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From the Desk of Deacon Rick Haeckel.....

Lent, Holy Week and Easter are behind us; we now celebrate the wonder of Easter for 50 days. Sometimes we incorrectly feel that we’re “on spiritual vacation” after the rigor of Lent. In reality Easter time is the highlight of the Church year. We’ve been redeemed, beyond our ability to understand. Jesus has shown us by his life, and yes his death, that we are beloved creatures created in God’s image. Like any discipline, our faith journey requires work... not work that produces a product but work that provides growth in our relationship with God. When that growth seems to have dried up we feel tired, even becoming jaded. Sometimes we feel we have even “lost our faith.”

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Desde el escritorio de Rick Haeckel, Diácono....

Cuaresma, Semana Santa y la Pascua quedan atrás; ahora celebramos la maravilla de Pascua durante 50 días. Después del rigor de la Cuaresma, a veces nos sentimos mal porque sentimos que estamos "en vacaciones espirituales." En realidad el tiempo de Pascua es el punto culminante del año litúrgico. Hemos sido redimidos, más allá de nuestra capacidad de comprensión. Jesús nos ha mostrado por su vida, y si su muerte, que somos criaturas amadas creadas a imagen de Dios. Como cualquier disciplina, nuestro camino de fe requiere trabajo... no trabajo que produce un producto, sino un trabajo que ofrece el crecimiento en nuestra relación con Dios. Cuando ese crecimiento parece haberse secado nos sentimos cansados, incluso llegando a ser obsoleta.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Readings for the Coming Week

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).
Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).
Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Seldom do two New Testament readings offer so stark a contrast. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear, “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the Apostles” while the Gospel tells us, “...when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.” Granted timing is everything, the Gospel recounts the revelation of the risen Jesus to his disciples (and shares the story of Thomas who was not there initially) whereas the Acts recounting is much later. What is revealing is the path which the Apostles trod. They face a real threat from those who put Jesus to death and are understandably fearful. Jesus appears to them (what a moment that must have been) to assure them of the truth of his resurrection. Luke describes the incredible change this brings, those who cowered in fear are now out preaching and healing... a profound and enabling change has occurred. Fast forward to today. We, by virtue of our Baptism, are apostles for our day. We face persecution (many even death) as the truth of Jesus is spoken to the world. What follows is illuminated by the wonder of Easter, Jesus has overcome death. As one commentator wrote, “The powerful said die and God said no.” When we sit deeply with the Easter mystery, we enter that place where grace washes away fear, where truth overcomes evil, where we are fed by the truth of the Gospel... We must go, we’ve been sent, Alleluia

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON RICK
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That’s usually shorthand for a lack of connection to the transcendent, to God. A recent article in America magazine by Bill McGarvey put it in terms which invite us to ponder. He says about those who tell him they have lost their faith,

“I often find that their understanding of God as children was not able to grow up with them, and as a result, their childhood God no longer seems relevant to their adult lives. I can’t help but wonder whether in those situations the hurdle to belief is less about information than it is about imagination, less about mystical knowledge than about noticing. I’ve come to believe that what some see as a loss of faith has more to do with the inability to build a bridge between a child’s catechesis and an adult’s experience.”

Perhaps that struck me because I’m a technical kind of guy. My work was and my disposition is often about facts and figures. My own journey of faith has led me to realize, as Bill said, that faith is less about information than it is about imagination. I hadn’t thought of it in that way before but becoming more comfortable with the transcendent has asked that I let go of rigid certainty and open myself, as a Christian mystic described it, to “the cloud of unknowing.” That’s not a cop-out or a get out of jail free card but rather an invitation to more often simply “be” with God, asking nothing but the grace to remain faithful and allowing that faithfulness to infuse our attempts to be Christ for one another. It’s a leap of faith but giving up personal control by making overt actions to, as Mary said at Cana, “do whatever he tells you.” The Easter season is a perfect time to sharpen our listening skills.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The blessing of rain has softened the ground. Consider planting vegetables to enjoy at your table. Don’t worry that they may not be up to grocers standards, the pride of growing your own food will make them taste delicious.

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!

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: We come together to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Because he is risen, we too have a share in that risen life. We have not seen him with our eyes but we are filled with immense joy because we believe. Indeed, the theme of today’s readings is “FAITH” in the risen Lord who was dead and is now live forever (the second reading, Rev. 1:9-13, 17-19); who the Apostle Thomas professes as “my Lord and my God” (Gospel, Jn. 20:19-31). This faith makes the new Christian community possible whose numbers the Lord increases steadily (first reading, Act. 5:12-16).

DIVINE MERCY: Pope John Paul II, now is St. John Paul II who on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30th, 2000, declared that from then on throughout the Universal Catholic Church, on the Second Sunday of Easter, is to be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On the Sunday after the Easter Sunday we are reminded that Jesus told St. Faustina: “THE TOTAL FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT IS GRANTED FOR ANYONE WHO GOES TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVES HOLY COMMUNION ON THIS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.” We encourage everyone to use this Divine Mercy Sunday as an opportunity to return to the practice of our Catholic faith!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist. In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

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SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Los apóstoles hacen muchas señales y maravillas entre la gente. (Hch 5:12-16).
Salmo — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).
Segunda lectura — Juan, contagiado por el Espíritu, tiene una visión del Señor glorificado (Apocalipsis 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).
Evangelio — Jesús resucitado visita a los discípulos con su paz y con el Espíritu. Tomás, ausente, duda de la aparición de Jesús (Juan 20:19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo: Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13; Ap 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

UNIRSE A LA COMUNIDAD DE CREYENTES
¿Qué te ayudará a tener fe? Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy hablan de la fe y de la duda. Se “escribieron... para que ustedes crean”, como nos dice hoy el pasaje del Evangelio de san Juan (20:31). Tiene esto una cierta urgencia. En este Segundo Domingo de Pascua se nos lanza un desafío a unirnos a la comunidad de creyentes – un sinnúmero de hombres y mujeres que dan testimonio del poder de la fe de los Apóstoles.
No hay duda que este poder viene de Jesucristo. La segunda lectura, del libro del Apocalipsis, relata la visión mística de Juan sobre el Hijo del Hombre, el cual proclama: “Estuve muerto y de nuevo soy el que vive” (Apocalipsis 1:18). El Evangelio reúne a todos excepto a Tomás para ver a Jesús resucitado y recibir de él el Espíritu Santo. Al igual que Tomás, los que hemos llegado más tarde debemos tener fe para poder tener vida.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE RICK HAECKEL, CONTINUADO...

A veces sentimos que hemos incluso "perdido nuestra fe." Eso es por lo general la abreviatura de una falta de conexión con lo trascendente, a Dios. Un artículo reciente en la revista América por Bill McGarvey lo pone en términos que nos invitan a reflexionar. Se dice de aquellos que le dicen que han perdido su fe,

“A menudo me doy cuenta que su comprensión de Dios en su niñez no fue capaz de crecer con ellos, y como resultado, Dios ya no parece relevante para su vida adulta. No puedo evitar preguntarme si, en tales situaciones el obstáculo de la creencia es menos de la información y mas de la imaginación, menos sobre el conocimiento místico y mas del darse cuenta. He llegado a creer que lo que algunos ven como una pérdida de fe tiene más que ver con la incapacidad de construir un puente entre la catequesis de los niños y la experiencia de un adulto.”

Tal vez me llamó la atención porque soy una persona técnica. Mi trabajo fue y mi disposición es a menudo acerca de hechos y cifras. Mi propio camino de fe me ha llevado a darme cuenta, como dijo Bill, que la fe es menos acerca de la información de lo que se trata de la imaginación. Yo no había pensado en ello de esa manera antes, pero cada vez más cómo y con lo trascendente ha pedido que deje ir de certeza rígida y abrir a mí mismo, como un místico cristiano describió, a "la nube de lo desconocido." Eso no es una manera para zafarse o una tarjeta para salir de la cárcel gratuita, sino más bien es una invitación a "estar" con Dios, sin pedir nada más que la gracia de ser fieles y permitir que la fidelidad se infunda en nuestros intentos de ser Cristo el uno al otro. Es un salto de fe, pero renunciar al control personal al hacer acciones abiertas, como dijo María en Caná: "Haced lo que él os diga." El tiempo de Pascua es un momento perfecto para afilar nuestras habilidades de escuchar.

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SEGURO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS!

¿Le gustaría ayudar a preparar nuestros correos de Pascua y Navidad? Se necesitan voluntarios. Para inscribirse, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a María Domínguez en mdominguez@dsj.org. Vamos a añadir su información a una lista y nos comunicaremos con usted un par de días antes de que estemos listos para rellenar el correo. Venga y comparta su tiempo, talento y conozca a algunos de los feligreses.

AYUDAR AL PRÓJIMO

Si de veras quieres ayudar el alma de tu prójimo, debes primero acercarte a Dios con todo tu corazón. Simplemente pide a Dios que te llene de caridad...con ella podrás lograr lo que deseas.

—San Vicente Ferrer

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscribase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

VERDADEROS MAESTROS

Cree en alguien que ha intentado, y encontrarás mayor satisfacción en los bosques que en los libros. Los árboles y las rocas te enseñarán lo que no puedes oír de boca de los maestros.

—San Bernardo de Claraval

CAFÉ Y DONAS

El día de hoy, el café y las donas serán servidas por el grupo de Espiritualidad de Mujeres. Venga y aprenda sobre la misión de este grupo y como formar parte de él. ¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

Parish Giving

Nos regocijamos en las abundantes bendiciones que recibimos de nuestro Señor y compartimos nuestra abundancia con los que nos rodean.

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.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST
16, 17 & 18, de Septiembre del 2016

¿Sabía que la mayoría de la comida que se sirve en el Festival del Otoño es preparado por el Comité de Alimentos? Cada hamburguesa, sándwich tri-tip, carne de puerco-a-un palo, pizza, y burritos están hechos con ingredientes frescos y cocinados a la orden por nuestros voluntarios de alimentos. ¿Le gustaría ayudar a cocinar o a determinar cuál será la próxima oferta de alimentos? Póngase en contacto con Ed Geiger en egeiger@garlic.com o Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org.
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!

**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!
**Why, oh why, a Catholic wedding?**

- A couple’s relationship is not a private affair. Families, a community, and God are involved in the uniting of a man and woman.
- A couple’s relationship can be a living witness to God’s divine love.
  
  St Paul said: “For this reason a man shall leave father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery [sacrament], but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.” (Eph 5.31-32) Sacramentally the couple shows God’s plan to unite us with himself and one another.
- A couple has the support of a (huge) extended family in making promises to each other.
  - Forever: together for life
  - Faithful: exclusive for life
  - Fruitful: open to life
- A couple says that holiness is a joint activity. Holiness is sharing in God’s life of love. The couple wants to pray, play, work, and live as a partnership that sees their physical and spiritual togetherness bringing them happiness now and forever with God and God’s Church.

**Three types of Catholic weddings**

1. Two Catholics marry in a nuptial Mass. Bride and groom listen to God’s Word, exchange vows, and participate in Holy Communion.

2. A Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic marry in the Rite of Marriage. Bride and groom listen to God’s Word and exchange vows. The bishop’s permission is required and the Catholic (only) is required to promise if at all possible to raise their children in the Catholic faith.

3. A Catholic and a non-baptized person marry in the Rite of Marriage. (Similar requirements to #2)

**Isn’t it expensive?**

Actually almost everything that is expensive and customary in movies can be eliminated: the wedding dress, dozens of attendants, the music, the flowers, the rice, the photos (oh, probably should leave those), etc.

The minimum Catholic wedding:
- Bride and groom
- Deacon or priest or bishop
- 2 witnesses
- 20 minutes

This is a twenty-two page booklet from Twenty Third Publications written by a man married forty years about his joy because he and his wife decided to celebrate their love by a Catholic wedding. It has practical information, spiritual advice, and personal stories.

Notice the title says “in the Church,” not in a church. The point is a couple’s relationship to God through the community that we call the Catholic Church.
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sacrifices are not just for Lent.

Are you still living out your Lenten sacrifice? Do you even remember it? Have you even thought about it since last week?

"Whoa there slow down Deepu. Lent is over. Jesus Christ rose from the dead! It's Easter season now—why would I think about Lent or try to be living out the sacrifice I made?"

I gotta say, I love how consistent you are in asking the questions that set me up for some good answers and insight (hopefully good, anyway). Thank you for those questions!

First off, you’re completely right. Lent is over, Jesus rose from the dead and we are currently in the Easter season. But what was your Lenten sacrifice about? Were you giving up something or taking something on? Were you giving up some type of food or drink? Were you trying to be nicer or more patient and forgiving with others? Did you increase your daily prayer? Did you start reading books to help you in your faith (like Rediscover Jesus)? Was the purpose of your sacrifice just to sacrifice or was it to help you grow closer to God? Because if your purpose was to grow closer to God why would you only do that for the 40 days of Lent? Wouldn’t you want to continue to grow closer?

My point is, don’t stop a practice that’s helping you in your relationship with God. If you stopped eating chocolate because you know it’s unhealthy for you and it would be hard to do, maybe you work on eating less chocolate as a way to be healthier and also grow closer to God (by offering up your sufferings to Him). If you started reading the Bible more, praying more, or reading books on our faith, don’t stop—find another book or other prayers—we should be using Lent as a catalyst for our faith life, not just an exception to it.

Regardless of what you did for Lent, I’ve read time and time again—especially during this past Lent—how important reading the Bible (specifically the Gospels) are to our faith life. So I encourage you to get your Bible out (find it, buy one, whatever it takes) and start reading for a little bit each day. If you need a book outside the Bible to help you in your faith journey I have a few suggestions I can make as well as shelves of books you’re more than welcome to borrow.

We’re at Betto’s Bistro next week! Bring this flyer with you (just cut it out of the bulletin—after you’ve read what’s on the other side of course) and eat there. It’s absolutely delicious food, with a very friendly environment. And one of the best parts is drinks count towards the fundraiser! So raise your glasses filled with beer, wine or chocolate milk, and help our youth!

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Congratulations to all who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation with us on Easter Vigil:

Royce Elkehale
Esperanza Galvan
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Maia Kilinski
Ken Masterson

Jacob Molina
Nathan Shebib
Charles Soliday
Everett Wallace
Jacob Wallace

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Confirmation:
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St. Catherine’s Middle School Ministry and the Italian Catholic Federation would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the sponsors of St. Joseph’s Table:

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Vacation Bible Camp 2016
Registration is NOW open!

Half Day Camps
Session I: June 13-17, 2016
Session II: June 20-24, 2016
9:00am - 12:00 noon

For all children in PK and grades 1 - 5 (children aged 4-10)

Cost: $50 per child /
$40 each additional child in the family.

Registration deadline: May 15th

Adult and youth volunteers (college and high school) are also needed. Children of full week volunteers register for FREE!

Registration forms are available online, at the Rectory or the Family Faith Formation Office.

For further information or to volunteer, please contact: Dianna Lopez at (408) 779-9604 or e-mail: dlopez@dsj.org
Audrey Hager at (408) 607-7888 or e-mail: ahager74@gmail.com
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 Stages of Marriage – The four stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the 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

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 an urgent call on March 15 for support of a petition to stop genocide in the Middle East and to 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 also as a congressional resolution gains support in Congress.

“For months, the Catholic Church has been a voice for Christians and other religious minorities facing the evil of deadly persecution,” Archbishop Kurtz said. “Please, make sure your name is added to the witness. The very future of the ancient Christian presence in the Middle East is at stake.”

The petition is available at: www.stopthechristiangenocide.org.

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

In honor of the Year of Mercy, the community of St. Catherine of Alexandria will be conducting a Morning of Recollection on the Message of Mercy as proclaimed by our holy father Pope Francis.

Please join us April 9, 2016 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 by the good news of mercy as shared by Fr. Tim Nondorf and Fr. Patrick Sugrue, OCD of the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery.

The conference ends at 12:30pm. A $10.00 donation to support our priests is greatly appreciated, all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzate@Yahoo.com

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.

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

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 you to a list and contact you a couple of days before we are ready to stuff the mailing envelopes. Come and share of your time and talents and meet some of your fellow parishioners.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?”
Child: “What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?”

EVERGIVE

Have your joined St. Catherine’s on Evergive? Download the Evergive app today! The community code is STCA.
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

WHY STEPHEN MINISTRY?
We have many needs for care in our parish and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently and do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only three priests for our large parish, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for them to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care St. Catherine’s offers by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills, and calling to bring Christ’s love and care to those who most need it.

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

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

NEEDED: HELPING HANDS FOR SVDP
Thanks to generous donations from Maria Skoczylas and the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, SVdP has a new shed in which to store the many clothing donations from the community. But, of course, the box says, “assembly required”! If you could lend a hand, please contact Jesus Valdez at 408-683-4811.

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.” Proceeds from the Luau will go to support the Parish, School and Local Charities

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP
Join us this summer for some of the best fun filled weeks of camp! All camps provide a great experience for all campers learning the fundamentals of sports, having fun, and making friends in a positive environment. Sign up Today! Register online or registration forms are in the Parish Office.

- June 20-24:  All-Sports Camp 1: Ages 6-13
  9am – 3:30pm
- June 27-July 1: Soccer Camp 1: Ages 6-10
  9am – 12pm
- June 27-July 1: Basketball Camp 1: Ages 6-10
  1pm – 4pm
- July 5-8:  Olympics Camp: Ages 6-13
  9am – 3:30pm
- July 11-15: All-Sports Camp 2: Ages 6-13
  9am – 3:30pm
- July 18-22: Soccer Camp 2: Ages 6-10
  9am – 12pm
- July 18-22: Basketball Shooting Camp: Ages 6-10
  1pm – 4pm
  9am – 3:30pm
- Aug. 1-5: All Sports Camp 4: Ages 6-13
  9am – 3:30pm
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity... with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and donuts will be served by Women’s Spirituality Group today. Come by and learn the mission of this group and how you might join them. All are welcome.

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 honor the one who passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one, recognizing the Church’s presence and assisting the Church in carrying out its spiritual programs and charitable works. When you 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 ahernandez@dsj.org with any questions.

FACEBOOK

Join us on Facebook and keep up to date on what the parish is doing. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/293047417474856

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 16, 17 & 18, 2016

Did you know that most of the food served at the Fall Fun Fest is prepared by the food committee? Each hamburger patty, tri-tip sandwich, pork-on-a stick, pizza, and burrito is made with fresh ingredients and cooked to order by our food volunteers. Would you like to help them or determine what the next food offering will be? Contact Ed Geiger at egeiger@garlic.com or Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of a weekly envelope, make your contribution 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 the need to write a check every week.
"We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.

He is RISEN

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St. Catherine School News

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCIENCE CAMP

The fifth graders of St. Catherine School had a fabulous time at the Marin Headlands Institute where they spent three days at Science Camp. Though a little tired and dirty, everyone returned understanding a lot more about coastal climates and habitats as well as watersheds.

Smiles were abundant as the students piled out of cars upon their arrival back at school. Mrs. Lee and the parent chaperones reported that the counselors were very impressed with the active participation, behavior and general manners of our students.

Students will do follow up activities in their classrooms to reinforce what they learned at camp.

The school office has been closed for Easter Break. Classes resume Monday, April 4.

He is risen! Alleluia!