SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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.

EASTER SUNDAY / DOMINGO DE PASCUA

From the Desk of Deepu Kochuparambil, Youth Director.....

I finished a cleanse in the middle of Lent. Why did I do the cleanse? There were a few reasons - one is I haven't been the healthiest of eaters for the past few years (more like most of my life). Another reason was my wife and a couple close friends were doing it so I figured it would help having others to do it with and that I could help support (plus if Beth was already making the food, that would make it so much easier). A third reason was I was already giving up unhealthy snacking for Lent (see reason #1 as to why I did this for Lent) so why not do this cleanse while I can't eat most of those foods anyway?

Throughout the nine day cleanse, I realized a few things.

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Desde el escritorio de Deepu Kochuparambil, Director de Jóvenes

Terminé una limpieza en el medio de la Cuaresma. ¿Por qué hice la limpieza? Había algunas razones - una es que no he sido el más sano de los comedores en los últimos años (más como la mayor parte de mi vida). Otra razón fue mi esposa y un par de amigos cercanos, ellos lo estaban haciendo, así que pensé que ayudaría tener el apoyo (más si Beth ya estaba haciendo la comida, esto haría las cosas mucho más fácil). Una tercera razón fue que ya estaba renunciando a bocadillos no saludables para la Cuaresma (favor de ver la razón # 1 por qué hice esto para la Cuaresma), ¿por qué no hacer esta limpieza, mientras que no puedo comer más de esos alimentos de todos modos?

A lo largo de la limpieza y nueve días, me di cuenta de algunas cosas.

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, March 27**
- 8:30-10:30am MC Rm 10,11 Cat Min - FFF session
- 8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal
- 2:00-3:00pm CH Divine Mercy novena
- 3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellet
- 5:00-6:00pm Rm.11 Spanish Bible Study

**Monday/Lunes, March 28**
- Office Closed – Easter Monday
- 5:00-5:30pm CH Divine Mercy novena
- 6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & Kit Community supper
- 7:30-9:30pm MC English - Pre-Baptism class

**Tuesday/Martes, March 29**
- 5:30-6:00pm CH Divine Mercy novena
- 7:00-9:00pm CH Liturgy training

**Wednesday/Miércoles, March 30**
- 12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
- 3:00-6:30pm MC,Rm10,11 Family Faith Formation session
- 4:00-4:30pm CH Divine Mercy novena
- 5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
- 6:00-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
- 6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
- 6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
- 7:00-8:00pm CR1-2 Confirmation Retreat Meeting for Parents
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial
- 7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish Group

**Thursday/Jueves, March 31**
- 4:00-4:30pm CH Divine Mercy novena
- 6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir rehearsals

**Friday/Viernes, April 1**
- Office Closed — Cesar Chavez Day
- 9:00-11:59PM CH 24 hour Adoration

**Saturday/Sábado, April 2**
- 12:00-8:15am CH 24 hour Adoration
- 8:45-9:30am CH Fill-Am - 1st Saturday Rosary
- 8:30-10:30am MC Rm10,11 Cat Min - Spanish FFF Session
- 9:00-10:00am LR Men’s group
- 4:00-5:00pm CH Divine Mercy novena

**8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 28**
- Brad & Mayra Mountz
- † Jack Lo Monaco

**Tuesday, March 29**
- † Ernie Reade
- † Nick Teek

**Wednesday, March 30**
- † Barry Malowey
- † William (Bill) Conlan

**Thursday, March 31**
- † William (Bill) Conlan
- † Frank Sweeney
- † Joe Gieselman
- † Dave Appling
- † Lucy Lango
- † Edna Balletto

**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?”
One, that the cleanse wasn’t as bad as I expected it to be. The food that I chose within the parameters of the cleanse tasted pretty good and filled me up decently. Two, I was surprised by how easy it was to say no to the foods I wasn’t supposed to eat. The couple times that it was tough were when I was with others who were eating - first time was Round Table Pizza, the second time was at the Donor Dinner (the garlic bread was calling to me). Three, even though I craved many of the unhealthy foods that I couldn't eat, it was mostly because I've grown accustomed to eating them and ignoring how unhealthy they are for me.

I think this relates in many ways to faith. Many of us do not practice our faith as well as we should (and could). But we don't realize how bad it is because we've grown accustomed to a mediocre prayer life and relationship with God. And something that could help us get back on track (or just get on track if we've never been on track before) is to take time to really look at our prayer life (a retreat is a great example of this). And finding people to go with you on the journey makes it even easier.

And whether this is your first time to Mass in awhile or you've been coming every week, chances are you have room to grow in your faith. Our church is a community of imperfect people so you'll fit right in. There are already people here growing in their faith, so that'll make it easier to find support here (and people have already put together different ways to grow and pray, which makes it so much easier). We are here to help each other, not just ourselves. I promise, growing closer to God is better than wherever you are now. And that doesn't come from a place of judgment, but from a faith in what God has in store for you.

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: ______________ |

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**

This may seem silly but what do we do with all the eggs that have been colored and hidden for our children? They are still good nutrition, egg salad or an addition to Easter season lunches prevents them from being wasted.

**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!
EASTER SUNDAY

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?

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: The Easter Sunday is the first of the great fifty days of the Easter Season going till Pentecost. Easter is in particular the “day which the Lord has made” (Ps. 118:24) so that we could wish every day would be such a day. At least every Sunday is Easter in miniature. Christ is risen and appeared to his own, enkindling in them and through them in us the belief in his resurrection (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Jn. 20:1-9). Consequently we rejoice and are glad. Christ, risen and glorified, is in our midst, calling us to share his new life, the resurrection life (Col. 3:1-4).

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE! We, both Parish and School Staff, wish you and your families all the joy, peace and grace of the Risen Christ. What a wonderful grace that we have from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us the Easter gift of Eternal Life. Let us thank him by giving our lives to him and the Church as we involve ourselves in different ministries or activities at St. Catherine Parish.

We are grateful for your presence and participation in the celebration here at St. Catherine Parish, whether you attend weekly or ‘now and then’ or just at the major feasts of Christmas and Easter. We hope you know you are always unconditionally welcome at St. Catherine Parish. If you have any question or if you have been estranged from the Church for whatever reason, please let the parish staff be of assistance to you.

We pray that the Easter Season may continue to be a source of grace and blessing for all your continued support, prayers and sacrifices for St. Catherine Parish where the Risen Christ embraces all!
DOMINGO DE PASCUA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pedro es un testigo: el Señor ha resucitado (Hechos 10:34a, 37-43).

Salmo — Este es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

(1) Segunda lectura — Todos los bautizados, eleven su corazón al cielo (Colosenses 3:1-4) o

(2) Segunda lectura — Cristo nuestra Pascua fue sacrificado; por tanto celebremos (1 Corintios 5:6b-8).


LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Martes: Hch 2:36-41; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Miércoles: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Lc 24:13-35

Jueves: Hch 3:11-26; Sal 8:2, 5-9; Lc 24:35-48


Sábado: Hch 4:13-21; Sal 118 (117):1, 14-21; Mc 16:9-15


CAPTURADO POR LA HISTORIA

“¡Somos testigos!” Las lecturas bíblicas del Domingo de Pascua se centran en detalles reportados por testigos oculares. Escucha detenidamente y sentirás que la historia te captura. Pedro reporta las buenas obras hechas por Jesús, su muerte en la cruz, y su Resurrección. El pasaje del Evangelio de san Juan nos hace correr a la tumba vacía con Pedro y Juan, y dar una mirada adentro para ver el lienzo usado para cubrir el cuerpo de Jesús. El Salmo 118 resume nuestra respuesta: “¡Es un milagro patente!”

¿Qué detalles de resurrección vemos hoy en nuestra vida? ¿Cómo hemos muerto a la vida vieja y resucitado de nuevo con Jesús? Tengamos bien en cuenta la nueva vida que nos rodea. Es un milagro patente.

Uno, que la limpieza no era tan malo como me esperaba que lo fuera. La comida que he elegido dentro de los parámetros de la limpieza, sabía muy rica, y me llenó con decencia. Dos, yo estaba sorprendido de lo fácil que era decir “no” a los alimentos que no debía comer. El par de veces que se me hizo difícil fue cuando estaba con otras personas y ellos estaban comiendo –la primera vez fue con Round Table Pizza, la segunda vez fue en la cena de los donantes (el pan de ajo me estaba llamando a mí). Tres, a pesar de que yo anhelaba muchos de los alimentos poco saludables que no podía comer, mas que nada, era porque me había acostumbrado a comerme los y ignoraba lo poco saludables que son para mí.

Creo que esto se relaciona en muchos aspectos a la fe. Muchos de nosotros no practicamos nuestra fe, así como debemos (y podríamos). Pero no nos damos cuenta que esto es malo y esto se debe a que hemos crecido acostumbrados a una vida de oración mediocre y relación con Dios. Y algo que podría ayudarnos a volver a la pista (o simplemente a ponerse en marcha si nunca hemos estado en la pista antes) es tomar el tiempo para mirar realmente en nuestra vida de oración (un retiro es un gran ejemplo de esto). Y la búsqueda de personas para ir con usted en el viaje hace que sea aún más fácil. Y si esta es la primera vez que vine a misa en mucho tiempo, o si viene a misa todas las semanas, lo más probable es que haya espacio para crecer en su fe. Nuestra iglesia es una comunidad de personas imperfectas, por lo cual, vera que va a encajar perfectamente. Ya hay gente aquí que crecen en su fe, por lo que lo hará más fácil para encontrar apoyo en este sentido (y las personas que ya han elaborado diferentes formas de crecer y rezar, hará el proceso mucho más fácil). Estamos aquí para ayudarnos unos a otros, no sólo a nosotros mismos.

Prometo, crecer más cerca a Dios es mejor que donde quiera que esté ahora. Y eso no viene de un lugar de juicio, sino de una fe en lo que Dios tiene reservado para usted.

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DOMINGO DE PASCUA

CONTÍNUE PASANDO TIEMPO CON EL SEÑOR

Libros de la temporada de Pascua y reflexión diaria están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. ¡Siga la jornada hacia sus oraciones diarias, pase a la oficina y recoja su libro el día de hoy!

CAFÉ Y DONAS

El café y las donas serán servidas nuevamente el 3 de Abril por el grupo de mujeres de Espiritualidad. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

El personal de la oficina parroquial y los sacerdotes de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina les desea a usted y a sus seres queridos un día de Pascua muy bendito.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el Lunes, 28 de Marzo en observación del día de Pascua y el Viernes, 1 de Abril en observación del día de Cesar Chávez.

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 Otoño, usted puede encontrar juegos mecánicos, deliciosa comida, entretenimiento y una exhibición de automóviles. ¡Es un gran evento familiar! El comité esta 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?

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

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,

Parish Giving
DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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.

CLASES DE CIUDADANÍA

Clases de ciudadanía se ofrecen los Lunes y Miércoles en el colegio de Gavilán localizado en el centro cultural, 17060 Monterey St. Morgan Hill, Ca., en los salones 3 & 4 de 6:00pm-7:30pm. Las clases también se ofrecen los Martes y Jueves en el centro de St. Francis en 7950 Church St. Gilroy, Ca. De 6:00pm-7:30pm. Las clases son dirigidas por Sarah Ávila, instructora bilingüe.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hace casi dos mil años María Magdalena fue muy de mañana al sepulcro de Jesús. Fue a rezar como muchos hacemos ante la tumba de un ser amado. Esa mañana ella se convertiría en apóstol de los apóstoles, primera testigo de Jesús resucitado de entre los muertos. Siglos después el testimonio de la Magdalena sigue siendo importante en la historia cristiana. Durante estos días en Anguiano, España, hombres y jóvenes de las viejas familias de la zona bailan y caminan con una pequeña imagen de la Magdalena. Se visten con camisas y faldones largos de muchos colores, mostrando la belleza de la diversidad hispana.

Ellos bailan en honor de esa santa mujer de Magdala y lo hacen sobre andas de casi un metro de altura. Ellos toman la imagen desde la iglesia de su pueblo en las montañas en el norte del país y la llevan bailando por las calles empedradas bajando al santuario que han preparado para ella. Todo el pueblo reza y festea en honor de la santa que fue buscando un difunto y se encontró con el Señor de la vida eterna.

¡Esperamos contar con su presencia!

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gtz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Do you feel that you are not fully part of the Catholic Church?**

The familiar word *Alleluia!* celebrates especially Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

Sometimes we feel not alive, dead to something. We feel disconnected from something that was once a major part of our lives.

As we know, relationships require time spent together. If you have been away from the sacraments of the Catholic Church you can feel dead to the Church, you can feel that your relationship to the Church is suffering.

The Catholic Church is your family and always is ready to welcome you home. We are always ready to welcome you back to the full life of the Church. But perhaps there is some obstacle that has stopped you from a regular practice of your Catholic faith. Here are a couple of possible obstacles.

**My Marriage.** "I remarried after a divorce. So I can't be Catholic any longer."

Despite divorce you remain a Catholic in the Church's eyes. And we would like to help you come back to the sacraments. Your divorced marriage may have lacked some essential element and therefore can have a Church annulment - without judging the morality of your former marriage or making any children illegitimate.

**The Bible** "I think the Judeo-Christian Scriptures are full of myths and are not reasonable."

Reading ancient texts requires skill. Anything written requires interpretation. We think that the Bible should be read in the context of its original language, culture, etc. We don't consider the Bible to be flawless in matters of science and history. We believe that the Bible's purpose is to reveal the truth that God cares for us and wants to save us from all evil, including everlasting death.

If you would like to talk about marriage, the Bible, or any other topic related to the Catholic Christian faith, please contact one of the priests or deacons of the parish. We are happy to listen to you and help however we can.

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**Why come to Sunday Mass?**

You are probably reading this before, after (or even during!) Sunday Mass. The Church rejoices in your presence. You are part of our community and always welcome. And that is a good reason to come here but there other reasons for coming to Sunday Mass.

- I like to say I come on Sunday to see the babies. My point is that an important reason for us to gather in church is to see and visit with one another. You make friends by being with people regularly.

- Hearing the Word of God proclaimed at Mass is different from reading it alone to yourself. It like the difference between attending a game at a stadium and just watching it on TV at home alone.

- My relationship with God is personal and communal. So I need personal prayer. And I need prayer with others: many voices praising God and asking for God's mercy.

- Love is a mutual exchange between lovers. In Eucharist, Holy Communion, I can experience and participate in the self-offering of Christ Jesus, his decision at the Last Supper to give himself in bread and wine, his sacrificial offering on the Cross, and his receiving back his life from the grave in the Resurrection. I can offer myself as a member of Christ's body and continue my transformation into the kind of Christian that I want to be.
I already wrote a piece for the cover article. So here’s a pretty picture.

I know, it’s in black and white, so you can’t see the fullness of its beauty. But if you really use your imagination, you can see the color. You can see the beauty. It’s kind of like the Bible. It’s black and white, so sometimes we just see all the words and don’t see the beauty in it. But it’s there. Oh, it’s there. You just have to take some time with it and really use your imagination. Yeah, that’s right, you can use your imagination with the Bible. Imagine yourself in the story you’re reading. Imagine what it must have been like for the disciples of Jesus Christ to give their lives to following Him, only for Him to die and for one entire day you have no idea what the heck you’re going to do or what you’re supposed to do. And then, you find out that He’s disappeared from His tomb, and all of a sudden it hits you - DUH! Jesus talked about this, He’s risen from the dead. He’s ALIVE.

Can you imagine what that would’ve been like? The emotions His disciples must’ve gone through? The heartache and pain when Jesus was tortured and died and then the immense joy when He rose? God has blessed us each with imagination. Use it. Allow the Holy Spirit to work through your imagination to help you delve deep into Scripture. Allow the beauty of the Bible to rise. Let the colors pop out. Let the emotions of the people enter your heart so that you may understand and learn. Let this Easter season be the start of something beautiful.

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DANCING WITH JOY
OF THE RESURRECTION

Pope Benedict XVI in an October 2006 address said, “The event of Christ’s death and resurrection is the heart of Christianity, principal fulcrum of our faith, powerful lever of our uncertainty, impetuous wind that sweeps away every fear, every doubt and human calculation.”

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, “For (we are) convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (8:38-39).

Paul, in 2 Corinthians reminds us of God’s Easter promise: “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (5:17).

AMEN! Let us dance with joy of the resurrection, remembering the lyrics of the song, “Lord of the Dance”:

They cut me down but I leap up high
I am the Life that will never never die!
I live in you if you live in Me
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!

Dance then, wherever you may be
For I am the Lord of the Dance, said He!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

Registration for Vacation Bible Camp Is Now OPEN!

Half Day Camps:
June 13-17, 2016
June 20-24, 2016

Open for children in preschool and those entering grades 1-5 in Fall 2016. Registration forms are available online and at the Faith Formation Office and Rectory. Cost is $50 per child/$40 each additional child in the family.

We are also looking for volunteers (youth and adults) to help with VBS. Sign up on I-Volunteer or call (408) 779-9604 for further information.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: REGISTER FOR SUMMER CHALLENGE!

Summer Challenge is a full day camp for youth entering 6-8 grades in Fall 2016. Participants serve as junior leaders for Vacation Bible Camp and serve the community through service projects. Space is limited. Call the Faith Formation Office for more information!
EASTER SUNDAY

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 9:30pm
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

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

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 5:00-6:00 p.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

USCCB PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT FOR PETITION TO STOP CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, issued a urgent call, March 15, to support a petition to stop genocide in the Middle East and convince the U.S. Department of State to include Christians in any formal declaration of genocide.

The call to action was issued days before the U.S. Department of State is expected to make a decision on the issue, and as a congressional resolution gains support in Congress.

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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.

The petition is available at:
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.

DRAWN INTO THE STORY
“We are witnesses!” The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John’s Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus’ body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: “It is wonderful in our eyes!”

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It’s a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you’d like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 20-22, 2016 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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 and 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.

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
Easter Season daily reflection books are available in the Parish Office. Continue your daily prayer journey and pick one up today.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**
Do you want to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up to receive them at [www.alertssc.com](http://www.alertssc.com).

**COFFEE AND DONUTS**
Coffee and donuts will be served again on April 3rd by the Women’s Spirituality Group. All are welcome.

**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!

**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**
September 16, 17 & 18, 2016
Our 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 your opinions to Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org.

**MORNING OF RECOLLECTION**
In honor of the Year of Mercy the community of St. Catherine of Alexandria is conducting a Morning of Recollection on the Message of Mercy as proclaimed by our holy father Pope Francis.

Please join us April 9, 2016 starting at 8:15am to celebrate morning mass in the Church along with the Knights Choir and proceed to the Parish Center for coffee, doughnuts and bagels thereafter. Be enriched with the good news of mercy as shared by Pastor Tim Nondorf and Fr. Patrick Sugrue, OCD of the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery.

The conference ends at 12:30pm. A $10 donation to support our priests is greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzate@Yahoo.com
St. Catherine School News

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Catherine Girl Scouts from Troop #61385 spent time in the school garden. They observed the progress of the current crops, helped with clean up and released ladybugs to help minimize other pests.

Kindergartners love cooking day! For St. Patrick’s Day they made rainbow cupcakes, Lucky Charm treats, Irish soda bread, and fruit kabobs.

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 past 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 by 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. All gifts, great and small, are greatly appreciated.

BOXTOP NEWS

St. Catherine School saves Boxtops for Education to help fund our Drama Program. You can send in your boxtops with any St. Catherine student or drop them off at the school office.

Are you an online shopper? Log in to http://www.boxtops4education.com/ and shop your favorite stores through the Boxtops’ link. The school earns boxtops for every purchase you make through its website! Thanks for your support!

LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS

A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is now available in the school lobby. If you are looking for special information about our Catholic faith or a book to inspire you to seek a closer relationship with Jesus, stop by and check out the selection.

Just take the book with you and return it when you finish. After you finish a book, you are encouraged (certainly not required) to jot a few notes about its impact on the sheet in the front cover. If you have books about our faith and developing a relationship with Christ that you would like to share with others, you can drop them off at the school office. We’ll put them on our list, include a note sheets and get them on the shelf. Happy Reading!

HAPPY EASTER!

Congratulations to all the parishioners who were 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.