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.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time / Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal…….

Catholic schools in America have been a vital part of the culture of our country and our church since the early 1800s. The role and the configuration have changed a bit over the years but one thing remains the same. Catholic schools continue to nurture faith in God and the message of Jesus in our lives.

As a product of Catholic schools and as a Catholic school educator and administrator for over thirty years I am truly grateful for my experiences through Catholic education. My childhood is filled with fond memories of singing at mass with the school choir, lighting the Advent candles before morning prayers, and dressing up as my patron saint (Pope St. Fabian) on Halloween.

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Desde el escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Directora de la Escuela…

Las escuelas católicas en América han sido una parte vital de la cultura de nuestro país y nuestra iglesia desde los principios del siglo XIX. Los aspectos y la estructura han cambiado un poco a lo largo de los años, pero una cosa sigue siendo la misma. Las escuelas católicas continúan cultivando la fe en Dios y el mensaje de Jesús en nuestras vidas.

Como un producto de las escuelas católicas, y una educadora y administradora de escuela católica por más de treinta años, estoy verdaderamente agradecido por mis experiencias a través de la educación católica. Mi infancia está llena de buenos recuerdos de cantar en la misa con el coro de la escuela, encender las velas de Adviento antes de las oraciones de la mañana, y vestirse como mi santo patrón (San Fabian) para “Halloween” en anticipación de Todos los Santos….

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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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**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

**Psalm** — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading** — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

**THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday / Domingo, January 29**
7:00-1:00pm CR-4/6 Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
9:00-10:15am DC Clow
10:00-2:00pm Gym Cubs Scouts Pine Wood Derby
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
5:00-7:30pm CR-1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep.
7:00-9:00pm Gym Over 40's Men's Open Gym

**Monday / Lunes, January 30**
6:00-7:00pm CR-3/4/8 Community Supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-8:00pm NUR Women's Stitching group
6:30-7:30pm Rm.11 Cub Scout Den 1 meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo reunion

**Tuesday / Martes, January 31**
5:30-9:30pm Rm 11-17 School Open House
7:00-9:00pm CH New EM Training - Theology
7:00-9:00pm NUR Jovenes Para Cristo Ensallo de Coro

**Wednesday / Miércoles, February 1**
10:00-1:00pm CR-3/4/8 Grandparents Day
10:00-12:00pm CH Grandparents Day
12:00-6:00pm NUR Rose's Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir
6:00-7:00pm Rm.11 Cub Scout Den 1 meeting
6:30-7:50pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm CR-1 Stephen Ministry Training Class
6:30-7:30pm CH Cena Santa
6:30-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir
7:00-9:00pm CR-3/4/8 Italian American meeting
7:30-9:30pm CH Apnea & Omega Group
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fill/Am Committee meeting

**Thursday / Jueves, February 2**
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:30-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos MESA meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA
7:00-8:00pm LR Liturgy Committee meeting

**Friday / Viernes, February 3**
9:00-11:59pm CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am CR-1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00am MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00am LR Consejo Hispano

**Saturday / Sábado, February 4**
12:00-8:00pm CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:00-10:15am Rm 10 Faith Formation sessions
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play practice

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

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**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** “Do you believe everyone is welcome in the reign of God? Why or why not?”

**Child:** “Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?”
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL
When is the last time you had the tables turned on you? Expecting one thing, the opposite happened; desiring one outcome (for personal reasons), a different one occurred. That is a capsule summary of today’s readings. Zephaniah says, “I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly...” what, not the proud and mighty? Paul tells the Corinthians that the foolish, weak, lowly and despised are to shame their opposites in order that they realize that they are to “boast in the Lord” and not “boast before the Lord” of their prowess. The Gospel is the venerated “Sermon on the Mount” in which Jesus tells his disciples that the means of their “reward in heaven” will come not from worldly success but rather by exemplifying Jesus own virtues. We can never hear these words of grace and beauty too often. Because the blessings of virtuous living don’t lead to demonstrable outward success we often fall into the trap of assuming worldly measures of success. In itself, there is nothing wrong with worldly success. It becomes problematic when we lose sight of the need to make love, the love that created us, the love that sustains us, the love that knows that no one is excluded, our constant touchstone. It is easy to make a life lived in union with God overly complicated, too task oriented (if only I had ... I’d be fine) and thus miss the foundation that love of God provides. Rather than read the Sermon on the Mount in its entirety try writing one “Blessed are... for they...” on a slip of paper and take it with you. Having a moment to read and reflect is ideal but just having it on your person leads to an awareness that God is indeed with us, even tangibly in the words we carry. Try this one, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.” We can’t be reminded too often whose children we really are.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Make sure cleaners are clean. Avoid spray cleaners and air fresheners which are often toxic, opting instead for cleaners deemed safe by Environmental Working Group, found at www.ewg.org/guides/cleaners

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 FABIENNE ..... in anticipation of All Saints Day. I remember the whole school walking to church (which was about a mile away) on First Fridays. While these memories may not be individually inspirational, the overall message that I received in Catholic school supported and motivated me to pursue a career in education and to strive to live and deepen my faith each day. Years later as a mother and Catholic school teacher, I realized the immense benefit of having both home and school living the same message of the redeeming grace of our Savior. Working in Catholic schools has nourished my faith life as an adult. I am indeed grateful for the many people who have encouraged my through the years: my parents, family, teachers, students, priests and colleagues. My life would certainly be different without the influence of Catholic education.

Here at St. Catherine things look different than they did even 20 years ago. Our students are each given a computer to use at school. Their teachers can assign and collect work online. In lower grades online lessons are individualized to meet the specific needs of the student. All students learn the basics of coding. This is quite different from my experience as a student in Catholic school. But just like my experience students have Religion classes every day. They pray at school and attend masses and prayer services. Service to others is emphasized and the message of God’s glorious grace is still at the heart of every activity. Today we begin Catholic Schools Week. St. Catherine School along with approximately 8,300 Catholic Schools nationwide participates in a week-long celebration recognizing the valuable contributions Catholic schools make to their communities. Please join me in celebrating St. Catherine School and pray that our good work will continue for years to come.

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
FOURTH 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.

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PEOPLE 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

Until very recent decades “Holy Thursday” and “Good Friday” were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a “visit” to each parish’s repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Yo dejaré en medio de ti, pueblo mío, un puñado de gente pobre y humilde; entonces serán como el rebaño que pasta y que descansa, y no habrá quién los perturbe (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).

Salmo — ¡Dichosos los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos! (Salmo 146)

Segunda lectura — Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. “El que se gloríe, que se gloríe en el Señor” (1 Corintios 1:26-31).

Evangelio — Dichosos los pobres de espíritu; alégrese y salten de contento, porque su premio será grande en los cielos (Mateo 5:1-12a).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 22 (21):26b-28, 30-32; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 112 (111):4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE ENERO

Domingo, Enero 29
Blanca Villa
Olivia Quintana
Maria del Rosario Juárez

Feliz Cumpleaños

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.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIENNE

Recuerdo cuando toda en la escuela caminaba a la iglesia (que estaba a una milla de distancia) en los primeros viernes. Estos recuerdos son individuales pero el mensaje general que recibí en las escuelas católicas. Me apoyó y me motivó a seguir una carrera en educación que se esfuerza por vivir y profundizar mi fe cada día. Años más tarde, como madre y maestra de una escuela católica, me di cuenta del inmenso beneficio de tener el hogar y escuela viviendo el mismo mensaje de la gracia de nuestro Salvador. Trabajar en escuelas católicas ha nutrido mi vida de fe. Estoy realmente agradecido por las muchas personas que me han animado a través de los años: mis padres, mi familia, maestros, estudiantes, sacerdotes y colegas. Mi vida sin duda sería diferente sin la influencia de la educación católica.

Aquí en iglesia de Santa Catalina las cosas parecen diferentes de lo que hacían hace 20 años. A nuestros estudiantes se les da una computadora para usar en la escuela. Sus profesores pueden asignar y recoger el trabajo através del internet. En los grados más bajos, las lecciones través del internet se individualizan para satisfacer las necesidades específicas del estudiante. Todos los estudiantes aprenden los fundamentos de la computación. Esto es muy diferente de mi experiencia como estudiante en la escuela católica. Pero al igual que mi experiencia, los estudiantes tienen clases de Religión todos los días. Rezan en la escuela y asisten a misas y servicios de oración. El servicio a los demás se reconoce y el mensaje de la gloriosa gracia de Dios sigue estando en el corazón de cada actividad. Hoy comenzamos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas. La Escuela de Santa Catalina, junto con aproximadamente 8,300 escuelas católicas de todo el país, participarán en una celebración de una semana reconociendo las valiosas contribuciones que las escuelas católicas hacen a sus comunidades. Por favor, únase a mí en la celebración de la Escuela St. Catheri ne y rezar para que nuestro trabajo continúe en los próximos años.
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EL RESTO ELEGIDO

Sofonías es uno de los profetas menos conocidos del Antiguo Testamento. Hoy habla en la primera lectura sobre el juicio inminente. Pero el Señor dejará un “resto” en Israel. Esta imagen de un resto, de lo que quedará, será vital para judíos y cristianos.

La carta de Pablo a los corintios evidencia su profunda preocupación por los cristianos de allí. Están muy confiados, dice, muy seguros de sí mismos. Los insta a recordar que Cristo les ha dado todo lo que tienen.

El Evangelio de hoy incluye el comienzo del “Gran Sermón” de Jesús. Así como Dios le dio a Moisés la Ley en el Sinaí, ahora Jesucristo reúne a sus discípulos en un monte para enseñarles la nueva Ley. Cada una de estas Bienaventuranzas contrasta la humillación del presente con la gloria del futuro. La pobreza frente a las riquezas del Reino de Dios, el hambre de Dios frente a la satisfacción en el Espíritu, la persecución frente al Reino de Dios. Jesús aquí está hablando al “resto” elegido de Dios.

GRUPO DE FAMILIA
AL-ANON RAYITO DE LUZ

Este grupo invita a personas que tengan familiares o amigos que sufren la enfermedad del alcoholismo a sus sesiones aquí en Morgan Hill, son los jueves de 7 a 9 de la noche en: 16890 Church St #16, comunicarse con Juanita para más información con Juanita al tél. (408)706-8361.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana recordamos la memoria de san Juan Bosco conocido como “Don Bosco”. Es curioso el apelativo de “Don” ya que es un título para nobles señores. En siglos pasados era el título común para un sacerdote diocesano, mientras que el título hermano se reservaba para sacerdotes y hermanos religiosos. En la Iglesia católica existen dos clases de sacerdotes. Unos son diocesanos o seculares quienes dedican su vida a la diócesis a la que pertenecen. Estos sacerdotes hacen voto de celibato y obediencia al obispo local. El otro grupo de sacerdotes son los que pertenecen a órdenes religiosas. Ellos viven en comunidad y hacen votos de pobreza, celibato y obediencia a su comunidad.

En muchas partes a todos los sacerdotes religiosos o diocesanos se les llama “padre”. Este título fue usado en la Primera Iglesia y durante la Edad Media para honrar a hombres santos, ya fueran laicos o sacerdotes. Se les llamaba “padres” sólo cuando habían llegado a mostrar, con una larga vida, que podían animar a los demás con su buen ejemplo. Todos los sacerdotes debían vivir de tal manera que merecieran el título de padre, sin desearlo directamente.

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.

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SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA
La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya está abierta por más días!
- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

GRUPO AMIGOS
Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

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 Cristiano de 6:00pm-7:00pm.

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

STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA
ADORACION Y BENEDICION DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO
ORARIO DE ADORACION EUCHARISTICA
Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucarística empiezan el Primer Viernes 3 de Febrero inmediatamente después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa, concluyendo el Primer Sábado 4 de Febrero con Bendición a las 8:00A.M.

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

"TENGO SED."

"Estoy ardiendo en sed por ser amado por el hombre en El Sagrado Sacramento que esta sed me devora..." 

Jesús a Sta. Margarita Maria Alacoque
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

Don’t wait to sign up for this guaranteed to be sold-out event.

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 is 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

Registration now being processed online at https://stca.org/blessed-and-beautiful

Printed forms available in the Rectory.

Who said “Santa Doesn’t Have Elves”

They Did It Again!

South Valley Wood Workers (pictured above) better known as Parish Giving Tree Elves. The wood workers are a group of turners, marquetarians, carvers and furniture makers are proof that Santa does have elves and they continue to bless us with their talents. The wood workers use their God given talents to make children handmade wooden banks and also put $10 worth of coins in each bank. The banks were carved in the likeness of a doggy and were precious. The children from the Parish Giving Tree were lucky recipients of these beautiful gifts.

Don Bianucci contacted Anna Quinones once again and asked if the church could find good homes for the handmade and carved toys. Anna immediately replied “Yes.” The generosity of the woodworkers time and talent is greatly appreciated and the children are blessed to have handmade toys.

We can not thank these wonderful men enough.

www.southvalleywoodworkers.org
Fools to the Wise

It’s amazing how the Word of God can be so consoling, so filled with wisdom, and so inspiring even though they were written almost 2,000 years ago. If everyone actually followed them this world would be a much better place. The 1st reading talks about seeking justice and humility - two things we desperately need. How often do we have challenges or issues with others because we are too proud? I went to George Chiala’s funeral, where it was shared that something he often said, which I believe his daughter Christi repeated, was that if you don’t care about getting the credit, so much can get done (that’s not verbatim, but it was to that effect). We can accomplish so much but too often we want the glory for what we accomplish. But everything we do should be giving glory to God. And if it’s something that doesn’t bring glory to God then we shouldn’t do it. It sounds simple but because of the culture we live in it becomes so much more challenging.

The 2nd reading is inspiring because it shows that regardless of how the world views you, God sees you in a very special and totally loving way. God is perfect. And God knew exactly what you need to become the person He wants you to be. You just need to trust in Him.

P.S. Love this line because it encourages me in who I believe God created me to be: “God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.” Booyah.

This is a really fun event to attend, I really encourage you to go. Last year during halftime there was a high school vs. Youth Minister dodgeball game!

It’s a relaxing night where people feel safe and welcome and can watch their favorite priests take on the seminarians. For those that don’t know, seminarians are those men who are going through the process of becoming a priest.

And don’t worry, you won’t be seeing any LeBron-type falls or injuries.

The cost is $10 for general and $5 for students. We have some for sale, otherwise you can purchase them online (website to the left) or at the door. There are also concessions for sale.
Parish Support for the Initiation Process

How can our parish community more fully support the initiation process and those seeking baptism?

- **Constant readiness to provide help to seekers.** We need to continue on our own journeys of discipleship and growth so that we are prepared to share the Good News and respond when questions arise.

- **Welcome seekers - into our homes, conversations and community gatherings.** A spirit of welcome as we gather during hospitality, ministry opportunities and outside of church activities foster closer relationships that enable us to learn more about their own stories - where they came from, where they are in their faith, and where they want to go.

- **Participate in the initiation process - especially Sunday Mass.** Seekers learn from our example of active participation in Mass and life in the parish community.

- **Provide testimony** - Share our own stories of faith and conversion as disciples.

- **Become a sponsor.** Volunteer to get to know, support and stand as witness - nurturing him/her in the journey both in mind and action.

Please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 if you have any questions or would like further information on becoming a sponsor.

Source: Team RCIA, http://teamrcia.com

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Middle School Ministry Youth Donate to Giving Tree

Youth in Middle School Ministry, through the Stewardship Project, donated $153.70 to the Giving Tree Ministry. Mrs. Anna Quinones acknowledged the donation and shared how the gift helped provide Christmas gifts and/or gift cards to families in need in the community.

Twenty eight youth were each given $10.00 for the “reverse offertory” and asked to prayerfully consider how they can use the seed money along with their time and talents to benefit the community.

The youth were given five weeks to complete the project and any funds returned over and above the total seed money would be donated to the church ministry of the group’s choosing.

Projects included making and selling baked goods to family and friends and doing extra chores around the house. Another youth designed and sold pens decorated with duct tape.

**Thank you, middle school youth and all who supported their projects! You make a difference in our community!**
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy for the bereaved family and to honor the one who has passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one, recognizing the Church’s presence and assisting the Church in carrying on spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a memorial gift to honor a loved one the parish notifies the family and a tax receipt is issued for your generous gift. Please contact Anna Quiñones, at ahernandez@dsj.org with any questions.

TOOTsie ROLL DRIVE
It is that time again, the Knights of Columbus ask your help for their 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.

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.

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.

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

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

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPER HELP
The Community Supper ministry at St. Catherine’s held every Monday night can 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Are you interested in volunteering? Visit our website at www.stca.org, click on the right side were is says VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES and see and sign up for the various volunteer options. Many hands makes for light work.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today’s first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a “remnant” in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul’s letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today’s Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus’ “Great Sermon.” As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God’s kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God’s chosen “remnant.”

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Dancing With God

Jesus invites us to join in the transformative power of the Trinity.…

So that they will all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they may be in us

John 17:21

A Retreat Experience for Women
at Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center
21918 East Cliff Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Connect with other women on a spiritual journey while enjoying the beauty & serenity of the ocean setting.

Begin 10:00 am Monday February 20, 2017
Ends: 5:00 pm Tuesday February 21
Facilitators: Rosemarie Peoples & Carmella Dautoff


For registration contact Rosemarie Peoples at rosemarie778@gmail.com (831) 600-8556 (408) 623-7502

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday February 3rd immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday February 4th with Benediction at 8:00 am

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"

Mt 26:40

"I THIRST."

"I so ardently thirst to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament that this thirst devours me..."

Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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.

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)
The Italian Catholic Federation, Santa Clara Valley District Invites you to the installation of their 2017 officers on Saturday, January 28th at 10:30am. Celebrants are Reverend Monsignor Joseph Milani and Reverend George Aranha. All are welcome!

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


THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL
The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.
—Gilbert K. Chesterton

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

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 are given to the Armory, other shelters and to St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

ATTENTION GRADUATION SENIORS
The Italian Catholic Federation offers a $400 Scholarship 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 888-423-1924 or visit the website at www.icf.org. Application deadline is March 15th

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Thank you for your Offertory gifts.

Parish Giving

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

Blessed Are the Merciful

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

Monday, January 30
- 9:00am 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
- 9:00 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
- 9:00 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 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

BOOK FAIR
The 2017 Book Fair starts this week but there is a sneak peek preview today after 10:30 Mass today. Please come join us in the Milani Center! This year's Book Fair officially runs tomorrow, Monday, January 30th through Thursday, February 2nd. All proceeds go directly to the school. See you there!

The fifth grade girls basketball team was pumped up for the Cougar Athletic Club tournament last week.

Thank you, St. Catherine Parish, for all your support of our school!

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 15th, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 1st. The Catholic 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.

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.