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La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandria, 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.

**MASSES / MISAS**
Monday-Saturday:        8:15am
Saturday:              5:30pm
Sábado:    7:00pm
Sunday:          7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
Domingo:                12:15pm

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

**ADORACIÓN /ADORATION**
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm
1st Friday - 24 Hours

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**From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor.........**

Dear parishioners,

Congratulations! Yes, congratulations to all our teens who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and to all our children who have received the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. Along with that is a ‘friendly reminder’. Please keep in mind that the reception of those sacraments has marked only the beginning, not the end of your sacramental life.

Now, an update on the tasks I embarked on since last January.

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**Desde el escritorio del Padre Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor....**

Estimados feligreses,

¡Felicidades! Sí, felicidades a todos nuestros jóvenes que han recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación y a todos nuestros niños y niñas que han recibido por primera vez en su vida el Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo al hacer su Primera Comunión. Junto con mi felicitación va un ‘amable recordatorio’. Recuerden siempre, por favor, que la recepción de estos sacramentos ha marcado el principio de su vida sacramental, no el final.

Ahora una breve actualización de las empresas en la que me embarqué al comienzo del año.

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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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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, May 29
7:00-1:00pm CR1 & Ki Hospitality
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8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal
1:30-4:00pm CR1 & Ki Hospitalidad
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellet
4:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep
5:00-6:00pm Rm.11 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm Gym Open Gym over 40’s

Office Closed– Memorial Day
6:00-9:00pm CR 3 & 4 Community supper

Tuesday/Martes, May 31
6:30-9:00pm CH Clase Pre-bautismal
7:00-8:30pm MC School - New Family Orientation

Wednesday/Miércoles, June 1
9:00-11:00am CR1 Women’s group
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7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee meeting

Thursday/Jueves, June 2
1:00-3:30pm CH School - Sending Ceremony
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8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal

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8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, May 30  † Sergio Madrigal
                     † Luis Chavez
Tuesday, May 31  † Sergio Madrigal
                      † Hector and Socorro Garza
Wednesday, June 1  † Maria Leyva
                     † Tram and Loran Allen
Thursday, June 2  † Leonardo De Palma
                     † Walter Green
Friday, June 3  † Josefa Robledo
                     † Jack Lo Monaco
Saturday, June 4  † Arthur Saldañá
                     † Randy Garibaldi

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When have you been most blessed and when have you felt a little “broken” in your service to others?”
Child: “Why is it important to keep on giving, even when you are tired?”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Elijah revives the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Paul explains God’s call to him to preach to the Gentiles (Galatians 1:11-19).

Gospel — Jesus raises from the dead the son of a widow in the city of Nain (Luke 7:11-17).
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL
The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a fundamental Catholic practice. We are fed by the real presence of Jesus in the form of bread and wine. Nourished physically and spiritually, we are gifted of the truth of God with us. We hear Jesus’ gift of himself in the reading from 1st Corinthians; an ongoing presence by which we are strengthened to face the world and its challenges. Because the reception of the Eucharistic Jesus is a familiar thing for Catholics we can forget what a radical thing this gift is. We need not rely only on our spiritual understanding of what it means to have Jesus made present in and for us. As human we require nourishment to sustain our bodies. In a real sense the same is true for our spiritual selves. Because we are able to make our way in the world we are satisfied that we’ve addressed our physical needs. Feeling the same about our spiritual needs asks that we make concerted efforts to remember that Jesus did not leave us to walk alone. Sharing in communion (union with) is our opportunity to reaffirm our understanding of the magnitude of Jesus’ presence in our lives. The words of the song by John Foley, S.J. come to mind, “If God is for us who can be against…” It is a reaffirmation of the presence of the “God who is for us” that Holy Communion makes real for us. Strengthened not so much to “succeed” as to walk in the certain knowledge of who is with us and in us. The One who gave himself that we might have life, life in the full.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
A challenge in being “green” is to realize that it isn’t meant to deprive us of things but rather to use only what we need thus saving things for others. It is a way of life not a challenge to be conquered.

HAVE YOU MOVED?
Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JERONIMO…..
Though the Parish Finance Council has new members we still need more parishioners involved in this.
I invited some of you to form a Parish Pastoral Council. We had our first meeting and I am now working on another meeting for those who were unable to come to the first one. Once we have a Pastoral Council in place, I will introduce them to you.
I am glad to announce to you that I have hired Mrs. Diana-Lynn Inderhees as the Parish Liturgy Coordinator. The celebration of our Sunday Mass is the heart of our Christian life and Diana-Lynn will help us to have well organized celebrations.
Last but not least, by now you have read and heard about the work of “Stephen Ministry.” St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish is a “Stephen Ministry” Parish. Stephen Ministry is God’s people helping God’s people. The volunteers have received more than 50 hours of training followed by ongoing guidance and continuing education. So, if you are experiencing worry, loss, anxiety, concerns and loneliness and find it hard to cope please take advantage of this wonderful ministry.
Fr. Jeronimo

FAITH IS
Faith is not merely praying, Upon our knees at night; Faith is not merely straying, Through darkness into light . . .
Faith is the brave endeavor, The splendid enterprise, The strength to serve, whatever Conditions may arise.

—Anonymous

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: __________________________

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FED BY THE LORD

Jesus’ words “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” were only part of his table blessing. Jesus twice said: “Do this in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

This is the good news of today’s solemnity. Like the five thousand hungry souls, we are fed by our Lord. This is not food that satisfies for only a short time, until the next meal. It is food that lasts and changes us. It is food for sharing in much the same way as Melchizedek did when he brought bread and wine to the returning Abraham.

As children of God’s reign, we are blessed to be able to receive and share God’s gift. And we do so in the way most appropriate to our state in life—as parents, children, husbands, wives, or religious.

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Today we celebrate our faith in the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The first reading, Gen. 14:18-20, tells us that the bread and wine were offered in praise and thanksgiving by the priest, Melchizedek, pointing to the significance of Jesus’ sharing at the Last Supper. So, at the Last Supper Jesus, the second reading, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, blessed and shared the bread and wine as his Body and Blood and thus instituted the Eucharist. Because Jesus in today’s Gospel, Lk. 9:11-17, teaches by example when he feeds people who are hungry, he instructs his disciples to do the same for one another.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Today we celebrate the feast Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ present in the Eucharist. At the Last Supper Jesus left us a permanent sign of his loving presence in the Eucharist, which was recorded by the Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and St. Paul, “This is my Body/Blood….Do this in memory of me” (1 Cor. 11:23-27). Through this sacred gift of love, God draws us into his divine life and offers us food for our earthly pilgrimage to continue with faith, hope and charity, confident in God’s ability to transform our weaknesses and sufferings into life and joy.

We are the Body of Christ, the Church. Every time we gather together celebrating the Eucharist, we proclaim that we are the Body of Christ at the Eucharistic Table, and at other ministries or activities, such as, Social Ministry or Pastoral Ministry.

SUMMER: As we begin the summer months, I want to call your attention to our summer daily Mass. We hold our daily Mass, beside the weekend Masses, Monday through Saturday, at 8:15 a.m. If you are planning a “stay home vacation” this summer, daily Mass is a wonderful and blessed way to start your day.

GENERAL INTERCESION POLICY

The final part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass provides an opportunity for the people of God to exercise their priestly calling by praying for the needs of all humanity. We do this during the “General Intercessions.” They are called the General Intercessions because they are to be just that, general, for the needs of all. The General Instruction to the Roman Missal suggests this format for these intentions:

For the Church….
For public authorities and the world……
For those in need……………
For the local community
Significant events…………
For the sick……………..
For the dead………..

At St. Catherine Parish we follow that suggestion. When we pray for the dead we pray for all those who have died, but specifically mention only names of those who have died recently (within the last month). Remember that even though we do not mention your loved ones by name they are always included in our prayer/liturgy.

For anniversaries of death, we encourage you to contact the Parish Office to schedule a weekday Mass Intention which are prayed during the 8:15am masses Monday through Saturday.
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Melquisedec, el rey de Salem y sacerdote del Dios Altísimo, sacó pan y vino y bendijo a Abram (Génesis 14:18-20).
Salmo — Tú eres sacerdote para siempre (Salmos 110 [109]).
Segunda lectura — Pablo da su descripción de la institución de la Eucaristía (1 Corintios 11:23-26).
Evangelio — Jesús habla a la multitud sobre el reino de Dios y luego la alimenta con cinco panes y dos pescados (Lucas 9:11b-17).

El Consejo Parroquial para las finanzas tiene nuevos, aunque necesitamos más. Invité a algunos de ustedes a formar el Concilio Parroquial para la Pastoral. Ya tuvimos nuestra primera reunión. Ahora me falta tener otra junta para los invitados que no pudieron asistir a la primera. Una vez formado el grupo se los voy a presentar.

Me da un enorme placer informarles que he contratado a Mrs. Diana-Lynn Inderhees como la Coordinadora de la Liturgia. La celebración de nuestra Misa dominical es el corazón de nuestra vida cristiana y Diana-Lynn nos ayudará a tener celebraciones mejor organizadas.

Finalmente, pero no menos importante, a estas fechas usted ya habrá leído y escuchado acerca del “Stephen Ministry”. Santa Catalina de Alejandría es una “Ministerio Esteban” parroquia. Este ministerio no es otra cosa que el pueblo de Dios ayudando al pueblo de Dios. Los voluntarios han recibido más de cincuenta horas de capacitación seguidas de dirección y educación continua. Por lo tanto, su usted ha experimentado preocupaciones; pérdidas; angustia; soledad y le parece difícil manejar la situación, aprovechése de este maravilloso ministerio.

P. Jerónimo

LA FE ES
La fe no es meramente rezar de rodillas cada noche; La fe no es sólo pasar de la oscuridad hacia la luz. . . La fe es un empeño valiente, empresa espléndida, la fuerza para servir, cualquiera sean las condiciones. —Anónimo

AGUAS CALMADAS
En aguas calmadas, todo barco tiene un buen capitán.

—Proverbio sueco
ALIMENTADOS POR EL SEÑOR
Esta es la buena nueva de la solemnidad de hoy. Como las cinco mil almas hambrientas, somos alimentados por nuestro Señor. Este alimento no satisface sólo por un corto período de tiempo, hasta la próxima comida. Es un alimento que dura y nos cambia. Es un alimento para compartir de la misma forma que lo hizo Melquisedec cuando presentó pan y vino a Abram a su regreso.
Como hijos del reino de Dios, tenemos la dicha de poder recibir y compartir el regalo de Dios. Y lo hacemos de la manera más apropiada a nuestra circunstancia en la vida –como padres, hijos, esposos, esposas o religiosos.

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, bebés, y algunos artículos para el hogar y muebles. El domicilio de la tiendita es 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.

OFRENDAS DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD SEMANALES
Durante el mes de mayo, más de 220 feligreses jóvenes están recibiendo el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión. Sus donaciones de ofertorio nos ayudan a pasar nuestra Fe Católica a otras personas.
¡Gracias por sus regalos de ofertorio semanales!

¿SE HA MUDADO?
¿Se ha mudado recientemente y necesita actualizar su nueva dirección con nuestra parroquia? Mándenos un correo electrónico a Office@stca.org, déjenos una nota en la colección de los Domingos, o también puede llamarnos al (408) 779-3959. Necesitamos su nombre completo, su dirección anterior, su actual dirección, y su nuevo número de teléfono si es que este también ha cambiado. No se pierda de las estupendas noticias que mandamos por correo o por correo electrónico de nuestros feligreses.
¡Felicitaciones a María Miranda e Imelda Márquez por haber recibido el Premio Pius X Diocesano por 10 años de servicio en el Ministerio de Catequesis!

¡BIENVENIDO! Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre: _____________________________
Dirección:____________________________
Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:________________________________

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!

¿CÓMO ES DIOS?
CONTINUADO DEL BOLETIN ANTERIOR...

-Y finalmente, los terceros, se quedan en el sentimentalismo de la fe. Una fe sin más referencia que aquello que el momento exige. Los sentimientos son buenos siempre y cuando vayan acompañados del depósito íntegro de la fe. Un Espíritu, sin referencia a Aquel que lo envía, se convierte en secta, en sensiblería o lágrimas que brotan más desde el corazón afectado que desde las entrañas conmovidas por la Palabra de un Dios que habló por Cristo y actúa por el Espíritu Santo.

2.- ¿Cómo es Dios? A San Juan Evangelista, cuando le preguntaban: ¿Nos dices algo sobre Dios? Él, siempre, respondía: ¡DIOS ES AMOR! Este el imposible de un mundo que, lejos de ser trinitario (adorando, amando y contemplando al Padre y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo) prefiere regirse por múltiples dioses que, a su vez, se propagan como mala peste y confunden el amor con el placer, la unidad con la imposición de ideología o la caridad con unos gestos inconstantes e inconsistentes.

Frente al individualismo, la Santísima Trinidad, nos presenta un impresionante icono de familia, complicidad, cercanía y fusión: ¡SON TRES EN UNO! Cada uno con su personalidad pero, cada uno, con su propio color. Cada uno diferente, pero los tres, mirando en la misma dirección.

3.- Damos gloria a la Trinidad y, en este Año de la Fe, un gran reto: recuperar ciertos signos cristianos que por tibia (como decía el Papa Francisco recientemente), vergüenza apostólica, timidez evangélica o por seguir los parámetros de lo políticamente o socialmente correcto hemos dejado de lado.

-Santiguarnos al pasar por delante de una iglesia (Dios habita sacramental mente en el sagrario)
-Potenciar estos signos visibles en nuestros catequistas, catequizando, alumnos e incluso entre nosotros mismos.
-Comprometernos, cuando nos encontramos como católicos frente alguna institución deportiva, educativa, recreativa, económica….en recordar que realizar “En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo” nos lleva a hacer visible el mensaje de lo que llevamos dentro: ¡DIOS TRINIDAD!

Fr. Javier Leoz
**Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet**

The best Father's Day gift: A spiritual bouquet

**Father’s Day Spiritual Bouquet**

Father's Day envelopes are available on the tables around the inside of the Church. These envelopes are wonderful for remembering fathers everywhere – living or deceased. It is a great opportunity to have them remembered during Mass in our Church on Father's Day.

**Please drop** the completed return envelope in the collection basket TODAY or take it to the Parish office before our Father's day mass on Sunday, June 19th.

You may pick up a spiritual bouquet Father’s day card, available at the parish rectory, and send it to your Father. There is no better gift that can be given than the gift of prayers. Your donation is appreciated. Please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org for more information.

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

**Dear God,** please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

**We remember** also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

**We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**ST. CATHERINE JULY 4TH FLOAT**

It’s time to start designing and building our float again.

We could use help in design, building, day of parade and especially tear down. Many hands make light work.

This year's theme is

“America, My Home Sweet Home”

Honoring Those That Serve and Protect Us

We are looking for sponsors and underwriters this year. Here are a few areas you may be interested in supporting. The St. Catherine’s float is seen by everyone in attendance the day of the parade.

We can truly be proud of its presence in the community. Your help at any level would potentially fund any one of these items.

- Solid Colored Floral Sheeting $500
- Patriotic Colored Floral Sheeting $500
- Miscellaneous Material $600 (wood, paint, foam, and construction materials to build props)

Please contact Jose Montemayor at 408-710-8935, Jeanette Thatcher jthatcher@dsj.org or Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org

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**JULY 4TH BBQ & REFRESHMENT STAND**

Our Annual July 4th BBQ & Refreshment Stand will be located in the front parking lot of the church. We will serve delicious tri-tip sandwiches, hot dogs, coffee, and donuts, etc. More info to come.....
YAY GRADUATES!

It’s here! You’ve finally finished! The horrors and troubles of high school are finally over! You’re free!

I saw this tweet a couple weeks ago: “Leaving high school is bittersweet, but I am mostly relieved. I’m finally free from the endless repetition and feelings of being trapped.”

Couple of issues with this type of thinking: firstly, that if you’re free of an endless repetition, then it’s not really endless. Also, repetition is kind of part of life. If you go on to college, you’ll have the repetition of classes and such things. Once you head into the workforce, it’ll most likely be repeating the weekly schedule, but there won’t be a nice long summer vacation for you to look forward to (most adults work through the summer). Do I say this for you to feel trapped? Not at all, because it leads to the last issue with that type of thinking: feeling trapped is just that—a feeling (unless you’re like, trapped under a rock or some physical trapping). Your perception is crazy powerful, because how you choose to perceive is how life will seem. Which means it’s on you whether whatever you’re doing feels like being trapped, or feels like an opportunity or chapter in your life. I know it’s been said by others, but if you keep wishing to be done with where you are in life and move on, then you’ll never be satisfied. Try to enjoy and focus on the positives of your current state of living. You can always work toward something more, but finding joy where you are can happen at the same time.

Young Adult Choir

I can still remember it like it was yesterday...which means not that well since my memory is pretty horrendous. It was early 2009, and the group of teens and leaders from Life Teen were joining St. Lucy’s as they kicked off their Life Teen youth group for the first time.

We sat down for Mass at St. Lucy’s, and during the Responsorial Psalm she came up to cantor (the person who helps lead the congregation in singing). I don’t remember what the song was, nor much of anything else from that night, other than just wondering about this cute girl. But me, being the shy person that I was when it came to approaching the ladies, I didn’t do anything. There was probably some conversations that happened between her and me, but I was more focused on trying to figure out if she was giving any signals that she was definitely interested in me—which didn’t lead to anything because I was horrible at reading those kinds of signals. So that’s the end of that story.

Other than the fact that now she’s my wife and the mother of my two children.

That’s right, that cute young cantor that I was eyeballing while totally being focused on praising God was Beth. Why do I write about this story? Because she is cantoring with the new young adult Contemporary Choir at the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday (so either today or tomorrow depending on when you read this). It’s been over seven years since I’ve heard her cantor, and I’m looking forward to it. - btw this new choir will be singing on the 5th Sundays of the month (so only a few times a year).

By the way, Beth’s probably going to strongly dislike that I’m putting her in the spotlight here—which honestly is such a good thing. Often times when we serve, we are focused on us and how well we do and what people will think and how they’ll be impressed with how well we did. But that’s not the reason why we should serve, and definitely not the reason why we should sing or lector or anything at Mass. Our reason should be to glorify God. It’s God’s gifts that He’s given to us that make us great. We can be proud of what we’ve allowed Him to do through us and we can feel good about it, but we always need to remember where our gifts should be pointed, and that’s right back to Him. So if you have a good singing voice but don’t want any focus to be on you, maybe singing in a choir is what you should be doing. Make the sacrifice and overcome your fears of being in front of people, so that our congregation can benefit from the gift God has given you.

And if you happen to find your future spouse, all the more for the glory of God!
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS
May 21, 2016
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SINGERS: COLLEGE AGE AND YOUNG ADULTS

Love to sing? Have musical experience? Want to become involved in a ministry? We are starting a Contemporary Worship Choir to sing at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass on the 5th Sunday of each Month (this only happens 4 or 5 times a year.) If you are interested, please contact Will or Lisa Kellett @ 408-781-4425 or see them after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES

If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

KNITTING GROUP

Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

ST. VINCEN DE PAUL NEWS

Needed: Monthly Volunteer for SVdP Community Closet

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine parish keeps a Community Closet (13570 Depot St. in San Martin), open free to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-noon. Anyone is welcome to come shop for clothing and household goods, at no cost. We need a few additional volunteers, especially if you speak a little Spanish, to help sort clothes, and assist our guests in shopping. The commitment would be once a month, but we have a list of substitutes if you can’t always make it. Contact Carol Lillig 408-857-4516 or Debbie Molyneux 408-500-5659 for more information.

Sorting through your children’s clothes at the end of the school year? Save them for us! The parish St. Vincent de Paul Back-To-School Children’s Clothing Shopping Day will be Saturday, August 6th. Children from the community will be able to shop, at no cost, for clothing, backpacks, toys and books for the new school year. We could use gently-used children’s clothes (size 2-12), and new socks and underwear for boys and girls. Or you may leave a cash or gift card donation in the parish office, marked St. Vincent de Paul Children’s Clothing. Thank you!

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 in carrying 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.

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.

Congratulations to Maria Miranda and Imelda Marquez for receiving the Pius X Diocesan Award for 10 years of service in Catechetical Ministry!
STRESSED? FEELING DOWN?
NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?
Stephen Ministers don’t just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you’re feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It’s free. It’s confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, contact Claranne Schirle 408-782-1413 or kenandclaranne@gmail.com. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Red Cross Blood Drive
Save a Life!  Give Blood!
St. Catherine Parish
July 30  from 9 am to 2 pm.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

ST. CATHERINE’S WOMEN’S GROUP
The St. Catherine Woman's Faith Sharing Group meet every Wednesday at 9:00am in the Parish Center. We are currently reading Pope Francis book "The Holy Year of Mercy, A Faith-Sharing Guide, With Reflections by Pope Francis". Our time together centers around Holy Scripture, faith sharing, prayer, and our own personal experiences that occur daily in our lives. Together we experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and are able to give support and love to each other and then take out to others what we have received. We are going to take a summer break from June 2nd until August 10th 2016. If you are interested in finding out more about our group, you can email me Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com for more information.

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.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
This past winter many church communities stepped up to do something about the issue of homelessness in Santa Clara County by creating temporary winter shelters and safe car parking areas. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of San Jose is hosting an Evaluation and Best Practices meeting on May 24, 2016, 7pm-9pm at the Chancery Office of the Diocese of San Jose, 1150 N. First St., San Jose. There will be a discussion of what worked and what didn’t, learning from each other’s experiences and talking about next steps and next winter. If you are interested in becoming involved in the future, this is a great meeting to attend. Please RSVP to Sylvia Blanch at blanch@dsj.org or 408-983-0128 by Friday, May 20. If you are interested in helping St. Catherine parish prepare a response to our local issue of homelessness please contact Carol Lillig at Lillig@garlic.com or Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org.

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

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

SUMMER TRAVELS VISIT AMERICA’S MARIAN SHRINES
- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is located in Washington D.C. It is the largest Roman Catholic church in the U.S. Visit their website and take a virtual tour: www.nationalshrine.com

- The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is a Marian shrine located in Champion, Wisconsin. Over 150 years ago the Holy Mother appeared. Visit the shrine or take a virtual tour: www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS
During May over 220 young parishioners are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Your Offertory donations help us to pass our Catholic Faith on to others.

Thank you for your weekly Offertory Gifts.
St. Catherine School Summer Programs
July 5-21, 2016

All classes, except kinder, are Monday-Thursday. Open to all students,

Math Camp—July 5-21, 9:00am-12:00noon 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, 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, and projects to deepen their understanding of mathematics, with lots of fun thrown in. 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.

Interpretive Speaking—July 11-20 9:00am-12:00pm for students entering grades 4-6. Express yourself! Grow as a public speaker through interpretive speaking. Your child will have a blast learning how to audition, act, and perform! At the end of the course, students deliver monologues in character. View more and register at www.rosedebate.com/stcatherine-interpretive.

Fundamentals of Debate—July 11-20, 1:00pm-4:00pm for students entering grades 7-10. Create a foundation for argumentation and rhetoric. Learn to speak persuasively. This course introduces students to the world of competitive speech and debate. It is designed for students with little to no prior debate experience. Students have a chance to practice their skills in competitive debate rounds at the end of the course! Further details and registration at www.rosedebate.com/stcatherine-debate.

Kinder Program—July 5-21, 9:00am-11:00am Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays--The program supports a smooth transition for students entering kindergarten. 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.