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

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

From the Desk of Fr. Randy Valenton, Parochial Vicar…….

The Spirituality of Relationship in Ministry

It is inspiring and encouraging to see people of different ages dedicating themselves in serving the Lord as Church ministers. Aside from their responsibilities at home, school, work, and in the community, they are still able put God as their first priority. However, serving the Lord is not always easy. At first, the positive adrenaline and energy to help serve in the church is overflowing. But when a person get deeply involved in the parish activities and leadership functions, they may encounter conflicts, misunderstanding, confusion, miscommunication, animosity, and other sorts of stress.

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Desde el escritorio de Padre Randy Valenton, Vicario Parroquial....

La Espiritualidad de las Relaciones en el Ministerio

Es inspirante y estimulante ver a personas de diferentes edades dedicarse en servir al Señor como ministros de la Iglesia. Aparte de sus responsabilidades en el hogar, la escuela, el trabajo y en la comunidad, todavía son capaces de poner a Dios como su primera prioridad. Sin embargo, el servicio al Señor no siempre es fácil. Al principio, la adrenalina y la energía positiva para ayudar a servir en la iglesia rebosa. Pero cuando una persona se involucra profundamente en las actividades de la parroquia y funciones de liderazgo, pueden encontrar conflictos, malentendidos, confusión, falta de comunicación, la animosidad, y otros tipos de estrés.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the Lord (2 Kings 5:14-17).
Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).
Second Reading — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).
Gospel — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).


8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, October 3  †  Arthur Saldana
† Cecelia Thompson  †  Sergio Madrigal  †  Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
Wednesday, October 5  †  Dede Mariani  †  Pete Giordano
Thursday, October 6  †  Sergio Madrigal  †  Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
Friday, October 7  †  Sergio Madrigal  †  Sergio Madrigal  †  Evelyn Plep
Saturday, October 8  †  Sergio Madrigal
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We hear and use the word faith often both in our spiritual as well as our temporal lives. Having faith that the meeting will take place or that our favorite television show will air places faith in the realm of probability. Having faith in God is a willingness to accept the freely given gift. The faith that the apostles ask Jesus to increase seems to them as a quantifiable and measurable thing which like all human measures subscribes to the “more is better” theory. While not entirely wrong, that misses the point. One that Jesus’ response corrects. We are not so much glasses to be filled but rather containers from which both we and others drink. It is our journey of “faith” to discover that our God is always there but that our vision needs to be sharpened. Sure it is inspiring to see God evident in the good of another but God is present even in “normal” times and places. We are called to (re)discover that in reflection and prayer. Put differently, faith is not something that is graded A, B or C but something that lies in the fabric of our lives. It appears to us to be ephemeral, unmeasurable and even unknown at times. As is often the case we need to look not just to our own self evaluation to “measure” our faith but rather to our interactions with others. When we concentrate only on ourselves we must also remember to look outward; to see in relationships with others and with the world the salient presence of God who remains present but seen most readily in reflection. The practice of daily reflection before going to sleep offers a prayerful way of “finding” God who heretofore was unrecognized. Put another way, God is often found in the small even mundane happenings of the day. Remember, doubt is not the opposite of faith but rather an unexpected invitation to look more deeply into the wonder of God with us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Natural resources are given to us by our creator God. We received what our ancestors left us; we must be aware that those who come after us will need what nature has provided to us. Being aware of responsible preservation of our planet is a legacy passed to us that we in turn pass on.

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 FR. RANDY…..

With this kind of atmosphere in the church, a minister may think of leaving the ministry with sorrow, frustration, anger, or disappointment.

St. Paul used the human body as a metaphor of what the body of believers is like. The hand is different from the nose. The head is different from the toes. Each part is significant and each part has a task to do. Each would be missed if they were not part of the body. Moreover, this gives us an idea of the many different personality traits in ministry. Understanding our own behavior and personality traits will help us to appreciate the various gifts, strengths, uniqueness and limitations of every individual.

It is the Spirit of Jesus who connects us to one another. It is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that make us strong, motivated, alive and vibrant. Whenever we notice our behavior is becoming excessive, we can be sure that other people experience similar burdens. When this happens we can minister together in ways we never dreamed possible. Bearing each others burdens is an act of a genuine relationship.

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.

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 - SEVENTH 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.

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

Volunteers Needed

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

Saints Chapel - clean area and put new candles out

Greeters—welcoming parishioners before each mass

Sacristans - needed for all Masses especially at the 5:30 Saturday and 5:30pm Sunday masses.

Hospitality/Greeter Ministry coordinator

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.

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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.
LEITURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — A pesar de la violencia, la destrucción y la ruina, el justo vivirá a causa de su fe (Habacuc 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Salmo — Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Tolera dificultades con la fuerza que viene de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:6-8, 13-14).

Evangelio — Señor, aumentamos la fe (Lucas 17:5-10).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gal 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
Miércoles: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves: Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes: Gal 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado: Gal 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo: 2 Re 5:14-17; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lc 17:11-19

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE P. RANDY
CONTINUADO......

Con este tipo de atmósfera en la iglesia, un ministro puede pensar en dejar el ministerio con tristeza, frustración, ira o decepción.

San Pablo usó el cuerpo humano como una metáfora de lo que el cuerpo de creyentes son. La mano es diferente a la nariz. La cabeza es diferente a los dedos de los pies. Cada parte es importante y cada parte tiene una tarea que hacer. Cada uno de ellos sería extrañado si no fueran parte del cuerpo. Por otra parte, esto nos da una idea de los diversos rasgos de la personalidad en el ministerio. La comprensión de nuestro propio comportamiento y rasgos de personalidad nos ayudará a apreciar los dones diferentes, fortalezas, limitaciones y singularidad de cada individuo.

Es el Espíritu de Jesús, que nos conecta entre sí. Se trata de los dones del Espíritu Santo que nos hacen fuertes, motivados, vivos y vibrantes. Cuando nos damos cuenta de que nuestro comportamiento es cada vez más excesivo, podemos estar seguros de que otras personas experimenten cargas similares. Cuando esto sucede podemos minister juntos en formas que nunca hayamos soñado posible. Teniendo cargas de cada uno es un acto de una relación genuina.

PRACTICA LO QUE PREDICAS

Predica siempre; si fuera necesario, emplea palabras.

—Atribuido a san Francisco de Asís

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE OCTUBRE

DOMINGO, 2 DE OCTUBRE
Angel Ciproz
Elvia Morales
Ariana Arriola
Patricia Mendoza

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.

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.
¿MUY LEÍDO?
Cuando llegue el día del juicio, no se nos preguntará qué hemos leído, sino qué hemos hecho.
—Tomás de Kempis

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

DONACIONES CONMEMORATIVAS EN LUGAR DE FLORES
Una donación en memoria de un ser querido es una manera significativa para expresar simpatía por la familia del fallecido y en honor a la persona que ha fallecido. También es una oportunidad para que la familia y amigos apoyen a la parroquia de la persona amada; reconociendo la presencia de la Iglesia y ayudar a la Iglesia en la realización de programas espirituales y obras de caridad. Cuando se decide hacer un regalo conmemorativo en honor a un ser querido, la parroquia notifica a la familia y un recibo de impuestos se emite por su generoso regalo. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Ana Quiñones, en ahernandez@dsj.org con cualquier pregunta.

ST. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA

HORARIO DE ADORACION EUCHARISTICA
Nuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucarística empezan el Primer Viernes 7 de Octubre inmediatamente después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa, concluyendo el Primer Sábado 8 de Octubre con Bendición a las 8:00A.M.

"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo." MT 26:40
"No hay devoción que los Papas modernos hayan tenido mas énfasis que en la devoción al Sagrado Corazón por la mejor razón que debido a que la Eucaristía es el Sagrado Corazón...asegurándonos que Su Corazón físicamente se encuentra allí."
Tutus Chritus { el Cristo Entero }

Verdadero Cuerpo, Verdadera Sangre, Verdadera Alma y Verdadera Divinidad...la Verdadera Presencia.
The Catholic Faith

"Oren, oren, oren el Rosario todos los días. En el último mes (13 de Octubre), voy a realizar un milagro para que todos crean."
Vuestra Señora del Rosario de Fátima

CONFÍA MENOS EN TI Y MÁS EN DIOS
Muchos programas de doce pasos usan la frase "Confía menos en ti y más en Dios". En toda su simplicidad, estas cinco palabras son el corazón de las lecturas de hoy. Para personas que luchan con alguna conducta adictiva, estas palabras nos recuerdan de manera categórica que no podemos manejar, controlar ni manipular ciertas áreas de nuestras vidas. ¿Cuántas veces podemos mirar hacia nuestro pasado y encontrar evidencia de algún plan elaborándose, diferente al nuestro? Estos son los momentos cuando, por cualquier razón, permitimos a alguien superior que nosotros que implemente el plan. En ese momento, incluso si nos dimos cuenta de que estábamos dejando ir algo, pero en retrospectiva, vemos las manos y la amorosa presencia de Dios. Es nuestra conciencia de esos momentos lo que nos da el valor y la iniciativa para dejar ir algo más tarde. Son el valor y la iniciativa resaltados en las lecturas de hoy. A esto lo llamamos “fe”.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Desde el siglo XVII, el 2 de octubre la Iglesia ha celebrado la conmemoración de los Santos Ángeles Custodios. Muchos de nosotros conocemos la imagen de un niño y su hermanita caminando por un puente tembloroso y podrido. Sobre ellos está en vigilante una bella criatura halada, su ángel protector. Esta imagen de seres con alas es una que los cristianos tomamos de los paganos romanos y griegos, ya que bíblicamente hablando la mayor parte de los ángeles no tienen alas. Últimamente los ángeles se han puesto de moda entre los no cristianos, pero no debemos dejarnos llevar por sus doctrinas new age. Muchos de ellos buscan poner a los ángeles a su propio servicio pidiéndoles dinero, su pareja y otras cosas. Los ángeles no existen para enriquecernos. Más bien hay que saber que los ángeles están para glorificar y servir a Dios y cuidar a los humanos marginados. Jesús mismo nos dice que hay que cuidarnos de despreciar a los pequeños (gente pobre y oprimida) “porque les aseguro que sus ángeles en el cielo están constantemente en presencia de mi Padre celestial” (Mateo 18:10-11).

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SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tienda Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — Es una tienda comunitaria para las personas quienes necesitan ropa para hombres y mujeres GRATIS. Al igual hay ropa de niños, bebés, y algunos artículos para el hogar y muebles. El domicilio de la tienda es 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.

¿Ya esta abierta por mas días!
- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

¿Interesado en Ayudar?
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, 5 de Noviembre y el Sábado 3 de Diciembre.

¿SE HA MUDADO?
¿Se ha mudado recientemente y necesita actualizar su nueva dirección con nuestra parroquia? Méndenos un correo electrónico a Office@stca.org, déjenos una nota en la colección de los Domingos, o también puede llamarnos al (408) 779-3959. Necesitamos su nombre completo, su dirección anterior, su actual dirección, y su nuevo número de teléfono si es que este también ha cambiado. No se pierda de las estupendas noticias que mandamos por correo electrónico de nuestros feligreses.

FACEBOOK
Manténganse al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

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.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA
¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la cuidad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

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!

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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.

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ST. IRENAEUS  
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ST. AUGUSTINE  
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ST. BENEDICT  
The Monk  
ST. IGNATIUS  
The Founder  
BARTOLOMÉ DE LAS CASAS  
The Activist

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players  

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.

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.
Increase Our Faith

Jesus’ Apostles asked this in the Gospel reading today. It’s something I’ve asked of God many, many times, in one way or another. And although it is on us to have faith in Christ Jesus, God also has a part in giving us the graces necessary to have faith. And sometimes, we can ask for more faith (or in my case, asking God to tell me in no uncertain terms what He wants me to do), but we’re not actually ready. And God knows that. We can say that we’re ready to follow, we can say that we want to have more faith, but how sincere are we being? I think, for most of us, there is a limit to how much we want to take on...I want to follow God completely...as long as I still get to live in my house and do the things I want to do... I want more faith so I can believe even more in God...as long as I don’t actually have to be pro-life or follow any of the Church teachings I disagree with.

I have prayed so many times, especially this past year, asking God to show me what He wants me to do, or to reveal how I’m called to serve Him. But, if I’m really being honest with myself and with God, I don’t want a whole lot to change—I really like how things are right now. We have this fear—this completely unfounded and illogical fear—that whatever God does have planned for us is not going to be something that we will like or enjoy. We think that we know what to do in order to have the kind of life that we want. We keep forgetting that our minds and our experiences are limited. Not to mention that we can’t tell the future. But God can. His mind is limitless. He is present throughout time, because He lives outside of it. So He knows exactly what the future holds. And if you know that famous Bible verse from Jeremiah 29:11, His plans for our future are awesome. But our plans for our future? Not so much. I’m not saying that if we don’t follow God perfectly that we won’t find success, but it won’t nearly be as sweet as compared to following God as closely as possible. So ask God to increase your faith—but also trust that God will be with you to help you handle all that comes with it.

YOUNG ADULTS—Open Gym, Bible Study, and Happy Hour
We’ve started a weekly open gym on Mondays at 7:30pm in the parish center. All Young Adults are welcome to join us! Most often we’ll be rotating between basketball and volleyball, but indoor soccer and omnikin ball are definitely on the table. Maybe ping pong since that’s actually played on a table. Please join us and bring your friends to enjoy some friendly competition and fellowship. No previous skill necessary.

We are still working on setting a specific date for a weekly Bible Study for Young Adults, but we’ll keep you posted on here and on our social media below.

And this Friday is Happy Hour/Holy Hour, so join us at Bubbles Wine Bar from 5-6pm, followed by Holy Hour at the church from 6:30-7:30pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
A.K.A. Adoration. It’s this Friday for 24 hours, but we have a special hour of music to help you pray from 6:30-7:30pm. This is open to all ages.

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Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Images from the Knights of Columbus Bible Blessing and Presentation to Middle-Schoolers

Do you have a Preschooler or Kindergartener?

If so, register them for Early Childhood Education (Preschool-K) sessions on Sundays! Our catechists help children learn about God through prayer experiences, songs, crafts and stories.

Class sessions are during the 8:45 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (SPANISH) Masses.

For further information or to pick up a registration form, please call (408) 779-9604.

A Special Thank You to the following donors:

- Knights of Columbus, Morgan Hill Council 8265 for their generous donation to purchase Bibles for new participants in Middle School Ministry;
- Debbie Zamrok and Andres Q., for their generous donation to purchase Bibles for youth in their 2nd year of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) process.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA
Wednesday, Oct 5 - Covenant
Wednesday, Oct 19 - New Testament
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Meets in Milani Center

Parent Small Group:
Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am
Meets in Room 8
TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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.

GHANA PROJECT UPDATE

A meeting has been planned for October 6th, a Thursday, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center, conference room 1, to formulate our fund-raising plans for this coming year. If you are interested in participating with your ideas, organizational skills, time, energy and/or enthusiasm, please come and help us organize to make this the most productive, yet easiest, year ever. This is an opportunity for all of us to change lives in Awaso, Ghana, a very poor, under-developed part of the world. Please come.

LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

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MARRIED COUPLES: Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make 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.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “What are the “rewards” of caring for the needs of the poor?”

Child: “What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help whose who are poor or sick?”

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the mid-1960s, many religious congregations that had maintained a custom of assigning new names to their members allowed a return to baptismal names. The practice stems from the origins of monastic life, when a desire to flee the world and its enchantments caused a severe break with family life and commitments. A new name signified that the old person had died and a new one was coming to life. Some orders even spread funeral palls over their entrants and tolled the funeral bell. On a practical level, in a crowded monastery of a few hundred monks or nuns, it made sense not to have six Brother Alfrics or nine Sister Clares. The one name, one person rule worked well.

In more recent times, a young woman entering the convent might be given her parents’ names as a way of honoring their generosity, so Hilda might become Sister Philip Margaret after her father and mother. A cherished name in the order might be bestowed on a newcomer so that there would always be a Brother Owen around, or a young person might adopt the name of a beloved saint. A handful of religious congregations, like Mother Barat’s Religious of the Sacred Heart, always used family names. Many monasteries still bestow a new name at the end of probation. Other religious institutes have revived the custom of changing their candidates’ names at the end of novitiate, although for the most part religious who were around at the time of the Council were happy to get their baptismal names back. A few, of course, cherished their acquired names and have held on to them, so convents still hold the creativity badge for naming. Where else today can you find great names today like Madeleva, Siena, and Celestina?

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5777) begins at sunset
Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Du rocher
Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

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: tjhspa- pa@yahoo.com
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WELL-READ?
When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.
—Thomas à Kempis

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH
Preach always; if necessary, use words.
—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

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.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

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.

COAT AND BLANKET DONATIONS NEEDED!
Beginning October 7th, please bring new and gently used coats, jackets and blankets for the Coat/Blanket Drive! Donation bins will be located in the church vestibule and St. Catherine School lobby. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

“YEAR OF MERCY”, PEOPLE OF LIFE, “DEFEND THE DEFENSELESS”
Keynote speaker, His Excellency, Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop San Francisco Archdioceses Master of Ceremony is Terry Barber, Co-host of the Terry and Jessie show on Immaculate Heart Radio and EWTN
Ticket & Gala Information Contact: Yvonne @ (510) 387-6127 or go to www.ghswomenscenter.com under the events, new and tickets menu button.

PROLIFE INFORMATION
"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Please join us on 10/9/16 in the Parish Center for hospitality and additional information. Thank you.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OVER 50’S LUNCHEONS
Join us for the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly luncheons at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Bring a dish to share and canned goods for Reach Out. See the schedule listed below -

October 17th
November 28th
December 19th
January 23rd
February 27th
March 20th
April 24th
May 15th

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS
Do you want to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up to receive them at www.alertssc.com.

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.
With five weeks under their belts, our sixth graders now have locker routines down. They are enjoying the new lockers that were installed over the summer.

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**Blessed Are the Merciful**

Fifth and sixth graders serve on our safety patrol before and after. Under the supervision of an adult, some students are assigned to crosswalk duty.

**7th Annual St. Catherine School Walkathon**

The Walkathon is **Friday, October 7th!** It will be a fun day for students, faculty, staff, and parents. Please support our children by helping them fill their pledge sheets. You can still sponsor this event and help our school continue to provide the best Catholic education for our children. All donations are fully tax deductible. Donations may be submitted to the school office. A huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors for their support to make this event a success!

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**APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018**

Applications for the 2017-2018 school year will be available in the school office or on the school website on October 1st. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 15, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 1.

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