From the Desk of Jeanette Thatcher, Business Manager

"Gratitude should always be our first response for all the blessings in our life. Our second response should be to live a life worthy of the blessings we have received." Matthew Kelly, taken from Resisting Happiness.

I received this quote in my Dynamic Catholic daily reflection email. I am pretty good at the first response. The second, however, presents a real challenge. Yes, God blesses me every day, but what am I doing to be God’s instrument by bringing blessings to other people? Living life worthily is a daily aspiration; fortunately I have models to help me among the people I see every day.

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Desde el escritorio de Jeanette Thatcher, Gerente de Negocios.

"La gratitud debe ser siempre nuestra primera respuesta para todas las bendiciones en nuestra vida. Nuestra segunda respuesta debe ser vivir una vida digna de las bendiciones que hemos recibido." Matthew Kelly, tomado de Resisting Happiness. He recibido esta cita en mi correo electrónico de Dynamic Catholic reflexión diaria. Soy bastante buena para hacer lo que digo en la primera respuesta. En la segunda, en cambio, es un verdadero desafío. Sí, Dios me bendice todos los días, ¿pero qué es lo que estoy haciendo para ser un instrumento de Dios al traer bendiciones a otras personas? Vivir la vida dignamente es una aspiración diaria; Afortunadamente tengo modelos para ayudarme entre las personas que veo todos los días.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
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The Week Ahead / La Semana Próxima
Sunday/Domingo, August 21
7:00-1:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellett
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Night
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm GYM Over 40's Open Gym

Monday/Lunes, August 22
6:00-7:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Community supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelical Choir
6:30-8:00pm NUR Women's Stitching Group
7:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion
7:30-9:30pm MC Pre-Baptism Class English
7:30-9:30pm GYM Open Gym
8:00-9:00pm Rm. 8 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir

Tuesday/Martes, August 23
6:00-9:00pm MC Spanish FF Catechist session
6:00-7:20pm CH, Rm. 8,10,11 Back to School Night
6:30-9:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica
6:30-9:00pm CR3-8K KoC Assembly - meeting

Wednesday/MIércoles, August 24
9:00-10:30am CR 1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s choir
6:00-9:00pm MCFF Catechist Training
6:30-7:50pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Mankind meeting
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
7:00-9:00pm CR4 Fall Fun Fest meeting
7:30-8:00pm CR1-2 Confirmation Advocacy
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:30pm Picnic Alpha & Omega Get together
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee meeting

Thursday/Jueves, August 25
5:30-9:00pm CR1-4 Spanish Choir
7:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal
7:20-8:30pm CH, Rm.8,10,11 Back to School Night

Friday/Viernes, August 26
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
4:30-9:30pm CR3-4 & Kit Guadalupe Dinner
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm 8,10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion

Saturday/Sábado, August 27
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Spirituality group
5:00-10:00pm NUR Parish Ministry Faire

8:15am Mass Intentions
† John Grimsich
† Albina Grimsich
† Sergio Madrigal
† Ramona Muñoz
† Zachary Jensen
† Sergio Madrigal
† Sergio Madrigal
† Ramona Muñoz
† Rita Thatcher
† Sergio Madrigal

Faith Sharing Question of the Week
Adult: “What daily choices are you making that will allow you to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of God?”
Child: “What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?”

Readings for the Week
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Readings for the Coming Week
First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).
Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).
Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Lest we become too comfortable as Jesus’ disciples we hear a sobering message in today’s Gospel. Luke prefaces it by reminding us that Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem (his ultimate sacrifice) and is teaching on the way. A seemingly simple question, “Lord will only a few be saved?” prompts Jesus to remind the crowd and us that simply being acquainted with him is not enough. Disciples of Jesus are not to seek salvation simply by being “chosen.” We are to live his teaching that the Kingdom is not just a future destination but is also here now, in the present. Well then, how do we live as Kingdom people? Not by pride of place and not by “coasting” since we know Jesus. We are to live showing that we understand Jesus’ teaching as today’s Psalm response asks, “Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.” Said differently, it isn’t that we know Jesus, we must tell others of his salvation for all by word and especially by deed. The Gospel tells us clearly that it isn’t only by membership in a particular group, the Jewish people in his time or as Christians in ours, that we are “saved.” The religious leaders of Jesus’ time mostly didn’t hear or didn’t want to hear his message of humility and love. Knowledge and power may provide earthly prominence but they are of little if any value in the Kingdom. In case we haven’t understood by now Jesus starkly reminds us that, “…some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” In reality this is a consoling message for who among us does not benefit by losing our pride and gratefully offer humble service to others. It isn’t what we have that matters, it’s what we give away.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

It bears repeating that just because the drought has lessened we still need to continue our past drought practices. That means recognizing that we were able to do with less water than we used previously. Water is our most precious natural resource; using only what we really need should become our normal practice.

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 JEANETTE…..

Recently I met with someone who was having a difficult time financially. Their work hours had been reduced, the rent needed to be paid, the pantry was almost bare. And yet this parishioner kept telling me how God was blessing their family each day. This conversation took place while we were working on a way to promote an event for a particular ministry. Even with all the troubles she had she was giving back; being God’s instrument by promoting an event to bring people closer to God. I saw a person living their life worthily.

Look around our parish and you will see more people responding to God’s blessing by the way they live. A family who came and helped build the July 4th float several nights after working all day. Almost every day a volunteer picks up donations for St. Vincent de Paul from the parish office to bring them to the clothes closet in San Martin. Three people come to church at 6:30am every Sunday to clean the Saint’s Chapel and replenish the candles.

Our church community is filled with people who respond to God in gratitude by helping others. Would you like to meet them? On August 27th and 28th come to Celebrate St. Catherine, a party in the parish center. The celebration showcases the work of our parish ministries and programs. And in keeping with most parish events, it includes free food after every mass, crafts and games for children and a raffle. Consider this your invitation to see how the people involved in parish ministries and programs live lives which give back to others in grateful response for the blessings they have received from God.

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: ____________________________
TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY

What is liturgy?
The Catholic Church’s liturgy, especially the Eucharist (Mass), is the source of our Christian life and the goal to which all our activities lead us. The liturgy touches every aspect of the parish—its catechetical work, its sense of community, its service to the poor, and its personal prayer life. Good celebrations strengthen our faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it. A liturgy celebrated fully not only praises God and blesses God’s people, but also catechizes, evangelizes, and changes the world.

The “Work of the People”
“Work of the People” is a phrase that has often been used to define the word “liturgy” which comes from a Greek word, leitourgia, itself made from the Greek words for “work” and “people.” In the Helenistic period, “liturgy” meant any kind of public work on behalf of others, a service done for the common good, whether political, religious, or practical. For example, serving in the army, caring for the poor, or picking up trash would have been a “public work” or leitourgia. Over the centuries, the word came to be associated only with the religious aspect of community life, and more specifically, only with the actions done by the priest. In the 20th century, first by Pope Pius XII in his encyclical Mediator Dei (MD), and later in the first document of Vatican II, Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC), the Church began to reclaim the broader meaning of “liturgy” as the work of Christ, head and members, priest and assembly (MD, no. 25; SC, no. 7) for the benefit of the community.

Julia Upton, RSM, says that “[a]n expectation was that restoring the word ‘liturgy,’ would also restore the concept that liturgy is not self-serving, but outwardly directed. When people go to public worship, they do it for the other people, to support them in faith” (“Liturgy,” The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia, ed. Michael Glazier and Monika K. Hellwig, The Liturgical Press, 1994, p. 517).

Sr. Upton goes on to say that “[t]his restored sense of liturgy as service for the sake of others gives each member a role” (p. 517). SC 14 says: “In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit.” It is the way we learn how to live as Christ in the world. For “in doing something together, people become something together” (Upton, p. 517). In celebrating the liturgy well and by being sent into the world “to love and serve the Lord,” we become Christ for the life of the world. The “work of the people,” ultimately then, is Christ’s work in the world through us, his Body, in praise of the Father by the action of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgyn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. And the work we do together can change the world.

WORTHY TEACHERS
All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

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.

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TEMPULATION
The average number of times that people say “no” to temptation is about once, weakly.

—Anonymous
VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Hermanos y hermanas de todas las razas e idiomas acudirán a Jerusalén (Isaías 66:18-21).

Salmo — Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio (Salmo 117 [116]).

Segunda lectura — Sé fuerte y soporta las pruebas como la “disciplina” de un Dios amoroso (Hebreos 12:5-7, 11-13).

Evangelio — Gente del este y el oeste, del norte y del sur se sentarán a la mesa del Reino de Dios (Lucas 13:22-30).

MONTHLY READING

Lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Miércoles: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Domingo: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68 (67):4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lc 14:1, 7-14

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE AGOSTO

DOMINGO, 21 DE AGOSTO

Andrés Moreno
Hugo Juárez
Pedro Uribe

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

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE JEANETTE THATCHER, CONTINUADO....

Recientemente me encontré con alguien que estaba teniendo un momento difícil económicamente. Sus horas de trabajo se han reducido, la renta debía ser pagada, la despensa estaba casi vacía. Y sin embargo, este parroquiano me decía cómo Dios bendecía a su familia todos los días. Esta conversación tuvo lugar mientras estábamos trabajando en una forma de promover un evento para un ministerio en particular. Incluso con todos los problemas que tenía ella estaba dando la a la comunidad; siendo el instrumento de Dios mediante la promoción de un evento para acercar a las personas a Dios. Vi a una persona que vive su vida dignamente.

Mire al alrededor de nuestra parroquia y verá más personas que respondieron a la bendición de Dios por la forma en que viven. Una familia que vino y ayudó a construir el carro alegórico del 4 de julio, la familia vino varias noches después de trabajar todo el día. Casi todos los días un voluntario recoge donaciones para San Vicente de Paul de la oficina para llevarlos al armario de ropa en San Martín. Tres personas que vienen a la iglesia a las 6:30 am todos los domingos para limpiar la Capilla del Santo y reponer las velas.

Nuestra comunidad de la iglesia está llena de personas que responden a Dios en agradecimiento por ayudar a los demás. ¿Quieres conocerlos? El 27 y 28 de agosto, ven a celebrar a la Iglesia de Santa Catalina. Se llevara a cabo una fiesta en el centro parroquial. La celebración muestra el trabajo de nuestros ministerios y programas de la parroquia. Y de acuerdo con la mayoría de los eventos de la parroquia, después de cada misa, el evento ofrecerá comida gratuita, manualidades, juegos para niños y un sorteo. Considere esto su invitación para ver cómo las personas involucradas en los ministerios y programas de la parroquia viven vidas en las cuales ayudan a los demás en respuesta y agradecimiento de las bendiciones que han recibido de Dios.
VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

¡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! Venga y usted incluso pudiera ganar un boleto del paseo ilimitado para el Festival del Otoño.

¡Celebre A Santa Catalina!

¡Presentando a todos los ministros parroquiales!
¡Venga, y mire de que se trata!

Acompáñenos en el centro parroquial el 27 y 28 de Agosto después de cada misa.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE TESORO

Familias disfrutando del uno al otro mientras tienen una botana dulce en la mañana del Domingo.

¡Gracias por sus regalos de Ofertorio semanales!

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

Busque lo siguiente en nuestra pagina web
www.stca.org

Cupones de paseo ilimitados, boletos para la cena del sábado por la noche, comida y juegos con descuento están a la venta ¡AHORA!

Voluntarios escojan su sitio favorito

Feria Automotriz - Regístrese ¡AHORA!

Oportunidades de patrocinio- Para obtener más información favor de ponerse en contacto con Anna Quiñones - aquinones@dsj.org

Donaciones son bienvenidas: cajas de Coca-Cola, Sprite, Fanta, Dr. Popper y litros de Root Beer. Favor de dejarlos en la Oficina Parroquial.

¡Gracias por sus regalos de Ofertorio semanales!
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.

**TENTACIÓN**

El número promedio de veces en que la gente dice “no” a la tentación es cerca de una vez . . . débilmente.

—Anónimo
St. Catherine Woman's Faith Sharing Group will be meeting on Wednesdays, at 9:00 am 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 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 take out to others what we have received.

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

Stewardship Reflection

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."  
LUKE 13:30

Our standards in our society are so different from God’s standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.
Having a hard time finding time to pray? Is it harder than finding a Charizard?

“Well, if you have time to play Pokémon Go (or any game, really), you have time to pray,” is what you’re probably expecting me to say (I didn’t say it, that sentence is in quotes). But I’m not going to say that. I’m going to say, “Well, if you have time to play Pokémon Go, why not add prayer time to it?”

Huh?

As you are well aware, when you hit up a Pokéstop, you can pick up some treats—pokéballs, eggs, lures, etc.—and as I’m sure you also know, it takes about five minutes for the Pokéstop to reset (which means you can pick up more treats at that same location).

Well guess what? Our church is a Pokéstop. So what I suggest is you go to church sometime tomorrow. Collect your items (outside the church), turn your phone on silent and the screen off, go inside and just sit with Jesus for about five minutes. When you’re done, head back outside, turn your phone’s screen on and collect some more items, and be on your way. Boom. You just spent some time with God, some time in prayer, and were able to collect some items to help you on your mission to catch ‘em all (please don’t turn on Pokémon Go while inside the church).

This is how we should be practicing our faith—by integrating it into our lives. That’s not to say only do it when it’s convenient—it’s not always convenient to stop by the church. But it’s just a little sacrifice. Whatever you have going on in your day, you can make prayer a part of it. Sure, it might seem like an inconvenience at times, but I’m sure it wasn’t all that convenient for Jesus to die for your sins (that’s what we in the trade call Catholic guilt—which is actually a horrible way to motivate people to have a relationship with Christ. Jesus doesn’t want us to feel guilty, He wants us to feel loved). But I challenge you to stop by the church and go inside and pray for five minutes every day this week. Go as a family and then sit wherever you want inside. Bring a journal. Bring a Bible. Bring a rosary. Bring a prayer app. And if you can’t make it to church one or two days, spend time away from others so you can be alone with God for five minutes, wherever you are. It’ll make your days so much better.

CONFIRMATION!

We’re having a Parent Orientation for new candidates for Confirmation on Wednesday, August 31st, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Spread the word to any parents of high school teens who haven’t been Confirmed. All teens (new and continuing) have a Fall Session on Sunday, September 11th from 3:30-5:15pm in the Parish Center.

YOUNG ADULTS

Next Sunday, August 28th, there is a young adult social at St. Christopher in San Jose. This is the first of some gatherings amongst the Deanery 7 parishes. What’s Deanery 7 you ask? Our diocese is broken up into six deaneries (there’s no Deanery 1, I have no idea why). We are a part of Deanery 7, which basically covers the south bay. Contact me for more details.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

**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.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION!

Start Dates:
Sundays: Sept 11
Wednesdays: Sept 14
Saturdays (SPANISH): Sept 24

See Registration Forms for specific descriptions of programs.
Early Registration Deadline is August 31st.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory and the Church lobby. Please contact the Family Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org for further information on programs or volunteer opportunities.

**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!
TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JOBS OPPORTUNITY

Part Time 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.

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.

DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop’s authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the cathedra. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain’s chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the cathedra is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a cathedra is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair.

You may find the cathedra in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the cathedra in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the cathedra, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.

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

TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD (LECTORS)
RENEWAL TRAINING
At least once a year we are asked to offer a renewal evening for ALL Proclaimers of the Word. It is a chance for lectors to gather and reflect on our unique responsibility, share ideas and answer questions. As you may have noticed from the listings in the bulletin for several weeks now the date is Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 9 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the church. Please mark the date on your calendar. Deacon Phil will assist us with our reflection. Pat Rudolph and Jim Yinger will guide us through updates, strategies and shared questions. We hope to make it a meaningful session. All lectors are expected to attend.

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.

GUALDALUPE HOPE SOCIETY
The Guadalupe 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.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES
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CELEBRATE ST. CATHERINE’S
Save the dates: August 27 & 28
We are having a party after all the weekend masses to showcase how all our ministries and programs serve our community. Save the date to help us celebrate with food, games and more! Come and you could even win a Fall Fun Fest Unlimited Ride Coupon.

Celebrate St. Catherine!
Showcasing all parish ministries!
Come, see what we’re all about!

Free light meal after every mass!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Families enjoying each other while have a sweet treat on Sunday morning.
Thank you for your Sunday Offertory Donations.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST
September 16, 17 & 18, 2016
Look for the following online at www.stca.org

Unlimited ride coupons, Saturday night chicken dinner, discounted food and games tickets are on sale after Mass, after School and online NOW!

Volunteer for your favorite spot

Car Show—register NOW!

Sponsorship opportunities. For more information contact or 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.

KIDZONE
Join us in the O’Donnell Center after all masses August 27th and 28th.

Free games and crafts for children!

Parish Giving
WELCOME NEW COUGARS!
A huge welcome to our new Cougars! We have a number of new families with kindergarteners, as well as a few new families in other grades. We are delighted to have them as members of the St. Catherine School community!
A special welcome to our new staff members: 4th Grade Teacher—Shanmei Kuang, Jr. High Math/Social Studies Teacher—Audrey Hager, Resource Aide—Julie Somavia, Administrative Secretary—Kate Maes, Receptionist—Kim Zimmerman, Extended Care Assistant—Miriam Jaramuzchett, and Garden Coordinator—Sandie Silva! We know you will love St. Catherine School. Welcome aboard!

LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS
A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is now available in the school lobby. If you are looking for special information about our Catholic faith or a book to inspire you to seek a closer relationship with Jesus, stop by and check out the selection. Just take the book with you and return it when you finish. After you finish a book, you are encouraged (certainly not required) to jot a few notes about its impact on the sheet in the front cover. If you have books about our faith and developing a relationship with Christ that you would like to share with others, just drop it off at the school office. We’ll put it on our list, include a note sheet and get it on the shelf.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS
Back to School Night for grades K-5 will be held on Tuesday, August 23. Parents will meet in the church at 6:30, then attend presentations by teachers. Our Jr. High Back to School Night is Thursday, August 25. Again, parents will meet in church at 6:30, then walk their child’s schedule and hear about policies and expectations from each teacher. Each school family is expected to have at least one parent attend the night for their child’s grade. This is a fabulous way to meet your child’s new teacher and what your child will be learning this year.

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; however, we still have spots left for first, third 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.