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

17400 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408) 779-3959
Fax: (408) 779-0289
www.stca.org
Email: Office@stca.org

Catechetical Ministry
(408) 779-9604

St. Catherine School
(408) 779-9950
www.stcatherinemh.org

From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director……..

God Shows His Mercy on Us!
I am thankful for St. Catherine’s Parish and I would like to Share My Blessings.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving in the coming weeks, we will take stock of the blessings in our lives. They may have included a grateful awareness of the gift of life, of family, of faith and freedom. But let’s not stop at a generic “counting of blessings.” I will again challenge myself and you to take the time to consider the gifts in the concreteness and particularity of our own personal experience. Without a vivid sense of gratitude we are at risk of taking even what is most precious in life for granted. (Continued on page 3…)

Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo....

¡Dios Llena Su Misericordia Sobre Nosotros!
Estoy Agradecida por la Parroquia de Santa Catalina y me Gustaría Compartir Mis Bendiciones.

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el Día de Acción de Gracias en las próximas semanas, haremos cuentas de las bendiciones en nuestras vidas. Pueden haber incluido una conciencia agradecida del don de la vida, de la familia, de la fe y de la libertad. Pero no nos detengamos a "contar las bendiciones" en una forma genética. De nuevo volvire a desafiarme a mí y a usted en tomar el tiempo para considerar los dones en la concreción y la particularidad de nuestra propia experiencia personal. Sin un vivido sentido de gratitud, corremos el riesgo de tomar hasta lo que es más precioso en la vida por sentado. (Continuado en Pagina 5…)
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)
8:30 - 12:00pm

Pastoral Staff / Equipo Pastoral
Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor - jgutierrez@dsj.org
Fr. Randy Valenton, Parochial Vicar – rvalenton@dsj.org
Deacon Rick Haeckel, Deacon – rhaeckel@dsj.org
Deacon Phil Flowers, Deacon - pflowers@dsj.org
Sr. Silvia Frías, MESST Asociada Pastoral - sfrias@dsj.org
Rose Pucan-Meagor, Director of Family Faith Formation and Evangelization- rosepm@dsj.org
Deepu Kochuparambil, Youth & Young Adult Ministry - deepuk@dsj.org
Anna Quiñones, Director of Stewardship & Development - aquinones@dsj.org
Fabienne Esparza, Principal - fesparza@stcatherinemh.org
Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator, dinderhees@dsj.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We are near the end of Ordinary Time in the Church year; Advent begins on November 27th. It's hard to grasp that another year is behind us. Today's readings address the “end times,” something we'd rather not think about, our own end time particularly. But that feeling of foreboding reminds us yet again that we are not in control. Instead of seeing our demise as only an end of our earthly life we must remind ourselves that new life in God is a beginning. We might just agree with that intellectually but then relegate that awareness to our spiritual closet. “I'll think about that later,” we tell ourselves. The Gospel in particular tells us in no uncertain terms that what is stable and stalwart in our world is truly passing away. What humans create will surely not last. The temple in Jesus’ time, as he warned, was reduced to nothing not even a “stone upon a stone." Because most human creations last longer than our life expectancy, it is hard not to see them as permanent. A salient question for us asks what in our lives have we made our “temple”? Is it our very selves, or perhaps our job, or maybe a lifelong desire? Whatever seems our need talisman for our existence must make room for our ultimate rebirth in the next life. With that perspective we see that what Jesus asks us to value, love of God and neighbor, provide us with the means to prioritize what has real lasting value. Remember the story told in which our lives can be like the department store where someone came in overnight and put the highest price tags on the least expensive items and the lowest prices on the most expensive. It's important to remember that lasting value comes from the love we share not from the things we acquire. Jesus our savior came to remind us that God loves everyone equally. Our end becomes a new beginning.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
The days are growing shorter which means less sunlight (sniff). Take advantage of what we have by opening window coverings during daylight hours. Reducing the fuel needed to warm our homes means less pollution and fewer resources to produce that fuel.

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 ANNA.....

We must be always mindful of the loving God who is the source of all our gifts, whom we trust to continue to provide for all our needs.
To those of us who will be fortunate enough to be able to gather peacefully with family and friends around the table, let us open our hearts and fully reflect on each reason for being thankful. Also let us please pray for those who will not have a table this season. Let us find ways to make room for them in our lives and share our bounty in meaningful ways. We can also remember how God showers his mercy on each of us daily.

Sunday, November 27th marks the beginning of Advent. It is a time for excited anticipation. It can also be a time of great stress. We want to reach out to those struggling families and individuals while still preserving their human dignity. In a society that seems to be creating deeper divisions between the rich and poor, we need to remember Christ’s teachings and his own personal example of humility. This Thanksgiving and Advent season, let us practice gratitude for what is precious in our lives, and pray for the needs of the poor in our community. If you would like to make a gift to our Parish Giving Tree or Charity account in support of those less fortunate, please contact Anna Quinones at quinones@dsj.org
I hope you and your family have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!
With Gratitude,
Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization

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: ______________________
THIRTY-THIRD 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.

Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Liturgy Environment Coordinator is needed. Check the website for general details.

Saints Chapel - clean chapel area and put new candles out. Looking for Thursday and Friday help before or after the 8:15am daily Mass.

Greeters—welcome parishioners before each Mass. Do you have a few minutes before Mass? You are welcome to greet your fellow parishioners and guest to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

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

Altar Server Albs Maintenance Coordinator—Albs need to be washed once a month and taken to the dryer cleaner twice a year.

Linen Care—Need a volunteer to wash and iron Mass linens on the 5th Monday of the month.

Volunteer Hospitality/Greeter Ministry coordinator St. Catherine would like to have a formal Hospitality / Greeter ministry.

Lead Usher for the 5:30 Sunday Mass—usher responsibilities and to engage our youth in ministry (youth help with the collection)

Liturgical Ministry and Contact

Liturgy Coordinator / Environment (church)
Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org
Altar Servers
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net
Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion Minister / Sacristans
Signe Montosa montosa@msn.com
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net
Funeral Ministry
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net
Tami Hopwood hopwoodtt@msn.com
Hospitality Ushers
David Dindak david@coasttocoastdatasearch.com
Music
Lisa Kellett lisakellett517@gmail.com
Proclaimer of the Word (Lectors)
Jim Yinger jfyinger@gmail.com
Pat Rudolph patricia95037@yahoo.com

Proclaimer of the Word / LECTOR Training

Laypersons may be commissioned to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. They should be truly suited to carry out this function and should be carefully prepared so that the faithful hearing the readings from the sacred texts may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #101). Have you ever thought about becoming a Lector at Mass? Do you have a passion for Proclaiming Scripture Readings?

Then, you are invited to attend our training.
Training is in two parts:
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – Theology of Scripture in the church 7:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – The practicum session in the church 7:00-8:00 PM
Both sessions are required.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Fully initiated through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- A faithful participant of the assembly to which he/she is called to serve.
- Possessing of those "good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals that recommend them".
- Possessing a deep love of God and Neighbor.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Reader needs to possess a good, clear speaking voice and adequate technical formation.
- Comfortable making eye contact with members of the Assembly.
- Properly versed in the structure of the Liturgy of the Word and its connection to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Dedicated to adequately preparing and willing to study and pray over the scriptures.
- Aware of his/her role as a public minister of the pastoral work of the Church.

The primary responsibility of the Lector is to proclaim the 1st or 2nd Reading from the Ambo at Sunday Mass. In the absence of a deacon, it is a Lector’s job to proclaim the Prayers of the Faithful. Finally, a Reader acts as an “Assembly Leader” (also called “Commentator”), doing the Welcome and the Announcements from the lectern at the beginning and end of Mass respectively. Each Lector should expect to be scheduled to serve one to two times per month. There are one to two Lector training/renewing workshops per year.

Questions or additional information, please contact:
Jim Yinger 408-858-0305 jfyinger@gmail.com
Pat Rudolph 408-642-0749 patricia95037@yahoo.com
TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DE LA TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Para ellos que temen al Señor, brillará el sol de justicia con sus rayos de salud (Malaquías 3:19-20a).
Salmo — Toda la tierra ha visto al Salvador (Salmo 98 [97]).
Segunda Lectura — Pablo habla de su trabajo duro entre los tesalonicenses (2 Tesalonicenses 3:7-12).
Evangelio — Pero su perseverancia será su salvación (Lucas 21:5-19).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Martes: Ap 3:1-6, 14-22; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Lc 19:1-10
Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 19:41-44
Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lc 19:45-48 o (para el memorial de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lc 23:35-43

DESEND EL ESCRITORIO DE ANNA CONTINUADO……

Debemos estar siempre atentos al Dios amoroso que es la fuente de todos nuestros dones, a quienes confiamos para que sigan satisfaciendo todas nuestras necesidades.

A aquellos de nosotros que tendremos la suerte de poder reunirnos pacíficamente con la familia y los amigos alrededor de la mesa, abramos nuestros corazones y reflexionemos plenamente sobre cada razón porque estamos agradecidos. También orremos por aquellos que no tendrán mesa esta temporada. Busquemos formas de hacerles sitio en nuestras vidas y compartir nuestra bondad de manera significativa. También podemos recordar cómo Dios regala su misericordia en cada uno de nosotros diariamente.

El domingo 27 de noviembre marca el comienzo del Adviento. Es un tiempo para anticipar emocionadamente. También puede ser un momento de gran estrés. Queremos llegar a aquellas familias e individuos que luchan mientras conservan su dignidad humana. En una sociedad que parece estar creando divisiones más profundas entre los ricos y los pobres, necesitamos recordar las enseñanzas de Cristo y su ejemplo personal de humildad. Esta temporada de Acción de Gracias y de Adviento, practiquemos la gratitud cual es preciosa en nuestras vidas, y orremos por las necesidades de los pobres en nuestra comunidad. Si usted quisiera hacer un regalo al Árbol de Ofrecimiento de nuestra parroquia o la cuenta de la caridad para ayudar a los menos afortunados, por favor contacten a Anna Quiñones en aquinones@dsj.org.

¡Espero que usted y su familia tengan un bendito y feliz Día de Acción de Gracias!

Con gratitud,
Anna Quiñones
Oficina de Desarrollo y Evangelización

AUTO-RETRATO

Todo trabajo es un auto-retrato de la persona que lo hizo. Autografiar tu trabajo con calidad.
—Anónimo

EJERCICIO PERFECTO

Por el perfecto ejercicio de una sola virtud, la persona puede alcanzar la altura de todas las demás.
—San Gregorio Nacianceno
LA JUSTICIA SANADORA DE DIOS

Una antigua expresión sostiene que las piedras calentadas por el sol curan. Tal vez. Pero el profeta Malaquías explica que a aquellos que no encuentran un lugar para Dios en sus vidas sólo le esperan días oscuros, sin sol. El profeta nos dice que, a la inversa, el afecto y la luz de la justicia sanadora de Dios aguardan a aquellos que temen al Señor. Esa es una noción bastante consoladora —especialmente ahora durante los días breves, cada vez más breves, de noviembre. Es la piedra calentada por el sol, y mucho más.

Pablo, igualmente, nos habla de justicia pero señala que esta no es algo pasivo. Para ser tratados con justicia, debemos aportar nuestra parte. Si somos diligentes y perseveramos, seremos recompensados con y por los frutos de nuestra labor. Finalmente, Lucas también nos llama a perseverar —en la fe, esta vez— y nos dice que nuestras vidas estarán aseguradas en Dios no importa cómo nos traten nuestros enemigos.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1769 los franciscanos bajo la dirección de fray Junípero Serra alzaron una cruz en Alta California, dedicando la primera misión en la zona a san Diego de Alcalá. Diego, cuya fiesta es el 13 de noviembre, fue un franciscano del siglo XV. Este santo español nunca fue sacerdote, prefiriendo servir a Dios como hermano lego (laico) ayudando a los pobres y cuidando a los enfermos. Siempre fue un humilde servidor de los demás. Aun cuando lo hicieron guardian (líder franciscano) nunca dejó de servir a los pobres, los enfermos y a sus hermanos franciscanos. Su afán por dar a los pobres las cosas del convento lo llevaba a esconder sus donaciones en su manto. Una vez un hermano le preguntó que escondía y el mintiendo respondió: “rosas”. El hermano insistió verlas y en lugar de la comida que llevaba a los pobres, aparecieron rosas y más rosas. La santidad del patrón de San Diego, California se apoya sobre tres pilares: 1) solidaridad con los más necesitados, 2) devoción a Cristo crucificado y 3) evangelizar en unión con la Iglesia.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gliz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MISIÓN DE ADVIENTO

Los invitamos a misión de Adviento que tenemos el 30 de Noviembre y 1 de Diciembre a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. El P. Gerardo Menchaca nos compartirá la reflexión: Adviento: una esperanza que no muere. Los esperamos.

NOVENA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Para conmemorar el final del Extraordinario Ano de Jubilo de Misericordia, vuestra comunidad empezara La Novena a la Divina Misericordia en el aniversario de 78 anos de muerte de Sta. Maria Faustina Kowalska el 5 de Octubre, 2016 y terminara el 19 de Noviembre, 2016 el Sábado antes de finalizar el Año Litúrgico de Misericordia. Por favor acompañenos para orar “en expiación de nuestros pecados y los del mundo entero.”

ORARIO DE LA NOVENA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

después del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa de las 9A.M.

- 11-16-16
- 11-18-16
- 11-19-16

ST. CATHERINE’S BOUTIQUE FESTIVO

Noviembre 27, 2016
8:00-2:30pm
Las aplicaciones de proveedor están disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial y en nuestro sitio web en www.stca.org.
¡El 34° Sorteo Anual de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina está ganando vapor!

¡Solo Queda 1 Semana Para PoderEntrar Al Sorteo Del Pájaro Madrugador!

Compre sus boletos el día de hoy y automáticamente será entrado al sorteo del Pájaro Madrugador el cual le provee una oportunidad adicional para ganar más premios en efectivo como una recompensa por haber comprado su boleto con anticipación. El último día para el pájaro madrugador es Noviembre 20.

Estamos vendiendo rápidamente un número limitado de Paquetes de Bono, cada uno cuesta $350. El paquete de bono incluye 4 boletos para el sorteo del automóvil, 5 boletos para las vacaciones de sus sueños y su boleto de bono será entrado en 5 sorteos incluyendo el Gran Premio del Paquete de Bono de $2,000. ¡Solo vamos a vender 350 Paquetes de Bono y cada paquete de bono que será comprado antes de la fecha límite del pájaro madrugador, le dará al comprador más de 100 maneras de ganar!

Recuerde, su compra de un boleto de tan solo $60 para el sorteo del automóvil podría ponerlo detrás del volante de un automóvil de su elección con el valor de hasta $40,000. Como una alternativa al premio del coche, el afortunado ganador puede optar para recibir $30,000 en efectivo.

¡El boleto para el sorteo de vacaciones es de $20! Usted elige el lugar y su boleto ganador tendrá que financiarlo hasta $7,500. O alternativamente el ganador puede optar para recibir $5,000 en efectivo. ¡Este boleto tiene cinco grandes premios para ganar, incluyendo un nuevo Apple iPad, efectivo y unas vacaciones a Disneyland!

Somos un ministro que apoya a otros ministros. Compre sus boletos, tome la oportunidad de ganar y apoyar a su comunidad. ¡Todos ganan!

Visite nuestra mesa al salir de misa hoy.

Aceptaramos Cheques, Efectivo, Visa, MasterCard, y AmEx.

---

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!

MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

Venga y acompañenos a celebrar la misa bilingüe del día de acción de gracias. La misa se llevara acabo el Jueves, Noviembre 24 a las 10am. Por favor tome nota de que no va haber misa de las 8:15am.

VERDAD DE LA BIBLIA

Lo que le sacas a la Biblia depende en cierto grado de lo que traes a ella.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Office of Development & Evangelization

‘I am thankful for St. Catherine Church and would like to share my blessings.

Be Thankful, Make a difference!

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be taking stock of the blessings in our lives. They might include a grateful awareness of the gift of life, of family, of faith and freedom. But let’s not stop at a generic “counting of blessings.” I challenge myself and you to take the time to consider the gifts in the concreteness and particularity of our own personal experience. Without a vivid sense of gratitude we are at risk of taking even what is most precious in life for granted. We must be always mindful of the loving God who is the source of all our gifts, whom we trust to continue to provide for all our needs.

To those of us who are fortunate enough to be able to gather peacefully with family and friends around the table, let us open our hearts and fully share each reason for being thankful. Also please pray for those who do not have a table this season. Let us find ways to make room for them in our lives and share our bounty in meaningful ways. If you would like to make a gift to help the less fortunate. Please consider making a gift to our Charity Account. Contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959. God Bless you and your family, and we pray you are blessed this Thanksgiving and always!

Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program

Many families go without things that most of us take for granted and is a way of life for some families in our community. Some children cannot attend social events, expect certain toys for Christmas or their birthday, or even have a Christmas tree because their families cannot afford these expenses. Fortunately, the families of St. Catherine Parish have the Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program to help make the dreams of their children come true… On the weekend before Thanksgiving the stars will go on the trees. You will be able to take them the weekend before Black Friday and shop on the weekend of Thanksgiving for our friends. If you want to adopt a family please contact Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959

Five Minutes for Stewardship

Stewardship calls us to receive the gift of God’s mercy, give thanks and share that gift with others.

RECEIVE THE GIFT

Lord, prepare me to open my heart to receive Your gift of mercy.

GIVE THANKS

In spite of my fears, worries and suffering, help me to remain thankful for the gifts You have given me.

SHARE THE GIFT

Give me the courage to invite others back to the Church where You shower Your mercy upon us.

PRAYER | PARTICIPATION | GENEROSITY

Stewardship Reflection

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’”

LUKE 19:8

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn’t called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?
Social Media...and Abortion

Social media can be a great tool. It has helped us here in youth ministry reach out and be present to teens in ways we never could before. We can post inspiring pictures, quotes, and show support for teens in their daily lives. We can meet them where they’re at. Recently, I came across this post on our youth ministry Twitter feed:

*St Catherine’s has a “pray to end abortion” sign and I’m wondering if it is illegal to steal them and destroy them #askingforafriend*

My first reaction when I saw this was smh (shake my head for you acronym-challenged folk out there), and then I just wondered what I should do. The girl (a teenager) who tweeted this wasn’t someone who followed our account and we didn’t follow them. But it showed up in my feed because two people that we do follow liked that tweet and so it showed up. I clicked on the tweet and saw that some guy had replied to it and said:

*Yes and I hope they prosecute you fully*

I clicked on the guy’s profile and the first thing he describes himself as is a Christian. Now, I’m really not trying to judge the guy—I’m just using his response as an example. Was his response a truly Christian response? Even if someone disagrees with our beliefs, or insults our beliefs, should we respond with anger or hatred?

*But Deepu, Jesus did—He got angry at the Pharisees and judged people. We need to stand up for our beliefs.*

Couple things wrong with this (if you haven’t noticed by now, I like having fake arguments that are easy to win): Jesus did get angry, but never hated. Also, Jesus is GOD. So like, He is completely in the right to judge others, as He is completely sinless.

We do need to stand up for our beliefs, but it’s a lot more complicated than just stating them and expecting everyone to agree.

So I replied to the girl in a way which eventually led to her wanting to talk to someone in the Catholic Church about this matter. Now, at the moment of writing this, that’s as far as it’s gotten (remember, we turn these articles in way in advance). To be completely upfront with you all, I’m extremely nervous about trying to talk to her about abortion (as I mentioned earlier, I like much prefer having fake, easy arguments, and this is surely not one of them). Will I use the right words? Will I help her see the Truth the Church teaches? Or will I push her even further away? I hope that I’m able to just let the Holy Spirit do the talking through me.

Please, pray for me and this teen that our discussion went well (I’m assuming that it’s already happened by now, but since God is present through all time, He can backdate your prayers to when they’re needed). I’m grateful for Twitter and the opportunity it has given us to reach out to people we never would’ve met otherwise. And I hope that all of us can be better at responding to people’s disagreements with our Church in a loving way.

Wine Tasting

Young Adults, join us on THIS Saturday, Nov. 19th! We'll meet here at the parish at 10:30 and head over with other young adults from the south bay to Guglielmo Winery. Bring $10 for the tasting. Contact me with any questions!
This week, children and youth in Sacramental Preparation will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is also a great time to recall why we need to celebrate the Sacrament. It is a sacrament of healing, but also a sacrament of conversion, the first step in returning to God the Father when we sin. We are not perfect. We make unloving choices. Each time we do, we move further and further away from God, from the person He calls us to be.

Through Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins and receive the gift of God’s forgiveness and endless mercy. We become reconciled with God and with the Church. God is a loving and merciful Father who is waiting for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is nothing that can keep us away from Him. What are you waiting for?

**Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Saturdays, 4:00-5:00 pm*

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Celebration**

*Monday, November 28 7:00 pm*

Join us as we prepare for the upcoming Advent Season. Gather as community and share in the prayer reflections and family friendly activities including making an Advent Wreath! For further information, please call the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

**ST. CATHERINE NATIVITY EXHIBIT**

*December 3-4, 2016*

Display your family Nativity set and visit the St. Catherine Nativity Exhibit on December 3-4! For further information, please contact Blanca Cinco at blanca.cinco@sbcglobal.net or (408) 362-3466. Volunteers are also needed for set up and during the event. Please sign up through I-Volunteer on the parish website.
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Help us help the homeless in Santa Clara County

When we experience suffering in our world and in our own lives, many say, "It's part of God's plan." But is it? Join us as we explore the ancient story of Job from a present day view.

Choose from three performances:
- Friday, November 11 • 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 12 • 7:00pm
- Sunday, November 13 • 2:00pm

Tickets are $15 Adults; $10 for youth under 18

Hosted at:
Archbishop Mitty High School - Kinkade Center for the Arts
5000 Mitty Way • San Jose, CA 95129
Tickets available online now at www.holyspiritchurch.org or you can purchase at the door.
Call Penny Warne 408-997-5106 for information

All proceeds benefit the homeless in Santa Clara County

St. Catherine Thanksgiving Dinner for the community is upcoming on Wednesday, November 23rd. Donations are gratefully excepted through the parish website at Volunteer link:


Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Contact: Janet Leach jnet95037@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR
ST. CATHERINE’S GOLF CLASSIC
May 19th, 2017
Same Fun, Different Day!

St. Catherine’s Parish Invites you to their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 PM
at the O’Donnell Parish Center
17400 Peak Avenue
St. Catherine’s 34th Annual Sweepstakes is gaining steam!  
One week left to get into the Early Bird!

Purchase your tickets today and automatically be entered into the Early Bird Drawing which provides an additional opportunity to win more cash prizes as a reward for buying your tickets early. Last day for the early bird is November 20th

We are quickly selling a limited number of $350 Bonus Bundles. The bundle includes 4 vehicle sweepstakes tickets 5 vacation sweepstakes tickets plus your Bonus Bundle ticket which enters you into five drawings including the $2,000 Bonus Bundle Grand Prize. We only sell 350 Bonus Bundles and each one purchased before the Early Bird deadline gives the buyer over 100 ways to win!

Remember, your purchase of a $60 Vehicle Sweepstakes ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car with a sticker price up to $40,000. As an alternative to the car prize, the lucky winner can choose to receive $30,000 in cash.

The $20 Vacation Sweepstakes Ticket offers a Trip of a Lifetime! You name the place and your winning ticket will fund it up to $7,500 or alternatively the lucky winner can choose to receive $5,000 in Cash. This ticket has 5 great prizes to win, including a new Apple iPad, Cash and a trip to Disneyland!

We are the Ministry that supports other Ministries. Buy your tickets, get a chance to win and support your community. Everyone wins!

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today. We accept Checks, Cash, Visa, MasterCard, and AmEx.

GHANA MISSION

Advent Lutheran Church is sponsoring a supply drive for the students of Awaso Academy International. Please join us in collecting items to support the students and parents in Awaso, Ghana. Drop off the items at MH engineering, 16075 Vineyard Blvd., Morgan Hill.

Donations Needed-New backpacks, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, expo markers, chalk, 3x5 index cards, folders, and stickers.

Also, soon the parents will be learning to can food. They will need pressure cookers and canning jars.

Thank you for your prayers and support. The students continue to thrive and the school continues to develop.

Questions-email Monica, monicamc@me.com

2nd Collection next weekend: Catholic Campaign For Human Development WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Your gift is an express of the love and solidarity with the poor and unemployed of our country. You are helping community organizations change existing structures of poverty and build and economy based on justice and the dignity of the human person. Thank you for your generosity.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict 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 difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 20-22, 2017 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

BIBLE TRUTH

What you bring away from the Bible depends to some extent on what you carry to it.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
THIRTY-THIRDD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY
To commemorate the ending of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy our community is celebrating a Novena to Divine Mercy which began on October 5th, the 78th anniversary of the death of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska and ends November 19th, the Saturday before the end of the Liturgical Year of Mercy.
Please join us in praying for "the atonement for sins and those of the whole world."

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SCHEDULE
after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:00am
- 11-16-16
- 11-18-16
- 11-19-16

“LIFE SHARING” TIME BEFORE 5:30 SUNDAY EVENING MASS DURING ADVENT
We would like to offer an opportunity for all of us to learn a little bit more about the lives of our fellow parishioners. We would like to give people a chance to tell us about themselves. Tell us about experiences that made them the person they have become (so far). Tell us about their response to the words and actions of Jesus. We hope that learning from the lives of our friends will improve our own lives and help us make the world a better place. We will offer this “life sharing” time before the 5:30 Sunday evening mass each week during Advent. (That’s 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18.) We will start at 4:45. We have asked 4 people to take a turn talking each week. They will share a few stories from their lives for 10 minutes or so. Then we will spend 20 minutes or so talking about what they had to say. We will finish up at 5:15 and head over to mass. If this sounds good to you, please join us. We will be meeting in Milani Center. Any questions? Call or text or email Joe or Carol Lillig.
Carol 408-857-4516 lillig@garlic.com
Joe 408-781-3847 jplillig@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING MASS
Join us for a bilingual Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00am. Please note there will be no 8:15am morning Mass on this day.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS
You have seen the ministry of the Stephen ministers here at St. Catherine’s Church. Have you thought that perhaps you would like to participate in this ministry? If so, please join us at an informational meeting to hear more details about this important ministry and the testimonies of our current Stephen ministers. It will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm in Room 8. Please contact Claranne Schirle for questions at 408-782-1413.

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.

LOOKING FOR THE 2017 LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE!
Why? Because Worldwide Marriage Encounter, for the seventh year in a row, is conducting the Longest Married Couple Project. What an opportunity to honor couples married 50, 60 or 70+ years! And just maybe a couple you know could be either the state or national winner. Winners will be honored during Valentine’s Day Week, 2017. Nominations are open now through January 10, 2017. The nomination process is simple - just email the couple’s names, wedding date and city they live in along with your contact information to wwmelmc2017@gmail.com. It’s that easy. Or, you can go to the wwmelmc.com website for more information.

ST. CATHERINE’S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
November 27th
8:00-2:30pm
Plan for a day of fun filled shopping?
Vendor applications are due on November 11th. Application’s are available at the Parish Office and on our website at www.stca.org.
Art in Action

For the past seven years, St. Catherine School has used a fabulous art program, Art in Action. Art in Action focuses on art concepts in conjunction with their correlation to common core standards. This program is both teacher and student friendly. Students learn about art concepts such as color, lines, and perspective in an historical context. Teachers have online training available for each project that provides information on a particular artist, his/her style and artwork, as well as a step by step process for a hands on creative experience for the students. Student art is displayed regularly in the school hallways, classrooms and at the Morgan Hill Library.

Applications for 2017-2018

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

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

SECOND STEP

As in all schools, students don't always make the best decisions regarding how they treat others. This is our fifth year using the Second Step program which promotes the development of moral intelligence, empathy and good decision making. Additionally students learn age appropriate skills for social interaction, stress reduction, anger management and handling bullying and teasing. Arm- ing students with these skills promotes treating each other with kindness and respect and ties in with our School-wide Learning Expectations. Students are enjoying the activities and learning some great skills.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The football/volleyball seasons have drawn to a close. Our athletes are now practicing for the basketball season. With eight teams, it is difficult for everyone to get enough gym time for practice. Our Athletic Director continues to seek alternative practice facilities and is grateful for creative and cooperative coaches and players who work together to balance practice time on the court. We also appreciate the patience and support of parish groups with whom we share gym parish center space. Our program includes teams for boys and girls in grades 5-8.

Second graders were guided by our Garden Coordinator as they planted winter wheat in the school garden. In the spring they will harvest the wheat, thresh it, grind it into flour and make bread. Student learn the full cycle of wheat and flour.

Third graders show off their artwork from a lesson on perspective which was inspired by Albert Bierstadt.