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 Alejandría, 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.

THIRDSUNDAY OF LENT / TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

From the Desk of Fr. Russ J. Roide, S.J., Priest in Residence……..

St. Joseph’s Day has always been a special day for Sicilians. When I was a young boy our family prepared a St. Joseph’s Table in their living room and it was an offering of love, labor and sacrifice in honor of St. Joseph the Patron of Sicilians and of the Universal Church.

The St. Joseph Table took months to build and to prepare the foods. The people of Italian heritage in many cities have worked year after year to perpetuate this unique tradition of their heritage brought to America by their immigrant parents and grandparents.

According to legend the St. Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph asking for his help and intercession. (Continued on page 3…)

Desde el escritorio de P. Russ J. Roide, Sacerdote …

El día de San José ha sido siempre un día especial para los sicilianos. Cuando yo era un niño, nuestra familia preparaba una mesa de San José en nuestra sala y era una ofrenda de amor, trabajo y sacrificio en honor de San José, el Patrón de Sicilia y de la Iglesia Universal.

La mesa de San José tomó meses para construir y preparar los alimentos. La gente del patrimonio italiano en muchas ciudades han trabajado año tras año para perpetuar esta tradición única de su herencia traída a América por sus padres y abuelos inmigrantes.

Según la leyenda, el altar de San José se originó en Sicilia hace muchos siglos durante un período de sequía y hambruna. En la desesperación, la gente se acercó a San José pidiéndole su ayuda e intercesión.

Sus oraciones fueron contestadas, finalmente llegaron las lluvias y las cosechas prosperaron. En acción de gracias, la comunidad hizo ofrendas a San José de su posesión más preciada - que era comida.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-17)

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Rom 4:13, 16,18-22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc,8-9; Mt 18:21-23, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9,13-17,34-38]

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20  Elsa Madrigal
Tuesday, March 21  Sidney Bordelon
Wednesday, March 22  Sergio Madrigal, Alia Meza
Thursday, March 23  Manuel Garibaldo, Joe Mariani
Friday, March 24  Alicia Salinas, Maria Ting
Saturday, March 25  Tony Thorpe, Leonardo DePalma, Virginia Lomanto

† Virginia Lomanto
† Tony Thorpe
† Tom Kinney
†  Joe Mariani
†  Alicia Salinas
†  Sidney Bordelon
† Sergio Madrigal
† Elsa Madrigal
†  Dr. John R. De Gennaro
†  Joe Mariani
†  Tom Kinney
†  Alicia Salinas
†  Tony Thorpe
† Leonardo DePalma
† Virginia Lomanto
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

The Gospel story of the woman at the well is rife with meaning. Water is prominent also in the Exodus reading when Moses drew water from a rock at God’s command. Water is a most fundamental need to sustain life. It plays a prominent role in life’s lessons. The Samaritan woman spoke with Jesus who had asked her for a drink of the water she drew. Their discussion was highly unusual, Jesus speaking to an unaccompanied woman and a Samaritan to boot. Both those facts made Jesus ritually impure by Jewish law. Jesus did not casually violate the purity laws but, as he taught, the law is made for man, not man for the law. All this leads us to a genuine examination of how we live out our faith. In general Church law provides the basis for right living but when the law becomes an end in itself, when we avoid any assessment of the particular situation in favor of the letter of the law, we miss Jesus’ call to live fully the intentions for which the law was made. A small example, we are to honor the Lord’s day; in Jesus’ time any “work” was forbidden on the Sabbath. So if a neighbor asks for help in removing a tree which has fallen we have a choice. Honor the commandment and do nothing or seemingly break it by doing work. In fact we do keep holy the day by helping …by loving our neighbor. The key isn’t our ability to choose actions but rather to examine the root of our choice. Does it give life? Is love of God and neighbor lived out? Looking beneath the letter of the law is not an attempt to avoid a particular action but rather to see the fundamental goodness the law is intended to support. No law or laws can cover any and all possibilities. When a decision is needed think of yourself as water (as silly as that sounds), be life giving and life sustaining both for ourselves and for others. Drink deeply of the water of life, our Lord Jesus Christ.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

We are enjoying a respite from the rain. Now is a good moment to get after the weeds that have shot up joyfully :-). Removing them now will save much energy later (ours and the power for mowing).

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 FR. RUSS…..

When the rains finally came and the crops prospered their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most prized possession which was food. In his honor they erected a lovely altar with three levels to represent the Holy Trinity. Then they decorated it with linens and flowers. They then selected their finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine and invited all the poor to share in their prayer and festivity. Anyone who came was offered a free dish of pasta, which was typical of Sicilians.

The custom and devotion continues to this day. Each year altars are laden with food and prepared on March 19 to celebrate St. Joseph’s Feast Day. Reasons for having altars vary: to fulfill a promise, to give thanks for a favor granted, such as the safe return of a loved one from war, for healing the sick, for a happy life, for success in studies and business. It is also an opportunity for the prosperous to share with those less fortunate. Much hard work is involved but participants, family and friends, joyously accept this as a form of sacrifice and a labor of love.

Many hours are spent shaping and designing the elaborate loaves of bread and cookies which decorate the altar. Many of the food items represent the Crown of Thorns, hearts symbolizing the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, the cross which represents the crucifixion, the Chalice for water and wine. (Continued on Page 11)

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: 
Address: 
City: Zip: 
Phone: Email: 

Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar Server’s Alb Maintenance Coordinator -
Albs need to be washed once a month and taken to the dry cleaner twice a year.

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

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

Greeters - welcome parishioners before Mass.
Do you have a few minutes before Mass? You are welcome to greet fellow parishioners and guests 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 5:30 Sunday Mass - usher responsibilities and to also engage our youth in ministry (youth help with the collection)

Liturgical Ministries and Contacts

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LENT AND THE LITURGY

The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has a double purpose, to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the Easter mystery. The catechumens are prepared for initiation at Easter by the rite of election and the scrutinies. The faithful prepare themselves by penance (fasting, almsgiving and prayer) for the renewal of their baptismal promises at Easter. Use of holy water is encouraged during Lent to remember one’s own baptism and the need for ritual cleansing.

LENTEN FASTING

During Lent, Catholics 18 until the beginning of their 60th year are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means eating only one full meatless meal per day. One may also eat two other meatless meals that are sufficient to maintain strength but together do not equal a full meal. One may also drink liquids, including milk and fruit juice, between meals. If your health or ability to work is affected, you are not obligated to fast. If possible, fast on other days of Lent as well.

We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. On these days Catholics older than 14 are bound by Church law to abstain from meat. Children younger than 14 are formed by pastors and parents to have an authentic sense of penance, conversion, and reconciliation.

Usher Renewal
St. Catherine is planning an usher ministry renewal. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org with your contact information.
Knowledge and skills required:
(1) leadership, tact, and cooperative spirit;
(2) baptized Catholic.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Agua salió de la roca para apagar la sed del pueblo (Éxodo 17:3-7).

Salmos — Si hoy oyen su voz, no endurezcan su corazón (Salmos 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — El amor de Dios se ha derramado en nuestro corazón por el don del Espíritu Santo (Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8).

Evangelio — El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna (Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39, 40-42]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
    o Lc 2:41-51a

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
    Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
    Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17;
    Mc 12:28-34

Sábado: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11;
    Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38

Domingo: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;
    Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE RUSS

En su honor, construyeron un precioso altar, con tres niveles para representar a la Santísima Trinidad. Luego lo decoraron con ropa de cama y flores. Luego seleccionaron sus mejores cereales, frutas, verduras, mariscos y vino e invitaron a todos los pobres a participar en sus oraciones y festividades. Cualquiera que venía se ofreció un plato de pasta gratis que era típico de los sicilianos. La costumbre y la devoción continúan hasta nuestros días. Cada año los altares están cargados de comida y preparados el 19 de marzo para celebrar el Día de la Fiesta de San José. Las razones para tener altares varían: cumplir una promesa; Para dar gracias por un favor, para el éxito en los estudios y los negocios, y entre más cosas. (CONTINUARÁ)

También es una oportunidad para que los prósperos compartan con los menos afortunados. Mucho trabajo duro está implicado, pero los participantes, la familia y los amigos, aceptan gozosamente esto como una forma de sacrificio y un trabajo del amor. Muchas horas se dedican a la conformación y el diseño de los panes elaborados de pan y galletas que decoran el altar. Muchos de los alimentos representan la Corona de Espinas, corazones que simbolizan el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y María, la cruz que representa la crucifixión, el Cáliz para el agua y el vino.

Además de todos los productos de trigo, hay la gran exhibición de frutas, verduras y una variedad de mariscos. No se sirve jamás carne en una mesa de San José porque la fiesta cae durante la Cuaresma y también porque la carne era una mercancía rara en la antigua Italia y Sicilia. Las pocas cabras y el ganado fueron retenidos por su suave y queso. Pasta milanesa es un plato principal para las personas que vienen a visitar la mesa. La salsa de tomate se elabora con una base de pescado, anchoas o sardinas frescas, anís silvestre, pignola y grosellas rematadas con migas de pan. La mayoría de los vegetales se preparan como frittata. Las alcachofas rellenas, el carduni (cardo) son deliciosos hervidos, luego se sumergen en un bateador y se frien.

Una costumbre muy importante para los ritos del Día de San José es la de que tres personas representen los papeles de la Sagrada Familia, un niño para Jesús, una joven para María y un hombre mayor para José. Una mesa es creada especialmente para ellos y se sirven una muy pequeña porción de cada comida. Esto se llama "romper el altar" y se observa solemnemente con la bendición de un sacerdote, generalmente acompañada por una oración y un himno. Luego todos los invitados cenan después de que la Sagrada Familia haya completado su comida. Luego hay un alegre intercambio de camaradería entre los invitados y la antigua expresión se usa con frecuencia: "¡Que San José siempre te sonría!" Por último, hay bastante comida durante días y el resto de la comida se lleva a un orfanato o un lugar donde los pobres se sirven una deliciosa comida.
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE MARZO

Sábado, Marzo 18
- Gerardo Sanchez
- Delfino Aviña
- Carmelo Jimenez

Domingo, Marzo 19
- Nancy Aviña
- Alfredo Montanez
- Elsa Lua Madrigal

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.

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.

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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Para ser cristiano en la Iglesia católica necesitas recibir los tres sacramentos de Iniciación, es decir, el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si te falta uno de estos sacramentos no estás completamente iniciado. Algunos cristianos insisten que si no estás confirmado no te puedes casar por la Iglesia, pero esto no es completamente cierto. Según las leyes de la Iglesia, los cristianos que desean contraer Matrimonio deberían buscar ser confirmados, si les es posible sin grave dificultad (Canon 1065).

Todos conocemos el Bautismo y la Eucaristía, pero ¿qué es la Confirmación? El nombre lo dice todo. Con la Confirmación, confirmamos ante Dios y la Iglesia que deseamos ser cristianos por el resto de nuestra vida. Confirmarse es comprometerse, es entregarse al servicio de Dios ayudando al prójimo con la gracia y el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso es importante recibir una buena preparación.

La mayoría de nosotros no tuvimos opción cuando nuestra mamá y nuestro papá nos bautizaron. Nuestros padres y padrinos dijeron sí por nosotros y, si cumplieron con su compromiso, nos enseñaron con palabras y buen ejemplo como decir sí al Evangelio de Cristo. Sea que nos hayamos bautizado como infantos o como adultos, la Confirmación nos da la oportunidad de dar un sí pleno. ¡Sí! a ese bautizo, ¡Sí! a la Iglesia y en especial ¡Sí! a Cristo.

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

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
TERCER 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.

FECHA MINISTERIO TEMA
Marzo 24 Ext. Sgda. Eucaristía El Camino a la Sanidad
Marzo 31 Danza Lit. y Monaguillos Misericordia
Abril 7 Jóvenes para Cristo Tentaciones

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, iniciará 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

NOVENARIO DE LA CORONILLA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA
La comunidad de Santa Catalina de Alejandría les invita para la Sagrada oración de la Noven- na de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia como declaro vuestro Papa Santo Juan Pablo II en la celebración de la Divina Fiesta. El novenario será orado en la iglesia y será Bilingüe [Ingles/Español].

ORARIO
◊ VIERNES SANTO 4/14 8-9A.M.
◊ SABADO SANTO 4/15 8-9A.M.
◊ DOMINGO DE PASQUA DE RESURRECION 4/16 2-3P.M.
◊ LUNES 4/17 9-9:30A.M./5:30-6:30P.M.
◊ MARTES 4/18 12-1P.M.
◊ MIERCOLES 4/19 9-9:30A.M./6-6:30P.M.
◊ JUEVES 4/20 9-9:30A.M./4:30-5:30P.M.
◊ VIERNES 4/21 9-9:30A.M./5:30-6:30P.M.
◊ SABADO 4/22 9-9:30A.M./5-5:30P.M.
◊ Domingo de Divina Misericordia 4/23 2:00P.M.—4:00P.M. Seminario, Santo Rosario, Adoración, Bendición y oración de La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

REUNIÓN DE CONSEJO HISPANO
Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de consejo hispano el Viernes 7 de Abril a las 7:00PM en la rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los Es- peramos.

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.
The Handmaids of St. Catherine invite you to prayerfully consider participating in the collection for the Diocesan Layette Program. All items are collected on the weekends of May 6/7 and May 20/21 and donated to the Diocesan Layette Program. In addition to the weekend collections there will be a box marked ‘Layette Donations’ in the narthex.

Needed:
- Undershirts
- Long/Short sleeve sleeping gowns
- Play and sleep coveralls
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Play outfits
- Crib Blankets/Quilts
- Blanket sleepers
- Sweater Sets
- Booties
- Socks
- Baby Wipes
- Disposable Diapers, sizes up to 18lbs

All items should be new and clothing sizes should be newborn to six months only.

Thanks in advance to our parish community for your generosity!

For more information visit the Diocesan website at: www.dsj.org/social-ministry/our-programs/respect-life-and-human-dignity/layette-program/ or contact Marianne Shallal at mcshallal@gmail.com.
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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THAT'S A NICE BOULDER

TALK to GOD

The Israelites were not happy campers (literally). And they were bold people. They had no issue complaining to Moses about their suffering. The reason they were wandering the desert for 40 years was because they complained. And yet God still answered them (even though they complained to Moses and he was the one to bring that message to God).

How’s your relationship with God? How much time do you spend in prayer? If it’s not really that much, what’s holding you back? It’s not easy to set aside time to spend with God but no one ever said that being a Christian was easy. No matter how you’re feeling, bring it to God. Whether you want to thank God, yell at God, blame God, whatever -God just wants you to come to Him honestly and sincerely. I think where the Israelites got it wrong in today’s first reading says they didn’t trust in God. They complained, but they did it in a way showing they barely wanted anything to do with God anymore. Isn’t that what some of us do? We don’t like what the Church says we’re supposed to do, so we do things our way on our own. But Jesus leads us by His example - He tells God He doesn’t want to suffer and die on the cross, but He still goes through with it, following His Father’s will (not from today’s readings).

So, what’s stopping your prayer life from taking the next step? If you don’t think you have time, then 1) make time and 2) get creative. Have prayer time in the car when you drive. Have it during a meal time. Have it with your coffee or tea. Have it in the shower (but keep it short because we’re still somewhat in a drought). Pray while you work out (or if you have time to work out, cut that down by 5 minutes and pray instead). Give up something that isn’t completely necessary (or give that thing less time) and replace it with prayer. If you really don’t want to give up TV, mute it during commercials and pray (for you Netflix users, pause it between shows). Waiting in line at a store? Pray while you wait (maybe the line will move quicker!). Whatever you do, the most important thing is to make it stick. Do it every single day. No matter what.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

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

Everyone is welcome to share in the feast of St. Joseph - the patron saint of the Universal Church and families!

- Donate and/or help distribute fresh produce to the less fortunate in our community.
- Bring meatless soup for the soup supper.
- Share a simple meal to remember those who go without on a regular basis, as well as to unite as one group with a common purpose.

St. Joseph’s Table is a collaborative effort by Middle School Ministry and the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF). For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.

RCIA: Scrutinies

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent there are rites of Christian Initiation called Scrutinies. Scrutinies are short rituals for self-searching and repentance as part of the preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion. They are intended to deepen the resolve of those who are to be initiated. Based on the gospel readings for those Sundays, they are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect, those selected for full initiation into the Catholic Church.

First Scrutiny - March 19th
The symbol for 1st Scrutiny is living Water, see the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4.5-42). We pray that the Elect may thirst for living water like the woman of Samaria and turn to the Lord as they hear His word.

Savitri Hardesty
Elizabeth Gonzalez
Lizette Gonzalez
Jennifer Lecheler
Adriana Montoya
Yesenia Agaton Garcia
Yesenia Aguilar
Isis Albarran
Oscar Arellano
Alina Cabrera
Brianna Caspary
Austin Foley

Evan Garcia
Alexander Jarquin
Elias Martinez-Campos
Isabella Martinez-Campos
José Mendoza
Samantha Mendoza Koval
Daniel Ramirez
Paulina Salinas
Sarah Villarruel

Celebrating the Rite of Election at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph

The Elect of St. Catherine Parish
During the Lenten Season please continue to keep the Elect in your prayers as they reflect and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Season.
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

COVER STORY CONTINUED......
The cookies are everyone’s favorite. Fig cakes in many lovely patterns, large and small; biscotti, various shapes and sizes iced in colors, flavored with almond, lemon, anise and other spices. The pignolati are pastry kernels molded with caramelized sugar into pyramids which represent the pine cones Jesus played with as a child. There are fluffy coconut bars and lambs. Bible shaped layer cakes and cannoli.
In addition to all the wheat products, there is a great display of fruits, vegetables, and a variety of seafood. No meat is ever served on a St. Joseph Table because the feast falls during Lent and also because meat was a rare commodity in Old Italy and Sicily. The few goats and cattle were retained for their milk and cheese.
Pasta Milanese is the leading entrée for the people who visit the table. The tomato sauce is made with a fish base, anchovy or fresh sardines, wild anise greens, pignola and currants topped with fried seasoned bread crumbs instead of cheese. Most of the vegetable are prepared as frittata. Stuffed artichokes, the carduni (cardoon) are delicious boiled, then dipped in a batter and fried.
A most important custom and a lovely one for the St. Joseph Day rites is that of having three people enact the roles of the Holy Family, a young child for Jesus, a young woman for Mary and an older man for Joseph. A table in is set especially for them and they are served a very small portion of each food. This is called ‘breaking the altar’ and it is solemnly observed with a priest’s blessing, usually accompanied by a prayer and a hymn. Then all the guests dine after the Holy Family has completed their meal. Then there is a joyful exchange of camaraderie among the guests and the age-old expression is frequently used - “May St. Joseph always smile on you!”
Finally, there is plenty of food for days, the remaining food is brought to an orphanage or a place where the poor are served a delicious meal.

Save the DATE for ST. CATHERINE’S GOLF CLASSIC
May 19th, 2017 Same Fun, Different Day!

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
The community of St. Catherine of Alexandria welcomes you to join in Holy prayer by reciting the Novena of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy as declared by our Pope St. John Paul II in celebration of the Divine Feast. The prayer is held in the church and is bilingual.

SCHEDULE
- GOOD FRIDAY 4/14 8-9A.M.
- HOLY SATURDAY 4/15 8-9A.M.
- EASTER SUNDAY 4/16 2-4P.M.
- MONDAY 4/17 9-930A.M./5:30-6:30P.M.
- TUESDAY 4/18 12-1P.M.
- WEDNESDAY 4/19 9-9:30A.M./6-6:30P.M.
- THURSDAY 4/20 9-9:30A.M./4:30-5:30P.M.
- FRIDAY 4/21 9-9:30A.M./5:30-6:30P.M.
- SATURDAY 4/22 9-9:30/5-5:30P.M.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS
Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists’ portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people’s expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today’s Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say “I thirst” before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “Where have you found a source of “living water” for your own journey of faith?”
Child: “Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?”

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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mark your calendars and join us for our Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 27th at 7:00pm.

"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 began March 8, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. We encourage everyone 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

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.

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!)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord’s table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn’t fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord’s Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the “casket” containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the “old rule of the church” as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

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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.

**ST. CATHERINE’S SPORTS CAMP**

Summer is almost here and so our wonderful Sports Camp! Registration is now open! Visit our website at www.stca.org for more information or to register. Camps begin June 19th and go through August 4th.

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**STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE**

*Thank you for your Offertory gifts*

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Weekly Offertory Collection Need (Budget): $22,546
Average Offertory Collection after 35 weeks this fiscal year YTD: $21,962
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Mar.): $27,558
Year to date Actual vs. Budget Difference: -$31,980

Year To Date Stewardship
July 1, 2016 to Mar. 5, 2017
Includes Christmas

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**St. Catherine School News**

**Operation Baby Love** was our February service project. Classes collected diapers and wipes to be distributed to moms in need. Our kindergarten class brought in the most items. Great job!

**LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS**

A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is available in the school lobby. If you are looking for special information about our Catholic faith or a book to inspire you to seek a closer relationship with Jesus, stop by and check out the selection. Just take the book with you and return it when you finish. If you have books about our faith and developing a relationship with Christ that you would like to share with others, just drop it off at the school office. We’ll put it on our list, include a note sheet and get it on the shelf. Pick up a great book to read for Lent!

**MISSION CARNIVAL**

Every year around the feast of St. Patrick the children of St. Catherine School hold a Mission Carnival. Each class sponsors a game or food booth and tickets are sold for a quarter each. Under the direction of the teachers and parents the games are run by the students. All the proceeds from the event are given to charity. This year the funds will be sent to the Learning and Loving Center (right here in Morgan Hill). We will also sponsor a student at Fr. Paul’s Awaso International School in Ghana.

Our Mission Carnival was held the afternoon of Friday, March 17th. Students wore green and they enjoyed face painting, fishing game, duck pond, cake walk, Dance Fever, videos games, food booths and more! Students also redeemed their prize tickets for a wide assortment of toys and prizes. This was a wonderful way for our students to show leadership and take active roles in helping others.

**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!

*Eighth graders hosted the first Stations of the Cross for Lent this year.*

**Lent... fast, pray and give alms.**