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

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

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

SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY

Without knowing better, you would think Sunday’s hospitality was simply donuts and coffee. We always presume hospitality is available before and after mass. Might it be because it may be one of the most important parts of our Sunday (besides mass). How’s that you ask?

Food seems to always bring people together. I don’t know why but food has been known to do so. Maybe because it gives us something to do.

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

HOSPITALIDAD EN LA MAÑANA DEL DOMINGO

Sin saber nada mejor, se podría pensar que la hospitalidad de cada domingo era simplemente donas y café. Siempre suponemos que la hospitalidad está disponible antes y después de la misa. ¿tal vez por lo mismo de que puede ser una de las partes más importantes de nuestro domingo (además de la masa)? ¿Cómo te lo preguntas?

La comida parece siempre unir a la gente y no sé por qué, pero la comida se ha conocido como tal. Tal vez porque nos da algo que hacer. Tal vez nos distraiga. Tal vez sólo sabe bien, sí, incluso una dona y un poco de café. Independientemente, cuando la comida está presente entre las personas reunidas conversaciones, risas e historias comienzan a ser compartidas entre los presentes.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator, dinderhees@dsj.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 - 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).
Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).
Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, January 15
7:00-1:00pm CR1-4K Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
9:00-10:15am DC Clow
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 FF Session
10:30-6:00pm MC Jovenes Para Cristo Mini-retiro
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
4:15-5:30pm CR.4 Faith Sharing group
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm Rm.11 VIRTUS Safe Environment Teen Leader Training
7:00-9:00pm Gym Over 40’s men’s open gym

Monday/Lunes, January 16
OFFICE CLOSED
6:00-7:00pm CR34K Community Super

Tuesday/Martes, January 17
12:00-1:00pm CR.1 St. Vincent De Paul board meeting
6:30-9:00pm CH Espanol - Clase Pre-Bautismal
6:45-9:00pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry supervision mtg
7:00-9:00pm Rm.11 Jovenes Para Cristo Ensallo de Coro

Wednesday/Miercoles, January 18
9:00-10:30am CR.1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
3:00-5:00pm CH,M,MC Rm.8,10 FF Session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:30-6:30pm MC FF MSM Session
6:00-7:00pm Rm.11 Cub Scout Den 1 - meeting
6:30-8:00pm DC Edge
6:30-7:50pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer group
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir
7:00-10:00pm CR1-2K Master Plan meeting
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA
8:00-9:00pm CH Alpha & Omega group

Thursday/Jueves, January 19
4:00-8:00pm Gym,CR1-4K Cougar Athletic Basketball Tournament
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:30-7:30pm MC Cub Scout Den meeting
6:30-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos MESA meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Friday/Viernes, January 20
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
4:00-8:00pm Gym,CR1-4K Cougar Athletic Basketball Tournament
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion

Saturday/Sábado, January 21
9:00-7:30pm Gym,CR1-4K Cougar Athletic Basketball Tournament
9:00-10:15am NUR RICA
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play practice

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, January 16
James Marschke
Caroline Appling
Alice Cotter
Diane Clark
Frank & Diane Mendoza
Fred O’connor

Tuesday, January 17
Sima Mariani
Consuelo Hernandez
Vanessa Macias

Wednesday, January 18
Irmina Yeggy
Sergio Madrigal

Friday, January 20
Ezquiel Salinas

Saturday, January 21
Imrna Yeggy
Sergio Madrigal
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today’s psalm response bears reflection, “Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.” Notice the first portion says here am I Lord. A memorable song sung at liturgy phrases it here I am Lord. While the meaning is essentially the same there is a subtle shading that bears consideration. Placing the word “I” before the word “am” suggests that “I” have some degree of prominence or stature. Simply by reversing the two words the phrase becomes more simply a declarative statement which suggests arrival instead of presence. In other words the second portion of the response, “I come to do your will,” contains the heart of the verse but what precedes can indicate what kind of stance we take in our relationship with God. Have I already arrived as in “here I am” or am I still seeking as in “here am I.” To be sure we occupy both stances at different times. Our journey of faith invites us to consider our many relationships with God. Maybe it’s only words but when we feel as if we are standing ready for God to be present to us in a particular way, we are in the “here I am” mode asking where are you God? At other times in our “here am I” mode, we include our need for God … our desire for our relationship to continue as we realize the presence of God already with us. Again, it’s not a choice between the two but rather a recognition that we live both of these positions. It’s helpful to realize that our relationship with God is not stagnant and unchanging. Finding God more easily and readily asks that we come with no preconceived requirements as to how God is to be revealed. It is more about living the realization that God is always present, we’re the ones sometimes absent or distracted. The beautiful words of the psalm response invite us to seek God’s will without having to completely understand it. Loving and bringing peace is a good start though.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

This is a guilt tip, sorry. How often do we take the time to actually recycle the ubiquitous plastic water bottles we all use so frequently. If we’re not doing well, consider using a refillable metal or plastic bottle and thus be guaranteed that we recycle.

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…..

Maybe it distracts us. Maybe it just tastes good, yes even a donut and some coffee. Regardless, when food is present among gathered people conversations, laughter and stories begin to be shared among those present.

Hospitality is the welcoming of others and to come together as themselves while you tend to their needs. In the bible hospitality to strangers was among the greatest commandments of all. We all need that, the feeling of being welcomed, into a new place as one who belongs among and with others.

If you put the meaning of food and hospitality together you begin to form community. Community means fellowship of shared purpose or feeling. It’s in our name, it’s who we are. We are a group gathered for the purpose of welcoming all who are interested in discovering more about God, life, faith, and of course ourselves. Soon you will be given an opportunity to participate by volunteering in support of our Sunday Hospitality. We need your help! Please look for more information in the coming weeks on the many different ways you can support Hospitality.

Thank you in advance for your support.

God bless,
Anna Quiñones

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Environment Coordinator needed. Check the website for details.

Saints Chapel - clean chapel area and put out new candles. Help needed during the day. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphndebbie@icloud.com

Greeters - welcome parishioners before Masses. Do you have a few minutes before Mass? You are welcome to greet parishioners and guests to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

Sacristans - needed for all Masses especially at the 5:30pm Saturday and 5:30pm Sunday Masses. Please contact Signe Montosa directly for training. See below.

Volunteer Hospitality/Greeter coordinator
We want to form a formal Hospitality/Greeter ministry.

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

Liturgical Ministry and Contact

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Pat Rudolph  patricia95037@yahoo.com

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

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

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tú eres mi servidor, Israel. Te voy a poner como una luz para el mundo (Isaías 49:3, 5-6).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda lectura — A los que Dios santificó en Cristo Jesús . . . tengan bendición y paz, de parte de Dios Padre y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor (1 Corintios 1:1-3).

Evangelio — Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Él es el Hijo de Dios (Juan 1:29-34).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17;
Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9;
Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Dios los bendiga,
Anna Quiñones

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE ENERO

Sábado, Enero 14
Verónica Díaz
Gissel Vera

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.

VISIÓN

Hay personas que ven más cosas en un paseo por su vecindario que otras personas ven en un viaje alrededor del mundo.

—Anónimo

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

Dios Sabe Mejor

La sabiduría creadora de Dios llegó a su apogeo cuando hizo a los seres humanos. En la cabeza hay cuatro orificios para el ingreso de información, y apenas uno para la salida.

—Anónimo

La hospitalidad es la bienvenida para los demás y reunirse para ser ellos mismos mientras atienden a sus necesidades. En la Biblia la hospitalidad de los extraños estaba entre los mandamientos más grandes de todos. Todos necesitamos eso, el sentimiento de ser bienvenidos, en un nuevo lugar como uno que pertenece entre nosotros y con otros.

Si pones el significado de la comida y la hospitalidad juntos comienzas a formar comunidad. Comunidad significa un compañerismo de propósito o sentimiento compartido. Está en nuestro nombre, es quien somos. Somos un grupo reunido con el propósito de dar la bienvenida a todos los que están interesados en descubrir más sobre Dios, la vida, la fe y, por supuesto, nosotros mismos.

Pronto se le dará la oportunidad de participar y ser voluntario en apoyo de nuestra Hospitalidad del Domingo. ¡Necesitamos su ayuda! Por favor, busque más información en las próximas semanas sobre las muchas maneras diferentes de apoyar la hospitalidad. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.

Dios los bendiga,
Anna Quiñones

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Al escribir Tradiciones de nuestra fe me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festejar, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisa los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones, pero a partir de 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión.

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

¿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 pueden 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.

FACEBOOK

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

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com
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TRES MISIONES
Hoy comenzamos con una de las “cantos del siervo” del libro de Isaías, un canto profético sobre el ministerio de servicio de Jesús. La misión de Isaías no sólo es lograr que los hijos de Jacob se reúnan en Israel, sino también es convertirse en “una luz de las naciones” (Isaías 49:6). Jesucristo, como servidor, será el cumplimiento de la antigua profecía y la base de la nueva.

Este domingo comenzamos una serie de lecturas de la carta de san Pablo a los corintios. Aquí se define a Pablo de acuerdo a su misión: es un apóstol de Jesucristo. La Iglesia en Corinto a quien se dirige en su carta también se define: es parte de la Iglesia universal de Dios. Los corintios, como todos los cristianos, son llamados a la santidad.

Aunque la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se celebró el domingo pasado, el Evangelio de hoy también alude a la importancia de dicho acontecimiento. La lectura enfatiza que Jesús “tiene precedencia” sobre Juan: su bautismo en el Espíritu erradicará el pecado. Jesús acepta el bautismo de Juan, a pesar de que él mismo es el Cordero de Dios.

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 más 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.

¡2016 Sorteo de conclusión!
El 34º Sorteo Anual de St. Catalina concluyó la campaña de 2016 con su sorteo anual el 18 de diciembre en el centro parroquial O'Donnell.

El comité quisiera agradecer a los siguientes patrocinadores por su apoyo y contribuciones continuas:
- Landmark Builders
- Terry Mechanical
- Howell Electric
- KDS Plumbing
- Classic Glass
- Western Allied Mechanical
- TISYS Construction and Development
- TL Electric
- Foley Electric
- Bay Area Asphalt and Cement Works
- ICE

Cuenta Final:
Total de la red: $ 105,000
Iglesia: $ 79,000
Escuela: $ 26,000

Finalmente, se otorgó un reconocimiento especial a las siguientes personas en el segundo Premio Anual de Legado para los miembros del comité del Sorteo:
- Bob Nunes
- Tim Mende

Como el ministerio que apoya a otros ministerios, les agradecemos a todos por su dedicación y trabajo duro durante los muchos años de los sorteos. Usted ha proporcionado verdadero valor a la comunidad y la comunidad le agradece.

En memoria de George Chiala. George era un fundador de la rifa original del coche hace 35 años y trabajó incansable cada año en ella. También fue el primer ganador del Premio Anual de Legado ahora a ser renombrado el Sorteo de St. Catalina en Memoria de George Chiala Premio de Legadía.

¡Hasta el año que viene!

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!
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Office of Development & Evangelization

Women's Spirituality Retreat

Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious
March 4, 2017

St. Catherine Church Parish Center
Retreat Led: By Pat Gohn
www.patgohn.net

National Speaker, Author, and Founder of Among Women Podcast. amongwomenpodcast.com

Registration information will be available soon. Do not wait to sign up for this event guaranteed to be sold-out.

Retreat is based on Pat Gohn’s best selling book Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious

All women are invited!

Please invite your friends, mom, sister(s) and daughter(s). The day will be for you!

The day includes a light breakfast and lunch and Pat Gohn’s book will be available for purchase on the day of retreat!!

Suggested donation $30.00
more information to come......

To All the Amazing People who Participated in the Parish Giving Tree!

Christmas was especially wonderful for over 148 families because of you! We had over 700 stars on our trees this year and we had over 47 families adopted by individuals in and outside our community. I am again honored and privileged to see the generosity from our parish community during the Christmas season. As usual, it was over and above anything I imagined. The outpouring of love and support for our needy families was overwhelming.

I would like to thank you and all the volunteer’s who helped wrap, sort and deliver gifts to all the families.
None of this is possible without the helping hands of many people who shared their time, talent and treasure.

I would like to especially thank

- Kirk’s Kids Foundation
- Paramit Corporation
- Reuter Family
- South Valley Wood Workers
- Catholic Relief Services
- St. Catherine School
- Everyone who personally adopted a Family
- And YOU!

Everyone of you are the Great Stewards of our Community!
Thank you and God Bless.

Anna Quinones & Maria Dominguez
Giving Tree Coordinators

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None of this is possible without the helping hands of many people who shared their time, talent and treasure.

I would like to especially thank

- Kirk’s Kids Foundation
- Paramit Corporation
- Reuter Family
- South Valley Wood Workers
- Catholic Relief Services
- St. Catherine School
- Everyone who personally adopted a Family
- And YOU!

Everyone of you are the Great Stewards of our Community!
Thank you and God Bless.

Anna Quinones & Maria Dominguez
Giving Tree Coordinators
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THERE ARE FOUR READINGS DURING MASS

Did you know that? There’s the 1st and 2nd Reading and the Gospel, right? What’s missing?
If you said the Responsorial Psalm (usually the song between the 1st & 2nd Reading), then you are
correct. Technically it is a reading, taken from the Book of Psalms. Every week there is a different
Psalm - however, for a variety of reasons, the exact Psalm for each weekend is not always used. So
unfortunately we don’t hear every Psalm that is provided for the Sunday Masses proclaimed.
For a long time I didn’t pay all that much attention to the Psalm. It seemed, for the most part, over my
head and not worth my time to really try to pay attention to. Where do I get off thinking that the WORD
OF GOD isn’t worth my time?? I think the reason this happens for many of us (because I know I’m not
the only one) is because we hold the Church, Scripture, and all of its teachings at arm’s length. We
hear it but we don’t reflect on it. So we say, “Oh that’s nice,” or, “I’ve heard that before,” or, “That
doesn’t apply to me.” The reason so many people say the Church isn’t relevant is that we don’t allow it
to be. There is so much depth to the Church, our traditions and teachings, and what it means to be
Catholic that taking it all at surface level won’t mean anything.
I have been a Catholic my entire life yet it took until just this year (as in 2017) for me to really focus on
the presence of Christ in the Eucharist - and let me tell you, it rocked my world. Now, I’ve known that
Jesus is present in the Eucharist. I’ve known the prayers that we say. But I finally was able to focus
completely on that during Communion. As I was pouring the Blood of Christ into each of the chalices, I
was thinking, praying, “This is the Blood of Christ.” As Fr. Jeronimo approached me and held out Je-
sus’ Body, I focused on Him as I received Him. As I consumed Him. And then as I was waiting for the
other ministers to finish receiving Him, this immense peace and joy overtook me. It was beautiful. The
music only added to it and made the experience all the more prayerful (thank you, 5:30 Worship Band
& Choir).
33 years. That’s how long it took for me to get to this point. And I don’t want to let it go. I want to expe-
trience that every single time I participate in Mass. And as beautiful and awesome as that was, I know
it’s just a small morsel of what God is offering me. And the only thing that held me back from experi-
cencing this sooner was me. Because I allowed myself to be distracted by the world. Because I allowed
myself to think, “I’ve heard this before.” Because I wasn’t willing to give God the time of day. God can
only do as much in my life as I allow Him to. Because He gave us free will. I can either choose to do
my own will or I can choose to give my will up and do His will instead. Now why would I want to give
up my will? Because even if I was the smartest person in the universe, God would still know better
than me. And this is where today’s Psalm comes into play - it’s so simple in it’s message and yet so
profound. It sounds so easy that we tend to gloss over it and many of God’s messages like it - yet it is
the most challenging thing we could ever possibly do. More challenging than any marathon, class,
work, pregnancy (I asked Beth who’s been three times pregnant now), you name it - because it is
something, that if you decide to do, would be on top of any of the things listed.
And here’s the challenge from Psalm 40:
Here am I, Lord; I come to do Your will.
We don’t often think like this. We might say, “Okay God, apparently this is what You want for me, and
it sounds okay, so I’ll do it.” But what this Psalm is challenging us to do is to say, “God, whatever You
want me to do, no matter what it is or how opposing it is to my will, I’ll do it.”
I’ve told God that I want to do His will but I know from my actions that I don’t mean that as whole-
heartedly and sincerely as I should. There is only so much of His will that I have been willing to do.
But over time I have given and will continue to give Him more and more.
RIE OF ACCEPTANCE

God works in many different ways. Most of the time, God works through ordinary people and events – a parent, a friend, a song, an inspiring story. At other times, we hear God’s call during major life changes or during moments of crisis. Sometimes, we just have a feeling that something is missing. No matter what a person’s reasons are for becoming Catholic, the Church’s hope and prayer is that when God calls them, they will respond.

The Church provides a process by which a person who is seeking God can be accompanied in a loving and organized manner by the Church community to learn about the Catholic faith, prepare for Baptism, and ultimately become a Catholic through reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion).

During the first part of the process, the Inquiry, an unbaptized adult or child begins to explore the Catholic faith and obtain answers to any questions they have about the Church and its teachings. This can happen anytime for as long as needed.

When the person is ready to commit to becoming Catholic, the person is invited to celebrate a ritual called the “Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate.” By celebrating this rite, the person is officially and publicly declaring his or her intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Church as one who is preparing to be baptized. They thus enter into the second phase of the process, the Catechumenate.

It is the role of the parish community to support by word and example all persons who seek God, during their journey through the Inquiry stage, and especially during the Catechumenate as their formation intensifies in preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil.

Next weekend, at the 7:00pm Spanish Mass on Saturday and the 8:45 and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate.

If you or someone you know would like to know more information about becoming Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.

(Excerpts from “Christian Initiation of Adults, Rite of Acceptance” by Diana Macalintal, 2006.)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT MEETING #2

Sunday, January 22
3:00 - 5:00pm in the Parish Center

Wednesday, January 25 (make-up session)
7:00 - 9:00pm in the Milani Center

This meeting is for parents whose children are preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May 2017. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

Celebrating at our Catechist Epiphany gathering. The catechists who found the baby Jesus figurine in the Rosca de los Reyes bread traditionally provide tamales to guests on February 2, Candlemas, the Presentation of the Lord. “It’s a blessing when you find one,” said Arcadia Pulido, one of the catechists.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

2017
January 23rd
February 27th
March 20th
April 24th
May 15th

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Catherine Parish has a part-time (Monday to Friday, 4:00-7:00pm) opening for an evening administrative assistant. The evening administrative assistant is the first contact that many have with the Parish and needs to portray a hospitable, welcoming and caring face to the wide variety of people that approach the office.

The candidate should be a practicing Catholic, have great written and verbal communication skills in both English and Spanish, have a professional demeanor, be computer literate in several office and database applications, detail orientated, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Must be fully Bilingual (English/Spanish and Bi-literate (Read & Write in English & Spanish).

Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE
Learning & Loving Education Center charity event Monday, January 23rd from 3:00-8:00pm at Bubbles Wine Bar, 5th Street and Monterey in Morgan Hill!
Tickets are sold at the door! $30 includes a 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 are donated to the Learning and Loving Center!

Walk for Life West Coast 2017
Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 13th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 21st. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market street, begins at 1:30. Last year’s Walk drew 50,000+ people. This year we are honored to welcome Pam Tebow, pro-life activist and mother of Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow, as one of our speakers. St. Catherine has reserved one bus that leaves at 10:00am and returns by 6:00pm. The cost per passenger is $20. Please dress warmly and bring lunch. Treats are provided to and from the event. For more information about the Walk please contact Sergio Arzate at S_Arzate@yahoo.com

GOD KNOWS BEST
God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.
—Anonymous

VISION
Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.
—Anonymous

TOOTsie ROLL DRIVE
It is that time again, and the Knights of Columbus ask your help for the annual “Tootsie Roll Drive” for people with intellectual disabilities. Your contributions are given to the Special Olympics of Northern California. As always we appreciate your generosity. Thank you from the Knights of Columbus.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?”
Child: “Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?”
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 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
- Examinó 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 para más información.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

2016 SWEEPSTAKES WRAP-UP!

The St. Catherine’s 34th Annual sweepstakes wrapped up the 2016 campaign with its annual drawing December 18th in the O’Donnell parish center.

The committee thanks the following sponsors for their ongoing support and contributions:

Landmark Builders, Terry Mechanical, Howell Electric, KDS Plumbing, Classic Glass, Western Allied Mechanical, TISYS Construction and Development, TL Electric, Foley Electric, Bay Area Asphalt and Cement Works, ICE

Final tally:
Total Net: $105,000
Church: $79,000
School: $26,000

The Second Annual Legacy Award for Sweepstakes committee members special recognition was awarded to these individuals:

Bob Nunes, Tim Mende

As the ministry that supports other ministries, we thank all of you for your dedication and hard work over the many years of the sweepstakes. You have provided true value to the community and the community thanks you.

In loving memory of George Chiala. George was a founder of the original Car Raffle 35 years ago and worked on it tirelessly every year. He was also the first recipient of the Annual Legacy Award now to be re-named the St. Catherine Sweepstakes George Chiala Memorial Legacy Award.

Until next year!

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 & BLANKET DRIVE
January 15 thru 30

Please bring new or slightly used coats and blankets to the Coat Bins in the Church vestibule or to the Parish Office. They will be given to the Armory, other shelters and St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Christmas:
Budget - $70,000   Actual - $64,656
Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available in the school office or on the school website. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten was 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.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

If you have a grandchild at St. Catherine School, your grandchild will ask you to join him or 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 after the first of the year. For more information, contact Jeff Layne at 408-612-4213 or jlayne@stcatherinemh.org.

A huge THANK YOU to the Car Raffle Committee for all their hard work and a fabulous event!