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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

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

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

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

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**From the Desk of Deacon Rick Haeckel.......**

The lull between the Church’s Christmas season and the season of Lent gives us a moment to ponder our sense of Church. We are in a short period of Ordinary Time where Sundays are denoted by “ordinal” numbers (which indicate position not amount), today is the 6th. Even so, there is an interesting aspect in considering the often mistaken notion that Ordinary Time means the usual definition of the word ordinary. When the season we are in does not have an overarching theme like Christmas, Lent, Easter and Advent do, each Sunday has its own identity. Often the readings offer consecutive sections of a particular book of Scripture but there is not a single theme that focuses multiple Sundays together.

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**Desde el escritorio de Diácono Rick Haeckel...**

La calma entre la Navidad de la Iglesia y la temporada de Cuaresma nos da un momento para reflexionar sobre nuestro sentido de la Iglesia. Estamos en un corto período de tiempo ordinario donde los domingos se indican por números "ordinales" (que indican la posición no la cantidad), hoy es el sexto. Aun así, hay un aspecto interesante al considerar la noción frecuentemente equivocada de que el Tiempo Ordinario significa la definición usual de la palabra ordinario. Cuando la temporada en la que estamos no tiene un tema general como Navidad, Cuaresma, Semana Santa y Adviento, cada domingo tiene su propia identidad. A menudo, las lecturas ofrecen secciones consecutivas de un libro particular de la Escritura, pero no hay un tema que se centra en los domingos juntos.

En este momento usted estará pensando, ok, ¿cuál es el punto.

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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 WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading - God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)
Psalm - Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).
Second Reading - Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).
Gospel - God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, February 19
7:00-1:00pm CR 1-4 Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
9:00-10:15am DC Clow
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
4:00-8:00pm CR.1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat prep.
4:15-5:30pm CR.4 Faith Sharing group
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm Gym Over 40’s Men’s open gym

Monday/Lunes, February 20
6:00-7:00pm CR.4&4 Community Supper

Tuesday/Martes, February 21
9:00-10:30am CR 1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
6:30-7:50pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm CR.1 Stephen Ministry training class
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha & Omega group
8:00-9:30pm CR.4 Alpha & Omega potluck
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am committee meeting

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 22
3:00-10:00pm CR1-4&Kit ICF Branch meeting
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:30-7:30pm MC Cub Scouts Den meeting
6:30-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos MESA meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA

Friday/Viernes, February 24
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo Reunion

Saturday/Sábado, February 25
7:15-8:00pm NUR Reunion Catecúmenos
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play practice

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20 † Albina Grimsich
† Jose Concepcion Cid
Tuesday, February 21 † Sergio Madrigal
† Nick Mariani
Wednesday, February 22 Diane Jensen
Sara Zacarias
Thursday, February 23 † Claire LaRose
† Souls in Purgatory
Friday, February 24 † Jaime Salinas
Berta Lilia Lua
Saturday, February 25 † Antonio Tran
† Jesse Arias

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When in your life have you been able to keep the spirit as well as the letter of God’s love?”

Child: “When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?”
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We heard last week of the importance of the law and how to honor it. Today the law of love (of God, neighbor and self) emphasizes love of neighbor, fed by the love of God. In our interaction with another, it isn’t always our first response to look at them with love. Not a love which necessarily includes liking them but rather one which recognizing that they, like us, are a child of God and as such deserve respect and our care. Notice that there is no implication that this will be easy, many words have been written espousing methods of making this love possible. Today’s readings are pretty specific. In Leviticus we’re told that even if we “have to reprove” someone that doesn’t justify hating them, rather we must avoid revenge and “love our neighbor as yourself.” A succinct reminder that all are God’s children and we must treat them as such. In the Gospel Jesus addresses the human condition of conditional love. I’ll treat you with respect but only if you respect me. We are to “offer no resistance to one who is evil,” that pretty well eliminates our judging others as to who we must love. Even evil people are still children of God. Later we hear that loving those who love us doesn’t make us special in any way. Jesus asks the we seek “to be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect.” Well the bar can’t be any higher than that, aren’t we doomed to failure? Probably, but the reality is that seeking perfection provides us with so much more than what we give to others. When we are our best selves, being non judgmental and therefore able to love the other, we enter into a graced state in which our outlook obviates any trial or trouble. Bad things will still happen but we are not defeated by them. The warmth of God’s love that we channel to others ignites within us the same grace that we share. Love of neighbor isn’t a problem … it’s the solution.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
An interesting tip for reuse asks that instead of going to the mall to buy a pair of blue jeans we should “go vintage” and try buying at a thrift store or consignment center. We may not find the right size but at least we’ve tried :-).

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 DEACON RICK ..... 

By this time you may be thinking, ok, what’s the point. Our lives reflect the same sort of condition. When we have a theme or focus that we are living, or even anticipating, we have a sort of default organization of our days. We may be aiming for an upcoming vacation or the visit of friends or family, or even just the rhythm of weekly activity. A certain sense of purpose pervades our days. But there are other times when we feel disconnected, without a guiding purpose, moving through our days on auto-pilot. Experiencing both gives us perspective about where we are. Most of the time we prefer at least a minimally organized life and feel disconnected without it.

Our spiritual life also contains these two dichotomies. As with the Church’s liturgical seasons, we sometimes have a sense of purpose which gives us direction, sort of a theme if you will. Our prayer life feeds us, we have a sense of warmth at mass sharing ourselves with others, and we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit when reflecting on our spiritual journey. Other times we’re a bit more distracted, unable to recognize that God is with us and so feel somewhat at sea. In reality, both conditions are part of our walk with God and neither predominates. Both are the ebb and flow of God’s gift of life.

We all prefer the warmer moments but the chilly times remind us that perhaps we’re too focused on ourselves. When recognized, they invite us to relax into the loving embrace of our Father, knowing that ultimately it’s his will not ours that offers life. Here’s to making ordinary the new normal, at least some of the time.

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
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy
Liturgical Ministers Needed
Altar Server Albs Maintenance Coordinator—Albs need to be washed once a month and taken to the dry cleaner twice a year.

Environment Coordinator for the Church and Parish Center is needed now to prepare for the Lent and Easter season. Please contact Diana-Lynn at dinderhees@dsj.org. Check the website for general details.

Saints Chapel - clean chapel area and put new candles out. Looking for help during the day. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphdebbie@icloud.com

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

Sacristans - needed for all Masses. You need to be an extraordinary minister to be a Sacristan. Please contact Signe Montosa directly for training. See contact info below.

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

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

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Please Save the Date
March 7th—Existing EM Renewal
For current Extraordinary Ministers Renewal session will be in the Church Beginning at 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday
Miércoles de Ceniza
March / Marzo 1

6:15am Ash Service (Servicio de Ceniza)
8:15am Mass (Misa)
10:45am Mass (Misa)
12:15pm Ash Service (Servicio de Ceniza)
3:45pm Mass (Misa)
5:30pm Mass (Misa)
7:00pm Misa (En la Iglesia & el Centro Parroquial)

St. Catherine Parish
Parroquia de Santa Catalina
2017 Easter Triduum Schedule
Horarios de Semana Santa 2017

Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo
April / Abril 13
7:30pm
(Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

Good Friday / Viernes Santo
April / Abril 14
12:00pm Liturgy
2:00pm Passion thru Music by Life Teen
6:30pm Obra de la Pasión de Cristo
7:30pm Servicio en Español

Easter Vigil / Vigilia Pascual
April / Abril 15
8:30pm
(Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

Easter Sunday
Domingo de Resurrección
April / Abril 16
7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am Masses
12:15pm Misa en Español
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmos 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29


Miércoles: 1Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Jueves: Sir 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50

Viernes: Sir 6:5-17; Sal 119 (118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mc 10:1-12

Sábado: Sir 17:1-15; Sal 103 (102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16

Domingo: Is 49:14-15; Sal 62 (61):2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA
ADORACIÓN Y BENEDICIÓN DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO
ORARIO DE ADORACIÓN EUCHARÍSTICA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucarística empiezan el Primer Viernes 3 de Marzo inmediatamente después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa, concluyendo el Primer Sábado 4 de Marzo con Bendición a las 8:00 A.M.

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

"Acaso no reconocen que Jesús está presente en el Sagrado Sacramento expresamente por ti, únicamente por ti? Arde en el deseo de entrar en sus corazones..." St. Therese of Lisieux

Nuestras vidas reflejan el mismo tipo de condición. Cuando tenemos un tema o enfoque que estamos viviendo, o incluso anticipando, tenemos una especie de organización en nuestros días – por defecto. Podemos estar figurándonos las próximas vacaciones o la visita de amigos o familiares, o incluso la actividad semanal. Un cierto sentido de propósito dispersta en nuestros días. Pero hay otras veces cuando nos sentimos desconectados, sin una guía de propósito, pasando por nuestros días en piloto automático. Experimentar ambos nos da una perspectiva sobre adónde estamos. La mayoría de las veces preferimos por lo menos una vida organizada – mínimo – y nos sentimos desconectados sin ella.

Nuestra vida espiritual también contiene estas dos diferencias. Al igual que con las temporadas litúrgicas de la Iglesia, a veces tenemos un sentido de propósito que nos da dirección, una especie de tema – se puede decir. Nuestra vida de oración nos alimenta, tenemos una sensación de unida en la misa compartiéndonos con otros, y sentimos la presencia del Espíritu Santo cuando reflexionamos en nuestro camino espiritual. Otras veces estamos un poco más distraídos, incapaces de reconocer que Dios está con nosotros y así nos sentimos solos. En realidad, ambas condiciones son parte de nuestro caminar con Dios y no predominan.

Todos preferimos los momentos más cálidos, pero los tiempos fríos nos recuerdan que tal vez estamos demasiado centrados en nosotros mismos. Cuando son reconocidos, nos invitan a relajarnos en el amoroso abrazo de nuestro Padre, sabiendo que es su voluntad, no la nuestra, la que ofrece la vida.
OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA
Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?
- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- Ya no va ver la necesidad de escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:
A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.
B) Regístrate para utilizar la línea segura ParishPay. Ir al www.stca.org y haga clic en "Give A través de Parish Pay".
C) Dando por medio de PayPal. Vaya a www.stca.org y haga clic en “Give Via PayPal”

Apreciamos su generosidad si contribuyen con un cheque o dinero en efectivo, utilizando los sobres o por vía electrónica. Gracias.

OPORTUNIDAD DE TRABAJO
La parroquia de Santa Catalina tiene un oportunidad de trabajo de medio tiempo (de lunes a viernes, de 4:00 a 7:00 pm) - asistente administrativo por la tarde. El asistente administrativo de la tarde es el primer contacto que muchos tienen con la parroquia y necesita tener una personalidad acogedora y cariñosa hacia la variedad de personas que se acercan a la oficina. El candidato debe ser un católico practicante, tener grandes habilidades de comunicación escrita y verbal tanto en inglés como en español, tener un comportamiento profesional, tener experiencia en varias aplicaciones de oficina y base de datos, orientado al detalle, capaz de hacer varios trabajos a la vez y priorizar eficazmente. Debe ser completamente bilingüe (Inglés / Español y “Bi-literate” (leer y escribir en Inglés y Español).

Las solicitudes de empleo están disponibles en el sitio web diocesano (dsj.org) o en la oficina parroquial.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Aún lo recuerdo, estaba viajando en el metro de la ciudad de Roma cuando subieron dos mujeres con niños. Vestían como si fueran a una fiesta de disfraces. Noté que todas las personas las evitaban. Eran gitanas, esas a las que mi mamá y mis tías me iban a dar si no me portaba bien. Los gitanos no tienen una buena reputación entre las naciones. Tienen la misma reputación de los pastores de Palestina que vivieron en tiempos de Jesús. Se piensa que son ladrones e inmorales, gente a la que hay que tenerle miedo.

Sin embargo, decimos que Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor. En Jesús, todas las personas que jamás creeríamos capaces de alcanzar la santidad, lo logran. Tal es el caso del Pelé o Zeferino Jiménez, un gitano que en 1936 fue fusilado por militares españoles. El motivo de su muerte fue la enseñanza y difusión de la fe en Cristo. Su muerte fue la cumbre de una vida de fe como franciscano seglar. El ejemplo de vida que este gitano nos dio, logró hacer que los españoles lo respetaran y olvidaran sus prejuicios en contra de su gente. Además de eso, evangelizó a sus hermanos gitanos.

—Fray Gilberto Cazavos-Glr, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Pahich Co., Inc.
SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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

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.

¡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:_______________________________

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

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.

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

EL IDEAL CRISTIANO
El ideal cristiano no se ha probado y encontrado deficiente. Se ha encontrado difícil y se ha dejado sin probar.
—Gilbert K. Chesterton

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!
Office of Development & Evangelization

Pray for Courage – Speak Up

“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”
(Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worse yet, because you don’t want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party, whether a birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration, to think about the gift that you bring. Even when the invitation says, “No gifts please,” most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for having been invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, whom we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say “No gifts please.” In fact since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, “No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.”

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Did you remember your gift?

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 sold-out event.

Retreat based on Pat Gohn’s best selling book

*Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious*

All women are invited!

Invite friends, moms, sisters and daughters.

The day is for you!

The day includes a **light breakfast and lunch**

Pat Gohn’s book will be available to purchase on the day of retreat!!

Suggested donation $30.00
We’ve started a Bible discussion group! It’s geared toward those in their college years-ish. If you’re interested let me know. We meet every other Wednesday (next one is March 1st). The date may change depending on schedules (which is why you should contact me before showing up). But we’d love to have you - and Jesus would love to have you reading more of His Word.

Why is it so important to read Scripture outside of Mass?

Well, for one, how many of us really pay attention to the readings at Mass? For two, for those of us who do pay attention, how often do we hear it and think, “Yeah, that’s nice.”?

If every person followed Jesus’ teachings - and not just the ones they like, but all of them - pretty much every single problem the world faces (which includes the people in it) would be resolved. And it’s not because people would be of the same faith, but because people would be selfless. They’d be generous. They would be loving. Forgiving. Patient. They would be humble. They would be righteous. They. Would. Be. Holy.

What does holy mean? It means sacred. We would be sacred. Paul tells us that we are temples of God. God tells us to be holy. Why? Because He is holy, and we should strive to be like Him. But because people don’t follow God’s Word (or because they follow some twisted and false interpretation of it), they aren’t holy. They judge. They’re vengeful. They hate. They’re prideful. They’re selfish.

So how do we fix this? How do we get all those people to start following God’s Word - to start being all the good things God has created us to be? To start being holy and sacred temples of God? By doing those things ourselves. By choosing, each and every day, to allow God to transform us into people who love more. It’s not enough to say we’re Catholic or say we’re Christian. It’s not enough to just go to Mass (although that is extremely important). We have to actually do the things Christ has been and is calling us to do.
Love my enemies?

In Psalm 103, the responsorial psalm this weekend, David praises God saying “Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.” In our families, we are called to do the same, not just as parents with our children and siblings but also with each other. In the gospel Jesus also teaches his disciples to “love even their enemies”.

Talk about ways that you can “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”. Staying focused on the love of Jesus and God’s mercy and goodness enables us to show that same love, mercy and forgiveness to others. We are not perfect, but through our imperfection, we can still be God’s “instruments of peace” with those around us. Close the discussion by praying the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi together.

SAVE THE DATE!!
ST. CATHERINE VACATION BIBLE CAMP
Session I: June 12-16, 2017
Session II: June 19-23, 2017

“MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS:
A Lenten Family Reflection”
Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2017
5:00-8:00pm
Milani Center

Stopping by before or after the Ash Wednesday 3:45, 5:30 or 7:00 pm Masses, gathering for a special time of prayer and activities to help prepare for the Lenten season.

Fridays during Lent
March 3
Hosted by Sacramental Preparation Families and Spanish Faith Formation
6:30 - 7:15pm Bilingual Stations of the Cross
7:15 - 8:3 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)

March 10
Hosted by Sacramental Preparation Families and 5th grade Faith Formation
6:00 - 7:00pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)
6:30 - 7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
7:00 - 7:30pm Children’s Stations of the Cross (Eng)

Join us as we gather to share a simple meal of meatless soup on Fridays during Lent in the Parish Center also in praying the Stations of the Cross. For
JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Catherine Parish has a part-time (Monday through 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 thus 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 oriented, able to multi-task and 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.

CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS MEETING

Thank you to all who participated in our January 18th Church Building update and Next Steps meeting. Here is a summary of what took place.

First we reviewed the steps leading to the meeting. In February 2016 the 2012 Master Plan was reviewed at an open forum. The result of that meeting led to a charge to look deeper into the possibility and cost of expanding and renovating the existing church. The goal was to compare the cost of a new church as proposed in the 2012 Master Plan with that of a renovated and expanded church with the same vision and seating capacity. A Building sub committee was formed by the Parish Finance Committee which studied the possible options and costs.

Secondly, the sub committee results were:
- An overview and timeline of the steps from the beginning of the Master Plan process in 2010 through January 2017
- One conceptual design for a renovated and expanded church
- A cost comparison between the new church proposed in the 2012 Master Plan and the conceptual design of an expanded and renovated church

During and after the presentation questions were answered and parishioners were given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Then parishioners were asked by a show of hands how to proceed:
- Build a new church as in the 2012 Master Plan
- Do nothing
- Expand and renovate the existing church

The overwhelming consensus was to expand and renovate the existing church.

Our next steps:
- The sub committee will report to the Finance Committee for approval to proceed
- Fr. Jeronimo and members of the sub committee will contact the Bishop to discuss the project and process

Thank you all for your input, dedication and support. We are excited to move forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Every effort will be made to keep parishioners informed. Please contact Deacon Phil Flowers or Jeanette Thatcher if you have any questions. Thank you for your prayers and support.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL’S ANNUAL EWASTE FUNDRAISER

St. Catherine School holds its annual, e-waste recycling event on **Saturday, March 4 from 9am to 2pm** in the parking lot behind the rectory. They collect electronic equipment, computers, laptops, monitors, TVs, flat screens, and scrap metal. Crews will be there to unload it for you. Thank you for supporting St. Catherine School.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.

Join our 40 Days Prayer kickoff vigil on Wednesday March 1st at 11:45am and hosted vigils three days per week: M,W,F at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.

For all information call Brian Cunningham at 408-847-2000 or email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD
MINISTRY LECTOR

Lay persons may be commissioned to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. They should be truly suited to carry out this function and should be carefully prepared so that the faithful hearing the readings from the sacred texts may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal #101).

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Fully initiated for their age through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- A faithful participant of the assembly at which they are called to serve.
- Possessing “good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals that recommend them”.
- Possessing a deep love of God and neighbor.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Readers need a good, clear speaking voice and adequate technical formation.
- Comfort in making eye contact with members of the Assembly.
- Properly versed in the structure of the Liturgy of the Word and its connection to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Dedicated to adequate preparation and willing to study and pray over the scriptures.
- Aware of their role as a public minister of the pastoral work of the Church.

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

For additional information or questions, please contact Jim Yinger at 408-858-0305; jfyinger@gmail.com

USHER MINISTRY

The Usher is a very important job within our church as they are often the first person one sees upon entering St. Catherine.

The usher assists in greeting and seating people at Mass, takes up the collection, directs communion lines, distributes bulletins after Mass, and tidies up the church after mass. The Head Usher must assist the Sacristan in obtaining an accurate count of the people in attendance, and recording it on the Mass Count sheet.

The usher is also responsible for putting the money/envelopes into the money bags after the collection and placing it in the locked box next to the vesting table in the sacristy after Mass. Usher service is usually every Sunday, but can be flexible.

To become an usher, please contact one of the current ushers, or Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator, at dinderhees@dsj.org.

Knowledge and skills required:
- (1) leadership, tact, and cooperative spirit;
- (2) baptized Catholic.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK and HOMEBOUND

Many thanks and much appreciation to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound of our parish. Their devotion to the parishioners of St. Catherine who are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist during their time of recuperation at home or in nursing homes and retirement centers in Morgan Hill is important to our parish community. Your ministry is a vital part of our parish and we are grateful for your service.

If you would like to know more about this ministry please call Judy Gillingham at 408-778-8904.

If you have a homebound friend or relative who cannot come to Mass and would like a minister to bring Eucharist to them, please call Maria or Juanita in the Parish Office at 408-779-3959.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY DURING LENT

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your Offertory gifts.

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Weekly Offertory Collection Needed (Budget) $22,948
Average Offertory Collection after 31 weeks this fiscal year YTD $21,622
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Feb.) $23,793
Year to date Actual vs. Budget Difference $-24,811

Parish Giving

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APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018

Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available in the school office or on the school website. Please note applications for grades 1-8 are due March 1st.

Above and right, the 8th grade boys basketball team played the faculty at a Spirit Rally to kick off the Cougar Athletic Club Tournament. The 8th graders won but everyone had fun cheering and laughing through the game.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!

St. Catherine School News

Operation Baby Love

Our February school service project collects diapers and wipes for new mothers in need. St. Catherine School has donated new baby items to Sister Paula Baker at Saint Louise Hospital for over 20 years. Since Sister Paula moved to her community leadership team, this year we are teaming with the diocesan Layette Project.

All donations may be dropped off at the school in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Kellett, Campus Minister, at 779-9950.

A Legacy of Faith 2016-2017

The 13th Annual Appeal is well on its way! The school’s goal is to raise $65,000 this year. We moving in that direction. You can still help! For more information about our Appeal please contact Jeff Layne, Development Director at jlayne@stcatherinemh.org or 779-9950.

Funds raised by our Annual Appeal help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating each student as well as providing funds for new programs and tuition assistance.

St. Catherine School will be on winter break from February 20-24. The school office will be closed during this time.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

A huge thank you to all who helped make this special day such a success! Kudos to those who helped with planning, food preparation, and other behind the scenes tasks that made the day flow. Thanks too to the faculty and staff of the school for all their great work with our children.