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 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.

From the Desk of Rose Pucan-Meagor, Family Faith Formation Director………

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day in which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people. It is a time for all of us to remember that each of us plays a role in that mission, by virtue of our Baptism, to pass on the faith as examples of our faith lived everyday in love and service to others.

We also welcome and commission those in our parish community who have responded to the call to share the gift of faith with others - as catechists in Children’s Faith Formation, leaders in Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation and as teachers at St. Catherine School.

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Desde el escritorio de Rose Pucan-Meagor, Directora de Formación de Fe Familiar y Evangelización ....

Hoy es el Domingo Catequético, un día en el cual celebramos y oramos por la misión de la Iglesia de enseñar el Evangelio a todas las personas. Es uno de los momentos para reflexionar sobre el papel que cada persona desempeña, en virtud del Bautismo, en el transmitir la fe y en dar el testimonio del Evangelio con el amor y servicio a los demás.

También honramos aquellos quienes han respondido a la llamada a compartir el don de la fe en nuestra comunidad parroquial - como catequistas en Formación de la Fe de Niños, líderes en el Ministerio Juvenil y la catequesis de adultos y como maestros en la Escuela de Santa Catalina.

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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: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, September 18
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
9:00-10:30am DC CLOW
11:30-5:00pm CR4 Kit Gym Fall Fun Fest
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir - Kellett
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:30-9:00pm Rm.8 La Rondalla Practice

Monday/Lunes, September 19
6:00-7:00pm CR4 Kit Community supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelical Choir
6:30-8:00pm NUR Women's Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Tea for the Soul
7:30-9:30pm GYM Open Gym

Tuesday/Martes, September 20
6:30-9:30pm CH New EM Training - Theology
7:00-9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting
7:00-8:30pm LR Sweepstakes Committee
7:30-9:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice

Wednesday/Miercoles, September 21
9:00-10:30am CR1 Women's Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose's choir
1:00-3:00pm CH Altar Server Training
3:00-5:00pm CH,MC RM.10,11 FF Session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's choir
5:00-7:00pm 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
6:30-9:00pm Rm.8 High School Info Night
7:00-9:00pm CR 4 Fall Fun Fest meeting
7:00-10:00pm MC RCIA
1:00-3:00pm CR1-2 Confirmation Advocacy
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fill/Am Committee meeting

Thursday/Jueves, September 22
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:00-8:00pm MC Cub Scouts Pack meeting
7:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Friday/Viernes, September 23
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:00-8:00pm CH Altar Server training
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion

Saturday/Sabado, September 24
9:00-10:15am MC, Nur, DC, Rm.8,10,11 FF Sessions
9:00-10:00am LR Men's Spirituality group
2:00-7:00pm MC Encuentro Matrimonial

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, September 19 † Sergio Madrigal
† Ramona Muñoz
Tuesday, September 20 † Sergio Madrigal
† Ramon Muñoz
Wednesday, September 21 † Leonardo De Palma
† Thomas Kenneth Nguyen
Thursday, September 22 † Rohan Fernando
† Sergio Madrigal
Friday, September 23 † Zachary Jensen
† Sergio Madrigal
Saturday, September 24 Alexander Flores
John Alexander Tabler

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

The first reading and the Gospel are closely related this weekend. Both speak of the temptations posed when money becomes an end in itself rather than a means to an end. Amos leaves no doubt as to what has happened to the needy and poor; they have become simply pawns in an insatiable desire for riches. Acquiring more has blinded those who look only to enrich themselves with no regard to the cost imposed on those in need. The Gospel is a bit less direct; it even seems like the rich man’s steward is being lauded for what sounds like questionable practices. But the reduction of the amount owed to his master is simply the removal of his own usurious commission. The master receives what was owed him. The steward is still let go but he now has prospects among the master’s debtor. It is his ingenuity the master praises but his past practices still result in his dismissal. While we hope not to repeat the parable in our own lives we need to examine how we comport ourselves with the resources we have. It is easy to slip into the temptation to acquire more (money, possessions, “friends” and even grace). When our focus is only on ourselves we do a disservice to Jesus’ call to love our neighbor. We spend our life’s journey growing in the understanding of what that love is and who is our neighbor. A constant need in this discernment and in limiting our desires is our need for prayer. We need that contact with the divine to apply prudent judgment when deciding how best to “love one another.” It’s not a matter of being holier than thou in relations to others, it’s rather walking in the footsteps of the One who never leads us astray.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

It is difficult to avoid the lure of advertising, the clever way we are asked to buy things because of a generated desire to acquire them. Being a disciple makes us automatically green. We are called to live obtaining only what we need versus what we want.

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 ROSE.....

Please join me in honoring and thanking them for their commitment and eagerness to teach and share what we believe with our parish community!

This year’s theme is “Prayer: The Faith Prayed.” Prayer is the bridge to building a closer, personal relationship with God. It is our response to God’s continual invitation to enter and grow in this relationship. The disciples learned to pray by listening to and imitating Jesus, who gave us a model of prayer not only with the “Our Father” but with his very life!

Paul reminds us to be “faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12) and to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17). The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes prayer as “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God” (2559). The Sunday liturgy is the highest form of worship and prayer – when we “lift up our hearts to the Lord” and receive the Lord through the gift of the Eucharist.

Throughout the upcoming year, we will share more resources on Prayer. Additionally, “Prayer for Catechists” and “Prayer for Family Commitment” prayer cards are available after all Masses this weekend. Please take them home so that we remember our catechists and families in our prayers!

Blessings,
Rose

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: ______________________
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@dsj.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.
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor nunca se olvida del pecado de los que hacen trampa a los pobres y abusan de ellos (Amós 8:4-7).

Salmo — Que alaben al Señor todos sus siervos (Salmo 113 [112]).

Segunda lectura — Reza al Señor, que quiere que todos se salven (1 Timoteo 2:1-8).

Evangelio — Sé responsable en todo. No puedes ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero (Lucas 16:1-13).

¡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:________________________________

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Prov 3:27-34; Sal 15 (16):2-5; Lc 8:16-18
Martes: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Sal 119 (118):1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lc 8:19-21
Miércoles: Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Jueves: Ecl 1:2-11; Sal 90 (90):3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes: Ecl 3:1-11; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lc 9:18-22
Sábado: Ecl 11:9 — 12:8; Sal 90 (89):3-6, 12-14,17; Lc 9:43b-45
Domingo: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Sal 146 (145):7-10; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lc 16:19-31

¡Por favor, únanse a mí en honrar y agradecer el compromiso y afán de enseñar y compartir lo que creemos con nuestra comunidad parroquial!

El tema de este año es "La oración: La fe orada". "La oración es el puente para crear una relación más cercana y personal con Dios. Es nuestra respuesta a la invitación continua de Dios para entrar y crecer en esta relación. ¡Los discípulos aprendieron a orar escuchando e imitando a Jesús, que nos dio un modelo de oración, no sólo con el "Padre Nuestro", pero con su propia vida!

Pablo nos recuerda que debemos ser "fiel en la oración" (Romanos 12:12) y "orar sin cesar" (1 Tesalonicenses 5:17). El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica describe la oración como "la elevación de la mente y el corazón a Dios" (2559). La liturgia del domingo es la más alta forma de adoración y oración - cuando "Lo tenemos levantado hacia el Señor" y recibimos al Señor por el don de la Eucaristía.

A lo largo del próximo año, vamos a compartir más recursos sobre la oración. Además, tarjetas de oración de "Oración por los Catequistas" y "Oración por el compromiso de la Familia" están disponibles después de todas las misas de este fin de semana. ¡Por favor, llevarlos a casa para que recordemos nuestros catequistas y familias en nuestras oraciones!

Bendiciones,
Rose

REACCIÓN EN CADENA

Provocamos reacciones en cadena en todo lo que hacemos. Lo que tú haces me afecta; lo que yo hago te afecta.

—Anónimo

FALTA

La falta más grande es no estar consciente de ninguna.

—Thomas Carlyle
VIGÉSIMO QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

GRACIAS
¡Un gran agradecimiento a los maravillosos patrocinadores del Festival de Otoño!
Gracias a la: Familia Kamermeyer, Joe y Fran Hendrickson, Johanna Tacci, Aaron y Gina Colton, Servicios Tecnológicos de Zag, Lor-Van Mfg y la Familia Girardot

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!

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

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!

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul—¡YA ESTÁ ABIERTA cada primer Sábado del mes!

Con el fin de servir mejor a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, nuestra Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de Santa Catalina en San Martin (13570 Depot St.) ha comenzado ha estar abierta por mas días (10am-12pm) en el primer sábado de cada mes. Vamos a seguir abriendo los martes y jueves de 10am-12pm.

¡Si usted trabaja o tiene escuela durante la semana, y ha estado buscando la manera de ser parte de San Vicente de Paul, esta es su oportunidad!

Podríamos usar algunos voluntarios en estos sábados (¡Especialmente si usted habla un poco de español!) Para ayudar a nuestros compradores, y ayudar a clasificar/doblar la ropa cuando halla tiempo.

Si usted está interesado en ayudar regularmente o ocasionalmente en un "primer sábado", contacte a Carol Lillig al 408-857-4516. Los adolescentes y las familias son bienvenidas.

Las próximas fechas son: Sábado, 1 de Octubre, Sábado, 5 de Noviembre y el Sábado 3 de Diciembre.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS
Si usted tiene un familiar enfermo que no puede asistir a misa, favor de llamar a la rectoría al 408-779-3959 para dar sus datos para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y les lleven la comunión.

¡Dios es grande todo el tiempo, todo el tiempo, Dios es grande!
DOMINGO CATÉQUETICO 2016

Este año el Domingo Catequético se centra en el tema "La oración: La fe orada". Aquellos a quienes la comunidad ha designado para servir como catequistas serán llamados a recibir la comisión de su ministerio. El Domingo Catequético es una maravillosa oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el papel que cada persona desempeña, en virtud del Bautismo, en transmitir la fe y en dar testimonio del Evangelio.

"La Iglesia siempre ha estimado profundamente a los catequistas, que podemos considerar los principales colaboradores de los sacerdotes en la transmisión de la fe. Es más, muchos catequistas han conseguido conservar la fe viva de la Iglesia en muchas circunstancias, por ejemplo en las persecuciones, o por la falta de sacerdotes y religiosos. Hablando sobre los desafíos a afrontar ha comentado que “debemos intentar adaptar nuestro mensaje –el de conocer las varias situaciones en las que la gente se encuentra y vive– para poder presentar el Evangelio con toda su frescura, su novedad de tal forma que despierte el deseo de encontrar a Jesús, de conocerlo para poder amarlo y seguirlo”. Monseñor Octavio Ruiz Arenas, secretario del Consejo Pontificio para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización.

Con estas palabras de Monseñor agradecemos a todas las personas que nos ayudan en la preparación a los Sacramentos de niños y adultos, pláticas pre-bautismales, retiro para quinceañeras, por su generosidad y disponibilidad que el Señor los recompense con sus bendiciones.

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.

SOMOS RESPONSABLES POR LOS DEMÁS

El Concilio Vaticano II nos ha llamado a imaginar la Iglesia como el pueblo de Dios. Como una comunidad de creyentes somos responsables por nuestros hermanos, por su salvación, su peregrinar en la fe, su bienestar físico. Muchos de los documentos del Concilio y volúmenes de trabajos desde mediados de la década del 60 nos dan consejos, guías y ánimo para ayudarnos unos a otros: a los pobres, a los ancianos, a los no nacidos, a los quebrantados, a los enfermos.

Porque el Concilio Vaticano II es parte de nuestra reciente historia –sin duda muchos de nosotros ya habíamos nacido– esto nos puede parecer una idea nueva y revolucionaria. Pero las lecturas de hoy nos muestran que las enseñanzas sobre justicia social han existido siempre. Ochocientos años antes de nacer Cristo, Amós advirtió a los ricos que no engañaran a los pobres. En la primera carta de Pablo a Timoteo, él insiste en que todas las oraciones sean por todos; y finalmente, el Evangelio enfatiza la importancia de usar sabiamente el dinero.

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SAINTS. ARTISTS. MYSTICS. SCHOLARS.
Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church’s most influential people. CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

Don’t miss this great opportunity to come together, build community and deepen your Catholic faith. Discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. Come and learn all about these Pivotal Players.

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The Convert
ST. CATHERINE of SIENA
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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

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).”

LUKE 16:13

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.
We have an amazing retreat set for high school teens next weekend. If you’ve never been on a retreat and you’re in high school, you should come. If you’ve been on a retreat before and are in high school, you should come. You’re getting settled into this school year, so it’s the perfect time to get refreshed and take a step back to look at this coming year. Are you filled with dread and fear at the year to come, or are you filled with hope, because your hope resides in something deeper than doing well on tests. Whether your hope is in Christ or not, this retreat can help you in your faith journey. It’s also going to be a really fun weekend with amazing teens from our parish and diocese. The cost is $150 and registration can be found at stca.org/lifeteen.

Young Adults
We have started a Bible Study! We’re meeting on Friday evenings. If you’ve ever been interested in learning more about Scripture or just want to be part of the crew, join us! Contact me for details!

-Deepu
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Nurturing A Life Of Prayer

Father Walter Burghardt, SJ, tells the story of an old farmer who would stop at a chapel on his way home from the fields. Knowing that the man just sat in the chapel apparently doing nothing, a neighbor asked him, “What goes on when you sit there?” The old man smiled and said, “I look at the Good God, and the Good God looks at me.” Prayer can be that simple—and that wonderful.

Prayer is an activity of the heart. It is not empty ritual or prescribed words. Prayer is our turning toward God with as much of our true self as we can muster. Prayer is best when it springs from our deepest emotions of joy, sorrow, gratitude and need. Perhaps the most sincere prayers we will ever voice are short and clear—“Please, God.” or “Thank you, God!” or “Help me, God!”

One way to nurture a life of prayer is to sit quietly and be aware that you’re in the presence of God. It can be sitting in church after dropping off the kids at school or a moment of silence in the late hour after they have gone to bed. Lately, for me, it’s been sitting at my desk when all is quiet, looking up at the stencil on the wall that reminds me to “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10).

No matter what else is happening in your life, you will always be able to calm yourself, sit in God’s presence, and know that “the Good God” looks at you too.


ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Begins Wednesday September 21st!
7:30 - 9:30 pm
Milani Center

Adult faith formation facilitates continual spiritual and catechetical growth of parish adults. Nourished by word, sacrament, and communal life, they witness and share the Gospel in their homes, neighborhoods, places of work, and centers of culture. If you are seeking continual education or more information on becoming Catholic, please join us on Weds evening or call (408) 779-9604.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
PARENT MEETING #1

Sunday, September 25
3:00—5:00 pm
Parish Center

Wednesday, September 28 (Make-up)
7:00—9:00 pm
Milani Center

Saturday, October 1 (Spanish)
9:00—10:15 am
Milani Center

There will be a Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 25th and the make-up meeting on Wednesday, September 28th. This is meeting is for parents of children and youth who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion), Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this upcoming year. Please note that a separate enrollment form is required for Sacramental Preparation; this form will given at the meeting. For further information, please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.
**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.

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**THANK YOU FOR THE NEW BENCHES!**

Thank you, Brandon Hanlon, for building our new benches as part of your Eagle Scout project!

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**Stress in Your Marriage?** – *There is less than a week left to signup for Retrouvaille.*

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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

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**SVdP Community Closet – NOW OPEN first Saturday of every month!**

In order to better serve our brothers and sisters in need, our free St. Catherine SVdP Community Closet in San Martin (13570 Depot St.) has begun additional “open to the public” hours (10am –noon) on the first Saturday of each month. We will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-noon.

If you work or have school during the week, and have been looking for a way to be a part of St. Vincent de Paul, this is your chance! We could use a few volunteers on these Saturdays (especially if you speak some Spanish!) to assist our shoppers, and help sort/fold clothes when there’s “down” time.

If you are interested in helping regularly or occasionally on a “first Saturday”, contact Carol Lillig 408-857-4516. Teens and families are welcome.

The upcoming dates are: Saturday, October 1st, Saturday, November 5th, and Saturday December 3rd.

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**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.

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**MASS TIMES**

When traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.

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**MARRIED COUPLES:** Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! 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.

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**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** “Can cheating and deception ever be justified?”

**Child:** “If someone treats you unfairly, do you have the right to do the same to them?”
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.

ST. CATHERINE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB
The September book selection for the St. Catherine Women’s Book Club is *Circling the Sun: A Novel* by Paula McLain. We meet **Tuesday, September 27th** from 7:30-9:00 PM at Peet’s Coffee on Cochrane Rd. Questions? Contact Paula Barbara paulacbarbara@gmail.com

OVER 50’S
Join us for our monthly luncheon on Monday, September 26th at noon in the Parish Center. Bring a dish to share and canned goods for Reach Out.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice. Join our 40 Days Prayer vigil on Wednesday September 28th at 11:45 am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy. For all information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy for the bereaved family and to honor the one who has passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one; recognizing the Church’s presence and assisting the Church in carrying on spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a memorial gift to honor a loved one, the parish notifies the family and a tax receipt is issued for your generous gift. Please contact Anna Quiñones, at ahernandez@dsj.org with any questions.

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: tjhsparapa@yahoo.com

ELECTRONIC UPDATES
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish's upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.
TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU
A big THANK YOU to the our wonderful Fall Fun Fest Sponsors!
Thank you: Kammermeyer Family Gift Fund, Joe and Fran Hendrickson, Johanna Tacci, Aaron & Gina Colton, Zag Technical Services, Lor-Van Mfg and Girardot Family

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS
The Second Vatican Council has called us to envision the Church as the people of God. As a community of believers we are responsible for our brothers and sisters, their salvation, their journey of faith, their physical well-being. Many of the documents of Vatican II and volumes of work since the mid-1960s give us advice, guidelines, and encouragement to take care of one another: the poor, the elderly, the unborn, the broken, the infirm.

Because Vatican II is part of our recent history—indeed many of us were already born—this may strike us as a new and revolutionary idea. But today’s readings show us the agelessness of the issue of social justice. Eight hundred years before Christ was born, Amos warned the wealthy not to cheat the poor. In Paul’s first letter to Timothy, he encourages all prayers to be for all people; and finally, the Gospel urges the wise use of money.

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.

RIPPLES
There is a ripple effect in all we do.
What you do touches me;
what I do touches you.
—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Customs surrounding the naming of babies are interesting, and over time the Church has tried to offer some motherly advice to direct parents in this necessary chore. The ritual book used for baptism from the sixteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries advised priests to guard against giving ridiculous or pagan names to babies consigned to their ministry. In 1666 the diocesan ritual of Bourges in France was even more exacting, telling the priests to see to it that boys were named after male saints, girls after female saints, and no one got named after a festival. Yet, records from that very diocese in later years shows a few babies named “Toussaint” (after All Saints Day) along with other creative expressions. In Spain, no one has ever hesitated to name babies after festivals, especially girls after Our Lady, and so there are names like Concepción, Asunción, and of course Dolores (after Our Lady of Sorrows). In Italy and Spain is it likely that a child will receive the name of the saint of the day of its birth.

Today’s rites of initiation for adults and infants urge the giving of a Christian name, and in the case of an adult whose given name expresses a pagan or unseemly idea (Baal and Whiskey come to mind), there is a formal rite during the catechumenate for the giving of a Christian name. In such a case, it would make sense for the change to be registered with civil authorities as well. For all Christians, the idea of having a heavenly patron to pray to on life’s journey is reason enough to pay attention to this treasure in our tradition.

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

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.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
Kindergartners enjoy learning about plants and growing food in our school garden. They learned about different types of plants and seeds, and planted quick growing radishes which they will enjoy in a couple of weeks.

Pray for peace throughout the world and in every heart.

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.

7th Annual St. Catherine School Walkathon

Mark your calendars, October 7th is the big day! Please support our school by making a pledge or sponsor this event and help our school continue to provide the best Catholic education for our children. Of course, all donations are fully tax deductible. Donations may be submitted to the school office. We would like to express our gratitude to all our sponsors for their support in helping us make this event a success!

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