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

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

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 Athena Becks, Fun Fest Committee………
Fun Fest – The best time of a child’s and their parents life....
When I was a child every year during the month of October I would get so excited because it was time for our St. Lucy’s Fun Fest. During this time you would watch and see our church and school property change as the food booths were being built, deliveries were being made and property was transformed, but the biggest moment of all was when the carnival rides drove on to the property. Everything you and your friends could do for an entire weekend was right there at your church. Many of my friend’s parents and my parents worked hard to make this event possible; they volunteered all year long on committees and worked the entire weekend.

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Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo....
Festival de Otoño- El mejor tiempo en la vida de un niño y de sus padres....

Cuando yo era niña, me emocionaba cada año durante el mes de Octubre porque sería tiempo para celebrar el festival de otoño de Santa Lucia. Durante este tiempo, podías ver la escuela y la propiedad de la escuela cambiar al ver construir los puestos de comida, los envíos se hacían y la propiedad se transformaba. Pero el mejor momento de todo era cuando los juegos mecánicos llegaban a la propiedad. Todo lo que tú y tus amigos pudieran hacer en un fin de semana, lo encontrabas ahí mismo en tu propia 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
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcdn, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).
Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).
Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).
Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, September 11
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
9:00-10:15am DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC, Rm6,10,11 FF Session
3:30-5:15pm CR1-4, GYM Fall Quarter Intro
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellett
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Night
7:00-9:00pm GYM Over 40's open gym
7:30-9:30pm Rm.8 La Rondalla practice

Monday/Lunes, September 12
6:00-7:00pm CR3,4 & Kit Community supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-8:00pm NUR Stitching Group
7:00-8:00pm CR1-2 Confirmation Parent Update
7:00-9:00pm LR Finance Committee
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:30-9:30pm GYM Open Gym
8:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 14
12:00-3:00pm CH Altar Server Training
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
3:00-5:00pm CHMC, Rm8,10,11 FF Session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s choir
5:30-6:30pm MC FF MSM Session
6:30-8:00pm DC Edge
6:30-7:50pm Rm.10 Jesus to Mankind meeting
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10,11 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee meeting

Thursday/Jueves, September 15
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Friday/Viernes, September 16
4:00-10:00pm FALL FUN FEST

Saturday/Sábado, September 17
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s Spirituality group
12:00-10:00pm FALL FUN FEST

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, September 12 † Vita LoMonaco
† Sima Mariani
Tuesday, September 13 † Sergio Madrigal
† Ramon Muñoz
Wednesday, September 14 † Cruz Gonzalez
† Sergio Madrigal
Thursday, September 15 † Nina Rhodes
† Sergio Madrigal
Friday, September 16 † Georgina Barnes
† Sergio Madrigal
Saturday, September 17 † Lester Haeckel
† Philip Thatcher

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We hear beautiful and familiar passages from Exodus and 1st Timothy but consider the opening line in today’s Gospel, “Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, ’This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’” All too easily we fall into that same shaming; sinners haven’t the wisdom, knowledge or insight that we do. When we pause a bit, we remember that as gifted with insight and grace as we are, we are also sinners. It’s not so much what we have absorbed of Jesus’ message but rather how we share it. Instead of judging others on a path we’ve already walked as deficient we are called to emulate Jesus and welcome them and eat with them (sometimes literally.) Our point of view is so central in determining how we live out our faith. Are we just in it for ourselves or do we set aside prideful thoughts and greet others in a true encounter. It is the most essential way in which we “go out into the world and share the Good News.”

Knowledge seeking wisdom asks that we wrestle with our personal journey of faith but that we also come to understand that every opportunity to honestly share our faith with another builds our comfort and confidence … that God seeks the good of all even though that relationship between us and our God is individual, there is no denying that God’s grace is manifested in ways far beyond us. So the challenge is not to look at unformed folks as less than worthy but instead to see them as gifted possibilities for us to grow in simple goodness. Not judging but instead walking arm and arm, “welcoming them and eating with them.”

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
When is the last time you carpooled? To work, to a movie, to mass or even shopping. It’s hard to beat the zero emissions we generate by leaving the car in the garage. It takes planning, even a bit of inconvenience but a great possibility to share with others.

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 ATHENA…..

While my parents worked, I hung out with my friends getting on rides, playing games, winning prizes and eating great food. I never wanted to leave and stayed until it closed most nights. These were great times and wonderful memories to have as child. Fast forward 25 years, now I am on the St. Catherine’s Fun Fest committee and my boy’s love the festival and hanging out with their friends and get excited to see our parish property as it is transformed into a festival. When the carnival rides are driven onto the field the kids can barely stand it. I get to work with other great parishioners from our church. We meet weekly now to plan and make sure the event is a great one for everyone and all the kids who attend will enjoy it and can have the same wonderful memories I do in the future. I am now that parent working hard and enjoying the experience, just like my parents did for me. Won’t you join me and spend one or two hours helping us make this event even greater than last years. Just go online www.stca.org don’t forget to invite your family and friends, take a lawn sign and show your support. Anything you can do to help support our efforts is appreciated by all of us.

Thank you for your support!
Athena Becks

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: __________________________
TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Liturgy**

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.

**Housekeeping**

Will you help keep the church looking neat? After each mass, please check the pews for any trash and throw it away. Please remove the bulletins that have been left in the book holders and pews and put them in the basket in the vestibule or recycle. If you take a bulletin to read before mass and do not want to take it home with you, please return it to the basket in the vestibule.

Did you know that the church is utilized every day all day? Did you know that on Saturday the church is used to celebrate baptisms, Quinceañeras, and weddings? It takes all of us to keep the church reverent for our Lord and those that come to be with the Lord in the church.

**Hospitality/Greeter**

Do you have a few minutes before mass? You are welcome to greet your fellow parishioners as they arrive in the vestibule. St. Catherine would like to have a formal Hospitality / Greeter ministry. If you are interested in volunteering to organize this ministry, please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@jsi.org.

**Second Collection**

This will be a second collection next weekend, September 10th and 11th for Catholic Education.

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**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.

**GENERAL INTERCESSION POLICY**

The final part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass is the opportunity for the people of God to exercise their priestly calling by praying for the needs of all humanity. We do this during the “General Intercessions.” They are called General Intercessions because they are to be just that, general, for the needs of all.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal suggests these intentions:

For the Church…
For public authorities and the world……
For those in need………..
For the local community
Significant events………….
For the sick……………
For the dead…………

At St. Catherine’s we follow that suggestion. When we pray for the dead we are praying for all those who have died but we specifically mention only names of those who have died recently (within the last month). Remember, even though we do not mention your loved ones by name they are always included in our prayer/liturgy.

For anniversaries of death we encourage you to contact the parish office to schedule a weekday Mass Intention which are prayed during the 8:15am mass Monday through Saturday.
DIGÈSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Porque Moisés intercedió, el Señor se ablandó y no castigó al pueblo por su maldad (Exodo 32:7-11, 13-14).

Salmo — Me levantaré y volveré a mi padre (Salmo 51 [50]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo expresa su gratitud por haber sido nombrado al ministerio de Cristo (1 Timoteo 1:12-17).

Evangelio — Hay gran regocijo en el cielo cuando un pecador se arrepiente (Lucas 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

DOMINGO, 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Jesus Montanez
Rodrigo Hernandez
Ivon Cedano
Diana Rodriguez
Yolanda Aviña

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

Desde el escritorio de Athena, continuado……

Mis padres y los padres de mis amigos trabajaban muy duro para hacer este evento posible, eran voluntarios todo el año y trabajan todos los fines de semana. Mientras que mis padres trabajaban, yo me divertía con mis amigos subiéndome a los juegos mecánicos, jugando juegos, ganando premios y comiendo comida estupenda. Nunca me quería ir y en varias noches, me quedaba hasta que cerraran. Siendo una niña, estos momentos eran estupendos y han sido memorias maravillosas que siempre recordaré.

Adelantémonos 25 años, ahora estoy en el comité del Festival de Otoño de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina y mis hijos aman el festival y les gusta divertirse con sus amigos. Se emocionan al ver cómo la propiedad de nuestra parroquia se transforma en un festival. Cuando los juegos mecánicos son manejados hacia el campo, los niños apenas lo pueden creer. Me pongo a trabajar muy duro junto con otros feligreses de nuestra iglesia. Ahora nos juntamos cada semana para planificar y asegurarnos de que nuestro evento sea estupendo para todos y que los niños que atiendan el festival lo disfruten. Deseo que en el futuro, ellos también lleguen a tener las mismas memorias que ahora yo tengo. Ahora yo soy ese padre que trabaja duro y disfruto la experiencia, así como lo hicieron mis padres por mí.

¿Me acompañaría dando una o dos horas de su tiempo para ayudar hacer este evento aún más estupendo que el de los dos últimos años? Solo ve a www.stca.org. No se le olvide invitar a su familia y amigos. Llévese una cartulina para colocar en su jardín y demuestre su apoyo. Cualquier cosa que pueda hacer para apoyar nuestros esfuerzos, será apreciado por todos nosotros.

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Athena Becks
**VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**OPORTUNIDAD 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!

**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.

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

**CLASE PREBAUTISMALES**

Esta platica es diseñada para preparar a los padres y padrinos del niño/a que recibirá el sacramento del Bautismo. La clase es requerido antes del Bautismo y se llevaran acabo en la iglesia a las 6:30pm durante esta fecha: Septiembre 13, 2016 *Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha en la oficina Parroquial al (408) 779-3959.

**RONDALLA GUADALUPANA**

Traiga su guitarra

Los invitamos a participar y formar La Rondalla Guadalupana para cantar le las mañanitas a La Virgen de Guadalupe el 12 de Septiembre. También los esperamos todos los Domingos de 7 PM a 9 PM en el salón 8.

**RECONCILIACIÓN**

La verdadera reconciliación es emocional, dramática y purificadora. Cuando dos personas se encuentran de corazón a corazón para reparar viejas heridas, malentendidos y palabras desacertadas, lágrimas purificadoras fluyen con frecuencia y el encuentro termina con un abrazo que llena a ambas con el calor de un amor demasiado fuerte para apagarse.

Las lecturas esta semana nos aseguran que una saludable liberación acompaña la reconciliación. Ellas nos dan el valor de acercarnos a alguien con quien necesitemos reconciliarnos, y también nos dan valor para pedir perdón a Dios.

En la lectura del Éxodo, vemos cómo Dios se niega una y otra vez a abandonar a los israelitas. Aunque ellos se impacientan con Dios y adoran falsos dioses, Dios todavía vuelve a llamarlos. El Evangelio de san Lucas nos asegura que Dios se regocija cuando nos apartamos del pecado. La carta de Pablo a Timoteo nos anima, como Pablo, a revisar nuestra vida y a reconocer las ocasiones en que Dios ha sido paciente y misericordioso con nosotros.

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**JÓVENES PARA CRISTO**

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!
**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**

**Septiembre 16, 17 & 18**

**Preventa de Boletos con Descuento**
*Favor de tomar nota - Estos boletos SOLAMENTE estarán a la venta hasta las 3 PM del Viernes, Septiembre 16.* Comprelos en nuestra pagina 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 Sábado 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*

**Oportunidades Para Patrocinar**
Ponga el nombre de su negocio o de su familia para que lo vean todos los que asistan al festival: Todos los patrocinadores recibirán un reconocimiento antes y después del festival: *Gracias al donativo de la Familia Kammermeyer, Joe y Fran Hendrickson, Johanna Tacci*

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

**Oportunidades 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.
- Inscríbase como familia o con un amigo.

¡Hay algo para todos!

**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.

**Toda Nuestra Información esta en nuestro sitio web**
www. stca.org
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The Evangelist
MICHELANGELO
The Artist
ST. IRENAEUS
The Martyr
ST. AUGUSTINE
The Teacher
ST. BENEDICT
The Monk
ST. IGNATIUS
The Founder
BARTOLOMÉ DE LAS CASAS
The Activist

COMING SOON!
Date, Time, and Location - To Be Announced

Stewardship
“God Showers his Mercy on us”

Parishioners who make their offertory gifts either by check, online payment or stewardship envelope will receive a personal letter from the parish. We ask you to prayerfully consider what is being sent to you and if you have any questions, please contact me directly.

God Bless

Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization
aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959

Stewardship Reflection

“Everything I have is yours.”

LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?
Changes...
Change is hard. It can be challenging, scary, and stressful. There’s also so much of the unknown with change. But sometimes change is the only way to grow. And for me, the time for that change has come (or maybe it’s even a bit overdue).
Starting today, I will no longer be coordinating Life Nights on Sunday. It has been a tough thing to accept and go through with—I’ve been in charge of Life Teen’s Sunday night sessions for nine years. Those Sunday nights were how I first got involved in Youth Ministry. Although I’ll still be a part of those Sunday nights, giving up control of it wasn’t easy (giving up control rarely is). But my reasons for not wanting to let go are selfish, and not what’s best for the ministry.
But the reason I’m handing over leadership of Sunday nights is because I haven’t been doing it justice. With all the other ministries I supervise (and the ministries that I need to help start), Life Nights have not been receiving my full attention nor the commitment required to make it truly successful. And I believe that success will be found under the leadership of our new coordinator of Life Nights, Aline Santos. Aline is a young adult who used to be a participant in Life Teen years ago. She is a gifted minister for the youth and I’m so grateful that she came back last year to start helping out. I immediately saw her strengths as a leader as well as her commitment to the ministry. Her faith, love, and compassion for others will help Life Teen to grow and become better than ever. Please help me in welcoming Aline to this new role. And if you see her around, make sure to thank her for taking on this role.

LIFE TEEN FALL KICK OFF
Tonight (Sep. 11th) is our Fall Kick Off! We’re starting off our year with games and prizes! Bring your friends and join us for the fun at 7pm in the Milani Center!
We also have Snapchat now, and have changed our usernames across the board to make it easier to find us!
@stcatym on Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, and FB

Retreat - September 23-25th
Our Fall Retreat is themed “Hope-filled.” There’s still time to sign up! Cost is $150, and the retreat will be at Camp MayMac in the Santa Cruz Mountains.
The Sunday gospels and readings share of the great love of God, his mercy and forgiveness. On the way home, recall the Gospel with your child and ask:

- When you feel you are lost or when you lose something, how does it feel?
- What do you do?

When we sin, we “lose our way”, going off the path that leads to a closer relationship with God. We can call out to God, our Father for help because he is always searching for us.

Most of us would expect to be punished upon returning. But Jesus is telling us that God is not waiting to punish us when we do wrong; he is waiting to forgive us if we are truly sorry. His love always holds us close, waiting to lead us “home”.

Imagine what it would be like for the Prodigal Son when he returned home after being “lost”, what it would feel like to see the father with open arms running out to greet him. Close in prayer by saying the short prayer above and the Our Father.


CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you haven’t already registered your child for Faith Formation sessions, now is the time!

Classes begin:
Sundays - September 11
Wednesdays - September 14
Saturdays in Spanish - September 24

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

Adult Faith Formation is for everyone..

...including fully initiated Catholics seeing to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and/or spiritual development and/or to serve in ministering to those on their journey to the Sacraments.

When you encounter someone who is seeking God and when you are privileged to walk with them on their journey to the Sacraments, you will be blessed, and you will be spiritually moved, and your faith will be deepened. Please call Rose at (408) 779-9604 or send an e-mail to rosepm@dsj.org for further information.
KNITTING GROUP
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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.

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

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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.
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, Johanna Tacci

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

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!

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.

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 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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!

9/11 REMEMBERED

Fifteen years ago, the continuing TV coverage of the imploding twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York was unbearable for me, as were accounts of the crashes and destruction in Washington and the hills of Pennsylvania. The immense devastation of human life was incomprehensible. Visiting the site in New York some five years later reopened searing wounds, and overwhelmed me with immense sadness. An incursion on our soil, carefully planned and executed by foreign elements, had shattered my cherished sense of security, and provoked a frightening sense of God’s absence.

How could my Catholic faith tradition enable me to endure this tragedy? I knew that neither vengeance nor sweeping animosity was an option for me.

You have left us crushed . . . covered us with darkness.
We are bowed down to the ground (Psalm 44:20, 26).
O LORD of hosts, restore us;
Let your face shine upon us (Psalm 80:4).

The Psalmist cries a lament, expressing the mourning of the Israelite people, the chosen of God, who had regarded themselves as untouchable and above reproach, now hurled into misery. The lament expresses a nation’s agony, dares to complain against their divine protector, may even own some complicity in the misery, and finally pleads with God for deliverance.

In the midst of lamenting, the faith of Israel endured, as must ours. We are as vulnerable as they were to the violence and hatred that seem to encircle us. Our demand for a divine explanation goes unheeded. Yet we have learned of the self-sacrificing heroism of many, witnessing to the finest character of our nation and of our Christian heritage. Dying for one’s friends is a sacred theme in our story, epitomized in Jesus, our Savior, and extended through centuries in the grandest and noblest acts of men and women in all circumstances.

In 2001 we came together as one nation under God, sharing the grief, the disillusionment, and the promise to rebuild. As today we lament our honored dead and wounded, shall we translate such agonizing emotion into a persistent pursuit of worldwide reconciliation and peace?

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RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke’s Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul’s letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God’s patient mercy has been shown to us.

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Second and sixth graders enjoyed their first Buddy activity of the year. The Buddy Program pairs kindergartners with 8th grades, first graders with seventh graders, and second graders with sixth graders. Buddies meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly for projects, experiments and art activities. These relationships build community, as well as lots of fun!

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

The Diocese of San Jose and St. Catherine School will be hosting a High School Information Night on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 pm in the school building. 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.

WALKATHON

St. Catherine’s Parent Teacher Guild (PTG) is sponsoring our 7th annual Walkathon to raise funds for the school. Each year PTG commits to raising $100,000 to bridge the gap between the cost of educating each child and the amount of tuition paid.

The Walkathon will be held on October 7 on the playing field. Prior to the event itself, students will be soliciting pledges, either per lap pledges or flat amount pledges, to be collected after the walk. PTG is challenging each student to bring in at least $150 in pledges. A Prize Assembly will be held after pledge monies are collected. This event truly fits with our mission in promoting good health and physical activity. The low overhead and high return to the school supports our goals of using funds effectively for the good of our students. Many thanks in advance to all who support this event by working or pledging!

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.

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