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 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.

From the Desk of Deacon Rick Haeckel………

It’s hard to believe for us older, hmm more mature, folks how much faster the calendar seem to go by. Here it is mid-August with school about to begin or may have already begun. What happened to summer? Many of us cherish the summer days of supposed fewer responsibilities and even vacations. For me, summer has always felt like a bit of an hiatus from the business of work when I still did (but don’t kid yourself, retirement can be just as filled with activities, they’re just different and you don’t get the same pay :-). It’s normal to celebrate times of enjoyment, birthdays, vacations or just breaks in the normal schedule of life. I guess one might say we enjoy the change of pace.

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Desde el escritorio del Diácono Rick Haeckel…..

Es difícil de creer para nosotros los mayores y más maduros, cuánto más rápido parecen los días del calendario pasar. Ya estamos a mediados de agosto con la escuela a punto de comenzar o para otros, quizás la escuela ya haya comenzado. ¿Qué pasó con el verano? Muchos de nosotros apreciamos los días de verano porque se supone que tenemos menos responsabilidades e incluso vacaciones. Para mí, el verano siempre se ha sentido como un poco de un descanso de la actividad de trabajo (pero no se engañe, la jubilación también puede estar llena de actividades, sólo que son diferentes y no se recibe la misma paga).

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

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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
**Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;  
Ps 132:6-7,9-10, 3-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;  
Lk 11:27-28  
**Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:**  
Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28,30,35cd-36ab;  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:**  
Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:**  
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:**  
Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:**  
Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab,10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:**  
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2;  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;  
Lk 13:22-30

**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).  
**Psalm** — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).  
**Second Reading** — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We know and love Jesus as the Prince of Peace, but unfortunately seeking peace is not always a peaceful path. If one reads today’s Gospel as a stand alone reading it paints a stark and harsh picture. It is too easy to be literal ... Jesus says that he “came to set the earth on fire.” If that led us to wonder the statement that he hasn’t “come to establish peace on the earth ... but rather division.” Well that doesn’t sound like the Prince of Peace does it? But again, this isn’t Jesus speaking literally but metaphorically. How his disciples (and we) understand this asks that we step back a bit. Jesus’ message is not reaching as many as he wants ... especially the learned religious leaders. In my words, not his, he wants the fire of the Spirit to purge unbelief in the crucible of truth. His disciples (and we) face an uphill battle to bring the Good News of the Kingdom to a world accustomed to conflict and divisiveness. The move away from personal pursuits and the disbelief of Jesus as a truth-teller will separate even families. There will be much suffering and separation between the ones who can hear and follow Jesus and those who cannot. It seems to have been ever thus; basing one’s life on love can seem to be too easy for those who have not yet drunk of the cup of Jesus’ love. But the Gospel doesn’t paint Jesus giving up, rather he is being brutally honest with his disciples. This will not be a walk in the park. Not only will people fail to believe you but they will persecute you ... even to death. They must be firmly grounded in the essential truth of communal love, without judging how it is received. So must we be also, putting aside any “requirements” of the recipients of our love.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Native Americans used fire to clean and renew their encampments. We who are less mobile can’t do that. The Big Sur fire reminds us that we must keep our outdoor space free of dry and dead growth. Take it in small steps if you have a big space ... but act now to reduce the chances of dangerous fires.

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 DEACON RICK.....

Well, our spiritual life has some interesting parallels with day to day living. We look forward to big Solemnities like Christmas and Easter also particular seasons like Lent and Christmas. The other parts of the Church year become a “normal” time of regular spiritual activities. Like all things that we consider normal we have the possibility of becoming stagnant or less focused in our spiritual care.

An interesting way to overcome the times in which nothing “special” is happening is to ask God in prayer to inspire in us a gentle thankfulness for the life we have. Running quickly through the day’s activities (don’t dwell on them) in evening prayer before bed we are helped in remembering that in all things, good, bad or indifferent, God is with us. We seem to wish for evident displays of some recognizable moment of blessing. We do have them but we always want more don’t we? The amazing thing is that God is equally present to us in all these things. It is we who have unknowingly set criteria for how God is to be recognized.

So the onus is on us (not really an onus, that’s just an expression) to look for God’s presence in places where we seem not to experience evident God moments. There are many insights to help us, one is the Jesuit ideal for “finding God in all things.” That challenges us to realize that the finding is an exercise of sharpening our spiritual vision. Another asks that we act as if Jesus were present in his physical manifestation as we work, play or just make our way through daily life. But ultimately our biggest challenge is to avoid being discouraged because of our lack of inspiration or success in recognizing God present. Discouragement is a tool of the evil one. We do best when we consciously thank God for the moment, whatever it contains; asking that we share the God who is always with us in an act of graced thankfulness.

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: _______________

Welcome!
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called bullae after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the Pescatorio, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the Pescatorio as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:  Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:   Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:  St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday:   St. John Eudes
Saturday: St. Bernard

LIVE TODAY WELL

Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

—Kalidasa

LITURGY

Let me introduce myself. I am the part time liturgy coordinator. Part time is an average of fifteen hours a week. I have been a member of St. Catherine since moving here in 2004 from Austin, Texas via Dresden, Germany where my family and I lived for two years. I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas and lived in Odessa, Texas before moving to Austin. I met my husband and had my two daughters in Austin. I have supported liturgy for 20 years. I began when my oldest was about three. At St. William we had liturgy with a children’s Mass every Sunday. I coordinated that specific Mass for eight years. Here at St. Catherine I worked with Tamara Hopwood and Father Lieu Vu in preparing and inventorying the sacristy for Sunday Masses for the last 6 years. I have been the interim environment committee for 2 years.

What is the coordinator responsible for at St. Catherine? The liturgy coordinator supports the liturgy committee in their work of training and renewing ministers and the planning of Sunday and special liturgies. The coordinator inventories the sacristy, orders supplies, writes the script and an article for the bulletin, and schedules the ministers. The coordinator, with the support of the liturgy committee, recruits volunteers for the care of the church and ministers to serve at Masses.

I am very excited and humbled about being the liturgy coordinator. It is something I have prayed about for three years. When my youngest went to college, I thought I would take a year to decide what I was being called to do in this next phase of my life. I had wanted the liturgy coordinator position but it did not happen. A position came available at Notre Dame High School working part time. The position was perfect; I could continue my volunteer support of the liturgy. Then the next year I was asked to become full time with more responsibilities. I am very excited and humbled about being the liturgy coordinator. It is something I have prayed about for three years. When my youngest went to college, I thought I would take a year to decide what I was being called to do in this next phase of my life. I had wanted the liturgy coordinator position but it did not happen. A position came available at Notre Dame High School working part time. The position was perfect; I could continue my volunteer support of the liturgy. Then the next year I was asked to become full time with more responsibilities. This was good because I was having a very hard time with the empty nest. I believe God wants me at Notre Dame and I believe he wants me in this position at this time. In addition I have been accepted to participate in the Institute for Leadership in Ministry and I am looking forward to learning about the many areas of our faith.

The goals for the liturgy coordinator for this year (July 2016 – June 2017) are: 1. Learn the position 2. Create and engage a vibrant environment committee 3. Expand the liturgy committee with representatives from each Mass 4. Make the liturgy beautiful through homilies, music and the environment (an extension of Fr. Jeronimo’s goal)

My office hours are 3:00 to 7:00pm on Friday and Sunday from 8:30 until noon.

I am can be reach by email at dinderhees@dsj.org. Please look at the St. Catherine website for areas in which you are being called to support the liturgy and contact me with any questions.

Peace, Diana-Lynn Inderhees
VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).
Salmo — Señor, date prisa en socorrerme! (Salmo 40:39)
Segunda lectura — No te desanimes. Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz (Hebreos 12:1-4).
Evangelio — Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz (Lucas 12:49-53).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28
Día: Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44):10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 107 (106):2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Sábado: Ez 43:1-7a; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Sal 117 (116):1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE AGOSTO

DOMINGO, 14 DE AGOSTO

Giselle Sánchez
Gabriela Jiménez

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que compartan su tiempo y talento en nuestra Parroquia. Pedimos al Señor los haga crecer en su fe y le recom pense su generosidad.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE RICK HAECKEL, CONTINUADO......

Es normal disfrutar momentos de felicidad, cumpleaños, vacaciones o simplemente romper la rutina de un día normal. Supongo que se podría decir que nos gusta el cambio de ritmo. Así, nuestra vida espiritual tiene algunos paralelismos interesantes con la vida cotidiana. Esperamos grandes solemnidades como Navidad y Semana Santa temporadas también particulares como Cuaresma y Navidad. Las otras partes del año de la Iglesia se convierten en un tiempo "normal" de las actividades espirituales regulares. Como todas las cosas que consideramos normal, tenemos la posibilidad de que se paralice o menos centrado en nuestra atención espiritual. Una forma interesante para superar los tiempos en que nada "especial" sucede, es pedirle a Dios en la oración para que inspiren en nosotros un agradecimiento por la vida que tenemos. Correr rápidamente a través de las actividades del día (no detenerse en ellos) en la oración de la noche antes de acostarse, nos ayuda a recordar que en todas las cosas, buenas, malas o indiferentes, Dios está con nosotros. Parece que deseamos muestras evidentes de un cierto momento reconocible de bendición. Los tenemos, pero siempre queremos más ¿verdad? Lo sorprendente es que Dios es igualmente presente en todos estos momentos en que no experimentamos momentos evidentes de su presencia. Somos nosotros los que sin saberlo hemos fijado criterios de cómo Dios debe ser reconocido. Por lo que la responsabilidad está en nosotros, no es realmente una responsabilidad (eso es sólo una expresión) para buscar la presencia de Dios en los lugares en que no experimentamos momentos evidentes Dios. Hay muchas ideas que nos pueden ayudar, uno es el ideal Jesuita para "encontrar a Dios en todas las cosas." Eso nos daña al darnos cuenta de que el hallazgo es un ejercicio de agudizar nuestra visión espiritual. Otra idea nos pide que actuamos como si Jesús estuviera presente en su manifestación física a medida que trabajamos, jugamos o simplemente trabajamos nuestro camino a través de la vida diaria. Pero en última instancia, nuestro mayor desafío es no desanimarnos a causa de nuestra falta de inspiración o el éxito en el reconocimiento de Dios presente. El desaliento es una herramienta del maligno. Hacemos mejor cuando conscientemente le agradece mos a Dios por el momento.
¿CÓMO FUNCIONA EL MINISTERIO DE STEPHEN?

Cuando alguien pide un ministro de Stephen, nuestro coordinador se reúne con esa persona para determinar si el ministerio de Stephen es el tipo de cuidado necesario. La persona entonces se empareja con un ministro de Stephen disponible. El ministro de Stephen llama a esa persona y comienzan la sesión durante aproximadamente una hora a la semana, siempre y cuando la necesidad esté ahí. Todo se mantiene confidencial. El ministro de Stephen no intenta resolver los problemas, sino que escucha, cuida, ora y ayuda al Receptor de Cuidado a encontrar el camino hacia la sanación y la integridad.

OFICINA DE CATECISMO

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en la oficina Parroquial, la oficina de Catecismo o en nuestra página web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: rosepm@dsj.org.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

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

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

CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE TESORO

Nuestro Coro de adoración cantando este pasado Viernes Santo del 2016.

30 & 31 de Julio del 2016

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Necesidad de ofertorio semanal $22,948

Promedio de colecta después de 5 semanas

Año hasta la fecha $19,257

Promedio de ofertorio (mes de julio)$20,424

Año hasta la fecha real vs. presupuesto $-10,197

¡Gracias por sus regalos de Ofertorio semanales!
VIGÈSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO PARA LA MISAS DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE MARÍA - 15 DE AGOSTO

Misa en inglés: 5:30pm
Misa en español: 7:00pm

GRUPO AMIGOS

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

¡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 llevarán 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!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El otro día leí un artículo escrito por un pastor bautista sobre la necesidad de tener un altar en casa para educar a nuestros hijos en la fe y la oración. Lo leí con interés ya que el uso del altarcito tiene una larga historia en la Iglesia católica. En casa de mis abuelos paternos, en México, había un bello altarcito en forma de pirámide que contenía flores, velas y figuras de Jesús, María y algunos santos. Además de esto estaban también algunos instrumentos de oración como el rosario, la Biblia y algún otro libro de oración. También en casa de mi abuela materna, en Texas, había un rinconcito sagrado. Muchos latinos tenemos altarcitos familiares. Algunos son verdaderos altares como el de mi abuela, Mamá Lilia. Otros son rincones especiales como el de Mamá María, con alguna imagen y libro de oración y fotografías de nuestros parientes. A fin de cuentas no importa ni su tamaño ni su forma. Importa su existencia y sobre todo su uso para recordarnos de la presencia e importancia de Dios en nuestros hogares y familias.

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

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OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO

Conserje: Tiempo parcial
Horas: Domingo de 7:00 am a 4:00 pm
Deberes: Limpieza y otras tareas según sea necesario.
Requisitos: El solicitante preferido deberá hablar, leer y escribir Inglés y hablar español. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina Parroquial.
St. Catherine Woman's Faith Sharing Group meets
Wednesdays, at 9:00am in the O'Donnell 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 personal experiences that occur in our daily lives. Together we experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and are able to share with others what we have received.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group, please feel free to stop in any Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the Parish Center or email me Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com for more information.

Stewardship Reflection

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

Teaching Children Stewardship

Planting a Tree

One day a young man went to visit his old grandfather. He was surprised to find his grandfather in the backyard planting a small peach tree. The boy knew it would take many many years for the peach tree to grow big enough to give peaches. If his grandfather wanted peaches, the young man wondered, why didn't he just go to the store and buy some. That would be so much faster.

Finally after watching his grandfather work for a long time at planting the peach tree the young man asked, "Grandfather, why are you planting a peach tree?"

His grandfather answered, "Son, all of my life I have eaten the peaches from trees that other people have planted. Now it is my turn to plant a tree that someone else can enjoy."

Family Discussion Questions:

- What kinds of things do we use everyday because someone else planted a seed?
- What seeds did someone have to plant so that we would have our church today?
- How can we plant seeds today that benefit someone else later?
- What kinds of seeds are we planting when we study hard and learn new things?
**On a Personal Note...**

Beth’s pregnant!
If you’re keeping count, that’s three. If you’re keeping watch, that’s a newborn, a 1 year old and a 3 year old. And if you’re keeping even closer track ( creeper), when this little one is born, that’ll be a newborn, a 21 month old, and a 40 month old. We’re due mid-late February. Beth’s feeling good now as is #baby3pu ( Joshua was Baby Beepu, Annalin was Baby Bee2...get it?). Joshua’s excited, Annalin’s ambivalent...and I’m ready! We appreciate your prayers. And to answer some questions ahead of time: we are not finding out the gender and therefore won’t be deciding on a name til after 3pu is born. Oh, and we are hoping to have four if it’s in God’s plan for our family. . . Just have to figure out a good name for it (#baby2²?).

Oh yeah, teens (who probably don’t read this): have fun at school. If you’re not looking forward to it don’t worry you’re not alone. But guess what? You have to go anyway, so make the most of it! Challenge yourself to not procrastinate on homework until at least next week. Meet and really get to know at least one person that you normally wouldn’t. Pick up any trash you see on the ground. Same goes for you who no longer are in school, or are in college who won’t be starting for awhile - make the most out of school or work.

It’s not easy to change your mindset - especially when it seems like everyone else complains about their job or their school - but it’s a mindset worthy of change. You spend so much of your day either at school or work; how amazing would your week be (even Mondays) if we were able to look at it from a positive perspective (and not just in the “well, at least I have a job” kind of way).

We have our Life Teen Overnighter tonight (Sunday) - come join us for games, music, and maybe even a special night game (hint, look at the picture here)!

**Permission slip required, contact Deepu for info:** 408-874-6742 or deepuk@dsj.org
Welcome to a new school year! Many of our children and youth begin school this week. Some may just be moving across the hall to a new classroom, others may be transitioning to a new school or even moving out of town for college.

Consider creating a Back to School Prayer together as a family. It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for the many blessings of the summer and lift up teachers and those who support them. It is also a great time to pray together for help in facing any anxiousness or perhaps to ask for grace, patience and an open heart to learn.

You can use this format to get you started:

1) Dear Heavenly Father (Gracious God or another adoration name that you would like to use)
2) We thank you for…
3) We ask you for…
4) We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

When we pray, we remember that God is in the center of our lives. Praying together allows God to shape our hearts and our lives, to be the best parent or child that we can be. And it allows God to work in us and through us in all that we do.

TOP 5 REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST:

5. Youth in today’s world, now more than ever, need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

4. You’ll grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the church and deepen your own relationship with Jesus.

3. You’ll be putting your own faith into action - you have a lot to share!

2. It’s fun! (Oh, the amazing ways the Holy spirit works when we teach!)

1. It is what we are called to do.

There are still opportunities for catechists and aides for faith formation classes - we provide the training and material! For more information, please call Rose at (408) 779-9604 or send an e-mail to rosepm@dsj.org.

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY WITH THE OAKLAND A’s

Saturday, September 10th

vs. Seattle Mariners
1:05pm game time

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE! 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!
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy for the bereaved family and to honor the one who has 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.

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain “Here am I, Lord.” This “Here am I” is Jeremiah’s great prophetic response to God’s call. But today’s story of Jeremiah and the refrain “Lord, come to my aid!” remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a “sneak preview” of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today’s words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.
—Peter Chrysologus

SEEK NEW TREASURE

Not on one strand are all life’s jewels strung.
—William Morris

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of the weekly envelope, make contributions from a checking, savings or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church with your bank’s bill pay option; use your envelope number as the account number.

Either way you can:
- Easily adjust the amount of your contribution.
- Avoid writing a check every week.

We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.

MASS TIMES

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.

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPER HELP

The Community Supper ministry at St. Catherine’s held every Monday night could use a few more volunteers. You would be part of a rotating team that serves the dinner every seventh week. Contact Joe Lillig to sign up at: 408-781-3847.

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

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, MASS TIMES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY - August 15
Mass in English 5:30pm
Mass in Spanish 7:00pm

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide tools to help get your marriage back on track. It gives you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for, the weekend on September 23-25, 2016 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? They found something worth passing on. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is November 11-13, 2016 at Vallambrosa Center, Menlo Park. For more information visit the website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

GUALDALUPE HOPE SOCIETY
The Guadalupes Hope Society, a non-profit Catholic Medical Pregnancy Clinic in San Jose, invites you to its Fall Fundraiser, Saturday, October 22nd at the Santa Clara Marriott. This year’s keynote speaker is His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Master of Ceremony is Terry Barber, so-host of the Terry and Jessie show on Immaculate Heart Radio. Visit www.GHSwomenscenter.com to find out more about their mission and details about the Gala.

Bishop McGrath and the Catholic community invite you to a Mass of Remembrance for victims of violence and for peace at 7:30 PM on September 21, 2016 at St. Martin of Tours Church 200 O’Connor Drive, San Jose

This is a communal celebration of remembrance of those who have lost their lives through violence and also a communal prayer for peace.

“Violence is overcome day by day, choice by choice, person by person, all of us must make a contribution.”
U.S. Catholic Bishops
CELEBRATE
ST. CATHERINE’S
Save the dates: August 27 & 28
There will be a party after each of the weekend masses showcasing all the ministries and programs that serve our community. Save the date and help us celebrate with food, games and more! Come and you might even win a Fall Fun Fest Unlimited Ride Coupon.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL
FALL FUN FEST
September 16, 17 & 18, 2016
The Fall Fun Fest is coming with great rides, fun games, our famous food, musical entertainment in English and Spanish all three days, a Jr. High dance, the return of the Car Show, and so much more!

Look for the following online at www.stca.org

Unlimited ride coupons, Saturday night chicken dinner, discounted food and games tickets are on sale NOW!
Volunteer for your favorite spot
Car Show - register NOW!
Sponsorship opportunities... for more information contact Anna Quinones-aquinones@dsj.org
Donations welcomed for cases of: Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Dr. Pepper and liters of Root Beer. Drop them off at the Parish office.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Part ime Custodian
Hours: Sunday 7:00am. to 4:00pm
Duties: Janitorial and other tasks as needed.
Requirements: Preferred applicant should speak, read and write English and speak Spanish.
Applications are available at the Parish office.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

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Thank you for your Sunday Offertory Donations.

< Our Worship Choir singing on Good Friday 2016
St. Catherine School News

BACK TO SCHOOL
Doors open to 310 or so students on Thursday, August 18! Students, parents and faculty will meet on the play yard for morning assembly: prayer, flag salute and announcements. And we’ll be off to a great start.
A big welcome to all the new school families and to our new faculty and staff as well as families who are new to our school community.
Please keep the students, parents, faculty and staff in your prayers that they have a productive year growing in knowledge, love, grace and compassion.

Back to School Coffee
August 18 at 8:00am in O’Donnell Center

Blessed Are the Merciful
Our theme for this school year is Blessed Are the Merciful. Being in the midst of the Year Mercy gives us a new opportunity to reenergize ourselves in ways of kindness and mercy. Throughout the year the school community will focus on the idea be that we must find ways to be empathic and supportive of others, even when they do us wrong. God certainly shows each of us great mercy when we fall short of the mark. This pertains not only to our spiritual lives and social issues but also to having the courage to step up and help others through difficult times, even when they may not be fully deserving. How do we respond to God’s call to follow Him even if it puts us in an uncomfortable spot or we don’t think we can handle the challenge?
For students it may mean learning about and supporting ways that promote fair treatment of all, serving others in greater need, as well as forgiving and supporting them to be the best they can be. It may mean giving a classmate or even themselves forgiveness and a chance to move ahead. Through kindness, mercy and reliance on God, we truly grow in grace.

IMPORTANT DATES for SCHOOL FAMILIES

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Summer Robotics was a blast!

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL 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 this year; however we still have spots in first, third and seventh grades. 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.