SAINT CATHERINE 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 Alejandria, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

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

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

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

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal...........

Catholic schools in America have been a vital part of the culture of our country and our church since North America was first colonized by Europeans. The role has changed a bit over the years, but one thing remains the same. Catholic schools continue to nurture faith in God and the message of Jesus in our lives.

As a product of Catholic schools, and a Catholic school educator and administrator for over thirty years, I am truly grateful for my experiences through Catholic education. My childhood was filled with fond memories of singing at mass with the school choir, praying Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, and having an all school ........

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Desde el escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Directora de la Escuela....

Las escuelas Católicas en América han sido una parte vital en la cultura de nuestro país y de nuestra iglesia desde que Norte América fue por primera vez colonizada por los europeos. Los trabajos han cambiado a lo largo de los años, pero uno de lo que se mantiene igual. Las escuelas Católicas continúan la naturaleza de fe en Dios y el mensaje de Jesús en nuestras vidas. Como producto de las escuelas Católicas, y educadora de una escuela Católica y administradora por más de treinta años, yo estoy sinceramente agradecida por mis experiencias a través de la educación Católica. Mi infancia estuvo llena de buenos recuerdos de cuando cantaba en la misa con el coro de la escuela, rezaba las Estaciones de la Cruz todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma, y de esas veces cuando rezábamos el rosario en Mayo mientras había una procesión todo el día alrededor de la escuela y alrededor de la iglesia.

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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
8:30am - 12:00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Who can ever know God’s counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).
Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).
Gospel — To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one’s own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, August 28
8:00-8:00pm CR 1-4 & Kit Parish Ministry Fair
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellett
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
Monday/Lunes, August 29
6:00-7:00pm CR 1-4 & 5, Kit Community supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelical Choir
6:30-8:00pm NUR Women’s Stitching Group
6:30-9:00pm MC Folklorico La Amistad practica
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion
7:00-9:00pm CR1 ICF Board meeting
7:30-9:30pm GYM Open Gym
8:00-9:00pm Rm. 8 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir
Tuesday/Martes, August 30
6:00-9:00pm CRT-Z Spanish FF Information session
6:30-9:00pm CH Class Pre-baptismal Espanol
7:00-9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting
7:00-8:30pm CH Alpha Omega
Wednesday/Miercoles, August 31
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 MC FF Catechist Orientation
6:30-7:50pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Mankind meeting
8:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
7:00-8:30pm CR1-4 Parent Confirmation Intro
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee meeting
Thursday/Jueves, September 1
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:30-8:30pm MC Spanish FF Catechist STV training
7:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal
7:00-9:00pm LR Liturgy Committee meeting
Friday/Viernes, September 2
9:00-11:59pm CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm 8,10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano
7:00-9:00pm CR1 Grupo Amigos Parent meeting
Saturday/Sabado, September 3
12:00-8:00am CH 24 Hour Adoration
7:30-12:30pm MC Jovenes Para Cristo Coord. Reunion
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Spirituality group
5:00-10:00pm CR1-4,5 Alpha & Omega Dinner
8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, August 29 † Sergio Madrigal
† Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
Tuesday, August 30 † Sergio Madrigal
† Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
Wednesday, August 31 † Sergio Madrigal
† Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
Thursday, September 1 † Maria Leyva
† Ramon Muñoz
Friday, September 2 † Consuelo Rodriguez
† Sergio Madrigal
Saturday, September 3 † Thomas Thompson
FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?”
Child: “Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honor? Why or why not?”
TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today we get a double dose of the call to humility from Sirach as well as Luke’s Gospel. Although it is well accepted that humility is a good thing it is more often honored in the breach. All too often humility is mistaken for weakness or a lack of assertiveness in societal terms. How unfortunate, we know that dealing with others who are humble is a grace but then fail to emulate them. Scripture is pretty plain, “My child conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are…” Have you noticed that some of the most successful athletes in the Olympics are somewhat self-effacing, offering support and congratulations to their competitors? Sportsmanship contains a large dose of humility, or at least it should. At the root of the humility Sirach asks is our relationship with God. In that situation it becomes easier to be humble; what we are challenged to do is to treat others as if we were in the presence of God. In fact we are but our physical senses make it easy to forget the spiritual presence of God in all God’s creation. Jesus gives a practical example of humility, explaining that placing oneself in a lower position in a group is never a problem while assuming higher status can lead to begin taken down a peg. Humility invites sacrifice, we give up any self-aggrandizement or sought after status. We instead look at the other without evaluation of their position or station in life. In doing so we once again remember that all are equal in God’s eyes. It is our call to see with the same vision and when we do, we find unasked for calm and a lack of anxiety. Walking humbly with God, now there’s a call we can answer.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

This is going to seem a stretch but consider carrying non-plastic utensils in your car’s glove box. Not only do they make eating take out food easier but there is no “one and done” use of throw away plastic. It only takes a minute to wash and return them to the car.

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 FABIENNE…..

procession around the outside of the church as we prayed the rosary in May. I remember our pastor, Msgr. Leddy, giving us St. Patrick’s Day as a school holiday because Patrick was his patron saint. While these memories may not individually be inspirational, the overall message that I received in Catholic schools supported and motivated me to pursue a career in education and to strive to live my faith each day.

Years later as a mother and Catholic school teacher, I realized the immense benefit of having both home and school giving the same message of the redeeming grace of our Savior. Working in Catholic schools has nourished my faith life as an adult. I am indeed grateful for the many people who have encouraged my through the years: my parents, family, teachers, students, priests and colleagues. My life would certainly be different without the influence of Catholic education.

As we begin a new school, you may be considering Catholic education for your child. Many of our classes are full, but we have a few spaces in grades 1, 3 and 7. If you need more information, please contact the school office at 408-779-9950 or fesperza@stcatherinemh.org. If you looking ahead and would like to gather information now for future years, give us a call. We’d love to show you our fabulous parish school. My prayers go out to all parents, teachers and administrators as this new year gets underway. May Jesus bless you in your mission to develop faith filled, resilient and compassionate children!

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: ________________________________________________
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Phone: _______________ Email: __________________________
Liturgy isn’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.

Have you found your role? Need help finding your role? Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org.

What you see during liturgy? Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers, Proclaimers of the Word (Lectors), Assembly Leaders, Altar Servers, Musicians, and Ushers. All of these ministers support other ministries: Funerals, Weddings, First Holy Communion Celebration Masses, Confirmation Masses and special Masses.

What you don’t see? A volunteer liturgy committee responsible for the training and support of the ministers that serve the liturgy and planning of the special liturgies. Bernadette, MaryBeth, Rosalie, Sandra, and Tony who wash and iron the linens once a month. Michael who cleans the candle burners and candle plates weekly. Maureen who straightens the church and books in the pews twice a week. Diana-Lynn who takes care of the environment on a daily basis and those that change the environment with the liturgical season.

Volunteers needed:

A volunteer Liturgy Environment Coordinator is needed. Check the website for general details. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees for more information at dinderhees@dsj.org.

Candle area - clean and putting new candles out
Greeters—welcoming parishioners before each mass
Sacristans - needed at the 5:30 Sunday Mass

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion?
Are you a fully initiated and practicing Catholic?

If so, you are invited to attend training. Training is in two parts.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - Theology of Eucharist in the church 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – How to Perform this Ministry in the church 7:00pm-9:00pm

Both sessions are required.

This ministry is open for all masses. If you have questions or want more information please contact Signe Montosa at 408-691-3237, montosa@msn.com.

A Big Thank You from your parish St. Vincent de Paul Ministry!

Just a note to thank everyone in the parish for their prayers, selfless volunteer support, and generous monetary and clothing donations for our recent Children’s Clothing Giveaway. Over 100 volunteers enjoyed the day with over 300 children and their families, shopping for free back-to-school clothes and accessories. Join us in praying for a successful and enjoyable school year for all the children in our community! Clothing and household goods are available, free of charge, at the parish SVdP Community Closet (13570 Depot St. San Martin). We are open year ’round to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-noon, and the first Saturday of the month from 10am-noon. Come on down!

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon, archbishop of Cambrai

BURNED

Who sacrifices the conscience burns the picture to obtain the ashes.

—Chinese proverb
VIGÉSIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Maneja tus asuntos con humildad. Humíllate y tendrás el favor de Dios (Sirácide 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
Salmo — Dios da libertad y riqueza a los cautivos (Salmo 68 [67]).
Segunda lectura — Te has acercado a Jesús, el mediador de una nueva alianza (Hebreos 12:18-19, 22-24a).
Evangelio — Cuando te inviten a comer, siéntate en el lugar menos importante. Los que se humillan serán ensalzados (Lucas 14:1, 7-14).

HUMILDAD
¿Has estado alguna vez con un grupo de personas –quizás en un crucero, en una reunión social, o en la iglesia– y descubres que has estado hablando con un autor muy conocido, un alto ejecutivo de una empresa poderosa, un gran intelectual o una figura política? Tu primer pensamiento es que ojalá no hayas dicho nada embarazoso, pero el segundo es tu asombro al notar que se comportan como una persona “normal”. ¿Qué es lo que hace a una persona “normal”? Las lecturas de hoy nos dan una pista cuando ponen de relieve la importancia de la humildad. Es tan difícil no decirle a la primera persona que nos escuche lo ocupados que estamos, lo mucho que trabajamos, cuánto dinero donamos y cuán importantes son nuestros títulos en el trabajo. Pensamos que estas distinciones tienen influencia en las personas, y si no se lo decimos, ¿cómo van a saberlo? Pero si nuestras acciones demuestran nuestros valores, la gente reconocerá lo que vemos, por sí solas. Las palabras de Jesús nos muestran que es mucho mejor dejar que los demás reconozcan nuestros méritos que apenarnos porque alguien no los reconoce.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIANNE , CONTINUADO......

Recuerdo nuestro pastor, Msgr. Leddy, que nos dio el día de St. Patrick como un día festivo debido a que Patrick era su santo patrón. Aunque estos recuerdos pueden no ser de forma individual inspiración, el mensaje general que he recibido en las escuelas católicas me apoyó y me motivó a seguir una carrera en la educación y al esforzarme por vivir mi fe cada día.

Años más tarde como madre y maestra de una escuela Católica, me di cuenta de la inmensa ventaja de tener el hogar y la escuela dando el mismo mensaje de la gracia redentora de nuestro Salvador. Trabajando en las escuelas católicas ha nutrido mi vida de fe como un adulto. Estoy muy agradecida por las muchas personas que me han animado a través de los años: mis padres, familiares, maestros, estudiantes, sacerdotes y colegas. Mi vida sin duda sería diferente sin la influencia de la educación católica.

Al comenzar una escuela nueva, tal vez estarán considerando educación Católica para su hijo. Muchas de nuestras clases están llenas, pero tenemos lugares en los grados 1, 3, y 7. Si necesita más información, por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela al 408-779-9950 o fesparza@stcatherinemh.org. Si usted está viendo por adelantado y le gustaría obtener información ahora para los años próximos, denos una llamada. Nos encantaría mostrarles nuestra fabulosa escuela parroquial. Mis oraciones son para todos los padres, maestros y administradores en este nuevo año que se pone en marcha. ¡Que Jesús los bendiga en su misión en desarrollar hijos con buena fe, resistencia y compasión!

JUSTO CASTIGO
El castigo de los sabios que rehúsan tener parte en el gobierno es vivir sometidos al gobierno de los necios.
—Platón

QUEMADO
El que sacrifica la conciencia quema el cuadro para obtener las cenizas.
—Proverbio chino
¡CELEBRE A SANTA CATALINA!
Acompañemos este fin de semana
Tendremos una fiesta después de todas las misas de fin de semana. Las fiestas se llevaran acabo con el propósito de demonstrar cómo nuestros ministerios y programas sirven a nuestra comunidad. ¡Favor de guardar la fecha para ayudarnos a celebrar con comadura, juegos y mucho más! Venga y usted incluso pudiera ganar un boleto del paseo ilimitado para el Festival del Otoño.

¡Celebre A Santa Catalina!

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

CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE TESORO

13 & 14 de agosto del 2016

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¡Gracias por sus regalos de Ofertorio semanales!
STA. CATALINA DE ALEJANDRÍA
ADORACIÓN EUCHARÍSTICA
Nuestras 24 horas de Adoración empiezan el Primer Viernes 2do. de Septiembre inmediatamente después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa de las 8:15 A.M. concluyendo el Primer Sábado 3ro. de Septiembre con Bendición a las 8:00A.M.

"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo." MT 26:40

¿PORQUE TENEMOS LA DEVOCION DE LOS CINCO PRIMEROS SÁBADOS?
La Devoción de los Cincos Primeros Sábados consecutivos tiene su origen de una petición especial. La Virgen del Rosario de Fátima de Portugal les pidió durante una aparición a los tres niños videntes en Coba Da Iris en 1917. "Les pediré ... los cinco primeros Sábados consecutivos del mes, hagan sacrificios por la conversión de los pecadores en reparación de sus pecados y los del mundo entero."
"Oren, oren mucho y hagan sacrificios por los pecadores, porque muchas almas van al infierno, porque no hay nadie que sacrifique y rece por ellas." Vues tra Señora del Rosario de Fátima
"Yo prometo asistirles en la hora de su muerte con las gracias necesarias para obtener su salvación," en los que los Cincos Primeros Sábados Consecutivos de mes observan lo siguiente:

1. Confesarse ocho días antes o después del Primer Sábado del mes.
2. Comulgar
3. Recen cinco décadas del Rosario.
Acompañarme por quince minutos mientras meditan en los misterios del Rosario.

"Todo con la intención de hacer reparación a mi Inmaculado Corazón." Vues tra Señora del Rosario de Fátima

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

¡Los esperamos!

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

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO

Personal de Limpieza de 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.
**TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Office of Development & Evangelization**

Did you know
Month of August is Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life. This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Each of us owes reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Every sin of ours causes grief and suffering to her in union with her divine Son. For sin was the cause of that terrible day on Calvary when she, as the New Eve, shared in the torment of the great sacrifice, and, amidst indescribable pain, brought forth spiritually all the members of the Mystical Body of her divine Son. God willed that Mary should be intimately associated with His Son in bearing the burden of all sin; surely then, her Immaculate Heart, in union with His divine Heart, should receive reparation from us who have caused them such pain. If anyone causes hurt to even a very ordinary human being, he does not overlook the need to make amends. How much more do we owe to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!**

Giving Greener

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website www.stca.org You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

St. Catherine’s parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and support all the programs and people we serve in a timely manner. Please contact Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org or Jeanette Thatcher jthatcher@dsj.org for assistance in setting up an online giving account.

**Stewardship Reflection**

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

**LUKE 14:13 -14**

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.
Lots Happening…
There’s a lot going on in the Fall—and you might be thinking, “I already have so much going on, I can’t possibly add some church thing to it.”
But maybe you need to. Of all the things that you have going on, how many of those things help you grow closer to God? How many of those things build up the community of Christians that help you grow closer to God (because it’s way easier—and a lot more fun—growing closer to God with others supporting you)? Maybe, before it gets too late in the year and you get overwhelmed, you need to reprioritize what’s really important—what’s really going to be the most beneficial to you and your family.

High School Retreat
September 23-25th we are having a weekend retreat for any and all high school students! We are doing this retreat along with a few other parishes from our diocese—Holy Spirit, St. Nick/St. Williams, and St. Chris. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact me at deepuk@dsj.org or 408-874-6742. This is a great opportunity to connect with God again as you go through this new school year. We are focusing on finding hope and joy regardless of what situation or struggles you are going through.

Confirmation
If you are interested in having your teenager start their Confirmation journey (and they’re in high school), please join us at the parent orientation this 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.

Youth Hour at Adoration
Are you interested in going to Adoration, but maybe are nervous or don’t want to sit in silence? Come from 6:30-7:30pm (yes, the same time Young Adults are invited to come). We’ll be playing prayerful worship music for the hour to help keep you focused and prayerful. We’ll also have journal prompts if you’d like to guide you.
Although we’re calling it “Youth Hour,” all ages are truly welcome during this time.
And of course, youth, young adults are welcome to go Adoration at anytime from 9am Friday to 8:15am Saturday.

Young Adults Gathering
Today (or tomorrow if you’re seeing this on Saturday), August 28th, there is a young adult social at St. Christopher in San Jose. This is the first of some young adult gatherings amongst the southern parishes in our diocese. This will be from 1:30-3:30ishpm. There’ll be refreshments and fellowship. If you’re interested in carpooling, contact me.

Happy Hour/Holy Hour
Okay, so I totally stole this idea from another parish in the diocese. Every first Friday of the month is Adoration in our church—so what we’ll be doing is meeting at Bubbles (at least for this Friday) from 5-6 for their happy hour. Then we’ll head over to the church for Adoration from 6:30-7:30 (you can walk to the church in about 20 minutes). There’ll be prayerful worship music during this hour.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Catechists in the Spanish Faith Formation Program get ready for the upcoming year.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Early Registration Deadline is August 31st.

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

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

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

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.

RCIA: An Invitation to Come and See!

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church’s way of initiating new members, but it is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. RCIA is an opportunity:

- For those who have not been baptized;
- For those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, and/or training in the Catholic religion;
- For those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith.

Adult faith formation sessions begin on Wednesday, September 21st. Please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 for further information.

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY WITH THE OAKLAND A’s

Saturday, Sept 10th
vs. Seattle Mariners
1:05 pm game time

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 testimonies. 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 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JOBOPPORTUNITY

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Time Together!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. 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.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCHARISTICADORATION
Our 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday, September 2nd immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday, September 3rd with Benediction at 8:00A.M
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" MT 26:40

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.

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase –
During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 23-25, 2016 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

“Go Deeper to Meet God” invite you to join
19th Annotation Retreat/ the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life. The full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is traditionally done in silence during a 30-Day Retreat. It can also be done in one’s daily life over 9 months called a 19th Annotation Retreat. For this 19th Annotation Retreat, the only requirements is a heart of desire to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, and an hour commitment of personal daily scriptural prayer. The retreat involves: Weekly meetings for individual spiritual direction with a trained spiritual director, and regular small group meetings with a Jesuit priest (the supervisor). Applications are now being accepted for the retreat beginning in September 27, 2016. To register please email: dailyliferetreat@gmail.com/ For more information, please contact, Spiritual Director Margarita Hua, SCU. M.A. 408-623-0838 / Most Holy Trinity, Spiritual Ministry, 2041 Nassau Dr. San Jose, Ca 95122.

MASTIMES
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.
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.

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 6 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.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday:  Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:  The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday:  First Friday
Saturday:  St. Gregory the Great; First Saturday

HUMILITY
Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn’t say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such “regular” folks. What is it that makes people seem so “regular”? Today’s readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don’t tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

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

Free light meal after every mass!
Free games and crafts for children!

Join us today after mass in the Parish Center!

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 13 & 14, 2016
Weekly Offertory Collection: This Week $19,764 Year to Date $125,101
- Weekend Masses $19,634 $124,977
- Electronic giving $130 $125,238
 Total $19,634 $124,977

Weekly Offertory Collection Need (Budget) $22,948
Average Offertory Collection after 7 weeks this fiscal year YTD $19,992
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Aug.) $19,287
Year to date Actual vs. Budget -$9,723

Jovenes Para Cristo, a young adult group, sharing a meal in community.

Thank you for your Offertory donations!

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

Get your Lawn Signs Now!
We need your support to help advertise and build community. Please pick up a lawn sign today. They are available at the school office, Faith Formation office and Rectory. You can also get them after mass.

We are looking for an Entertainment Sponsorship
Please contact Anna Quinones - aquinones@dsj.org

Labor Day Weekend Shopping Sales
When you purchase your cases of cokes, please consider buying an extra few for the church to donate: Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Dr. Pepper and liters of Root Beer. Drop them off at the Parish Office.

I Spy Signs

Parish Giving
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.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Each spring the faculty and staff choose an inspirational book to read for the summer and discuss in the fall. This year we read Unselfie by Michele Borba. Dr. Borba writes about the importance of developing empathy skills and how those skills positively impact our lives. She gives many practical tips for parents to help them raise empathetic children. Check it out!

CATHOLIC TELEMEDIA NETWORK (CTN)

The Catholic Telemedia Network provides an array of services to the Catholic schools of the dioceses of San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. CTN streams educational programming from its studios in Menlo Park and provides online access to a range of educational games and websites.

Teachers, students and parents are able to access CTN’s online programs which include web quests, games, video streaming, and online labs just to name a few.

CTN offers online programs such as Mathletics, Discovery Science, BrainPop, Learning 360, and much more. Additionally, they offer many Religion resources for Catholic school teachers.

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.

First day of 8th grade…..aren’t those 8th grade sweatshirts awesome!

Glad to be back to school...but wishing they could still sleep in.