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 Disciplulado y el Servicio.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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

This weekend, several adults and children from our community celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. It is the first of the “rites” of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the first public ritual for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion).

In the Rite of Acceptance, a change takes place: unbaptized inquirers become catechumens. They publically declare their intention for initiation and the Church symbolically claims them for Christ by signing them with the cross.

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

Este fin de semana, varios adultos y niños de nuestra comunidad celebran el Rito de Aceptación en la Orden de Catecúmenos. Es el primero de los “ritos” del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RCIA) y el primer ritual público para aquellos que quieren ser católicos y recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Comunión).

En el Rito de la Aceptación, se produce un cambio: las personas que no están bautizadas se convierten en catecúmenos. Declaran públicamente su intención de iniciación y la Iglesia los reclama simbólicamente por Cristo por la signación con la cruz.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Reading scripture that was written sooo long ago has a subtle unspoken temptation to see words as simply historical events. Static events like something encased in amber, unchanging and perhaps difficult to take in because our world is so different now. That may be a bit overstated but we carry with us that sense of history as we learned about it in high school; facts to be remembered rather than guideposts useful for us as we make our way through life today. Scripture certainly has much historical truth but it is also infused with the inspiration of God. Inspiration which speaks a message of truth as understood not just in factual events but also with what the words imply. Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' early public ministry, things which are concrete testimony, citing events of that time. The arrest of John the Baptist caused Jesus to leave Nazareth but also to say, as Matthew tells us, "From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.'" Taken at face value it tells us of Jesus' awareness that God's plan was no longer just a future happening but rather one to be embraced "here and now." We are called to realize that here and now is as true today as it always has been. We can't just think that the effect of Jesus' preaching was meant only for his audience at the time. That would confine his words only to their historical presence, information and inspiring but applied to Jesus' compatriots at the time. The kingdom of God is not simply a "place" but also a state of being. Jesus' message is as relevant and true today as it was when he spoke the words. God's kingdom is best realized when we live as Jesus asked, loving God and neighbor. Simply put when we love one another (all others) we live in God's presence, which brings us the grace and peace that nothing else can.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Winter is with us, as we put on warm winter clothes check to see if we really need all of them. Giving to those in real need saves them and us.

HAVE YOU MOVED?
Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF ROSE.....
We as a parish community also have the opportunity to more fully participate in and pray for those in the RCIA process. We invite you to play an active role in welcoming our catechumens and in reaching out to them as models of faith and service. Please pray for the catechumens as they continue their conversion journey over the coming months and for our RCIA process as we assist them in moving toward a closer relationship with God. Your prayers are a critical part of the process.
This is also a time for us to recall our own baptism – how we have been called by name as children of God. May we experience a renewal of our own faith, opening our hearts for the Holy Spirit to work within and through us.
Blessings,
Rose

FUNERALS
Those who have departed us, through the mercy of God.
Bonnie Camisa
George A. Chiala
Samuel Jose Powell
Ruben G. Hernandez
Lydia Robles
Lalo Hernandez Serna
Viriginia Pauline Lomanto
William Richard Subocz
Janet Licia Borello
Francisco Contreras
Olivia Rivera

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
THIRD 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

Liturgy Coordinator
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Altar Servers
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Saints Chapel
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Proclaimer of the Word (Lectors)
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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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EFFORTLESS

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age. —Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

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TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).
Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmó 27).
Segunda lectura — Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).
Evangelio — Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mc 3:22-30, o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración
Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22;
Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Jueves: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5;
Sal 96 (95):1,3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 4:21-35
Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39 40; Mc 4:26-34
Sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo: Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 146 (145):6-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

DESPUEDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSE CONTINUADO……..

Nosotros, como comunidad parroquial, también tenemos la oportunidad de participar más plenamente y orar por aquellos en el proceso de RCIA. Les invitamos a que participen activamente en la acogida de nuestros catecúmenos y en llegar a ellos como modelos de fe y servicio. Favor de rezar por los catecúmenos mientras continúan su viaje de conversión y para nuestro proceso de RCIA mientras los ayudamos a avanzar hacia una relación más cercana con Dios. Sus oraciones son una parte crítica del proceso.

Este es también un tiempo para nosotros para recordar nuestro propio bautismo - cómo hemos sido llamados como hijos de Dios. Al dar la bienvenida a los catecúmenos, podamos experimentar una renovación de nuestra propia fe, abriendo nuestros corazones para que el Espíritu Santo trabaje dentro de nosotros.

Bendiciones,
Rosa

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOES DEL MES DE ENERO

Domingo, Enero 22
Karen Mendoza
Yaquelin Cedano

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.

UN ALTAR

En todo lugar, dondequiera que te encuentres, puedes erigir un altar a Dios en tu mente por medio de la oración.

—Relatos de un peregrino ruso

¿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.
TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en la oficina Parroquial, la oficina de Catecismo o en nuestra pagina web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar a Maria Miranda en la Oficina de Formación de Fe al (408) 779-9604.

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.

Junta Para Padres #2
Preparación Sacramental
Martes, 24 de Enero
7:00 - 9:00pm en el Centro Parroquial

Esta reunión es requerida para padres con niños en el segundo año de preparación sacramental para recibir la primera comunión. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Maria Miranda en la Oficina de Formación de Fe al (408) 779-9604.

Cenas Comunitarias

PASANDO LA FE
FORMACIÓN DE FE FAMILIAR EN LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en la oficina Parroquial, la oficina de Catecismo o en nuestra pagina web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: rosepm@dsj.org.
¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre: ____________________________
Dirección:____________________________
Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:_____________________ 
Email:_______________________________

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los retablos de metal son famosos en muchas partes de Latinoamérica. Estos pequeños retablos o laminitas contienen imágenes de Cristo, la Santísima Trinidad, María, los ángeles u otro santo/a pintados sobre lámina, madera u otro material para decorar los altares familiares de los hogares hispanos. Aunque los retablos no siempre siguen las normas del arte cristiano, los retablos latinoamericanos son bellos ejemplos de la mezcla de culturas amerindias, europeas y africanas. Pero no todos los retablos son pequeños. En muchas iglesias coloniales de Latinoamérica se encuentran retablos gigantescos hechos de mármol o madera, cubiertos de oro y joyas que recuerdan los grandes retablos europeos, pero con el color y folclor latinoamericano.

Originalmente, los retablos europeos eran pequeños y móviles, de tal manera que se podían colocar sobre un altar para la celebración de la Misa. Cuando la Iglesia fue construyendo sus propios templos, los retablos empezaron a formar parte de la decoración de los santuarios y tomaron dimensiones impresionantes. Los retablos pequeños pasaron a los hogares de los fieles, quienes quieren tener a Cristo y sus santos como parte de su diario vivir.

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

DONACIONES CONMEMORATIVAS
EN LUGAR DE FLORES

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

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

LIBERACIÓN Y REFORMA

Aunque quizá tengas que usar un atlas para determinar que Isaías está hablando de Galilea, la primera lectura de hoy (parte de la cual se leyó en Navidad) profetiza el futuro ministerio de Jesús en esa provincia. La luz que trae la salvación y regocijo es, fundamentalmente, Cristo. El tema es la liberación: liberación de la ignorancia (“tinieblas”) y también del pecado (el “yugo”).

Mientras Isaías identifica un lugar, así Pablo describe una actitud: la actitud que crece, incluso entre gente buena, de equiparar su propia voluntad con el bien común. Esto siempre origina desacuerdo, y así ha ocurrido en Corinto. Pablo no permitirá esto; todos somos miembros del “partido de Cristo”. El Evangelio no es para dividirnos.

Mateo cita a Isaías en el Evangelio de hoy, y presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento de las profecías de Isaías. El tema es “Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los Cielos” (Mateo 4:17). Para difundir este mensaje, Jesús comienza a elegir discípulos, y hoy conocemos a cuatro de ellos: Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan.

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Estate planning is the way to continue your life’s work. It is vital that you invest some time to insure that your life’s efforts will continue the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts.

How will you ensure that your legacy and how you live your life today will be carried on in the future?

Contact Anna Quinones for more information aquinones@dsj.org

Stewardship Reflection

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”

MATTW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
We had an amazing weekend with the teens who are to be Confirmed this Spring. God definitely blessed us with beautiful sunny weather all weekend - but even if it was pouring rain, we were still blessed by God. I am so very grateful for the leaders who helped make this retreat possible. I’m really looking forward to these amazing teens changing the world.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT
I know this seems last minute, but in case you haven’t heard, there's a middle school retreat coming up! It's next weekend, Jan.28-29th at Camp MayMac. To find out if there are still spots open, please contact AJ at ajscym@gmail.com.
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Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

The following catechumens celebrate the Rite of Acceptance this weekend:

Savitri Hardesty
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Lizette Gonzalez
Jennifer Lecheler
Adriana Montoya
Yesenia Aguilar
Oscar Arellano
Alina Cabrera
Austin Foley
Alexander Jarquín
Elias Martinez-Campos
Isabella Martinez-Campos
José Mendoza
Daniel Ramirez

Please continue to pray for our catechumens as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Sacramental Preparation

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PARENT MEETING #2

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

Tuesday, January 24 (SPANISH)
7:00—9:00 pm in the Milani Center

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

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

Children in Ms. Joanne’s and Ms. Monique’s 1st grade faith formation reenact the sacrament of Baptism.
OVER 50’S
Join the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly luncheon at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center on Monday, January 23rd. Pizza and birthday cake will be served. You are welcome to bring a salad to share. If it is raining pretty bad, the luncheon will be canceled.

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.

LIBERATION AND REFORM
While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today’s first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus’ future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance (“darkness”) and sin (the “yoke”).

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of “Christ’s party.” The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today’s Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecies. The theme is “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

TOOTSI 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.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

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!

Faith Sharing Question of the Week
Adult: “To whom could your preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?”
Child: “What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?”

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME FR. RUSSELL ROIDE
St. Catherine Parish Staff is happy to welcome Fr. Russell J. Roide, SJ. Fr. Roide will be in residence. Please help us welcome Fr. Roide to our St. Catherine Parish Family.

Fr. Russ Roide, SJ, is a Jesuit from the California province and has been a pastor for many years, the director of campus ministry at Stanford University for eight years, and keeps in touch with the latest developments theologically and pastorally. Before being a pastor, he was a high school administrator for 10 years. He is great admirer of Pope Francis, of course a Jesuit. He loves preaching and is an extrovert. His father was born in Modica, Sicily, and his mother was born in New Orleans. His grandmother and grandfather were born in Piana degli Albanesi and and their families left Albania in 1488 at the Turk and Ottoman persecution. They spoke Albanian as their first language and my father spoke Sicilian, so at home we spoke English. His father was never naturalized as an American, so Fr. Russ has both Italian and American passports. He loves to lead pilgrimages and after his ministry at Stanford, he asked his provincial to do something different because the ministry was so busy. At Stanford he witnessed 120 weddings as no outside priest could witness a Catholic wedding in the Memorial Church. So, after Stanford, he traveled on an around the world airline ticket and only had one condition: that he stay with Jesuits in all the cities he visited. I am so happy to be on the staff at St. Catherine of Alexandria.

KNITTING GROUP
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSION POLICY
The final part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass is the opportunity for the people of God to exercise their priestly calling by praying for the needs of all humanity. We do this during the “General Intercessions.” They are called General Intercessions because they are to be just that, general, for the needs of all.
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal suggests these intentions:
- For the Church....
- For public authorities and the world......
- For those in need............
- For the local community
  - Significant events............
  - For the sick.............
  - For the dead...........

At St. Catherine’s we follow that suggestion. When we pray for the dead we are praying for all those who have died but we specifically mention only names of those who have died recently (within the last month). Remember, even though we do not mention your loved ones by name they are always included in our prayer/liturgy.

For anniversaries of death we encourage you to contact the parish office to schedule a weekday Mass Intention which are prayed during the 8:15am mass Monday through Saturday.

MASS TIMES
When traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.
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ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)
The Italian Catholic Federation, Santa Clara Valley District Invite you to their installation of their 2017 officers. Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at 10:30am. Celebrants are Monsignor Joseph Milani and Reverend George Aranha. All are Welcome!

MARRIED COUPLES: Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it’s a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Bishop Patrick J. McGrath would like to invite all couples celebrating their 5th (or less), 25th, 40th and 50th (or more) Wedding Anniversaries this year to participate in our Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San Jose. The couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows and will receive a blessing from Bishop Patrick McGrath who will preside over the celebration. Each couple will also receive a certificate signed by the Bishop.

February 4, 2017 at 2pm.
St. Joseph Cathedral (Parking Details)
A short reception will follow after. To register, please visit www.dsj.org.

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.

ATTENTION GRADUATION SENIORS
The Italian Catholic Federation offers a $400 Scholarships to Roman Catholic graduating seniors of Italian descent who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2. (Calculated from Grade 9 to 1st quarter or semester of Grade 12) For more information, see your class counselor or call the Italian Catholic Federation office at 1-888-423-1924 or visit website at www.icf.org. Application deadline is March 15th

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 -
February 27th
March 20th
April 24th
May 15th

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Thank you for your Offertory gifts.

| Year to Date Stewardship July 1, 2016 to Jan. 8, 2017 includes Christmas |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $559,517                  | $880,533                  |

| Year To Date Collections Budget Year to Date |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $0              | $300,000        | $600,000        | $900,000        | $1,200,000      | $1,500,000      | $1,800,000      |

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| Average Offertory Collection after 27 weeks this fiscal year YTD | $22,031 |
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| Average Offertory Collection (Month of Jan.)                     | $24,864 |
| Year to date Actual vs. Budget Difference                       | -$15,697 |
ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

Blessed Are the Merciful

Friday, January 27
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Book Fair in Milani Ctr.

Sunday, January 29
- 10:30 am Kick Off—Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
  - 6th grade hosting
- 9:00 am-12:00 noon Book Fair open

Monday, January 30
- 9:00 am Mass with Bishop McGrath @ St. Joseph Cathedral
  - SCS Council will attend
- 8:00 am-4:00 pm Book Fair open

Tuesday, January 31—Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day
- 8:00 am-7:00 pm Book Fair open
- 9:00 am-12:00 pm Classroom Tours
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Open House

Wednesday, February 1—Grandparents/Special Persons Day
- 8:00 am-1:00 pm Book Fair open
- 10:00 am-12:45 pm Grandparents/Special Person Day
  - 9:30 Sign-in and refreshments
  - 10:00 Prayer Service begins in church

Thursday, February 2—Parish Staff Appreciation Day
- 8:00 am-4:00 pm Book Fair open

Friday, February 3 – Student Appreciation Day
- Special Activities in each class

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 1. Your grandchild will be inviting you just after the first of the year. For more information, contact Jeff Layne at 408-612-4213 or jlayne@stcatherinemh.org.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018

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.