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 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.

MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sábado: 7:00pm
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am 5:30pm
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN
Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

ADORACIÓN /ADORATION
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm
1st Friday - 24 Hours

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor……..

Dear parishioners,
Merry Christmas!

I am sure that your Christmas decorations include lots of Christmas cards with the most beautiful messages and the sincerest best wishes for you and your family.

Peace, Love, Hope, Joy, Harmony, are some of the expressions we say and hear at this time of the year.

Well, I also want to wish you the same but, beyond just repeating what a Christmas card would say, I want to wish you the most Blessed Christmas ever. (Continued on page 3…)

Desde el escritoario de Padre Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor ....

Estimados Feligreses,
¡Feliz Navidad!

De seguro que su decoración de Navidad tiene muchas tarjetas Navideñas con hermosos mensajes y los más sinceros deseos de bienestar para usted y su familia.

Paz, Amor, Gozo, Armonía, son algunas de las expresiones que escuchamos y decimos en esta época del año.

Bien, yo también me uno a esos mismos deseos navideños, pero más allá de sólo repetir lo que una tarjeta de Navidad pueda decir, yo quiero desearle la una Bendita Navidad. (Continuado en Pagina 5…)
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).
Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).
Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).
Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL
There are four Christmas masses so rather than pick a particular one let’s consider the larger picture. We’ve all heard the exhortation to put Christ back in Christmas. A fine idea that invites us to continue to enjoy all of the trappings of Christmas as holiday but asks that we not diminish the celebration of Christ among us as one like us. Each of us has experienced the stages of life which all begin with early childhood. The infant Jesus was just like us, dependent upon parents for our very existence. Consider translating that memory into our spiritual life. Depending upon our age we have also passed through stages of spiritual development. We start in total dependence on God for the gift of faith. We probably participated in some form of religious education, whether formal or informal. Just as teenage years bring unsettling maturation physically, our spiritual teenage years do as well. These are times that try parents’ patience, it is difficult to see choices being made that are less than the best. Parents struggle to allow non-damaging decisions in order to let life lessons be learned by experience. The same choices occur in ones’ spiritual life. I’m sure very few of us “got everything right” as we grew through early ideas of how to live our faith. Reality tells us that we are all still making those choices, not choices of right or wrong so much as discovery of how we are to live out our Christian call to be Christ for one another. Christmas provides a good opportunity to reflect on our spiritual journey. Sometimes we still live in our childhood rigor at a primer level of being a follower of Jesus. It’s ok, it’s normal but we can’t just stay there. Accepting the call of Christian life means struggle and a willingness to trod our spiritual path with the conviction that we are not alone. The small infant of two thousand years ago walks with us, inviting us to grow as He did.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Water, we who are able to simply turn on the tap should consider those who can’t. Using less water, fixing leaks, waiting for full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer are good ways to use less. Perhaps start by turning off the tap when washing hands then on again to rinse them.

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. JERONIMO…..
Every time I read the Biblical story of the birth of our Savior and when I look at the manger, I can’t stop thinking about the great love of God for us. This little baby is God’s greatest gift to us.

Let me now share with you the following quotations: “He, (Jesus), became what we are that he might make us what he is”, St. Athanasius of Alexandria. “The Word of God became man that you also may learn from a man how a man becomes God”, St. Clement of Alexandria. “The eternal logos of God has a human Heart, he risked the adventure of a human heart”, Karl Rahner.

Along with the cards you have also given and received Christmas presents. With a greatful heart look beyond the present itself and recognize that behind it there is a person who appreciates you, who values you, who loves you.

May the spirit of Christmas continue tomorrow December 26th and the day after, and all the days after.

Fr. Jeronimo

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: _________________

Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

LITURGY

Liturgy isn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone at 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.

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Training and renewal sessions are held in the church from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Community Closet is getting low on children’s clothing and with the winter weather upon us we’d appreciate your help! When you’re shopping during the holidays consider selecting a new children’s outfit to donate. Or during vacation sort through the children’s clothing at home and leave any gently used outfits in a bag marked SVdP at the parish office during business hours (M-F 8am-7pm, or Sunday 8am-noon). We are especially in need of boys and girls clothing, sizes 2T through 12. We also serve many unsheltered individuals and families who often request shampoo, soap, and toothbrushes/toothpaste if you’d like to donate these items. Our parish SVdP Community Closet is located at 13570 Depot St. in San Martin and passes on your donations, free of charge, to those in need … over 200 individuals a month! We are open to the community every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-noon, and the first Saturday of the month from 10am-noon. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Carol Lillig 408-857-4516.

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos a una gritan alborozados. Verá la tierra enter la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo — Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio — El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Martes:  1 Jn 1:1-4;  Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
          Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Miércoles:  1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2;  Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b -8;  Mt 2:13-18

Jueves:  1 Jn 2:3-11;  Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6;  Lc 2:36-40

Viernes:  Sír 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17];  
           Sal 128 (127):1-5;  Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sábado:  1 Jn 2:18-21;  Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13;  
           Jn 1:1-18

Domingo:  Nm 6:22-27;  Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
           Gál 4:4-7;  Lc 2:16-21

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE DICIEMBRE

**Domingo, Diciembre 25**

Karina Sánchez

Belen Arellano

Jesús Serrato

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.

DESER EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE JERÓNIMO CONTINUADO......

Cada vez que leo la historia bíblica del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, y cada vez que miro el pesebre, no puedo dejar de pensar en gran amor que nos tiene nuestro Dios. Este niño es el regalo más grande que Dios nos ha dado.

Déjeme compartir los siguientes pensamientos: “El, (Jesús), se hizo hombre para que nos hicieramos como él es”, San Atanasio de Alejandría. “La Palabra de Dios se hizo hombre, para que aprendamos como un hombre puede hacerse Dios”, San Clemente de Alejandría. El logos eterno de Dios tiene un corazón humano, se arriesgó a la aventura de un corazón humano”, Karl Rahner.

Junto con la tarjeta de seguro usted ha dado y recibido regalos de Navidad. Con un corazón agradecido mire más allá del regalo y reconozca que atrás de él hay una persona que le aprecia, una persona que le valora, una persona que le ama.

Ojala que el espíritu navideño continúe mañana 26 de diciembre y pasado mañana y todos los días después.

P. Jerónimo

FACEBOOK

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

AMOR

Los que nunca amaron antes, que amen ahora: Los que siempre han amado, que amen aún más.

—Anónimo

EDUCADOS EN CASA

La mente de Cristo se aprende en la familia. La fuerza de la personalidad se puede adquirir en el trabajo, pero la belleza de la personalidad se aprende en la familia.

—Henry Drummond
CENAS COMUNITARIAS
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. ¡Los esperamos!

- Los martes la Iglesia Luterana sirve la cena de 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6:00pm-7:00pm.

¡Necesitamos mas ayuda!
Jóvenes, familias, adultos, grandes y chicos: la Parroquia necesita de su ayuda. Necesitamos más gente en algunos de nuestros equipos para servir cena a nuestra comunidad. El compromiso es de tan solo una vez cada 7 semanas de 5-7:30pm. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar a proveer buena comida y buena compañía para nuestra comida semanal que ayuda a todos los de la comunidad, por favor de ponerse en contacto con Carol Lillig en Lillig@garlic.com o llame al (408)857-4516.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Hoy celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comedas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento.

Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los cristianos egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre.

En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros.

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

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.

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!

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!
La Oficina Parroquial va ha estar cerrada de Viernes, Diciembre 23 hasta el Lunes, Enero 2, va ser reabierta el Martes, Enero 2.
¡Felices Fiestas!

La iglesia va a cerrar a las 4:00pm, Lunes a Viernes, Diciembre 23 a Lunes, Enero 2.

Recuérdese de su Parroquia esta Navidad
La Parroquia de Santa Catalina depende grandemente de su generosa oferta Navidad.
¡Gracias y que Dios lo bendiga!

Un regalo de Navidad para su parroquia
La Navidad es el Domingo, 25 de Diciembre.

Con el fin de equilibrar el presupuesto de la parroquia cada año nos bamos en los generosos regalos del de la colección de Navidad. También confiamos fuertemente en los regalos semanales del Ofertorio hechos 52 semanas del año. Tanto sus regalos de Navidad como semanales nos ayudan a administrar el presupuesto operativo durante el invierno cuando las facturas de calefacción son altas y cuando surgen costos inesperados.

Le pedimos que sea tan generoso como sea posible con su regalo de Navidad a la parroquia. Si es posible, utilice su sobre semanal y su sobre de Navidad esta Navidad.

En caso de que aún no se haya dado cuenta de que la Navidad es en un domingo, no le pediremos que vaya a la misa dos veces, pero su apoyo es muy apreciado.

¡Gracias por su generosidad durante todo el año y en Navidad!

Presupuesto de Misa de Domingo: $22,271
Presupuesto del Ofertorio de Navidad: $65,000

ST. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA
ADORACION Y BENEDICION DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO
ORARIO DE ADORACION EUCHARISTICA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucarística empiezan el Primer Viernes 6 de Enero inmediatamente después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa, concluyendo el Primer Sábado 7 de Enero con Bendición a las 8:00A.M.

"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo." MT 26:40

"El tiempo que uno pasa en la presencia del Sagrado Sacramento es el mejor tiempo que uno puede pasar en la tierra. Cada momento que uno pasa con Jesús hará una unión mas profunda con el y hará su alma eternamente mas gloriosa y bella in el cielo y ayudara para traer paz eterna en la tierra." Sta. Madre Teresa de Calcutta

Notificaciones de Emergencia

¿SE HA MUDADO?
¿Se ha mudado recientemente y necesita actualizar su nueva dirección con nuestra parroquia? Mándenos 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 o por correo electrónico de nuestros feligreses.
A Christmas Gift for Our Parish Family!

There is an easy way to give specifically to Saint Catherine’s during this Christmas Season.

Please go to Make my Christmas Gift Now! on our homepage to set up a one-time donation or establish annual giving for the holidays.

In order to balance our parish budget every year we rely heavily on the generous gifts that come to us in the Christmas collection. We also rely heavily on the weekly offertory gifts made 52 weeks of the year. Both your Christmas gifts to St. Catherine’s and your weekly Offertory gifts help us manage our operating budget through the winter when heating bills are high as well as meeting unexpected unbudgeted expenses. For these reasons we ask that you please be as generous as possible with your Christmas gift to the parish. If possible use both your weekly envelope/online giving and also your Christmas envelope/online giving this Christmas. We need your support. Thank you for your generosity both at Christmas and throughout the year!

The Parish Website and Electronic giving help you stay connected

Christmas is a wonderful time for everyone. In addition to the very special meaning of the liturgical celebrations, we are happy to see so many parishioners whose schedules may not allow them to attend Mass at our parish on a regular basis. If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish as much as you would like, check out our website at www.stca.org. There you will find weekly bulletins; information about parish programs and see who is on the parish staff.

You will also find an Online Giving link on the front page below Ways to Give. The online giving program allows parishioners to support the parish even when they are out-of-town, too busy or forget to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish. To learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving please contact Anna Quinones aqui- nones@dsj.org or Jeanette Thatcher jthatcher@dsj.org or follow the instructions found on the website.
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Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas

12 more days??? We often forget that Christmas is not just one day but a season to reflect on and celebrate our faith and the gift of Jesus. Here are several ways your family can celebrate the Christmas season:

1. **Wait.** Plan on leaving the Christmas tree up until the end of the Christmas season which ends on Epiphany, January 6th. If you have a Nativity set move the wise men closer to the scene until the 6th.

2. **Pay It forward.** Celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen by following his example to care for the poor. Go through closets and bookshelves to find clothing and books to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.

3. **Pick a card.** Pick one of the Christmas cards that you received on each of the 12 days and pray for the family that sent it.

4. **Make time for family.** December 30th is the Feast of the Holy Family. Plan to spend the entire day together!

5. **Count your blessings.** Ask everyone in the family to bring something to New Year's Eve dinner that symbolizes a blessing received from God this past year.

6. **Ring in the New Year.** Besides being New Year’s Day, Jan 1st is also the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Pray the rosary after dinner.

7. **Mark your homes.** Say the Blessing of the Home on Epiphany, January 6th, marking the entrance to the house with chalk.

Adapted from “The more days the merrier: Celebrating the 12 days of Christmas” by Nick Wagner, U.S. Catholic Magazine, December 2009.
Remember your Parish this Christmas
St. Catherine Parish greatly relies on your generous Christmas offering.
Thank you and God bless you!

A Christmas Gift for Your Parish
Christmas is Sunday, December 25th.

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We ask you to please be as generous as possible with your Christmas gift to the parish. If possible, please use both your weekly envelope and your Christmas envelope this Christmas.

In case you haven’t yet realized that Christmas is on a Sunday we won’t ask you to come to mass twice, but your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year and at Christmas!

Sunday Mass Offertory Budget: $22,271
Christmas Offertory Budget: $65,000

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase – During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 20-22, 2017 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCHARISTICADORATION AND BENEDICTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday January 6th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday January 7th with Benediction at 8:00am

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Mt 26:40

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlasting-ly more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Save the Date: Learning & Loving Education Center Charity Event, Monday, January 23, 2017 from 3:00-8:00 pm at Bubbles Wine Bar, 5th Street and Monterey in Morgan Hill!
Tickets will be sold at the door! $30 includes your choice of one Tapas Plate, and one Glass of Red, White, or Sparkling Wine, Beer or Soft Drink. Join us for Tapas Plate Flatbreads, Brie Crostini’s, Pulled Pork Sliders and more! Proceeds will be donated to the Learning and Loving Center!

CAN YOU HELP?
A community member is in need of a space heater for these cold, winter days. If you have one you’re not using, could you bring it to the parish office, marked, "SVdP Ann Marie"? We’ll deliver. Thank you!
SHALL WE BUILD A NEW CHURCH OR REMODEL THE EXISTING CHURCH?

In 2012 the parish created a Master Plan to guide the future improvements of the campus from physical, spiritual, educational, community, functional and economic perspectives. The plan included building a new church, parish office, youth center and school in phases over several years. The fundraising feasibility study completed in 2014 indicated the parish was not willing to support the cost to build a new church and offices. In the meantime our church continues to age.

Last February Fr. Jeronimo and the Finance committee held a meeting which included the Master Plan Leadership and Feasibility Committees and other parishioners to review the results of the 2012 Master Plan and posed the question of whether the parish should build a new church or expand and remodel the current church. While most people expressed a desire for a new church they did not have confidence that the parish could raise the funds to build a new church. In the end the group asked to see how much a renovated church would cost and what it could look like.

As a result the Finance Committee studied the cost to expand and renovate the church so that it would meet the needs and be comparable to the proposed new church. They formed a sub-committee who:
- Engaged a structural engineer to determine if the existing church could be expanded
- Engaged an architect to prepare conceptual layouts of an expanded church with seating for 780-1,000
- Engaged a firm to prepare a cost model of an architect’s conceptual design options
- Reviewed the cost assumptions associated with the new church proposed in the original master plan
- Examined an alternative of making the parish center the church and visa versa.

The Master Plan sub-committee will present its findings 
**Wednesday, January 18th at 7pm** in the Parish Center. The presentation includes:
- A conceptual design for a renovated and expanded church
- A cost comparison of a renovated versus a new church
- A discussion of developing the timing to form a Building Committee and a Fund Raising Committee

All parishioners are invited and urged to attend this important meeting. If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Thatcher or Deacon Phil Flowers. Please visit our website [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org) for more information.

¿CREEMOS UNA NUEVA IGLESIA O REMODELAR NUESTRA IGLESIA EXISTENTE?

En el 2012 nuestra parroquia creó un Plan Maestro para ayudar a guiar las futuras mejoras de los edificios desde una perspectiva física, espiritual, educativa, comunitaria, funcional y económica. El plan incluía la construcción de una nueva iglesia, oficinas parroquiales, centro juvenil y escuela en fases durante varios años. El estudio de factibilidad realizado en el 2014 indicó que la parroquia no estaba dispuesta en apoyar el costo de construir una nueva iglesia y oficinas. Mientras tanto, nuestra iglesia sigue envejeciendo.

El pasado mes de Febrero el P. Jerónimo y el Comité de Finanzas sostuvieron una reunión que incluyó los Comités de Liderazgo y Factibilidad del Plan Maestro y otros feligreses para revisar los resultados del Plan Maestro del 2012 y planteó la cuestión de si la parroquia debe construir una nueva iglesia o expandir y remodelar la iglesia actual. Aunque la mayoría de la gente expresó su deseo de una nueva iglesia, no tenían confianza en que la parroquia pudiera recaudar los fondos para apoyar la construcción de una nueva iglesia. Al final, el grupo pidió ver cuánto costaría una iglesia renovada y qué aspecto podría tener.

Como resultado, el Comité de Finanzas escogió mirar los costos de expandir y renovar la iglesia para que respondiera a las necesidades y fuera comparable con la nueva iglesia propuesta. Ellos formaron un subcomité que a su vez:
- Contrató a un ingeniero estructural para determinar si la iglesia existente podría ser expandida
- Contrató a un arquitecto para preparar diseños conceptuales de una iglesia expandida con un potencial de asientos para 780 a 1,000 feligreses
- Contrató a una empresa para preparar un modelo de costo de las opciones de diseño conceptual de un arquitecto
- Revisó los supuestos costos asociados con la nueva iglesia propuesta en el plan maestro original
- Examinió una alternativa de hacer del centro parroquial la iglesia y viceversa.

El Subcomité del Plan Maestro presentará sus conclusiones el miércoles **18 de enero de 2017 a las 7:00pm** en el Centro Parroquial. La presentación incluirá:
- Un diseño conceptual para una iglesia renovada y expandida
- Una comparación de costos de una iglesia renovada y una nueva iglesia
- Una discusión del proceso para formar un Comité de Construcción y un Comité de Recaudación de Fondos

Todos los feligreses son invitados a asistir a esta importante reunión. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de comunicarse con Jeanette Thatcher o el Diacono Phil Flowers. Favor de visitar nuestro sitio web [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org) para más información.
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.

St. Catherine School is out for our Christmas Holiday. Classes resume Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Applications for 2017-2018

TUITION ASSISTANCE—Guardian Angels

St. Catherine School is very grateful for those Guardian Angels in our parish who contribute funds for our Tuition Assistance Program. This year the program provided just under $200,000 of tuition assistance for 51 children using funds received from diocesan grants, the BASIC Fund, interest from our Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund, a $20,000 subsidy from the parish and donations from generous people like you. Without this support, these students would not be able to attend St. Catherine School.

The benefactors of St. Catherine School are remembered in the prayers of the students, faculty and staff regularly. For more information regarding our Tuition Assistance Program, contact Fabienne Esparza at 779-9950 or fesparza@stcatherinemh.org.

Thank you for your support!

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

If you have a grandchild at St. Catherine School, your grandchild will be asking you to join him/her for a special day filled with quality time seeing and learning about “a day at St. Catherine School.” Mark your calendar for the morning of Wednesday, February 1st. Your grandchild will invite you just after the first of the year. For more information, contact Jeff Layne at 408-612-4213 or jlayne@stcatherinemh.org.

Fifth and sixth graders made pumpkin pies for the annual parish Charity Dinner. Students brought all the ingredients, then mixed and baked the pies.