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

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Disciplulado 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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From the Desk of Sr. Silvia Frias, Pastoral Associate ……….
RCIA (Formation for Adults)
I would like to share with you what this program is for the parish and for our growth as Christians in our spiritual, family and social life. We call it RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This program is intended for people who are 18 and older and who are missing a Sacrament, regardless if it is the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Communion. I personally consider that this program can also benefit those who have already received all of their sacraments because some of us receive them as infants or young children and it is a good reminder of our faith.

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Desde el escritorio de Hermana Silvia Frías, Asociada Pastoral….
FORMACION PARA ADULTOS
Quiero compartirles lo que este programa es para la Parroquia y para nuestro crecimiento como cristianos en nuestra vida espiritual, familiar y social. Lo nombramos RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos). Es para personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Confirmación y/o Comunión. A mi consideración creo que también algunos de nosotros quienes ya hemos recibido estos Sacramentos desde pequeños, sería bueno que si los jueves tienen tiempo en la noche, volver a estudiarlos porque nos permite profundizar más en ese gran regalo de la Fe que recibimos en nuestro Bautismo.

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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: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,17,19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).
Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, September 4
7:00-1:00pm CR4 & Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
1:00-4:00pm CR4 & Kit Hospitalidad
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellett
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm GYM Over 40’s open gym
7:30-9:00pm Rm.8 La Rondalla practice

Monday/Lunes, September 5
6:00-7:00pm MC FF Catechist training
6:30-8:30pm CR3-4 KoC Board meeting
7:00-9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR Sweepstakes committee
7:00-9:00pm CH Existing Lector renewal
7:30-8:30pm GYM Cathedrical session for Altar servers & parents

Tuesday/Martes, September 6
6:00-9:00pm MC FF Catechist training
6:30-8:30pm CR3-4 KoC Board meeting
7:00:9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR Sweepstakes committee
7:00-9:00pm CH Existing Lector renewal
7:00-8:30pm Rm.8 Italian American meeting
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR FilAm Committee meeting

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 7
9:00-10:30am CR 1 Women’s Group
10:00-1:00pm 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 training
6:30-7:50pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Mankind meeting
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
7:00-9:00pm CR3-4 Italian American meeting
7:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Fall Fun Fest meeting
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR FilAm Committee meeting
7:00-10:00pm CR1-2 Fall Fun Fest meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Thursday/Jueves, September 8
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:00-9:30pm MC Spanish FF Parent Orientation
7:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Friday/Viernes, September 9
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
7:00-10:00pm CR1-2 Vida de Los Santos movie night

Saturday/Sábado, September 10
8:00-10:30am CR1-2 Spanish FF parent orientation
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Spirituality group

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, September 5     † Sergio Madrigal
† Ramona Muñoz
Tuesday, September 6  † Sergio Madrigal
† Art Duffy
Wednesday, September 7 † Sergio Madrigal
† Bill Young
Thursday, September 8 † Leonardo De Palma
† Sergio Madrigal
Friday, September 9 † Maria Bafuénos
† Sergio Madrigal
Saturday, September 10 Maria Teresa Flores

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?”
Child: “When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do?  Who helps you know?”
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: __________________________

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

We spoke earlier of “reuse” being even better than “recycling.” How is that going? We can pass along to others or to charities items we no longer use ourselves. We can even “re-gift” presents that don’t fit our taste (after writing the thank you note first though :-).

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!

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Dedication is something we aspire to in our lives, usually more as an ideal than a lived reality; or at least in moderation or spurts. When we “dedicate” ourselves to a particular task we do a better job because we are focused and attentive on the work. Today’s Gospel gives us a rather more demanding form of dedication, that of being a disciple of Jesus. He is still on the way to Jerusalem, teaching along the way. Jesus is a truth teller, never more so than in his demand that “anyone who comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.” Wow, there’s no missing his point, discipleship is more important than any human relationship. The word “hating” seems strong to us but remember that term is not about disliking but rather realizing that a disciple of Jesus must always place Jesus first. In his time that warning was needed to determine how well the crowd understood that the Kingdom Jesus preached would be realized only through total dedication to his word. The same is true for us today. We have even more distractions before us, beguiling sirens who tempt us to tell Jesus that “we’ll get back to you on that.” How easily we are led astray, not because we are bad or resentful but rather we lack dedication to the call of discipleship. It asks that we keep Jesus’ lessons as our first order of business rather than a “Sunday kind of thing.” The call asks that we overlook worldly allure in order to see that true happiness lies in keeping Jesus’ message as our watchword. Seeking peace that is not just the absence of conflict but also the ultimate goal of our journey, life with God.

FROM THE DESK OF SR. SILVIA…..

I would encourage anyone who has time on Thursday nights to join the RCIA program because it allows us to go grow deeper in our faith, which is the greatest gift that we receive in our Baptism. We are still receiving applications and all are welcome. Hopefully you all had the opportunity to attend the “Celebrate St. Catherine’s” event last weekend, where you could see everything we have in our parish that helps us grow in our Christian life.

God bless you. Sister. Silvia Z. Frias MESST

FOLLOW YOUR PATH

You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.

—Abraham Lincoln
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 put out new candles
Greeters - welcoming worshipers at each mass
Sacristans - needed at the 5:30 Sunday mass Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?
Are you a fully initiated and practicing Catholic?
If so you are invited to attend training which has two parts.

Tuesday, September 20th - Theology of Eucharist - in the church 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday, October 4th - How to perform this ministry - in the church 7:00pm-9:00pm
Both sessions are required.
This ministry is open at all masses. If you have questions or want more information please contact Signe Montosa at 408-691-3237, montosa@msn.com.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD (LECTORS)
RENEWAL TRAINING
At least once a year we offer a renewal evening for ALL Proclaimers of the Word. It is a chance for lectors to gather and reflect on their unique responsibility, share ideas and answer questions. As you may have noticed from the listings in the bulletin for the last several weeks the date is Tuesday, September 6th from 7:00–9:00pm in the church. Please mark your calendar. Deacon Phil will assist 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.

“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.
VIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¿Quién puede saber los caminos de Dios a menos que Dios le dé sabiduría y le envíe el Espíritu Santo de lo alto? (Sabiduría 9:13-18b)

Salmo — Tú eres, Señor, nuestro refugio (Psalm 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo pide a Filemón que acepte a su esclavo Onésimo como hermano (Filemón 9-10, 12-17).

Evangelio — Para ser discípulo de Jesús uno debe cargar con su cruz (Lucas 14:25-33).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Sal 5:5-7, 12; Lc 6:6-11, o las lecturas de la Misa "Por la santificación del trabajo"

Martes: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 6:12-19

Miércoles:1 Cor 7:25-31; Sal 45 (44):11-12, 14-17; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Viernes: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Sal 84 (83):3-6, 12; Lc 6:39-42

Sábado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lc 15:1-32 [1-10]

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.

¡BIENVENIDO!

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

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

¡FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE!

DOMINGO, 4 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Denisse Velasco
Betty Guevara
Jose Jimenez

Estamos todavía recibiendo las aplicaciones y todos son bienvenidos. Ojalá hayan tenido la oportunidad de asistir a la Feria de Ministerios el fin de semana pasado, donde pudo ver todo lo que tenemos en nuestra parroquia que nos ayuda a crecer en nuestra vida Cristiana. Dios los bendiga.

Hna. Silvia Frías Z. MESST

SIGUE TU CAMINO

Tienes que crecer por ti mismo, no importa que tan alto fue tu abuelo.

—Abraham Lincoln

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE SILVIA FRIAS , CONTINUADO.....
VIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

FORMACION PARA ADULTOS

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

CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE TESORO

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.

FACEBOOK

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

LA DIFERENCIA

Es el esfuerzo del trabajo lo que hace la diferencia en todo.
—John Locke

Opportunidad para compartir sus bendiciones

Algunas familias de nuestra parroquia no tienen los fondos para ir al festival. Favor considere hacer una donación para que sea posible que estas familias se unan a nosotros.

Un regalo de $15 = juegos mecánicos para todo el día

Un regalo de $10 = boletos para comida

Puede dejar su donación en la Oficina Parroquial o puede dárselo a uno de los vendedores de boletos después de misa. ¡Gracias por compartir la diversión!

Opportunities for Employment

Cleaning Staff

Weekday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Duties: Cleaning and other tasks as needed.
Requirements: The preferred applicant must be able to speak, read, and write English and Spanish. Applications are available in the parish office.

Facebook

Join us and stay updated on what is happening in our parish. Visit our page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

The Difference

It is the effort of the work that makes the difference in everything.
—John Locke

Opportunities to Share Your Blessings

Some families from our parish do not have the funds to attend the festival. Please consider making a donation so that these families can join us.

A $15 gift = Mechanical games for the whole day

A $10 gift = Food tickets

You can leave your donation in the parish office or give it to one of the ticket vendors after Mass. Thank you for sharing the fun!

Corresponsabilidad de Tesoro

20 & 21 de agosto del 2016

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Your donations of the ofertorio support the ministry of young and adult youth.
-Edge (Jr. High)
-Life Teen
-El Programa de Confirmación
-Jóvenes Para Cristo
¡GRACIAS!
**Preventa de Boletos con Descuento**

Favor de tomar nota - Estos boletos SOLAMENTE estarán a la venta hasta las 3 PM del Viernes, Septiembre 16. Cómprales en nuestra página de web - www.stca.org, después de Misa los fines de semana, y en la Oficina Parroquial durante horas de oficina.

**Juegos Mecánicos**

Cupón Ilimitado para los Juegos - $15.00
- Se puede usar una vez en cualquier día del Festival

**Comida y Juegos**

Comida y Boletos para Juegos – 10 boletos por $9.00
- Cada boleto tiene el valor de $1.00. Se puede utilizar en cualquier alimento, bebida o estación de juego de Santa Catalina.

**Cena de Pollo - El Sabado por la Noche**

Boletos estarán en venta hasta el Martes Septiembre 13. No van a ser vendidos en el día del evento.

Cena de Pollo – medio pollo - $9.00

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**Opotunidades de Voluntario**

Formas de ser voluntario:
- Puestos de juegos - Padres e hijos pueden trabajar juntos
- Otros Puestos - Personas de 16 años o mayores pueden trabajar en cualquier puesto, excepto el puesto de cerveza y vino.
- Ayuda en la cocina
- La limpieza el domingo por la noche y en los días siguientes del festival.
- Seleccione un puesto adonde se pueda sentar o estar de pie.
- Inscríbete como familia o con un amigo. ¡Hay algo para todos!

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**Fall Fun Fest Show de Coches**

El show de Carros estará en el estacionamiento de la escuela el sábado, de 12 PM a 5 PM. El costo es de $20 por carro. El espacio es limitado, registrese temprano.

Entre a nuestro sitio web para obtener la forma de registración o mándenos un correo electrónico authenticscc@verizon.net.

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**Baile Parroquial Para Jóvenes**

Jóvenes de grados 6, 7, y 8 están invitados al baile de la parroquia. Va ser el primer evento anual de nuestra parroquia. Pueden venir y divertirse con tus amigos y después ir a los juegos mecánicos. Este será el lugar para pasar el Sábado por la noche. Mas detalles por venir.
Leaving A Legacy

Have You Considered Your Parish?

There once was a man who, as he grew older, became more and more upset about the reality that when he died he would have to leave behind everything for which he had worked. Every night he prayed to God to please let him take something that he had acquired into heaven with him. Finally, one night the Lord appeared to the man and told him that since he had been so persistent in his prayers that God would leave a note with St. Peter giving this man permission to bring one suitcase into heaven.

The next morning the man immediately began the process of turning all his assets into gold bars, which he stored in a suitcase under his bed.

Shortly after, when the man died, he appeared before St. Peter dragging his suitcase full of gold bars. Peter checked his records and then asked the man to open the suitcase so St. Peter could check to see what the man was bringing through the Pearly Gates. When the man opened the suitcase, St. Peter just shook his head in wonder. “You beg God for permission to bring something to heaven with you and then you bring PAVING STONES?!!”

Four Ways to Leave A Legacy

Did you know the four easy ways to remember your parish in your will?

1. A Specific Bequest – You can designate a certain amount of money or specific assets to the parish.
2. A Residual Bequest – You can plan for the parish to receive all or a portion of your estate after specific bequests have been distributed.
3. A Percentage Bequest – You can designate a certain percentage of the estate to the parish.
4. A Contingent Bequest – You can make the parish the recipient of a bequest if others named in your will are not living at the time of your death.

No matter how you decide to remember the parish, your gift accomplishes several key benefits.

- It sends a strong message to your heirs that the Church played an important role in your life.
- It ensures that your generosity to the Church continues even after you are gone.
- It provides important assistance to the parish.
- It may provide tax benefits for your heirs.

Talk to your lawyer or financial counselor today about the best way to remember the parish in your will. You can also contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or 408-779-3959 for more information.
“...so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.”

Remember this line? You might’ve missed it as it was just a portion of one of Paul’s run-on sentences in the 2nd Reading today (there were a total of 4 sentences in that reading). I think as a Church we struggle with this. The Church, in order for it to grow, in order for it to reach the most people and do the most good, needs us Catholics to volunteer and serve. The Church doesn’t want to force us to serve but because many of us (including me) are selfish and lazy creatures we aren’t willing to just volunteer unless we are specifically asked. But then when we are specifically asked we feel guilty if we refuse (by the way, tried to use ‘guilted’ and got the red squiggly line - so that’s apparently not a word).

So what if we started really putting the Church, and in doing so, others, first? What if we asked what we could do to help instead of waiting to be asked? Here’s a list of potential results:

1) You won’t hear as many announcements at the end of Mass.
2) You get to choose exactly how you help, so using your true gifts to their fullest potential instead of just filling the gaps that are left.
3) You’d meet some awesome people that you’d never meet otherwise, which could turn into some life long friends.
4) You’d feel and be more a part of the community.
5) Your relationship with God will grow.

How do I know these are potential results? Because they’ve all happened to me as well as many others I know. And you might think that you’re life’s great the way it is - but what if it could be even better?

High School Retreat

September 23-25th There is 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

All teens (new and continuing) have a Fall Session on Sunday, September 11th from 3:30-5:15pm in the Parish Center.

If your parent did not attend the orientation meeting last week and you’re new to the program, please have them come this Thursday, Sep. 8th at 7pm to the Parish Center for a make up meeting.

Parents of continuing teens, please join us on Monday, Sep. 12th for a Parent Update at 7pm, as there have been some changes made to the program and we want to make sure everyone is on the same page.

For Sponsors of all Confirmation teens, please join us on Monday, Sep. 26th from 7-8pm in the Parish Center to talk about your role as you start (or continue) to guide your teen through their faith journey.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Catechists recharge at the Beginning of the Year
Catechist Retreat at Villa Mira Monte

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

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

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

Sacramental Preparation for children/youth aged 7 and older who have not been baptized or who were baptized in another faith:

Please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 to schedule a meeting with Rose Pucan-Meagor to discuss how we can best support you and your child in the journey.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (AFF) SESSIONS BEGIN
Wednesday, September 21st

Adult Faith Formation is for everyone!

- AFF meets people wherever they are on their spiritual journey – no pre-requisites needed – just come as you are!
- AFF guides each person to the Sacraments on an individual basis geared to the person’s specific needs
- AFF also provides an opportunity for fully initiated parishioners to serve the community.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation), is seeking God or inquiring about the Catholic Faith, or would like a deeper understanding of their faith through bible study and spiritual development, please call Rose at (408) 779-9604 or send an e-mail to rosepm@dsj.org for further information.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, the Rectory and Church lobby. Please call or visit the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.
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.

JOB 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.

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

WANT TO JOIN CUB SCOUTS?
Cub Scouts is a great way to help boys in 1st to 5th grade build character while having fun. St Catherine Parish Cub Scout Pack is now enrolling. Contact Travis Taylor for more information: tjhspapa@yahoo.com

Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase –
The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. 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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
A Get-Away Weekend!!! Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 11-13, 2016 at Vallambrosa Center, Menlo Park. For more information visit our website sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.
Discounted and pre Event Tickets

*Please note that tickets are available for purchase through 3pm Friday Sept. 16th.* Purchase them online at www.stca.org, after weekend Masses, and in the Parish Office during business hours.

**Carnival Rides**

*Unlimited Ride Coupon - $15*

Use once on any day of the *Fun Fest.*

**Food and Game**

*Red Food and Game Tickets - 10 for $9*

Tickets value of $1. Use at any food, beverage, or game booth.

**Saturday Night Chicken**

Tickets are on sale until Tuesday Sept. 13th. They will not be sold at the *Fun Fest.*

*Chicken Dinner - 1/2 chicken - $9*

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Game Booths - Parent and child can work together
- Other Booths - 16 and older can work in any booth except the beer and wine booth
- Kitchen Help and Runners
- Cleanup on Sunday evening and the days following the *Fun Fest*
- Select a volunteer spot you can do sitting down or moving around.
- Sign up as a family or with a friend

We have something for everyone!

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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Put your business or family name in front of everyone attending the *Fall Fun Fest.*

All Sponsors receive recognition before and after the *Fall Fun Fest.*

*Thank you: Kammermeyer Family Gift Fund, Joe and Fran Hendrickson*

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**Fall Fun Fest Car Show**

The car show is on the School parking lot Saturday from 12pm to 5pm. Entry fee is $20 per car. Space is limited so register early. See our website for registration form or email authenticscc@verizon.net.

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**Parish Jr. High Dance**

All current 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend your parish dance. It is the 1st of an annual parish event. Come and have fun with friends and then ride the rides afterward. This is the place to be Saturday evening. Look for more specific details to come.
TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
A big THANK YOU to all those who helped coordination and organize our Celebrate St. Catherine’s event that was a great success!

THANK YOU to the wonderful committee - Beth Kochuparambil, Jeanette Thatcher, Carol Lillig, Tom Guinan, Lucy Hernandez and Josie Cedano.

A thank you to the great volunteers who made the event possible - Ann Kochuparambil, The Delisle family, Brian VanCleef, The Jimenez family, Deepu Kochuparambil, Diana Lynn Inderhees, Anna Quiñones and everyone else who put their little grain of sand to make Celebrate St. Catherine’s a true Church Party!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS
Some families in our Parish do not have funds to attend the Fall Fun Fest. Please consider making a donation to enable them to join us.
A gift of $15 = carnival rides for a day.
A gift of $10 = food tickets
Drop off your donation at the Parish Office or give it to one of the ticket sellers after mass. Thanks for sharing the fun!

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

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, co-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.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE
Your Offertory donations support Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
-Edge (Jr. High)
-Life Teen
-Confirmation program
-Young Adults THANK YOU!

Parish Giving

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE
August 20 & 21, 2016
Weekly Offertory Collection: This Week Year to Date
- Weekend Masses $15,475 $140,571
- Electronic giving $1,987 $17,637
- Total $17,462 $158,408
Weekly Offertory Collection Need (Budget) $22,948
Average Offertory Collection after 8 weeks this fiscal year YTD $19,801
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Aug.) $19,142
Year to date Actual vs. Budget $-12,532

Year To Date Stewardship
July 1 - Aug. 21, 2016

Year To Date Collections
Budget Year to Date
$0 $100,000 $200,000 $300,000

$158,408 $170,940
St. Catherine School News

Above, after Sunday mass the community joined together for the blessing of our new STEM Lab followed by a BBQ. Great fun!

Left, enthusiastic parents attended a Back to School Coffee and signed up for activities during the school year.

Above, students are back to the business of learning. Lots of happy hard working students!

The school office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

The Diocese of San Jose and St. Catherine School are hosting a High School Information Night on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00pm in the school. Representatives from all the Catholic high schools in the diocese will be present. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders and their parents are encouraged to come and learn about our Catholic high schools. This is the South County offering of High School Information Night. There will not be an additional night scheduled at St. Mary’s.

The evening is open to all. Information will be available in the school lobby that evening regarding which rooms each school will be using for their presentations. Please call our school office for more information (408) 779-9950.

LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS

A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is 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 them off at the school office. We’ll put them on our list, include a note sheet and get it on the shelf.

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