From the Desk of Fr. Randy Valenton, Parochial Vicar

THE SPIRITUALITY OF FORGIVENESS

We may have heard people say many times, "I can't forgive him..." "What he did to me is too much..." or "I am deeply hurt and I cannot forget it." As a true Christian, instead of judging the wounded person, a gentle but powerful response would be to put oneself into that person's situation. Borrowing the idea of Steve Martin who once said, "Before you criticize a man, walk a mile in his shoes. That way, when you do criticize him, you'll be a mile away and have his shoes." Thus in this Year of Mercy we are called to have a compassionate heart that will ...

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Desde el escritoio del Padre Randy Valenton, Vicario Parroquial...

LA ESPIRITUALIDAD DEL PERDÓN

Es posible que hayamos oído decir muchas veces, "no puedo perdonarlo..." "Lo que me hizo es demasiado para mí..." o "Estoy profundamente herido y no puedo olvidarlo". Como un verdadero Cristiano, en lugar de juzgar a la persona herida, una respuesta suave pero poderosa sería poner uno mismo en la situación de esa persona. Tomando prestada la idea de Steve Martin, que una vez dijo: "Antes de criticar a un hombre, camina una milla en sus zapatos. De esa manera, cuando lo critiques, podrás estar a una milla de distancia y tener sus zapatos."

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SAINT CATHARINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 or [8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 or Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 16:13-23

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).
Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).
Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).
The Gospel parable about the rich man benefits from a bit of reflection. If we gloss over it we might think that Jesus is warning about riches per se, that is for their own sake. Jesus warns about greed … acquiring something just to have it without thought of how or when it will be used. Right, greed is generally agreed to be something we have to avoid. But the last sentence gives a further insight, “Thus it will be for all who store up riches for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” It isn’t the thing itself but rather the purpose to which it will be put. When we acquire riches (of whatever type, not just money) how tightly do we hold them? Some prudence is certainly reasonable but when the need of another is overlooked, whether by conscious choice or lack of awareness, we ignore the “great commandment” to love God and neighbor as ourselves. It’s a tricky thing this love of neighbor, love of God is easier. The riches which matter to God have more to do with the Spirit within us, God’s Spirit, which invites us to hold our gifts loosely so they may be shared more easily. We don’t diminish ourselves by what we give away, on the contrary we enjoy the gifts of less worry and fewer “things” we must care for and store. As in all things there is a question of degree here. Few can emulate St. Francis and give up everything, but everyone can start small by … hmmm perhaps giving no longer used items to charity say. Walking with Jesus is made easier … strengthen us to forgive, to listen, and to understand the journey of other people. This calling is very inspiring, yet it may seem impossible for some people who are deeply hurt and wounded. Sometimes we hesitate to forgive others because we feel they should be the ones who first ask us to forgive them. When we talk about forgiveness we may think that we should forget the incident that happened and tell the person that they are forgiven. However, what does forgiveness really mean to us? Does it mean that there is nothing further to work out in the relationship or that everything is okay? As we attempt to define forgiveness we ought to look at the crucifix and recall what happened on mount Golgotha; why Jesus died on the cross. So as we continue to search for the true meaning of forgiveness let us first explore the experience of Dimas, Peter, and the apostles of Jesus and recall our experience of God’s compassion and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By forgiving us, Jesus gives us the grace and strength to forgive others.

**GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK**

It takes a little patience and some practice but one of the simpler ways to save energy is to maximize the use of electricity and water. Wait and do full loads in dish and clothes washers. Iron a full weeks worth of clothes (that saves your energy too :-).

**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!

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*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.*

**Welcome Form**

Name: ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

City: __________________ Zip:__________________

Phone: _______________ Email: __________________________
HITTING IT BIG

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he’d want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It’s exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this “common wisdom” makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the treasures of art can provide us with clues about traditions. Take, for example, the miter, the conical hat with lappets, or back-flaps that fall to the shoulders. This cap is worn by bishops in the Catholic West. Eastern Catholics favor a crown, but we have this curious headpiece. In Greek, the word means “ turban.” Old paintings and mosaics provide clues about headgear for bishops, and there is very little artistic evidence for the miter before the year 1000. Before then, some kind of head covering might have been worn to offset the damp and chill of unheated churches. The pope, as far back as the seventh century, often wore a cap called a camelaucum. Around that time, artists painting St. Peter began to portray their subject wearing this hat. By the year 1000 or so, the pope began to grant similar helmet-shaped headgear as gifts to visiting abbots and bishops. They returned home with these new chapeaus, and before long everybody wanted one!

Today, miters are granted not only to bishops, but to certain favored abbots and occasionally abbesses. Pope Benedict XVI set aside the tradition of the papal tiara in favor of the miter, even on his coat of arms. Pope Paul VI was the last pope to have a coronation. As recently as the 1960s, miters were towering skyscrapers of jewels and rich silks, but now a simplicity of style is favored by bishops. Miters are here to stay, and experienced altar servers know how to await the bishop’s removing of the miter, since he does not wear it when he is saying the presidential prayers or the Eu-

LITURGY

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Please Save these Dates
Training and renewal sessions are in the church from 7:00pm until 9:00pm

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Volunteers are needed.
Please check out the website:
http://stca.org/liturgy

For More information Please contact:
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Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — No pases la vida luchando por las ventajas materiales (Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23).

Salmo — Señor, ten compasión de nosotros (Salmo 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo te ha resucitado a una nueva vida (Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11).


LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jer 28:1-17; Sal 119 (118):29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Martes: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Miércoles: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves: Jer 31:31-34; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Viernes: Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Sábado: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pe 1:16-19; Lc 9:28b-36
Domingo: Sab 18:6-9; Sal 33 (32):1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lc 12:32-48 [35-40]

Los Santos y OtrasCelebraciones

Domingo: Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Alfonso María de Ligorio
Martes: San Eusebio de Vercelli; San Pedro Juliano Eymard
Jueves: San Juan María Vianney
Viernes: Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor en Roma; Primer viernes
Sábado: La Transfiguración del Señor; Primer sábado

¡Dios es grande todo el tiempo, todo el tiempo, Dios es grande!

Desde el escritorio del padre Randy Valentón, continuado...

Por lo tanto, en este Año de la Misericordia, estamos llamados a tener un corazón compasivo que nos fortalezca y nos ayudará a perdonar, para escuchar y para entender el camino de otras personas. Este llamado es muy inspirador, sin embargo, puede parecer imposible para algunas personas que están profundamente heridas. A veces no nos atrevemos a perdonar a los demás, porque sentimos que deberían ser ellos quienes pidan perdón primero. Cuando hablamos del perdón, podemos pensar que debemos olvidar el incidente que ocurrió y decirle a la persona que lo has perdonado. Sin embargo, ¿qué significa realmente el perdón para nosotros? ¿Quiere decir que no hay nada más que hacer para tratar en la relación o que todo está bien? A medida que intentamos definir el perdón, tenemos que mirar el crucifijo y recordar lo que sucedió en el monte Gólgota. ¿Por qué Jesús murió en la cruz? Así que a medida que seguimos buscando el verdadero significado del perdón, primero vamos a explorar la experiencia de Dimas, Pedro y los apóstoles de Jesús y recordemos nuestra experiencia de la compasión y la misericordia de Dios en el Sagramento de la Reconciliación. Perdonándonos, Jesús nos dará la gracia y la fuerza para perdonar a los demás.

No hay nada mejor

No hay cosa más dulce que el amor; nada más fuerte, nada más alto, nada más ancho, nada más alegre, nada más lleno, ni mejor, en el cielo ni en la tierra.

—Tomás de Kempis

Preocupación

No me digas que preocuparme no sirve de nada. Yo sí sé. Aquello por lo que me preocupo nunca pasa.

—Anónimo

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Enséñanos a calcular nuestros años para que adquiramos un corazón sensato.

— Salmo 90 (89):12
CONSEJO HISPANO
Se les comunica a los miembros del Consejo Hispano que la reunión del viernes 5 de agosto se pasa al viernes 19 a las 7:00 pm en la Rectoría. Es importante su asistencia.

¿Quién se beneficia del Ministerio de Stephen?
Todos se benefician con el Ministerio de Stephen. Los que recibieron beneficio de atención, ya que reciben la oración y apoyo durante la crisis que enfrentan. Los Ministros de Stephen se benefician a través del crecimiento espiritual que ellos experimentan al estar involucrados en un ministerio significativo. Nuestros sacerdotes se benefician porque el cuidado pastoral en la iglesia de Santa Catalina se expande y menos personas se deslizan. Por encima de todo, usted se beneficia porque el cuidado especial está disponible para usted o alguien que conoce en caso de necesitarla.

FORMACION PARA ADULTOS
Invitamos a las personas de 18 años en adelante que faltan alguno de los Sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación o Comunión) a prepararse en un año a recibirlos, pueden pasar a la oficina a llenar un aplicación. Iniciamos el 8 de Septiembre en el salón 10 del área de la escuela a las 7:00 pm. ¡Los esperamos!

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

¡Cuidado, el festival del Otoño se acerca! ¡El festival viene con juegos mecánicos, juegos divertidos, nuestra comida famosa, entretenimiento los tres días con música en Inglés y Español, un baile para los estudiantes de la escuela secundaria, el regreso de la feria automotriz y mucho más! Compre sus boletos para los paseos ilimitados, boletos para la cena de pollo del sábado por la noche, boletos para la comida y juegos con descuento, etc. ¡Los boletos están a la venta AHORA! Compre sus boletos en nuestra pagina web www.stca.org. Los espacios para los voluntarios ya están disponibles. Seleccione su lugar favorito en i-volunteer en stca.org bajo la pagina principal de Fall Fun Fest. También busque oportunidades de patrocinio en nuestra página web.

Para más información favor de ponerse en contacto con:
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CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE TESORO
El desafío de Verano de la oficina de la Formación de fe, introdujo a 35 estudiantes de la escuela secundaria a una variedad de oportunidades de servicio a la comunidad. Un día entero fue dedicado a clasificar ropa en San Vicente de Paul.

¡Gracias por apoyar a nuestros programas y ministerios a través de sus regalos de Ofertorio semestrales!
EL PREMIO MAYOR
Parece cosa comúnmente aceptada hoy día que todo el mundo quiere ganarse la lotería, ganar en el casino o ser millonario. Esta actitud es similar a la de los primeros oyentes de la parábola del agricultor próspero que pensarían: Por supuesto. Él tenía que buscar la manera de preservar su buena fortuna para el futuro, para asegurarse una vida muelle, comiendo, bebiendo y gozando. Es exactamente la clase de vida que nos brindaría hoy el billete premiado, una buena mano de cartas o la respuesta correcta en el programa de TV. Estar rodeados por este “sentido común” hace mucho más difícil escuchar hoy las palabras de Cohélet, del salmista, de Pedro y de Jesús. Quizás nos sonría la buena fortuna, quizás no. Pero si hacemos que esa fortuna o su búsqueda sea el corazón, el centro mismo de nuestra vida, viviremos para lamentarlo. No adquiriremos la seguridad futura que perseguimos y perderemos el momento presente por estar persiguiéndola.

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL REGALARA ROPA PARA NIÑOS

Cuando: **Sábado, 6 de Agosto** de **9am-2pm**

Donde: **Centro Parroquial de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina**

Favor de tomar en cuenta que la ropa se dará en base de quien vaya llegando primero. Los niños deben de estar presente y ser acompañados por sus padres.

_Si le gustaría donar ropa de niños, favor de llevarla a la oficina Parroquial durante las horas de oficina._

¡CELEBRE A SANTA CATALINA!
Separe las fechas: **27 & 28 de Agosto**

Tendremos una fiesta después de todas las misas de fin de semana. Las fiestas se llevaran acabo con el propósito de demostrar cómo nuestros ministerios y programas sirven a nuestra comunidad. ¡Favor de guardar la fecha para ayudarnos a celebrar con comida, juegos y mucho más!

FACEBOOK

Únase con nosotros y manténganse al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra pagina en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

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

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO

ASISTENTE ADMINISTRATIVO

La parroquia de Santa Catalina tiene una posición disponible para un asistente administrativo. El asistente administrativo es el primer contacto que muchos tienen con la Parroquia. Por lo tanto, la persona indicada debe ser hospitalario, acogedor y atento a la gran variedad de personas que se acercan a la oficina. El candidato ideal es un católico practicante con excelentes habilidades de comunicación, ser bilingüe (hablar, leer y escribir en español e inglés), debe tener un comportamiento profesional, ser competente en varias aplicaciones de oficina y base de datos, ser orientado al detalle con la habilidad de priorizar con eficacia. Solicitudes de empleo están disponibles en la página web Diocesana (dsj.org) o en la oficina parroquial.
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Make a one-time donation, set up a weekly or monthly e-offering. When friends and family are looking for a great mission to support share our online giving site with them.

It is safe and secure - and you help our mission grow!

To get started visit www.stca.org and click on give via parish pay.

With gratitude, we thank you in advance for your gifts and support....

Teaching Children Stewardship

Teach children the history of the parish and the role stewardship played in building up the parish as it is today.

Tour the parish facilities looking for signs of stewardship.

Talk with children about building up the Church throughout the world and the role stewardship played in the cathedrals, hospitals, schools and churches that we have today.

Talk with children about the lives of saints and the ways they were good stewards. Children will learn that in most cases it was how people used their time, talent, prayer or treasure for God that earned the person the title of “Saint.”

Stewardship Reflection

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertisers continually try to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.
Mass... on the Beach

The Beach!
Who doesn’t love going the beach? Well, other than getting sand everywhere, and sunburned, and the water being freezing, and tons of traffic getting there, and trying to find parking...wait, maybe I’m not doing a good job promoting this...

What’s so awesome about Mass on the Beach? Well, it’s going to the beach, which is such a blessing to be able to do in itself (see reasons above). And then to add on top of that we’re celebrating Mass! And although sometimes we might be bored at Mass and are not totally feeling it (note: that’s not on the priests or choir, being bored is on us), **Mass is the most important and highest form of prayer there is.** You might feel like other prayers are more important or “work” better for you but nothing actually brings you closer to God than Mass. Nothing else shows God your gratitude more than celebrating Mass. If it doesn't feel that way then you’re not celebrating it right (and this totally goes for me as well, as there are times - more often than I’d ever like - when I’m not feeling particularly prayerful at Mass).

And this Saturday August 6th, we’ll be celebrating our beautiful Mass at 6pmish. We'll be at Seacliff Beach right below the main parking lot (just to the right of the pier). All families, teens, and young adults are welcome to join. There will be Catholics from all over the diocese celebrating together, straining to hear the priest, lectors, and choir over the crashing waves.

And just in case you were wondering, since it’s Saturday evening, it counts for your Sunday obligation.

**Obligation...**
That word makes going to Mass sound like a chore. Holy Days of Obligation makes it feel like we’re being forced to attend Mass. But in reality, we are obliged to. The Church isn’t trying to force us, but trying to guide and remind us that we need to go to Mass— not for Her sake but for ours. When you think about what God did for us, sacrificing His Son, and what His Son did, sacrificing Himself, you can’t but feel obliged to show gratitude by going to Mass. I once heard it described as this: If someone dies to save your life - say they pushed you out of the way of a moving vehicle and they got hit instead - wouldn’t you want to attend their funeral? Wouldn’t you feel obliged to show your gratitude by celebrating their life with their family? The same thing goes for Jesus - except that Jesus saved our life for all eternity so we should be eternally grateful - so we go back Sunday after Sunday to show our gratefulness and celebrate His life with our family.

**OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN**
We are having a Back-to-School (ugh, so soon?!?) in two weeks, on August 14-15th. We’ll start with Mass on Sunday night and end with Mass on Monday morning. More info later and on our social media accounts (facebook.com/stcatherineym, twitter.com/stcatherineym, instagram.com/st.catherine.ym) deepuk@dsj.org
CHILDREN’S FAITH 
FORMATION AND 
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Early Registration deadline is August 31st.

Start dates:

Sunday classes (Grades 1-8)
September 11
9:00-10:15am
8:45 & 10:30 Masses-Early Childhood Education (ECE, children aged 3-5) and Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
12:15pm Mass (ECE in Spanish)

Wednesday classes (Grades 1-5)
September 14
3:30-4:45pm
5:30 - 6:30pm (Middle School Ministry Gr 6-8)
6:30 - 7:30pm EDGE Youth Group

Saturday classes (SPANISH Grades 1-8)
September 24
9:00-10:15am

Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory and the Church lobby. Contact Rose at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org for further information.

Parents are KEY!

Parents are an integral part of the faith formation of their children - you are the greatest influencers in their lives! Parish faith formation supplements faith formation in the home, it is NOT a substitute for it. Talk about your faith at home and how it relates to your daily lives!

 “[Our son] has been loving so many of the lessons. Both of the teachers are awesome at relating testaments to real life. I can’t tell you how many times we have discussed what he has learned over dinner!” Parent of an 8th grader who celebrated First Holy Communion in May.

Please visit our Information Table at the Parish Ministry Fair August 27 & 28 in the Parish Center!

Hey batter, batter! Join us for a great day for the family at the ballpark! Post game highlights include players and coaches sharing their faith stories. Tickets are $15.00 each and include bus transportation and food credit. Call (408) 779-9604 TODAY to reserve your tickets or for further information!
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Thank you to all who donated bags of gently used children’s clothes to mass today. The parish St. Vincent de Paul Back-To-School Children’s Clothing Shopping Day is this Saturday, August 6th in the Parish Center. We’ll have between 200 and 400 children from the community coming to shop, at no cost, for clothing, backpacks, toys and books for the new school year. If you still have children’s clothes (size 2-16, Juniors) that you’d like to donate please bring them to the parish office during office hours. We’d also appreciate donations of new socks and underwear as well, or you may leave a cash or gift card donation in the parish office, marked St. Vincent de Paul Children’s Clothing. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine Parish
Annual Back-To-School Children’s Clothing Giveaway Day
St. Catherine Parish Center
Saturday, August 6th 9am-2pm

Volunteers (Spanish speakers especially!) needed.
Contact: Carol Lillig 408-857-4516

MASS TIMES

When 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.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Join us this summer for one of the best fun filled weeks of camp! It 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! Visit our website for more information - www.stca.org.

- Aug. 1-5: All Sports Camp 4: Ages 6-13
  9am – 3:30pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday: St. John Vianney
Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When you care enough to give the very best...... give yourself and your spouse a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 11-13, 2016 at Vallambrosa Center, Menlo Park. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the weekend of September 23-25, 2016 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterrey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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 aherandez@dsj.org with any questions.
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When have you felt that possessions were becoming too important in your life?”

Child: “Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn’t make you as happy as you thought it would?”

ST. CATHERINE’S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
November 27, 2016
8:00-2:30pm
Vendor applications are available at the Parish Office and on our website at www.stca.org.

WHO BENEFITS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY?
Everyone benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our priests benefit because the pastoral care at St. Catherine’s is expanded and fewer people slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit because special care is available to you or someone you know should you need it.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
Our 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday, August 5th immediately following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday, August 6th with Benediction at 8:00am.
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” Mt 26:40

WHY DO WE HAVE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION?
Our Lord appeared to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque in the 17th century. During this apparition several promises were made to those who practiced a special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through it offered reparation for sins.

PROMISES FROM OUR HOLY LORD
1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their affliction.
4. I will be their strength during life and above all during death.
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of The Infinite Ocean of Mercy.
7. Tepid soul shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent soul shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where a picture of My Sacred Heart shall be set up and honoured.
10. I will give the priest the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out. I promise in the excessive Mercy My Heart that My All powerful Love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Catherine Parish has an opening for an evening administrative assistant. The evening administrative assistant is the first contact that many have with the Parish and needs to portray a hospitable, welcoming and caring face to the wide variety of people that approach the office.

The candidate should be a practicing Catholic, have great written and verbal communication skills in both English and Spanish, have a professional demeanor, be computer literate in several office and database applications, detail orientated, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Must be fully Bilingual (English/Spanish) and Bi-literate (Read & Write in English & Spanish).

Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.
Those responsible for the spiritual and material goods of the Church are entrusted with the stewardship of others’ gifts and are ultimately responsible to the Lord. As a faithful steward the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Jose is committed to maintaining the highest standards of conduct and ethics. The mission of the Church requires no less.

To this end the Diocese of San Jose has partnered with EthicsPoint to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct.

The EthicsPoint Hotline (1-888-325-7863) allows parishioners, volunteers, employees, vendors and others to make confidential reports regarding the mismanagement of parish or school property, cash and all other assets. Reportable are also issues of apparent disregard of policies pertaining to the proper management of these assets. Suspected unethical behavior by employees, volunteers, staff, trustees, officers, directors, agents or contractors of the Diocese should also be made to EthicsPoint. All reports may be made anonymously.

It is the hope of the Diocese that EthicsPoint will assist in the protection of all who interact with the parishes, schools, chancery and other diocesan agencies. EthicsPoint accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1- 888-325-7863. A complete report will be made to diocesan leadership, so that leadership may review and provide feedback and resolution for the issues that are reported.

Please direct any questions that you may have about EthicsPoint or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.
APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2016-2017 school year. Most classes are currently full for next year; however, we still have spots left for first and seventh grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

Be still and know that I am God.  
- Psalm 46:11

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Regular office hours, 7:30am-4:00pm, resume on August 1st. School families should check SchoolSpeak for any additional information regarding summer schedules.

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Faith development begins as children observe how their parents and family members act and listen to what they say. Every parent knows that modeling good behavior encourages children to do the same. This is true with prayer as well.

Children crave, as do all humans, a connection with God. But they need guidance to build good habits in developing a relationship with our Creator. Within families children typically first learn about prayer (talking with God) through Grace Before Meals. This communal type of prayer focuses on thankfulness and the recognition of blessings.

Parents also nurture prayerful habits by talking with their children about God and taking a few moments of reflection or meditation on simple topics with their children. For example, a parent might talk with his/her child about the beauty of the world while sitting under a tree. Then the parent could suggest that they each take a moment to pray in thanksgiving for the blessing of the world’s natural beauty. Start with a short period of time (less than a minute), and extend that time as the child matures. Praying with your children will bless both you and your children with our loving God’s grace.