OF GRATITUDE - The faith we carry within our hearts leads us to be people who express gratitude for the many graces and blessings we have received from our loving and merciful God. The meaning of the word Eucharist, the summit of our faith, is thanksgiving. In gratitude we move in the world bringing joy, peace and love as we share our gifts of treasure.

When you give to him give freely and not with ill will for the Lord your God will bless you for this in all your works and undertakings." - Deuteronomy 15:10

Thank you for being grateful givers!
HOLY WEEK

On Holy Thursday students will spend the day focused on the high holy days of the Triduum. Students will reflect on readings from Hebrew Scripture which foreshadow the Last Supper of Jesus. After a short prayer service highlighting the Hebrews escape from Egypt each class will enjoy a mini-meal representative of a Seder.

Classes then participate in Living Stations of the Cross prepared by our 8th grade to commemorate Christ’s passion and death. This is followed by reflection and a grade appropriate activity on the Resurrection.

In planning the day to cover the Triduum, students will be prepared to fully participate as they attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies with their families.

First graders celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday with a variety of activities. Students read Dr. Seuss books, tried green eggs, as they read Green Eggs and Ham, and made oobleck, a substance that has the qualities of both a solid and liquid.

The school office will be closed for Easter Break March 25-April 1. Classes resume Monday, April 4.

Congratulations to all the parishioners who will be baptized or fully welcomed in the Church on Holy Saturday! May the blessings of our Risen Savior fill your lives each day. You are in our prayers.