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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal……..
Lent is upon us! You may be wondering why the Church has seasons such as Lent and Advent. After all, shouldn't we always be working on our relationship with God? Shouldn't we always be striving to walk in His ways? In a perfect world, yes. But most of us need reminders in the midst of our very busy lives. So the Church sets aside times for us to focus more closely on our spiritual lives.

What does this mean in reality? Take a few moments to think about what you can do to keep more grounded in God's love. How can you atone for actions that didn't reflect your best in following Jesus?

(Continued on page 3…)

Desde el escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Directora de Escuela…
¡La Cuaresma está sobre nosotros! Usted puede preguntarse por qué la Iglesia tiene estaciones como en Cuaresma y en Adviento. Y después, ¿no deberíamos estar siempre trabajando en nuestra relación con Dios? ¿No deberíamos siempre esforzarnos por caminar en Sus caminos? En un mundo perfecto, sí. Pero para la mayoría de nosotros, necesitamos recordatorios en nuestras vidas muy ocupadas. Así que la Iglesia reserva tiempos para que nos enfoquemos más de nuestras vidas espirituales.

¿Qué significa esto en realidad? Tómese unos minutos para pensar en lo que puede hacer para mantenerse más cerca en el amor de Dios. ¿Cómo puedes compensar las acciones que no reflejaron lo mejor de ti al seguir a Jesús? Tal vez negarse a sí mismo de algo que realmente te gustaría sería un buen recordatorio para estar centrado en el Camino de Cristo.

(Continuado en Pagina 5…)

17400 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408) 779-3959
Fax: (408) 779-0289
www.stca.org
Email: Office@stca.org

Catechetical Ministry
(408) 779-9604

St. Catherine School
(408) 779-9950
www.stcatherinemh.org
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).


READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-12, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
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

First Sunday of Lent

Stewardship in Scripture

By Deacon Rick Haeckel

Lent is often seen as a time of reflection, repentance and general spiritual housecleaning; and so it is. However when we read of Jesus’ temptation by the devil in today’s Gospel there is a tendency to see that as only an event in the life of Jesus. Temptation appears in many levels of our lives too. If we view it only as a challenge to be fought off we miss the opportunity to see that temptation is a reminder of our dependence on God’s presence in our lives. In other words, what appears as a clever ruse of the devil can become a God moment. A chance to remember that God is always present to us, we have only to consciously ask for strength in the face of trial. It’s tempting (sorry, but I couldn’t resist :-) to therefore see the purification that Lent provides as a chance to overcome destructive temptations. It is that, but not only that. As with many things, we forget the presence of our savior Jesus, a gift which is ever present. When we realize that, temptations are better able to be seen as stepping stones to virtue instead of simply negatives to be avoided. In fact, the spiritual journey is made up of continual moments of conversion. Times when we give up our own sense of aloneness in combating things tempting us to be unjust, judgmental, biased, unloving, … the list is very long. Once again, even temptation reminds us of the fundamental truth Jesus summarized for us in saying that we are to love God and our neighbor. Maybe this Lent we can use moments of temptation to ask ourselves what seems to be an unconnected question: how am I called to love in this moment? The answer may be as simple as loving ourselves, trusting that we have the strength to overcome what tempts us to do wrong. Or it may be as difficult as recognizing that we can’t handle it without Jesus’ help. Remember the truism, “Love is the answer, what’s the question?”

Green Tip of the Week

Feeling stuck inside? Use the time to keep the house clean. Install fans vented to the outside in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry room. Clean air helps prevent dust, pollen etc. from affecting our health.

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…..

Perhaps denying yourself of something you really like would be a good reminder to keep focused on the Way of Christ. Some people like to give up something or fast one day a week. Maybe you can choose to do something that will help you refocus such as attending a retreat, reading a spiritual book, going to mass one extra time per week.

At St. Catherine there are many opportunities. Mass is celebrated each weekday morning at 8:15. There is a Wednesday morning women's group or a Friday morning Bible Study. Every Thursday during Lent you can you can join the students of our school for Stations of the Cross at 2:30 or come on Friday evening for a soup supper with your family followed by Stations. And don’t forget the lending library in the school lobby that has an array of spiritual books. Check one out.

Whatever you do don't pass up this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with our savior. You won't be sorry. Happy Lent!

Question of the Week

Adult: “What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?”

Child: “What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?”
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 the Parish Center. Please contact Diana-Lynn at dinderhees@dsj.org. Check the website for general details.

Saints Chapel
Clean chapel area and put out new candles. 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? Welcome parishioners and guests to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

Sacristans
Needed at all Masses. You must be an eucharistic minister to be a Sacristan. Please contact Signe Montosa directly for training, contact info is below.

Hospitality/Greeter Ministry coordinator
St. Catherine desires to have a formal Hospitality / Greeter ministry. Adult Lead Usher at the 5:30 Sunday Mass Both usher responsibilities and engaging youth in ministry (youth help with the collection)

Liturgical Ministry and Contacts

Liturgy Coordinator
Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org

Altar Servers
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net
Ralph Ortega ralphndebbie@icloud.com

Saints Chapel
Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org

Environment (church)
Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion / Sacristans
Signe Montosa montosa@msn.com
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net

Funeral Ministry
Karen Barone kbarone@wildblue.net
Tamara Hopwood hopwoodt@msn.com

Hospitality Ushers
David Dindak david@coasttocoastdasearch.com

Linen Care
Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org

Music
Lisa Kellett lisakellett517@gmail.com
Proclaimer of the Word (Lector)
Jim Yinger jfyinger@gmail.com
Pat Rudolph patricia95037@yahoo.com

Please Save these Dates

March 7th—Existing EM Renewal
For current Extraordinary Ministers Renewal session is in the Church Beginning at 7:00pm.

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
An Usher Ministry renewal is being planned. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org with your contact information. We would like to have the renewal completed before Easter.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday: St. John of God
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Cosieron, pues, unas hojas de higuera, y se hicieron unos taparrabos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Salmo** — Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores (Salmo 51 [50]).

**Segunda lectura** — Una sola trasgresión acarreó sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Evangelio** — Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

---

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

---

**DESE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIENNE ESPARZA**

Algunas personas les gustan renunciar a algo o ayunar un día a la semana. Tal vez usted puede elegir hacer algo que le ayudará a reenfocarse, como asistir a un retiro, leer un libro espiritual, ir a la misa una vez más por semana.

En Santa Catalina hay muchas oportunidades. La misa se celebra cada mañana de lunes a viernes a las 8:15 (en Inglés). También hay un grupo de mujeres del miércoles por la mañana. Todos los jueves durante la Cuaresma puede usted unirse a los estudiantes de nuestra escuela para las Estaciones de la Cruz a las 2:30 o venir el viernes por la noche para una cena de sopa con su familia seguido por las estaciones.

Hagas lo que hagas, no dejes pasar esta oportunidad para fortalecer tu relación con nuestro salvador. No te arrepentirás.

¡Feliz Cuaresma!

---

**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.

---

**REUNIÓN DE CONSEJO HISPANO**

Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de consejo hispano el Viernes 3 de Marzo a las 7:00PM en la rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los Esperamos.

---

**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.
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE MARZO

Domingo, Marzo 5
Brian Romero
Jenni Romero
Martin Mendoza

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.

MISION CUARESMAL: DESCUBRIR DE NUEVO A JESUS.
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.

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!

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.

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
Luego de una larga peregrinación, una imagen de Cristo llegó al pueblo de Esquipulas, Guatemala, el 9 de marzo de 1595. Dicha imagen negra de Cristo crucificado fue esculpida por Quiro Catano a pedido de los habitantes del pueblo recién evangelizado.

En 1595, la recién esculpida estatua de Cristo iba rumbo a su destino, pero por cada pueblo que pasaba la gente pedía que lo dejaran una noche para que los fieles pudieran admirarla y rendirle culto a Cristo. Por tanto, la imagen tardó varios meses en llegar a su destino final.

Recientemente, una réplica del Cristo Negro de Esquipulas también tuvo problemas en llegar a su destino. Dicha copia, hecha en Guatemala para la comunidad guatemalteca de Los Ángeles, California, tuvo problemas al cruzar la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos, ya que las autoridades de inmigración no permitieron pasarla por falta de documentos. Los fieles no tuvieron otra opción que pasarla, a precio de “mordidas” y a escondidas, por lo cual se le llama el Cristo “Mojado” de Esquipulas. Cristo tuvo que entrar en este país como muchos inmigrantes latinos, a escondidas.
PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vincente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por mas días!

- Martes (10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves (10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes (10AM - 12PM)

VIA CRUCIS

Les invitamos en esta Cuaresma a participar en los Vía Crucis en la Iglesia a las 6:30 pm.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FECHA</th>
<th>MINISTERIO</th>
<th>TEMA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Marzo 10</td>
<td>Lectores</td>
<td>Cuaresma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marzo 17</td>
<td>Coros</td>
<td>Conversión</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marzo 24</td>
<td>Ext. Sgd. Eucaristia</td>
<td>El Camino a la Sanidad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marzo 31</td>
<td>Danza Lit. y Monaguillos</td>
<td>Misericordia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abril 7</td>
<td>Jóvenes para Cristo</td>
<td>Tentaciones</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A partir de las 6:00 de la tarde pueden pasar al Centro Parroquial para compartir la sopa de Cuaresma con la comunidad.

DE LA CENA PASCUAL A LA EUCARISTIA

El jueves 6 de Abril tenemos la explicación de donde surge la Misa, inicará a las 7:00 pm y el donativo es de $ 10.00. Para registrarse lo pueden hacer en la Rectoría o con la Hna. Silvia después de las misas.

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.

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

¡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: ______________________________

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.
Have you ever considered making a Memorial or Honor Gift during the Lenten and Easter Season?

Did you know you can make a Lent and Easter gift in memory or in honor of a loved?

Honoring someone with a gift at Lent and Easter is a great way to tell them how much you love them and support your parish at the same time. This gift will honor someone you love while helping others. You can add the honorees name and address on the check or the envelope.

A more significant way to remember a deceased loved one is through a memorial contribution and it can be made as an Easter offering. Memorial contributions can be made for any special occasion. They are also a great idea during Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. You simply need to state on the check or envelope the name and address of deceased.

We will notify the family member a gift was made in memory or honor of them.

I pray that Christ is with during this Lenten and Easter Season.

God Bless, Anna Quinones
For more information please contact me at aquinones@dsj.org

---

**The Call of Simon the Fisherman**


In this story crowds of people are pushing around Jesus. He is standing on the shore of the lake and he gets into an empty boat. The story tells us that the boats were empty because the fishermen who owned the boats were cleaning their nets. Jesus calls to Simon Peter and asks him to move the boat out a little bit from shore so that Jesus can use it almost as a stage from which to teach the people.

**How can we let Jesus into our lives just like Peter let Jesus into his boat?**

**Did you remember your gift?**

It is only natural when you are invited to a party – whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration – to think about the gift that you will 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 being 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**, who 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
GODPARENTS

Introducing Ezra!!
Our little man pictured here with his Godparents was born two weeks ago. Mommy and Ezra are doing wonderfully, thanks be to God.
You might wonder why I posted a picture of him with Sandra and Dickson instead of by himself or with Beth and me.
I want to take a moment to stress the importance of Godparents (or Sponsors): Godparents are important. Okay, moment's over, I'm glad that's settled.
Just kidding. Godparents are there to help parents teach the faith to the child and be examples of the faith. Godparents should be people to whom the child will look up as role models (not just in faith, but in life). Godparents should be those who the child can go to when they need someone to talk to other than their parents. And Godparents are people the parents trust to give righteous advice to their child.
Unfortunately, in many situations, parents choose Godparents not based on the Godparents' relationship with God, but based on their relationship with the parents. Sometimes parents choose certain people to be Godparents because those people would be offended if they weren't chosen.
I encourage you, if you are at a time in your life where you will be discerning the Godparents of your child, that you find people who help you raise them in the Catholic faith. And if you don't know other strong Catholic people, find them (warning: you're not going to find them if you don't start talking to more people at Mass).
I encourage you, if you have already chosen Godparents but they're not living up to the role they've accepted, to talk to them about their responsibilities as Godparents. Sure, feelings may be hurt - but you should be more concerned about the relationship your child has with God than hurting someone's feelings.
Our young people need better role models in their lives. Yes, it does start at home, but we pray that they find most of their role models in the Church and not elsewhere.
Rite of Sending and Rite of Election

Across the entire world Catholic bishops on this first Sunday of Lent welcome those sent by parishes to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election. The Rite of Sending, ordinarily held earlier on the same day, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens have made, to express approval of their election or recognition, and to send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support.

Those who are “sent” to the bishop for the Rite of Election are called the "elect." They have been chosen to enter into the final period of preparation for initiation and called by the bishop to the holy mysteries to be celebrated on Easter Vigil. The catechumens at St. Catherine celebrate the Rite of Sending this weekend and the Rite of Election on Monday evening, March 6th. Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their journey!

Fridays during Lent

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)

March 17
Hosted by the Men’s Group and Confirmation
6:00 - 7:00pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)
6:30 - 7:30pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
7:30 - 8:30pm Stations of the Cross (English)

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

St. Joseph’s Table
Friday
March 24th
1:00-5:00 pm FREE produce giveaway
6:00-7:30pm Soup Supper
7:30-8:30pm Stations of the Cross

Volunteer to help 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).
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join 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 the 40 Days prayer kickoff vigil on Wednesday March 1st at 11:45am and the hosted vigils three days a 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

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION
The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. “Perpetual Adoration,” “Reservation,” “Benediction,” and “Reposition” are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There’s plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION to the SICK or HOMEBOUND
Many thanks and much appreciation to the Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick or homebound in 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 the Eucharist to them please call Maria or Juanita in the Parish Office at 408-779-3959.

TRAVEL WITH FR. RANDY VALENTON, PARochial Vicar of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Morgan Hill on a trip to Medjugorje, Lourdes, & Fatima
Where:
Medjugorje, Lourdes, Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima
Date: Jul 12-21, 2017
Cost: $3,800.00 Airfare and ALL-Included
To register contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

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.

OVER 50’S LUNCHEON
Join the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly luncheon at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center on Monday, March 20th. They will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Please bring $5.00 to cover the meal, a green salad and/or a dessert to share.

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY
In this Year of Mercy, we are happy to announce the continuation of a Lenten initiative in our Diocese of San Jose. During Lent, every Catholic Church throughout the County of Santa Clara will have its doors open on Wednesdays 6-8PM with a priest available for confession. This initiative is called "The Light is On for You" and will start March 8, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. We encourage everybody to take advantage of this opportunity of receiving mercy, healing, and freedom. We also encourage you to invite others. Video testimonials are available to help with your invitations. These are available at www.dsj.org/light

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.

SAVE the DATE for ST. CATHERINE’S GOLF CLASSIC
May 19th, 2017
Same Fun, Different Day!
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WANTED!!!!!! Several people to team with those already on board hosting Hospitality on 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
Join us in Milani Center from 4:45 to 5:15pm (before the 5:30 Sunday evening mass) each week during Lent (March 5-April 9). We spend 10 minutes or so listening to a parishioner tell us a little about his or her life. Then we spend 20 minutes or so talking about what they had to say. We hope that learning from the lives of our friends will improve our own lives and help us make the world a better place.

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.

SVDP COMMUNITY CLOSET
We are already preparing for our summer back-to-school children’s clothing giveaway. If you have any children’s clothing in good condition, 2T (toddler) through junior sizes, please set them aside for SVdP and we’ll make sure they get to a good home. You can bring bags of children’s clothes marked SVdP to the parish office during business hours (M-F, 8am-7pm) or bring them directly to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Community Closet at 13570 Depot St in San Martin any Tues. or Thurs. from 10am-noon. We are also open every first Saturday of the month from 10am-noon. Thank you for your generosity! (We are also low on Men's pants, sizes 32 or 34, if you may happen to have any to donate!)

MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?
Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it’s the best gift you’ll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwe.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwe.org or 408-782-1413.
Bella Della Maggiore was honored as a Rotary Outstanding Student with students from other Morgan Hill school in February. The celebration included a luncheon and award presentations. Bella was joined by her parents, Nick and Brenda Della Maggiore, and grandparents, Rich and Joan Della Maggiore, as well as her 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Quinn and principal, Ms. Esparza.

Go Cougars!

GOING GREEN
St. Catherine School strives to take care of God’s wonderful creation by using environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled paper, paper towels, toilet paper, and biodegradable lunch trays, as well as reusing materials whenever possible. Students bring reusable water bottles in order to eliminate using wasteful one use bottles. The school works to use energy efficiently by using programmed thermostats and ceiling fans, and have replaced florescent light bulbs with new energy efficient LED bulbs. Our Ecology Club collects recyclable waste paper from the classrooms every week. Our Green Team has sponsored four eWaste Drives and is working with our Garden Coordinator and Ecology Commissioner to get our composting program fully operational. Both garden waste and lunch waste are composted.

You can help by placing any recyclable materials in the appropriate containers when using parish or school facilities. Help us take care of our tiny bit of this beautiful planet.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Join the students of St. Catherine School for Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:30 in the church. All are welcome!

Teachers enjoyed a VR workshop using Google Cardboard as they travelled to outer space and the Great Barrier Reef. The devices will soon be used in classrooms to allow students to visit the ruins of ancient Greece, the pyramids of Egypt, and much more. The teachers were impressed with the feel of reality of the experience and the potential learning opportunities the program provides. Each virtual trip includes lesson plans with questions for various grade levels and follow up assessments. Teachers and students are eager to add this new dimension to their classroom lessons.