FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / CUATRO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

From the Desk of Rose Pucan-Meagor, Family Faith Formation Director ……

Close your eyes and imagine that is what you see every morning – complete darkness. You are blind. Imagine then rubbing your eyes and poof – you can see! It feels so amazing! The gospel story this week tells us about the man born blind. Jesus heals his blindness, rubbing his eyes with mud and then asking the man to rinse them off with water from a nearby pool of water. The man not only sees sunlight and the world around him, but he realizes that he also sees Jesus, the Light of the World. “I believe, Lord,” the man cries out and he worships him.

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Desde el escritorio de Rose Pucan-Meagor, Directora de Formacion de Fe …

Cierra los ojos e imagina que es lo que ves todas las mananas - completa oscuridad. Estas ciego. Imagine entonces frotarse los ojos y pum -se puede ver! Se siente tan increible! La historia del evangelio de esta semana nos habla del ciego nacido. Jesús cura su ceguera, se frota los ojos con barro y luego le pide al hombre que los enjuague con agua de una piscina cercana de agua. El hombre no sólo ve la luz del sol y el mundo a su alrededor, sino que se da cuenta de que tambien ve a Jesucristo, la Luz del Mundo. “Yo creo, Señor,” el hombre exclama y lo adora.

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SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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.

MASS / 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.)

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

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READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).


**RECENT DEPARTURES**

† Jose Antonio Hernandez
† Virginia Lomanto
† Anna Villano
† De Palma Grandchildren
† Don Spears
† Vickie Marcinkowski
† Joseph Ambrosi
† David Williamson
† Francisco Rocha
† Maximina Rocha
† Stephen Bailey
† Minerva Lomanto
† Joseph Ambrosi
† Virginia Lomanto
† Don Spears
† Minerva Lomanton
† Jose Antonio Hernandez

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday/Domingo, March 26**
- 7:00-1:00pm CR4-Kit Hospitality
- 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
- 1:00-4:00pm CH Passion through Music - practice
- 4:00-8:00pm CR1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep - meeting
- 4:15-5:30pm NUR Sunday Night Faith Sharing Group
- 4:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
- 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, March 27**
- 1:30-3:00pm CHR Stephen Ministry One-on-one meeting
- 6:00-7:00pm CR4-Kit Community Super
- 5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
- 5:30-6:30pm MC FF MSM Session
- 6:30-8:00pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Mankind Pray Group
- 6:30-9:00pm CR.1 Stephen Ministry Training Class
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm. 10, 11 Encuentro Matrimonial
- 7:00-9:00pm CH Lenten Mission

**Tuesday/Martes, March 28**
- 6:30-9:00pm CR1-2 Español - Clase Pre-Bautismal
- 6:30-9:00pm CR4-Kit KOC Assembly Meeting
- 7:00-9:00pm CH Lenten Mission

**Wednesday/Miercoles, March 29**
- 9:00-10:30am CR1 Women’s Group
- 12:00-6:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
- 3:00-5:00pm CH Pre-Baptism Class
- 5:30-6:30pm MC CH Children’s Choir
- 5:30-6:30pm MC CH Children’s Choir
- 6:00-9:00pm CR.1 Stephen Ministry Training Class
- 7:00-9:00pm CH Lenten Mission
- 7:00-9:00pm LR Formación Ministros de la comunión
- 7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA
- 7:30-9:30pm CR3-4 Alfa & Omega Grupo de Oracion
- 8:00-9:00pm NUR FiliAm Committee - meeting

**Thursday/Jueves, March 30**
- 8:00-9:15am CR1 Mom’s Book Club
- 2:30-3:00pm CH Stations of the Cross
- 5:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
- 6:30-7:30pm CR 4 - meeting with leaders
- 6:30-7:30pm MC Cub Scouts Den - meeting
- 6:30-8:30pm Rm. 11 Grupo Amigos MESA
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm. 10 RICA
- 7:00-9:00pm CR1-4 Grupo Solo Por Hoy A.A. Lectura

**Friday/Viernes, March 31**
- 9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
- 6:00-9:00pm CR4-Kit Soup Suppers
- 6:00-9:00pm CH Stations of the Cross

**Parish Office Closed**
- 9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
- 6:00-9:00pm CR4-Kit Soup Suppers
- 6:00-9:00pm CH Stations of the Cross

**Saturday/Sábado, April 1**
- 7:00am-10:00pm Sunday Night Faith Sharing Group
- 9:00-10:15am NUR Reunion Catecúmenos
- 8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play - practice

**8:15am Mass Intentions**
- Monday, March 27 † Anna Villano De Palma Grandchildren
- Tuesday, March 28 † Marion Bailey
- Wednesday, March 29 † Vickie Marcinkowski
- Thursday, March 30 † Joseph Ambrosi
- Friday, March 31 † Virginia Lomanton
- Saturday, April 1 † Don Spears
- † Maria N. Vargas
- † Alex Antonio Hernandez
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

This week we hear the second of three Gospels from John selected to inform the journey of those who will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. Last week the woman at the well received “living water” from Jesus. Today a man born blind received his sight. Vision here depicted as physical sight, is such a fundamental aspect of human living that unless we have a problem, perhaps a need for glasses, we take vision literally for granted. Just as living water sustains our life, so too does vision allow us to make our way, both physically but also spiritually. We say that those who are especially gifted have “a vision” which they share. In the engaging story of sight regained in the Gospel, we place ourselves in the story both as the man and his detractors who were unable and/or unwilling to see Jesus as sent from God. The man, understandably, did not know how he regained his sight except by crediting Jesus. The vision of the Pharisees continues to be blinded by their inability to see beyond the letter of the law. The back and forth between the man, his parents and the Pharisees reminds us of our own faith journey. We are gifted with faith which instills in us the truth of Jesus’ message of healing, mercy and forgiveness. But there are times when, like the man’s parents we are stymied when explaining our gift. We even sometimes encroach on Pharisaical literalism with our need for “certainty.” The last line of the Gospel is a masterful description of how our spiritual vision enables or precludes the gift of presence that Jesus is for us. When we allow the truth of Jesus to be felt joyfully without being able to verbalize it, we are people whose blindness has been lifted. Jesus tells the Pharisees seeking justification that their vision is too limited, so much so that they are blinded. By saying that they can “see” they instead remain stumbling, unable to see Jesus as God’s gift to all.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The lengthened sunshine we enjoy reminds us to adjust our thermostats and to open window coverings to let the sun provide free warmth. Even wearing short pants and shirts lessen the amount to be laundered. Small savings really add up the more we all pitch in.

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 ROSE.....

The gospel story is also the second of three key gospels for the “Scrutinies”, special rites celebrated during Lent by the “Elect” in our parish, those preparing for Baptism. What are scrutinies? To scrutinize means to look closely at something, to examine thoroughly. The scrutinies, thus, are opportunities for the Elect, through the gospel readings, to deeply reflect on their imperfections. Through ritual prayer and actions, the Elect are “delivered from the power of sin and Satan”, “protected against temptation”, and “strengthened by Christ” who is the Living Water (from last week’s gospel), the Light of the World (from today’s gospel) and the Resurrection and the Life (from next week’s gospel). As a parish community, let us pray that the Elect, like the man born blind, may be led into the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in Christ Jesus. Let us also pray that we too open our eyes to see Christ’s light, let it guide us to live a life of holiness, and allow us to “see” ourselves and others through God’s eyes – forever accepted, forever loved.

Blessings,
Rose

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.

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
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, by the rite of election and the scrutinies, are prepared for initiation at Easter. 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 baptism and the need for ritual cleansing.

FASTING RULES DURING LENT
During Lent, Catholics age 18 or older, 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 practice abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. On these days, from the day after one’s 14th birthday, all Catholics are bound by Church law to abstain from meat. For children younger than 14, pastors and parents should form them to have an authentic sense of penance, conversion, and reconciliation.

Holy Thursday environment change help needed
Join us on Thursday, April 13th between 9:00am and 12:00pm as we change the environment of the church from Lent to Holy Thursday and set up the parish center for Adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. Things that need to be done: taking down and putting away the lent environment; placing the palm trees, setting up the church for the Holy Thursday washing of the feet, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org for more information.

Easter Season environment change help needed
Join us as we prepare the environment of the church for the Easter Season on Saturday, April 15th from 8:00am until 11:00am. We will also be setting up and preparing the environment in the parish center for Easter Sunday Masses. Things that need to be done: decorating the baptismal font for baptisms during the Easter Vigil Mass, putting out the flags, hanging the swoops, steaming the altar cloth in the parish center, decorating the Church, church vestibule and parish center with Easter lilies, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org for more information.
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LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).
Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).
Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:4-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

¡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 estás 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:____________________________
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Ciudad:____________ Código postal:______
Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________

OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA
Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta mensual 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) Regístrese 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”

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSE
La historia del Evangelio es también el segundo de los tres evangelios clave de los "Escrutinios", ritos especiales celebrados durante la Cuaresma por los "Elegidos" en nuestra parroquia, los que se preparan para el Bautismo. ¿Qué son los escrutinios? Escudriñar significa mirar de cerca algo, examinar a fondo. Los escrutinios, por lo tanto, son oportunidades para los elegidos, a través de las lecturas del evangelio, de reflexionar profundamente sobre sus imperfecciones. A través de la oración y las acciones rituales, los elegidos son "liberados del poder del pecado y de Satanás", "protegidos de la tentación" y fortalecidos por Cristo que es el Agua Viva (símbolo del evangelio de la semana pasada), la Luz del Mundo (símbolo del evangelio de esta semana), y la Resurrección y la Vida (símbolo del evangelio de la próxima semana). Como comunidad parroquial, oremos para que los elegidos, como el ciego, puedan ser llevados al reino de la luz por el don de la fe en Cristo Jesús. Oremos también para que abrimos nuestros ojos para ver la luz de Cristo, que nos guíe a vivir una vida de santidad y nos permita "vernos" a nosotros mismos ya los demás a través de los ojos de Dios - siempre aceptado, siempre amado.

Bendiciones,
Rose
CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES
DE MARZO
Sábado, Marzo 25
- Esmeralda Mendoza Hernandez
- Sofia Ciprez
Domingo, Marzo 26
- María Ann Díaz
- Ricardo Sandoval

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

Esta semana recordamos el nacimiento de uno de nuestros propios héroes: César Estrada Chávez, quien nació en Arizona en 1927 y falleció en Los Ángeles, California en 1993. El racismo y la injusticia de su tiempo, obligaron a él y su familia a salir de su natal Arizona, pues sus padres perdieron sus tierras a causa de unos malhechores. En 1938 el destino lo llevó a Los Ángeles, al barrio “Sal, si puedes”.

Con la ayuda de Dolores Huerta y otras personas, en 1962 fundó el movimiento sindical de campesinos que daría a luz a United Farm Workers para protestar por las injusticias que nuestro pueblo sufría en los viñedos, situación que bien puede describirse como barbarie. Muchos se unieron a la “huelga” y al boicoteo de uvas bajo la bandera roja del águila azteca y el estandarte de Guadalupe. De esta manera, con símbolos de nuestro origen indígena y religioso, César nos enseñó que “Sí se puede” salir adelante.

En dos ocasiones, en 1972 y en 1988 respectivamente, debido a que algunos compañeros del movimiento querían incurrir en la violencia para salir adelante, César hizo un ayuno de 24 y 36 días respectivamente. De esta manera exhortó una vez más a todo el movimiento de que sólo mediante el trabajo, la fe y el sacrificio se pueden lograr las cosas. ¡Sí se puede!

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.

FACEBOOK
Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra página en: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-
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SAN VICENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA
La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por más 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 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 EUCHARISTIA
El jueves 6 de Abril tenemos la expilación 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 a 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

BBQ y Danza de Texas
- Presentado por los Caballeros de Colón
- Carne de res y pollo estilo Texas, frijoles de estilo rancho, y pan tostado estilo de Texas
- Bebidas a la venta: cerveza, vino por el vaso o la botella, bebidas mezcladas, refrescos y Caballero Especial Tex / Mex Sangría
- Música “country”, baile y espectáculo, concursos y sorpresas
- Centro Parroquial de Santa Catalina, Sábado 29 de Abril de 2017 6-11 PM
- $60 por persona

Los boletos pueden ser comprados en www.stca.org o después de la misa el 1-2 de abril o 22-23 de abril.

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

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 esperamos.

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**.

The Layette Program began in our diocese in 1955 to assist low-income mothers and their newborn babies. When a Public Health nurse identifies a needy mother, her baby receives a layette from this program, valued at approximately $400. The Layette Program serves the needs of new moms and their babies from East Palo Alto down to South County. Our own community is greatly helped by this program.

The Handmaids have donated to the Layette Program the past two years and we want to share this wonderful program with our parish by asking parishioners to prayerfully consider donating baby items. The summer months are upon us and donations are running low. We collect layette items in May and deliver donations to the center.

Any handmade baby blankets, quilts, bibs, booties etc. are gladly accepted along with items purchased from the list in the next column.

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!

First off, my apologies for the graphic in last week’s page. That thing was of extremely poor quality—so horribly pixelated. I didn’t realize it when I submitted it—it didn’t look that bad on my screen. Moving on…

Come to Church

This might seem like an unnecessary statement to make in a bulletin, which is most often read by the parishioners who come to Mass. However, I don’t mean come to church for Mass (which you already do—you go Glenn Coco!). I’m talking about outside of that time.

Our parish is one of those awesome ones that keeps the doors to the church open from morning til night. Why do we keep the doors open? For you. It is for you to come and spend some time with God. But Deepu, I find God outside, in nature.

Listen, the National Geographic Channel doesn’t count as being in nature. But, you are right, God is in nature—He’s in everything, because He created everything. You can experience and feel God’s presence outside of the church—and well you should. The more often we keep our minds on God, the more often we will see God in the world, and the more often we will treat others better and do God’s work.

But in any relationship, real presence is way better than the things that can help us feel their presence. If you have a loved one who lives far away, you can talk to them on the phone and hear their voice. You can video call them and see their face. But everyone in the world will agree that it doesn’t compare to actually being with them.

And you know where you can find the real presence of God? You got it, in the church. Jesus’ actual, physical presence is in the Eucharist. And Jesus is hanging out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except for Good Friday), in the tabernacle. So just, come. Be. Sure, you can spend time with God outside of the church, but there is something so peaceful, so calming, about coming to the church when there’s hardly anyone in it.

It’s not easy. There’s so many other things to get done. There are so many people pulling at our arms, taking up our time. It is much easier to just do a prayer wherever you are—and that’s awesome and great, and way better than not praying at all. But our Catholic faith teaches us, just as Jesus told us, that He is present in the bread and wine. And everyday, at every Mass (yeah, there’s Mass every day), the bread and wine is consecrated into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

No, it’s not just a symbol.

No, Jesus didn’t mean it figuratively.

Just, no.

Yes, it still tastes, smells, looks, and feels like bread and wine. But the substance becomes Jesus. If you don’t believe that, then you’ve got some serious praying to do (oh, guess where you can go to pray!). I don’t mean that in a judgmental way—I sometimes still have a hard time grasping this belief—but I still believe it. It’s not because I believe everything the Catholic Church teaches blindly—but everything I’ve read about it just makes sense (and even if it didn’t make total sense, isn’t that what faith is about?).

So come spend time with Jesus. Don’t do it for me. Don’t do it for your family. Do it for God. Do it for you. ish) Adults!

We’ve got our Bible Reflection this Wednesday night. We hold it at my house at 8pm.
The Scrutinies

Invitation to Silent Prayer
One of the most powerful moments of the Scrutinies is how they begin. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to bow or kneel down. The whole assembly is then invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment. Our community has cared for these elect for some months now on their journey. We have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

Intercessions for the Elect
We then pray out loud together for the Elect.

Prayer of Exorcism
Then, we pray that they might be freed from the power of the Evil One and protected on their journey.

The Laying On of Hands
In a silent ritual deliberately reminiscent of the rite used for ordination in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest or deacon lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them.

Dismissal of the Elect
The Elect are then sent forth to reflect upon the Word.

Source:  http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/scrutiny-1.html

As a parish community, we gather to share a simple meal of meatless soup and bread on the Fridays of Lent. It is an opportunity to remember those who go without on a regular basis, as well as to unite as one group with a common purpose.

March 31 and April 7
6:00 - 7:00 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)
6:30 - 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
7:30 - 8:30 pm Stations of the Cross (English)
Sign up on I-Volunteer to bring soup and/or help serve.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT
The future king, David, in today’s first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God’s anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today’s Gospel. David’s family and the blind man’s community did not expect the miraculous grace of God’s love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were “blinded” by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to “see” the presence of God’s will for them. Both became messengers of God’s will. That same Spirit of God’s anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as “children of the light.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the Eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today’s custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone’s surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church’s history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ’s sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn’t a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?”

Child: “How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?”

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

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"
BEGINNS 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

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.

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.

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!)

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.

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.

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 every Wednesday 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
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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OVER 50’S LUNCHEONS

Join the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly luncheon at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Bring a dish to share and canned goods for Reach Out. The schedule -

April 24th
May 15th

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your Offertory gifts.

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Weekly Offertory Collection Need (Budget) $22,948
Average Offertory Collection after 36 weeks this fiscal year YTD $22,085
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Mar.) $25,631
Year to date Actual vs. Budget Difference -$31,226

Year To Date Stewardship
July 1, 2016 to Mar. 12, 2017
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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!

Our eWaste event was a great success. Third grade won the bottle recycling contest. Thanks to all for their support!

ACCREDITATION
St. Catherine School is dual accredited through the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The accreditation process requires that we complete a comprehensive self study and have a school visit from an accreditation team every six years. From that self study goals are developed. Part of that self study includes setting school-wide learning expectations for students by the time they graduate. Ours are listed below. We are currently working on the goals from our last visit.

St. Catherine graduates are:
Competent readers, writers and speakers
Organizers, evaluators & analyzers of information
Utilizers of technology
Grounded in faith and the teachings of Jesus
Active responsible members of the community
Respectful of themselves, others and God’s creation
Stewards of the environment

LOOKING FOR LEGOS
Do you have Legos stashed in a cupboard or stored in the garage that you no longer use? St. Catherine School is seeking Lego blocks for use with our Little Bits program. Little Bits are electronic building blocks for children in grades 2-5. Students learn circuitry, coding and engineering skills as they build a variety of devices. Legos are interchangeable with Little Bits allowing students to build more complex projects. If you are looking for a happy home for your old Legos, you can drop them off at St. Catherine School. Our students and teachers thank you!

BOXTOP NEWS
St. Catherine School saves Boxtops for Education to help fund our Drama Program. You can send in your boxtops with any St. Catherine student or drop them off at the school office.