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

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

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

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

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From the Desk of Jeanette Thatcher, Business Manager........

In January, still in the Season of Christmas, I wrote to you about a wonderful gift, Emmanuel - God with us. I asked you to ponder and embrace this beautiful gift from God, which is his eternal presence in our lives: accompanying, leading and living in us. We begin the Season of Lent on Wednesday; are you ready to unwrap this gift further?

How does it affect how we live? Are we able to accept Jesus in our daily lives? Do we know how to share Jesus by the way we live? Do we even know Jesus? How do we begin?

One way is to join a faith-sharing group. My family is fortunate to have belonged to two family faith-sharing groups, the Christian Family Movement and one based on the upcoming Sunday readings.

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Desde el escritorio de Gerente de negocios, Jeanette Thatcher...

En enero, mientras todavía estaba en la temporada de Navidad, les escribí acerca de un maravilloso regalo, Emmanuel - Dios está con nosotros y te pidió que reflexionaras y aceptaras este hermoso regalo de Dios; Su presencia eterna en nuestras vidas, acompañándonos, escoltándonos, y viviendo en nosotros. A medida que comenzamos la Temporada de Cuaresma este miércoles tal vez usted está listo para desempaquetar aún más este regalo.

¿Cómo este don afecta cómo vivimos nuestra vida? ¿Sabemos cómo aceptar a Jesús en nuestra vida diaria? ¿Sabemos cómo compartir a Jesús en nuestras vidas? ¿Conocemos a Jesús? ¿Cómo empezamos?

Una forma de encontrar y compartir a Jesús en nuestras vidas es unirse a un grupo que comparte la fe. Mi familia ha tenido la suerte de haber estado en dos grupos que comparten la fe familiar; Uno basado en el Movimiento de la Familia Cristiana y el otro en las próximas lecturas del domingo.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
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

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).


READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, February 26
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
9:00-10:15am DC Clow
9:00-10:15am MC, Rm.8, 10, 11 FF Session
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 MC Life Night
7:00-9:00pm Gym Over 40’s Men’s Open Gym

Monday/Lunes, February 27
11:00-2:00pm CR.4&5 Over 50’s Luncheon
6:00-7:00pm CR.4&5 community Super
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-8:00pm NUR Stitching Group
6:30-7:30pm Rm.11 Cub Scout Den 7 - meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo Reunion
7:30-9:30pm MC English - Pre-Baptism Class

Tuesday/Martes, February 28
6:00-9:00pm MC FFF Spanish Catechist - meeting
6:00-9:00pm CH Espanol - Clase Pre Baptismal
6:30-9:00pm CR.3&4 Knights Assembly Meeting

Wednesday/Miercoles, March 1
6:15-7:15am CH Ash Wednesday - Ash Service
9:00-10:30am CR.1 Women’s Group
10:45-11:45am CH Ash Wednesday - Ash Mass
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
12:15-1:45pm CH Ash Wednesday - Ash Service
3:45-4:45pm CH Ash Wednesday - Ash Mass
5:30-6:30pm CH Ash Wednesday - Ash Mass
5:00-7:00pm MC Lent Family Reflection
6:00-7:00pm Rm.11 Cub Scout Den 1 - meeting
6:30-7:50pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Pray Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.10 Stephen Ministry Training Class
7:00-8:00pm CH Miércoles de Censia - Misa
7:00-8:00pm CR1-4 Miércoles de Censia - Misa
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee - meeting

Thursday/Jueves, March 2
5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:30-7:30pm MC Cub Scouts Den - meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 RICA
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8, 11 Encuentro Matrimonial Grupo
7:00-9:00pm LR Liturgy Committee Meeting

Friday/Viernes, March 3
9:00-11:59pm CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano

Saturday/Sábado, March 4
12:00-8:00am CH 24 Hour Adoration
9:00-10:15am 8:30-10:00pm FF Sessions
9:30-5:30pm CR.4-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Women’s Retreat
7:15-8:00pm NUR Reunion Catecúmenos
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play - practice

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27  † John Barnes
† Barbara Jorgensen
Tuesday, February 28  † Rev. William Worner
† Jose Conception Ciú
Thursday, March 2  † Larry Schile
† Maria Leyva
Friday, March 3  † Alicia Salinas
† Joseph Ravizza
Saturday, March 4  † Maria N. Vargas
† Mary Lou Kahl
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

You might think that by now we understand that the language of Jesus’ time often used hyperbole for emphasis. Sadly, sometimes these exaggerations are taken too literally. In today’s Gospel Jesus says, “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I tell you not to worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear.” Most see this correctly as an exaggeration, but we must not stop there. What is Jesus telling us? Overall that God is to be the central focus of our lives. However even though central, God’s presence in our lives is outpaced by attention to the daily trials of life in the world. The food, drink and clothing we use can become fixations when we do not see them as transitory, part of corporal existence. They will always be part of us but when attention to them or to acquisition of things crowd out our God, we are impoverished spiritually even if seen as worldly successful. It is a difficult thing to see the essence of Jesus’ call when he has to make strong statements to get our attention to include time for spiritual nourishment. Prayer is meant to be an integral part of us and we are to remember that turning our heart and mind to God, trying live as Jesus did encompasses more than formal prayer. Loving our neighbor isn’t just an exercise that benefits our neighbor; we receive a centering grace that puts cares and worries (even joys) in proper perspective. Tangible actions which demonstrate care infuse us with a warmth that no Mammon can ever match. In the midst of a busy life, take the time to read a mass reading that caught your ear. Delve beneath the words to seek the truth beneath the veneer. Jesus want us to find God at the very center of who we are and to have us radiate that indescribable love which touches those around us.

FROM THE DESK OF JEANETTE…..

It was a blessing that developed lifelong friendships with people who shared our Christian faith and values.

Most small groups meet regularly (weekly, monthly, seasonally, etc.) to pray together, read Scripture, share faith and discuss what is happening in their lives and the world around us. St. Catherine’s has a women’s group that meets each Wednesday morning. We also have a Friday morning Bible Study. Think about what type of group you might like to join. The Parish Staff will also help you to form one and provide resources.

Daily prayer is another way to know Jesus that can change your life. A parishioner shared a daily prayer book with my “prodigal” son and subsequently we sent him a subscription to Give Us this Day. In a card he shared several bible quotes that spoke to him. During our last phone call he talked about the day’s gospel and said he thought God was trying to tell him something. This is a testament to the blessings God brings in prayer.

There are many booklets and downloadable resources to guide daily prayer. A few are:

Give us this Day – www.giveusthisday.org
Living Faith – www.livingfaith.com
The Word Among Us – www.wau.org

The Parish Staff is happy to help you find what is right for you.

I wish you peace and many blessings this season of Lent. I hope you will explore and share your journey with Jesus, the greatest gift you have ever received. One that transforms you and lasts forever: God is with you.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The breaks in the needed rain provide us with truly green rejuvenation. Relive your mother’s childhood admoniton, “Go outside and enjoy the sunshine.” (Remember, moms are always right : -).

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!
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. 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 throughout the day. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphndebbie@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.

Adult 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

Usher Renewal
St. Catherine is planning an Usher Ministry Renewal. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org with your contact information. We would like to have this renewal before Easter.
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios nunca te olvidará
(Isaías 49:14-15)
Salmo — Descansa sólo en Dios, alma mía
(Salmo 62 [61]).
Segunda lectura — No juzgues, sólo Dios juzgará
(1 Corintios 4:1-5).
Evangelio — Dios alimenta a las aves y viste a las
flores. No estés ansioso; Dios conoce todas tus ne-
cesidades (Mateo 6:24-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7;
Mc 10:17-27
Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23;
Mc 10:28-31
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE
JEANETTE THATCHER......

Todos los niños asistieron a nuestras reuniones
y jugaron durante nuestras pláticas. Después
compartimos una comida o un postre. Fue una
bendición que desarrolló amistades de por vida
con personas que compartieron nuestra fe y va-
lores cristianos.
La mayoría de los pequeños grupos se reúnen
regularmente (semanalmente, mensualmente,
por temporada, etc.) para orar juntos, leer las
Escrituras, compartir fe y discutir lo que está su-
cediendo en sus vidas y el mundo que les ro-
da. Santa Catalina tiene un grupo de mujeres
que se reúne todos los miércoles por la maña-
na. También tenemos un Estudio Bíblico de la
mañana del viernes. Piense en qué tipo de gru-
po le gustaría unirse; El personal de la parro-
quia puede ayudarle a formar uno.
La oración diaria es otra manera de conocer a
Jesús que puede cambiar tu vida. Un parro-
quiano compartió un libro diario de oraciones
con mi hijo, “pródigo” y le envío una suscripción
para “Give Us this Day”. En una tarjeta compar-
tió varias citas bíblicas que para él le hablaron.
Durante nuestra última llamada telefónica habló
sobre el evangelio del día y dijo que pensaba
que Dios estaba tratando de decirle algo. Este
es un testamento a las bendiciones que Dios
nos trae en la oración.
Hay muchos folletos y recursos descargables
para guiar la oración diaria. Éstos son algunos:

- Danos este Día - www.giveusthisday.org
- Fe Viviente - www.livingfaith.com
- La palabra entre nosotros - www.wau.org

El personal de la parroquia estará encantado de
ayudarle a encontrar lo que es adecuado para
usted.
Les deseo paz y muchas bendiciones en esta
temporada de Cuaresma. Espero que exploren
y compartan su viaje con Jesús, el regalo más
grande; Uno que te transformará y durará para
siempre: Dios está contigo.
OCTAVO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MISION CUARESMAL: DESCUBRIR DE NUEVO A JESÚS.
Para este tiempo de reflexión en la Cuaresma les invitamos a la Misión que tendremos en la parroquia los días del 13 al 15 de Marzo a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. El P. Kevin Joyce dará las pláticas estos días y también tenderemos misa, después de la plática. Los esperamos.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Empezó nuevamente la Cuaresma, este tiempo anual en que recordamos y celebramos los cuarenta días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, donde fue tentado por Satanás. El mismo nombre “Cuaresma” recuerda la importancia del número 40 en la tradición judeocristiana. Cuarenta fueron los días del diluvio, los días en que Moisés y Elías pasaron en la montaña de Dios, y los años que el pueblo de Israel caminó por el desierto a la tierra prometida. El número 40 en la Biblia simboliza las pruebas y dificultades de la vida terrenal. Cuarenta es el número de la preparación para algo importante y de crecimiento en la vida.

La Cuaresma cristiana que se remonta hasta el siglo IV no sólo conmemora los días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, sino que debe ser un tiempo para reflexionar acerca de nuestra propia vida con sus pruebas y dificultades. El Papa León Magno describe la Cuaresma como un retiro durante el cual los fieles, recordando el ejemplo de Jesús, se preparan para celebrar la Pascua con un corazón purificado y la práctica perfecta de la vida cristiana.

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

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.

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.

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.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO
Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!
**OCTAVO 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.

**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? Úsese para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

**FACEBOOK**

Únas 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

**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!
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Office of Development & Evangelization

Women's Spirituality Retreat

Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious
March 4, 2017
St. Catherine Church– Parish Center
Retreat Led: By Pat Gohn
www.patgohn.net

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

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

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?
LET’S GO [SPORTS TEAM] (clap - clap - clap-clap-clap)

Why do you (or others if you don’t), wear sports attire (hats, jerseys, shirts, etc.)? Is it because of the history of the team? Is it because of the experiences you’ve had watching the team play on your own or with friends and family? Is it because of the love of the game, and although you’re a fan of the game in general, you have a particular connection with a specific team?

It’s probably a few, if not all, of these answers. I think the biggest reason why people wear their sports team’s logos is to have a sense of belonging—that when you go out and see someone else who’s a fan of the same team, you feel good—you might give a nod, a smile, or you might even start up a conversation.

Yet you don’t see too many people sporting religious attire. Why is that? Why is it easier to show our loyalty to a sports team than to God?

I think it’s because the reasons we think of when wearing something that acknowledges our faith are not the ones mentioned above. There are people who wear their sports team to try to show off—to be prideful, to initiate confrontation against rivals, to prove somehow that they are better than other teams’ fans.

We don’t want to be confronted about our faith. We don’t want people to think that by wearing something religious we believe we are better than they are. And we shouldn’t.

But we should appreciate the history of our Church. We should remember the experiences we’ve had at Mass, in our community, in prayer. We should have a love for Christ and the Church He founded. Whether we grew up in the Church, or came into the Church later in life, we are here.

I think this is the reason why we should be more open to wearing religious attire. Not to be prideful, not to say that we are better than others, and not, as Michael Jackson would say, because we “Wanna Be Startin’ Somethin.’” We should be more open to help give us a sense of belonging.

Maybe the reason people don’t wear more religious attire is because they don’t feel like they belong. They don’t feel as impassioned by Christ as they do a sports team. And this isn’t a “you” problem, but an “us” problem. It’s a both/and, not an either/or—the Church needs to be better at welcoming people, and those people also need to be more proactive in finding their home in the Church. There are probably many of you who had to put in some effort to get into sports—maybe it’s because you didn’t like the team or sport at first, but someone got you into it, and as you opened yourself to it, you found more than you expected. And just like your teams have their ups and downs, there are things that will bring you up within the Church, and things that will frustrate you. But we stay, and continue to work and live in the Church to make it better.

Because it is, truly, where we belong.

You might’ve seen a few people wearing a hat with this logo on it and wondered what that is. It’s the broken spinning wheel that St. Catherine of Alexandria (formerly known as Catherine) was supposed to be tortured and killed on, but miraculously broke at her touch (hence why it looks broken here). And then there’s a cross, because you know, Jesus. If you’d like to pick one up, we have two options: Snapback (one size fits all) for $15 each, or Flex-Fit (S-M, M-L, L-XL) for $30. They will be selling in the Rectory for the next month, after which you can contact me directly (if we have any left).
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

“MOVING TOWARD THE CROSS: A Lenten Family Reflection”

Ash Wednesday
March 1, 2017
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Milani Center

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

St. Joseph Table
Friday
March 24th

1:00 - 5:00 pm FREE Produce Giveaway
6:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper
7:30 - 8:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Do you know anyone who can use some fresh produce and a hot meal? Invite them to our FREE fresh produce giveaway and soup supper! Volunteer to help with set up/break down, distribution of produce and serving soup to the less fortunate in our community.

We also welcome fruit and vegetable donations from your fruit trees and vegetable gardens. Check out I-Volunteer on the parish website for a list of opportunities. St. Joseph’s Table is a collaborative effort by the Middle School Ministry and the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF).

Fridays during Lent

March 3
Hosted by Sacramental Preparation Families and Spanish Faith Formation

6:30 - 7:15 pm Bilingual Stations of the Cross
7:15 - 8:30 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)

March 10
Hosted by Sacramental Preparation Families and 5th grade Faith Formation

6:00 - 7:00 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)
6:30 - 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
7:00 - 7:30 pm Children’s Stations of the Cross (English)

SAVE THE DATE!!
ST. CATHERINE VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Half Day camps for children aged 4-11
(entering Pre-K through 5th grade in Fall 2017)
Session I: June 12-16, 2017
Session II: June 19-23, 2017
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration Opens February 27, 2017.
Registration and Volunteer Forms are available online and in the Faith Formation Office. For further information, please call (408) 779-9604.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED
Sign up on I-Volunteer to bring a pot of soup and/or help serve. Soup can be made at home and brought (heated) to the Parish Center kitchen by 5:45 pm. Bring the family for an evening of prayer and fellowship with our parish community.
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.

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

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 time line 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.
EIGHTH 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; jfy-inger@gmail.com

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.

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 to 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.
ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Italian Catholic Federation offers a $400 Scholarship for 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. The application deadline is March 15th.

WANTED!!!!!

Several people interested in teaming up with those already on board to host Hospitality some Sundays. Email annmariecica@yahoo.com or leave a message at the rectory.

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."

SUNDAY NIGHT “LIFE SHARING” DURING LENT

Come and listen to some of our fellow parishioners share the experiences that have made them the people they have become, and how they have responded to the words and actions of Jesus. We hope that learning from the lives of our friends will improve our own lives and help us make the world a better place. Meet us in Milani Center at 4:45pm. We’ll finish up in time for the 5:30pm mass. Mark your calendars for the Sundays of Lent, March 5th-April 9th. Any questions? Contact Joe or Carol Lillig, 408-781-3847 or lillig@garlic.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS


DON’T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they’re having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What’s for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn’t say, “Don’t eat. Don’t cook. Don’t buy clothes.” He says, “Don’t worry.” Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that “Your heavenly Father knows” all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

—Anonymous

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St. Catherine School News

eWaste Drive

An eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be next **Saturday, March 4, from 9:00-2:00** in the lot behind the rectory. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The money raised from this event will help fund more energy efficient outside lighting.

Go Cougars!

**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 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 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.*

Valentine’s Day was enjoyed by all. Above, fifth graders designed bags for their valentines. Left, Kinders participated in a cooking day with all the creations using a valentine theme. Other classes wrote stories, made placements for the Monday Free Supper, and completed science experiments with a valentine twist. A great day for all!

**PROMOTING MATH AND SCIENCE THROUGH SPEAKERS AND FIELD TRIPS**

As part of our ongoing efforts to encourage and promote a love for and understanding of how math and science are used in all our lives, St. Catherine School is developing a list of speakers and field trips which will make math and science come to life for our students. Each class will be scheduling two speakers and one field trip that focus on math and science during the year. Presentations can be anywhere from 15 minutes (most will be 15-25 minutes long) to nearly an hour depending on the topic and level of students. Do you know someone who uses math routinely at work? Perhaps monitoring inventory, accounting, engineering design, to name a few...please submit names and contact information to Ms. Esparza, 408-779-9950 or fesparza@stcatherinemh.org.

The school is in the process of building a data base of field trip opportunities as well. If you know of a place or program, or are willing to host a class, please let Ms. Esparza know. These can range from water treatment plants to farms to airports and museums. Again, the goal is to get students excited about how math and science are used and directly affect daily life.