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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director.........

**Happy Mother's Day!**

We celebrate one of the most beautiful mysteries of all creation: motherhood. Mother’s Day is the day we set aside every year to honor the special women in our lives. These women may have carried us in their womb for nine months, adopted, or stepped into a situation and became the primary care taker. Each of these beautiful women clothed us, fed us and woke up on countless late nights to calm us down and patiently rock us back to sleep. Our mothers spent hours upon hours consoling, comforting, teaching, guiding and worrying. The importance of mothers and motherhood cannot be...(Continued Page 3…)

Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo...

**¡Feliz Día De La Madres!**

Celebramos uno de los más bellos misterios de toda la creación: la maternidad. El día de la Madre es el día que dejamos todo a un lado en honor a las mujeres especiales que forman parte de nuestras vidas. Estas mujeres son las que quizás nos llevaron en su vientre durante nueve meses, nos adoptaron, o en ciertas circunstancias se convirtieron en nuestro cuidador primario. Cada una de estas hermosas mujeres nos vistieron, alimentaron, y despertaron durante muchas noches para calmar nuestro llanto y arrullarnos con mucho cariño y calma. Nuestras madres han pasado horas innumerables intentado consolarnos, enseñándonos, preocupándose y orientándonos por el buen camino. La importancia de las madres y la maternidad no puede ser subestimado o ignorado. (Continuado en Pagina 5…)
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 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5ac, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 1-12,19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).
Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).
Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Romans 8:8-17.
Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
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Sunday/Domingo, May 8
7:00-1:00pm CR1-3 & Kit Mother’s Day breakfast
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal
8:50-11:00am CH Worship Choir - Kellet
5:00-6:00pm Rm.11 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm Gym Open Gym over 40’s

Monday/Lunes, May 9
5:30-6:30pm CH First Communion rehearsals
6:00-9:00pm CR 3 & Kit Community supper
6:00-9:00pm DC Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alpha & Omega planning meeting
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 Stephen Ministry training
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group - A Los Pies de Cristo
7:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo - Team meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR Finance committee
7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptismal class

Tuesday/Martes, May 10
5:30-8:00pm CH First Communion rehearsals
6:30-9:30pm CR1-4 & Kit Knights of Columbus social

Wednesday/Miércoles, May 11
9:00-11:00am CR1 Women’s group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:00-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:00-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:30pm CR3-4 & Kit Italian American meeting
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega

Thursday/Jueves, May 12
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir rehearsals
6:00-9:30pm Rm.10 Confirmation catechesis
7:00-9:00pm Rm.12 RICA
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, May 13
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
10:00-11:00am CH 2nd Grade FHC retreat
12:30-1:30pm CH 2nd Grade FHC retreat
4:00-7:00pm FLD Cub Scout Bridging ceremony
6:00-9:00pm Rm1011 Jovenes Par Cristo
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, May 14
8:00-3:00pm GYM First Holy Communion portraits
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s group
10:00-11:30am CH First Holy Communion Masses
11:00-6:00pm Rm11 Jovenes Sin Cristo - meeting
12:00-1:30pm CH Primera Comunion - Misas
1:00-4:00pm MC RCIA Confirmandi Retreat
2:00-3:30pm CH First Holy Communion Masses

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, May 9
Brad and Myra Mountz
Norma & Ken Ravizza
Tuesday, May 10
† Edith La Rue St. Clair
† Erin Thompson
Wednesday, May 11
† Zachary Jensen
† Irmina Yeggy
Thursday, May 12
† Adolf Sforza
† Pricilla Sforza
Friday, May 13
† Ramon Muñoz
† Ramona Muñoz
† Frank Gamez
† Zachary Jensen

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “What are some of the most important things to ask of God?”
Child: “What are some of the most important things to ask of God?”

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Last week we were invited to reflect on what parts of our faith were essential (Jesus) versus those which were merely ritual (circumcision). The same question arises this week as we celebrate Ascension Sunday, wait, wait don’t you mean Ascension Thursday? For a very long time and still in some U.S. dioceses today, Ascension was celebrated on Thursday, forty days after Easter followed by Pentecost fifty days after Easter. Time honored and symbolic though Thursday is, it has been transferred to the following Sunday in most dioceses. Since it is a holy day of obligation Sunday provides easier access and a familiar schedule of masses. Depending on one’s age this may seem an uncomfortable change or else something never experienced by younger Catholics.

The question arises, how do you feel? Comfortable, questioning, anxious or “other.” Change is difficult but is meant to afford one an opportunity for growth. The way we “practice” our faith invites both the rhythm of the familiar as well as challenges to have faith grow as we grow as well. The essence of the Easter message, the Good News, is that Jesus died, rose and returned to the Father and the Holy Spirit was sent to abide with us. We celebrate these momentous events more with graced awe than with calendar dates. We are governed by the calendar in our daily lives by necessity; the Church calendar is meant to bring solidarity to the worshiping community. Ultimately we belong to the risen Christ, all as one.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
What are we to do with the May flowers that April brings after their blooms fade? Instead of putting them in the trash, compost them as mulch for spring plantings or at least put them in the yard waste bin.

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 ANNA CONTINUED......

overstated nor ignored.

Motherhood is truly a labor of love. How fitting is it then for May to be dedicated to Our Lady, the Blessed Mother, who so meekly agreed to become the Mother of Christ and laboriously watched as her son endured His passion and death. We all learn so much from our Blessed Mother, but mothers especially have a unique role model for their vocation. She who endured so much asked for so little, and now is more than willing to help us in our daily life.

Let us attempt to emulate Our Lady’s humility and charity when she said so beautifully: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

We should ask Mary to intercede on our behalf at all times, but especially in times of trial and doubt. Let us especially ask the Blessed Virgin to help mothers who are struggling with the daily challenges of raising a child. Mary knows a mother’s heart and will never abandon a mother when she is needed most. Also, this weekend please remember in your prayers those who sincerely desire the gift of motherhood but cannot obtain it, and those who have suffered the pain of losing a child before or after birth.

Oh Blessed Mother, Pray for us!

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: __________________________

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Christ is taken up into heaven, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Today’s second reading, Heb. 9:24-28, 10:19-23, tells us that the Father has Christ sit at his right hand and above all angels installing him as head of the Church. In today’s Gospel, Lk. 24:46-53, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will enable his disciples to be his witnesses to the end of the earth; the Church’s mission. Thus in the first reading, Act. 1:1-11, Christ, before he is taken up into heaven, instructs his disciples to become, with the power of the Spirit, his witnesses in the world.

ASCENSION
The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God’s nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, “Do not cling to me,” perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit’s power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission of the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day; World Communications Day
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster
Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. This encouragement for creativity has deep roots in our tradition, and some attempts at reform show great promise. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross. The faithful walk a path recalling the events of Christ’s passion, a contemplative experience increasingly enriched these days by scripture and song. There are fourteen stations in the usual configuration, although in recent years, a fifteenth station of the Empty Tomb has been added. Why stop there? Why not develop a similar journey structured on the theme of the appearances of the Risen Lord?

Over the last decade, a Via Lucis, or “Way of Light,” has developed as a companion to the Via Crucis. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with stations recalling the Apostles’ wait with Mary for the advent of the Spirit, and with Pentecost. This is fertile ground indeed for the genius of artists, musicians, preachers, and liturgists. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Eastertime!

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SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Porque Esteban profesa su fe en el Hijo del hombre, lo matan a pedradas (Hch 7:55-60).

SALMO — Reina el Señor, alégrese la tierra. Aleluya (Salmo 97 [96]).

Segunda lectura — Yo, el Alfa y la Omega, vendré pronto (Apocalipsis 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Evangelio — Padre, ruego que todos sean uno, como tú y yo somos uno, que ellos puedan llegar a la perfección (Juan 17:20-26).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5accd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy celebramos a una mujer potente e importante en nuestras vidas; la madre. La historia del Día de las Madres se originó en las fiestas griegas en honor de Rhea, la madre de los dioses. A lo largo de la historia los cristianos también hemos recordado a la Madre de Dios, María, en varias solemnidades, pero hace sólo 100 años que en el 10 de mayo de 1907 en Estados Unidos se empezó a promover la idea de un día de reconocimiento del amor que tenemos como humanos por nuestras propias madres. Eventualmente se paso a muchas naciones latinoamericanas. Muchas culturas latinoamericanas son matriarcales, es decir, el papel de la madre en la familia es algo esencial. Para los latinos, no hay amor más grande que el de una madre. Sin olvidar la función del padre, ella es la que nos da la vida, nos enseña como vivirla y nos da alimento. Su amor nos recuerda al de Cristo, quien con sacrificio y amor da vida a la Iglesia. Su amor sostiene y cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles emocionalmente, nuestro deseo secreto es de estar en los brazos de mamá.

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

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ANNA QUIÑONES, CONTINUADO....

La maternidad es realmente un trabajo de amor. Qué apropiado es entonces el mes de Mayo para dedicarlo a la Virgen, la Virgen, que tan dócilmente aceptó convertirse en la Madre de Cristo y laboriosamente observó a su hijo durante la pasión y Su muerte. Todos podemos aprender mucho de nuestra Santa Madre, todas las madres tienen un modelo único para seguir en su vocación de madre. Ella, que soporto tanto por tan poco, y ahora está más que dispuesta a ayudarnos en nuestra vida diaria.

Vamos a intentar imitar la humildad y la caridad de la Virgen en la hermosa expresión: "He aquí la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra."

Debemos pedir a María su intercesión en nuestro favor en todo momento, especialmente en los momentos de prueba y duda. Veamos en especial a la Virgen para ayudar a las madres que están luchando con los retos diarios de criar a un hijo. María conoce el corazón de una madre y nunca abandonará a una madre cuando más se necesita. Además, este fin de semana, por favor recuerden en sus oraciones a aquellos que sinceramente desean el don de la maternidad, pero no puede obtenerlo, y los que han sufrido el dolor de perder un hijo antes o después del nacimiento.

Oh Santa Madre, ruega por nosotros!

LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

Y A USTED ¿QUÉ LE IMPORTA?

El hecho de que Jesucristo, cuarenta días después de resucitar de entre los muertos, haya ascendido corporalmente a lo más alto del Cielo ante los ojos atónitos de los suyos ¿qué tiene que ver con la vida normal de un ciudadano normal que llora sus penas y ríe sus gracias en pleno siglo XXI? Digámoslo abiertamente: absolutamente nada, siempre y cuando tomemos el término “normal” en su acepción de “frecuente”, y siempre y cuando dejemos a salvo un supuesto que me reservo para unas líneas más abajo.

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SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

CREDO DE UN JARDINERO
Se está más cerca del corazón de Dios en un jardín que en cualquier otro lugar de la tierra.

—Anónimo

AMOR DE MADRE
Hay una sola criatura hermosa en el mundo, y es la de cada madre.

—Proverbio chino

¡SE NECESITA AYUDA!
El Señor José Montemayor está planificando la entrada del carro alegórico para el Festival de la Libertad de este año. ¿Es usted artesano, pintor o diseñador? Venga a nuestra reunión de tan solo una hora el Viernes, 20 de Mayo a las 7pm en el centro parroquial. José da la bienvenida a todas las ideas que usted tenga. Si le gustaría ayudar, favor de ponerse en contacto con el en jmontemayor@dsj.org.
¡Gracias!

Desfile del 4 de Julio
América: Mi Hogar, Mi Dulce Hogar

¡SE BUSCA AYUDA!

Cocineros
Artesanos
Cocineros de Parrilla
Organizadores
Gente que le gusta divertirse

Favor de ponerse en contacto con:
Jeanette en jthatcher@dsj.org
Anna Quiñones en aquinones@dsj.org o con Ed Geiger en egeiger@garlic.com

CENA GRATIS
Usted y su familia son cordialmente invitados a la Iglesia de Santa Catalina todos los lunes de 6:00pm-7:00pm para recibir una cena caliente y totalmente gratuita. La cena se lleva acabo en el centro parroquial. La Iglesia Luterana sirve la cena todos los martes de 5:00pm-6:00pm, los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6:00pm-7:00pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6:00pm-7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

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.

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Gracias por su apoyo continuo.

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LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR, CONTINUADO...

A día de hoy, son multitud las personas que desconocen por completo el hecho de la Ascensión del Hijo de Dios; esas personas se levantan del sueño cada mañana y se acuestan cada noche sin que todo ello les importe lo más mínimo. Y, entre quienes lo conocen (que son muchos más) un buen número se resiente poco o nada si algún sacerdote les “anuncia” que tal ascensión nunca tuvo lugar o que se trata de un pasaje más poético o simbólico que histórico. Frente a otros pasajes del Evangelio, como puedan ser el Sermón de la Montaña o la parábola del Buen Samaritano, que al menos despertan cierto remordimiento en las conciencias de quienes los conocen, los últimos versículos del Evangelio de Lucas o los primeros de los Hechos de los Apóstoles son perfectamente prescindibles para una gran parte de la población mundial -¡inclusive!- de la población cristiana. No voy a entrar ahora en la significación profunda del acontecimiento; está claro que lo que conocemos como “Cielo” no se encuentra en ningún lugar sobre las nubes, y que, por tanto, la “Ascensión”, que se mostró a los ojos como una subida en vertical a través de la atmósfera, era un signo que remitía a un traslado infinitamente más radical: el paso de lo temporal a lo eterno, que hasta entonces estaba sellado con la espada de fuego puesta por Dios en manos de un querubín tras producirse la caída primitiva. Pero haré hincapié en un hecho que se me antoja crucial: ese traslado fue tan verdadero, tan absolutamente verdadero, como doloroso y triunfal. El Cuerpo de Cristo ya no está entre nosotros como antes estuvo, bajo las apariencias físicas de cualquier otro cuerpo humano. Su Rostro ha permanecido velado para muchas generaciones de cristianos, entre quienes, por suerte o por desgracia, me cuento. Por otro lado, la Iglesia nos enseña, y así lo entendieron los apóstoles, que, en su Ascensión, Cristo no ha cerrado la puerta detrás de Sí. Cielo y Tierra están ahora comunicados a través de la propia Iglesia, de modo que Él pueda volver, como prometió, y nosotros podamos seguirle y realizar nuestra propia “ascensión” unidos a Él. En el caso de la Virgen, hablamos, más bien, de Asunción. Y quizá ese término sea más adecuado para quienes no podremos llegar jamás con nuestras solas fuerzas. Quiero ahora referirme al caso que dejé apuntado en el segundo párrafo: existe un grupo de personas a quienes la Ascensión de Cristo les afecta de manera radical en sus vidas, hasta el punto de ser causa de sus lágrimas más dulces y de sus gozos más plenos. Me refiero a todos aquellos que aman desesperadamente a Jesús de Nazaret. Esas personas saben lo que es amar sin poder ver, sin poder abrazar ni besar, y buscan el bálsamo para su herida en la Sagrada Hostia, donde el mismo Cuerpo que añoran, inflamado en Amor, les oculta y a la vez se hace presente. Son, también, almas que esperan, y esperan con gozo, porque saben que, un día, los mismos ojos que se ocultaron tras una nube volverán para iluminar sus vidas eternamente. Se niegan a ser seducidos por los cantos de sirena de este mundo, porque quisieran conservarse vírgenes hasta el momento en que ese Cuerpo vuelva a mostrarse. Viven con los pies anclados firmemente en tierra, porque gustan de besar con sus plantas la misma tierra, el mismo mundo que fue perfumado por el paso del Señor. Pero su mirada está puesta mucho más allá, en los Cielos, en su Hogar, a donde esperan llegar un día, animados y fortalecidos por la Gracia, en una vida que se ha convertido en persecución o casi cacería del Ser Amado. Y es que estas almas no se conforman con seguir a Cristo; diríase que lo persiguen, y que no descansarán hasta que hayan cerrado sus brazos como cepos en torno a Aquel que lo es todo para ellos. Mientras queden almas así en el mundo, en su honor debe celebrarse la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor. Al menos ellos nos recuerdan lo que debería ser un cristiano. La vergüenza, desde luego, es nuestra; pero la vergüenza jamás salvó a nadie. Quiera Dios que despertemos y nos unamos a ellos, porque, de otro modo, habrá que morir un día diciendo que hemos perdido miserablemente el tiempo.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In thanksgiving for and blessing of Father Lieu Vu and his ministry as a priest, we celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination.

You are cordially invited to join in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the 21st day of May, 2016 at the Saturday 5:30pm mass.

Reception immediately following in the O'Donnell Parish Center

( It is a potluck, please bring something to share with 10 people)

Please RSVP online at ivolunteer
For more information call Anna Quinones 408-779-3959 or Email: aquinones@dsj.org

Father Lieu has requested "In lieu of gifts, please consider a donation to The St. Catherine Church Charity Account. All gifts are used to support the poor of our community and shared among Reach Out, St. Vincent De Paul and the Charity account. Your generosity in gratitude and celebration of Father Lieu’s service will make a great impact for those we serve in the name of Jesus. For more information, please contact Anna Quinones at 408.779.3959, aquinones@dsj.org or go to www.stca.org

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

1Thessalonians 5:12-13
Here are the testimonies of two of the teens who attended our retreat a couple weeks ago.

Before I got to the retreat I was really, really excited and overwhelmed, but also really scared because I wouldn't have my phone for the weekend (so hopefully my friend kept my snap streaks alive).

After an exciting bus ride over we finally arrived, and I remember running to the beds in the dorm so I could sleep next to my friends! Once we got settled in we went to the meeting room and we played our first game called the Dragon game... long story short I ended up being the VERY LAST one and army crawled through everyone's legs.. my arms were still sore at the end of the retreat.

Even after the countless games we played they still were not even close to my favorite part. On Saturday during our silent time on the beach we had a while to gather our thoughts and that's when it really hit me why I am here. At first I was excited to get closer to my friends but it was really only about God. My leaders, Isabel and KyVon, helped me understand so much and showed me different methods of prayer and that's where I was struggling. I can already tell that my relationship with God has grown stronger over the three days. This retreat was so much more then I ever expected. And for that I want to thank all of the leaders especially Deepu for making this weekend possible. Also, I want to give a shoutout to Rachel for helping me write this.

Sam Evans

I had early thoughts about the retreat. Some of these thoughts included a lot of sitting down, bringing out the books, and learning more like a classroom. We finally get there and get all of our things into our rooms. We then met in the meeting room where Deepu read all of the rules. I thought it was going to be a slow-moving weekend from there.

One of the leaders then got up and introduced a new game called Roshambo Dragon where it turned into bonding and having a great time. That was really the idea of the weekend - to learn how to have fun while learning about God at the same time.

What really stood out to me were the speeches from the leaders. They spoke about their relationships with God after an event that heavily affected their lives. They all shared one thing, and that was how they relied on God in hard times rather than backing away from Him. That really made me start to think. I had thoughts like, "How strong is my relationship with God?"

This weekend really renewed my faith in God while having fun with it at the same time. I can now honestly say that I can trust God in any situation possible. If I could go back just for one more day, there is no doubt I would. I can't wait for the next retreat!

Gavin Vallez

Our Food Fundraiser is at Huntington Station downtown off of 3rd Street!
Go any time they’re open (11:30-2pm; 5-9pm).
Flowers for the Blessed Mother

What do you think the following flowers have in common: rose, thistle, violet, marigold, carnation, lily, and forget-me-not? Each one has a legend that associates the flower with the Blessed Mother.

Some flowers are certainly well-known for such connections. Mary is often portrayed with a lily, for example, as a symbol of her purity and openness to God’s will. The word “rosary” is derived from the rose and represents a garland of prayer and reflection on moments from the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Legend has it that some flowers bloomed at particular times during Mary’s life – such as the carnation, which opened on the night of Christ’s birth. Others are said to have offered shelter as the Holy Family fled to Egypt in the face of Herod’s wrath. Two of these – rosemary and juniper – were bushes that opened their branches and then enfolded Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in its protective branches.

Gifting mothers with flowers on Mother’s Day has become a tradition. It is also one that might remind us of these ancient associations with the Blessed Mother.

Whether we are givers or recipients of actual flowers or ones of the heart, we might all reflect this Mother’s Day on the grace with which we, too, have been filled. In doing so, we can turn with confidence to Mary and ask for her prayers on our behalf and on behalf of all of those in need of comfort, joy, protection, and love.


Register for Vacation Bible Camp!

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

For all children in PreK/K and grades 1-5
Cost: $50 per child /
$40 each additional child in the family.

Registration Deadline: May 15th
Registration forms are available online, at the Rectory and the Family Faith Formation office.

ADULT VOLUNTEER MTG: May 24th, 7 pm
TEEN VBC TRAINING: MAY 26th, 4-6 pm

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY WITH THE OAKLAND A’s

Saturday, September 10, 2016
vs. Seattle Mariners, 1:05 pm game time

Join us for this great day for the family at the ballpark! Post game highlights include players and coaches sharing their faith stories. St. Catherine has a limited number of tickets for $15.00 each. Ticket includes bus transportation and a $6 food credit. Call (408) 779-9604 to reserve your tickets!
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS
Teens, families, adults, young and old: the parish can use a few more people on some of our Community Supper teams. The commitment is once every 7 weeks from 5:30 pm. 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.

JOIN US FOR FR. JON PEDIGO’S 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
When: Sunday May 15, 2016 at 1 pm
Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
2020 E. San Antonio Street
San Jose, CA 95116

We will celebrate Fr. Jon’s years of service and dedication to the community with a mass at 1pm followed by a potluck and party. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Also, if you were ever in Fr. Jon’s choir, please bring your voice or instrument and join in the mass! Contact Yadira Guerrero ymguerrero11@gmail.com for more information.

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: May 20-22, 2016 in Mountain View. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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

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

REVISITING OUR BAPTISM
A mere seven weeks ago thousands of new Church members were baptized. Their new life in Christ has once again infused new life into the Church. Their new-found faith has inspired and bolstered the faith of those who have followed Christ for many years. As the Easter season nears its end, we revisit the scene of our baptisms. In the second reading we hear Christ calling us: “Come. . . . Let . . . the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water” (Revelation 22:17).

But our baptism is not one of water only. John refers to washed robes, and we know that this washing is to be “in the blood of the Lamb.” To make sure we get this message, we have today’s first reading from Acts. It is the story of Stephen, the first Christian to be killed for his faith in Jesus. We remember the promise and also the cost of being a disciple of Christ.

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MOTHER LOVE
There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

—Chinese proverb

OVER 50’S
Over 50’s will be hosting their monthly luncheon on Monday, May 16th at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Members bring sandwiches or dessert and board members bring chips and dips. Please remember to bring canned goods for Reach Out. This will be the last luncheon until September.

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.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF THE INCARCERATED
Opportunity to meet and network with families in the same situation. Discuss actual and future challenges. All beliefs are welcome. Light meal and refreshments will be provided at the end of the session.
Mission: To provide a safe nurturing place where friends, and families of the incarcerated can express their fears, problems, and hopes with others experiencing similar challenges.
Where: Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph
80 South Market Street
Corner of San Fernando and Market
LOYOLA HALL (access by the front gate)
When: Tuesday, May 17 between 6:30 to 8pm
PHONE: (408) 234-5822 or (408) 218 - 1928

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

- 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 6-10
  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

LEARNING AND LOVING CENTER
This Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day to honor our mothers and also to celebrate motherhood and the inspiration of moms in society. Mothers play a key role in families, in the workplace, at church, and in society. Moms make a difference.

We at the Learning and Loving Education Center here in Morgan Hill celebrate our mothers, too. These moms have many responsibilities and challenges. Providing the moms with English classes, technology classes, math classes and so much more empowers them to be the best mothers, the best students, the best women they can be.

As we celebrate all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, and special “moms,” would you consider contributing to the Center to continue the education of these wonderful women. Moms make a difference, and so will you.

Visit our webpage learningandloving.org, come visit us at 16890 Church Street here in Morgan Hill or call us at 408-776-1196. Contribute to the success of all moms! Happy Mother’s Day!
**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**
Our Church is located in a residential neighborhood. Some neighbors have complained that they are unable to get to and from their homes when mass is getting out because the cars line up on Peak to get to Dunne or Main and block the access to side streets. When leaving the Church please be courteous to our neighbors. Please leave the access to Alkire Drive and Farallon Drive open to cars trying to turn into or out of these streets. Thank you.

**COFFEE & DONUT**
Sundays are always sweeter with coffee and donuts. This Sunday introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. Make their life a little sweeter!

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY**
*From the Knights of Columbus*

Join us for the special Mother’s Day breakfast served Sunday morning from 8am to noon in the Parish Center. The breakfast is free, all are welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted.

**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**
*September 16, 17 & 18, 2016*

Help Wanted!
⇒ Cooks
⇒ Craftsmen
⇒ Artists
⇒ Grillers
⇒ Organizers
⇒ People who like to have fun

Contact
jthatcher@dsj.org
Anna Quinones - aquinones@dsj.org
Ed Geiger - egeiger@garlic.com

**July 4th Parade**
*Amercia, My Home Sweet Home*

HELP WANTED!
Jose Montemayor is already planning for this year’s float entry for the Freedom Fest. Are you a craftsmen, painter, or designer? Come to our 1 hr. meeting on Friday May 20 @ 7 PM in Parish Center conference rooms 3 & 4. Jose welcomes any and all ideas and volunteers. Please contact him at jmontemayor@dsj.org. Thank you.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS**

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Stewardship Notes: Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend masses, Christmas and Easter. The “Weekly Goal” number reflects the amount that was budgeted to meet our yearly budget.
Summer Programs
July 5-21, 2016

Math Camp—July 5-21, 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mondays through Thursdays, for students entering grades 1-8. Grades are clustered into three groups: 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Instruction is tailored to the specific needs of the students in the class while also emphasizing the development of number sense, basic facts and real world applications as appropriate for each grade level. Students use technology, hands on learning, collaboration, projects and pen and pencil activities to deepen their understanding of mathematics, with lots of fun thrown in for good math measure. This program meets the needs of those students who are recommended or required to do additional work in math this summer.

Arduino STEM Week—July 11-14, 1:00-4:00 for students entering grades 6-8. Maximum of 12 students. Students learn to control motors and sensors through code using the Arduino development environment to solve a real-world problem. Coding and/or Arduino experience recommended, but not necessary.

Coding Camp—July 18-21, 1:00-4:00 for students entering grades 5-8. Students learn basic coding and develop a computer game. More advanced students develop their own computer games with support.

Kinder Program—July 5-21, 9:00am-11:00am Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays—The program supports a smooth transition for students entering kindergarten next fall. The following concepts are addressed through small group work and hands-on activities: Phonemic Awareness, Number and Letter Recognition, Letter/Sound Correspondence, and Fine Motor Skills. We also address the social and developmental needs of the students as they prepare to begin their academic journey.

Extended Care—Care is offered from 7:30-9:00am and 12:00-6:00pm on program days for students participating in the programs. If you need kinder care from 11:00-12:00 noon, please contact Ms. Esparza.

Applications are available in the school office.

FIRST COMMUNION
Congratulations to our 36 second graders who celebrated their First Communion yesterday! May Christ be with each of them during this special time. A huge thank you to their teacher, Mrs. Maureen McManus and her aide, Mrs. Francine Moblad. Thanks also to Rose Pucan-Meagor who coordinated the liturgy and parent education.

The St. Catherine School Honor Choir composed of 6th–8th graders and directed by Mr. John Kellett performed a cappella at the diocesan Choral Festival. Fantastic!