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

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

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

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Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

From the Desk of Fr. Randy Valenton, Parochial Vicar……..

"There is no true evangelization without action on behalf of justice"

Lenten season is a good time for us to reflect about the importance of justice. The theme of justice is pervasive in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, and the scriptures make clear that justice is not optional but rather core to the message of the Bible. The premise of any understanding of justice in the Bible is the dignity of the human person, because every person is created in the likeness and image of God. This concept comes directly from the Book of Genesis:

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Desde el escritorio de Padre Randy Valenton, sacerdote...

La temporada cuaresmal es un buen momento para reflexionar sobre la importancia de la justicia. El tema de la justicia es presente en las escrituras hebreas y cristianas, y las escrituras aclaran que la justicia no es opcional, sino más bien fundamental para el mensaje de la Biblia. Lo fundamental de cualquier comprensión de la justicia en la Biblia es la dignidad de la persona humana, porque cada persona es creada en la semejanza e imagen de Dios. Este concepto viene directamente del Libro del Génesis: "Y creó Dios a la hombre a su imagen; a imagen de Dios los creó". (Génesis 1:27). La palabra y el concepto de justicia en la Biblia hebreah significan una relación correcta.

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SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, April 9
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
11:00-4:00pm MC RCIC Parent/Child Retreat
12:15-2:15pm MC Palm Sunday Procession
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
4:00-5:00pm CR1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep - meeting
4:15-5:30pm CR 4 Sunday Night Faith Sharing Group
5:00-7:00pm Rm. 8 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-8:30pm CH Passion through Music - practice

Monday/Lunes, April 10
1:30-3:00pm CH Stephen Ministry One-one meeting
6:00-7:00pm ISD&K Community Super
5:30-7:00pm CH Holy Thursday Rehearsal
6:00-8:00pm NUR Stitching Group
7:00-8:00pm LR Finance Committee - meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo Reunion
7:30-8:30pm CR1-2 Confirmation - Parent retreat info mtg
7:30-9:30pm MC English - Pre-Baptism Class

Tuesday/Martes, April 11
6:00-7:30pm CH Danza Litúrgica Practice
5:00-6:00pm ISD&K KOC Council Meeting
6:00-7:00pm ISD&K RCIC Parent/Child Session
6:30-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC Parent/Child Session

Wednesday/Miercoles, April 12
9:00-10:30am CR1 Women’s Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
12:45-4:00pm CR1-4 School’s Talent Show Auditions
3:00-5:00pm CHM, Rm 8 FF MSM Session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:00-6:30pm MC FF MSM Session
6:00-7:00pm Rm 11 Cub Scout Den 1 - meeting
6:00-6:30pm CH Monaguillos - Practica
6:30-7:30pm DC Edge
6:30-7:50pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Mankind Pray Group
6:30-8:30pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir
6:30-9:00pm CH Horas Santa
6:30-7:30pm CH Alfa & Omega Charismatic Group
7:00-9:00pm NUR CCS Amigos Retreat Prep - meeting

Thursday/Jueves, April 13
8:00-9:15am CR1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep - meeting
7:30-9:00pm CH Bilingual Holy Thursday Mass

Friday/Viernes, April 14
11:00-1:45PM CR1-2 Mama’s Book Club
2:00-2:30pm CH The Passion through Music
6:00-7:00pm CH Obra de la Pasión de Cristo
7:00-9:00pm CH Servicio de Viernes Santo

Saturday/Sábado, April 15
8:30-10:00pm CH Easter Vigil Mass

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10  † Virginia Lomanto
† Cynthia Duffy
Tuesday, April 11  De Palma Grandchildren
† Alfredo Rodriguez
Wednesday, April 12  † Maria Nguyen
† James Tran
Thursday, April 13
Friday, April 14
Saturday, April 15

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How will you try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this holy week?”

Child: “What could you do to show respect for Jesus this week as the church remembers his death and resurrection?”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)
First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday:  Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:  Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:  Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:  Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 18:1 — 19:22
Saturday:  a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bc; 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday:  Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
Palm Sunday readings present us with a stark contrast. The Gospel at the procession (if there is one) speaks of the people strewing branches (we use palm leaves) before Jesus as he enters Jerusalem riding on a colt. He is acclaimed as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy that their king would come in triumph. The Gospel Passion narrative tells of the complete reversal of Jesus’ reception. Some of the same people who shouted “Hosanna” as he entered will shout “crucify him” within the week. We don’t use such extremes in our personal reflection of who Jesus is for us. Nevertheless we do suffer swings in our relationship with him. It is human nature to vacillate, to feel Jesus with us in moments of prayer or goodness; but also to sense an absence or even an abandonment in times when we feel alone. Calm reflection reminds us that Jesus is always with us, ever present, but it is we who wander away or lose focus on the one who loves and saved us. The very fact of our vacillation need not dismay us, in fact it can be a reminder which leads and guides us to reflect on the cause of our discomfort. Often the sense of Jesus being distant from us comes from our own desire to achieve a desired outcome in our lives that doesn’t seem to be happening. We make our own judgment of how our life should proceed instead of remembering to offer ourselves in humility to the moment at hand. Delaying any expectation of a final outcome by placing ourselves, where we always are but forget, in the presence of the risen one. When we accept the invitation to remember we are accompanied by our savior and our God, time slows down. We internalize our “Hosanna in the highest” that chases away the anxiety of the feeling of abandonment. This Holy Week, filled with emotional reactions to the historical events, remember … Jesus died that we may live.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Something as simple as clothes shopping is an opportunity to be green. First examine need versus desire, not buying simply to have but rather to fulfill a need helps when we avoid just filling our closets. Choosing clothing that can be laundered at home not at the cleaners helps too.

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. RANDY…..
"So God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created them." (Genesis 1:27). The word and concept of justice in the Hebrew Bible mean right relationship. 

Catholic social teaching emphasizes the inherent connection between religion and public behavior, and prompts its hearers to go beyond charity to changing systems through advocacy and justice. Christian spirituality is the lived encounter with Jesus Christ in the Spirit. An authentic Christian spirituality is based on relationship with God, which is expressed through right relationship with others. Thus, action for justice is a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the gospel and an essential rather than a peripheral element of an authentic spirituality.

Fulfilling our Christian call by living out our scriptures and caring for one mother, me specially the poor and the needy, develops our spirituality which is the lived encounter with Jesus Christ in the Spirit. Any authentic spirituality must reach out to everyone. To turn Christian spirituality into anything that does not include action of justice is to deform the heart of the message of Christ.
PALM SUNDAY

LITURGY

Liturgical Ministers Needed

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

Environment Coordinator for the Church and Parish Center. Please contact Diana-Lynn at dinderhees@jsj.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 each Mass. Do you have a few minutes before Mass? You are welcome to greet your fellow parishioners and guest to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

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

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

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

Liturgical Ministry and Contact

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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@jsj.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@jsj.org for more information.

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
DOMINGO DE RAMOS

LECTURAS DE HOY

Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

Primera lectura — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedará confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).


LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves: Misa del crisma: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21
Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22 -23; 1:3-4 o 1 Cor 5:6-8b; Jn 20:1-9 o Mt 28:1-10 o (en la Misa de la tarde o la noche) Lc 24:13-35

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE PADRE RANDY

La enseñanza social católica enfatiza la conexión directa entre la religión y el comportamiento público, y lleva a su audiencia a ir más allá de la caridad a los sistemas cambiantes a través de la abogacía y la justicia. La espiritualidad cristiana es el encuentro vivido con Jesucristo en el Espíritu. Una espiritualidad cristiana se basa en la relación con Dios, que se expresa a través de la correcta relación con los demás. Así, la acción por la justicia es una dimensión fundamental de la predicación del Evangelio y un elemento esencial más que un elemento exterior de una espiritualidad auténtica.

Cumpliendo nuestro llamado cristiano, viviendo nuestras escrituras, especialmente a los pobres y necesitados, desarrolla nuestra espiritualidad que es el encuentro vivo con Jesucristo en el Espíritu. Cualquier espiritualidad auténtica debe llegar a todos. Convertir la espiritualidad cristiana en algo que no incluye la acción de la justicia es deformar el corazón del mensaje de Cristo.

GRUPO DE FAMILIA AL-ANON RAYITO DE LUZ

Este grupo invita a personas que tengan familiares o amigos que sufren la enfermedad del alcoholismo a sus sesiones aquí en Morgan Hill, son los jueves de 7 a 9 de la noche en: 16890 Church St #16, comunicarse con Juanita para más información con Juanita al tél. (408)706-8361.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

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

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!
¡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(s): ______________________________________
____________________________________
Dirección: ______________________________________
____________________________________
Ciudad: ________________________________
Código postal: _____________
Número teléfono: _______________________
Email: ______________________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución? 
_____Yes   _____No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia? 
_____Yes   _____No

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Vía crucis en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción es también conocida como el Sermón de tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesuita Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra de Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efigie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo al sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados.

MIRA

El pesar mira hacia atrás, la preocupación mira alrededor, la fe mira hacia arriba.

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
DOMINGOS DE RAMOS

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

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".

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 Calina, 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? Inscribise 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 5 de Mayo 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.

CENAS COMUNITARIAS
Usted y su familia son cordialmente invitados a la Iglesia de Santa Catalina todos los lunes de 6:00pm - 7:00pm para recibir una cena caliente y totalmente gratuita. La cena se lleva acabo en el centro parroquial. ¡Los esperamos!
- Los martes la Iglesia Luterana sirve la cena de 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6:00pm-7:00pm.

GRUPO AMIGOS
Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.
SO HOW DOES IT WORK?

Simple! On Easter Sunday, April 16th we will receive your special Easter Offerings during each of our masses. Between now and then, please prayerfully consider what you will give above and beyond your regular Sunday offertory giving.

We have provided special Easter envelopes and are encouraging everyone to come prepared to give on Easter Sunday. We are confident that if everyone does their part we will hit our goal of $48,500.

If you’re going to be out of town Easter Sunday or if you’d like to go ahead and give now, you can do so online at www.stca.org. It’s simple, safe and secure.

*Your generous support is a true blessing and we are grateful!*

**Easter Season of Giving Offering Prayer**

God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of this season of giving. You gave us a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in service always, in every season and especially this Easter season.

Amen.

**The best Mother’s Day gift: A spiritual bouquet**

Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available on the tables around the inside of the Church. These envelopes are wonderful for remembering mothers everywhere – living or deceased. It is a great opportunity to have them remembered during Mass in our Church on Mother’s Day.

Please drop the completed return envelope in the offertory basket TODAY or take it to the Parish office before our Mother’s Day mass on Sunday, May 14th.

You may pick up a spiritual bouquet Mother’s Day card, available at the parish rectory, and send it to your mother. There is no better gift that can be given than the gift of prayers. Your donation is appreciated. Please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org for more information.
Happy Palm Sunday!

Today, please go around and give, not just a high five, but the highest of fives. What an amazing turn of events that happens in this next week. Jesus comes into town, being welcomed by many of the people. And by the end of the week, most of them are nowhere to be seen. And yet, Jesus still goes through all that torture, betrayal, abandonment, and death, for all those people. For us. We often talk about Jesus’ love for us. But I think we often feel separated from Jesus because He is God, and so His sacrifice is almost expected, instead of truly appreciated. When someone says, “Jesus died for us,” what’s your reaction? How do you respond? Is it with a “Yeah, I know,” or is it with complete awe and wonderment?

Do you stare at the crucifix in disbelief, not being able to imagine how someone could go through all of that, in an act of complete selflessness?

Yes, Jesus is God. But He is 100% human, and in His humanity He felt every whip, every lash, and every hammer of the nail. He didn’t use His divinity to diminish or reduce the pain, because anything less would have taken away from the full effect of the sacrifice He made.

So Jesus doesn’t just deserve our palms. He doesn’t deserve just the highest of fives. Jesus deserves the Almighty Five.
Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We hear about how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt and the crowds cheered him as their king. They did not understand the type of king that Jesus was to be. We remember Jesus’ Last Supper and ache with him as the events lead to Jesus’ death on the cross. When Jesus died, the soldier who watched him die acknowledged that he was the Son of God.

During Holy Week, consider reading part of the Passion each night together as a family. Shorter readings will allow for time for reflection and questions regarding the events that are described. You may want to display a crucifix in the family prayer corner as reminder of Jesus’ sacrifice and love for us. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”

Following is a suggested reading schedule of the Passion as found in Matthew’s Gospel:

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11
Monday: Matthew 26:14-25
Tuesday: Matthew 26:26-35
Wednesday: Matthew 26:36-56
Thursday: Matthew 26:57 - 27:14
Friday: Matthew 27:15-54

End the prayer time together by praying the Our Father or by listening to a hymn such as “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”.


The Paschal Triduum (Latin for “three days”), commemorates Christ’s journey from death, burial and resurrection into new life. It is actually a single event, but divided into three different parts: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil.

There is so much that happens during those three days. For each of the days, consider highlighting a central event or belief and reinforce it with a family devotion or activity. Following are some ideas:

**Holy Thursday:** The focus can be the Last Supper and the Eucharist. That evening, before attending the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, serve a simple meal with bread and soup. Explain that just as bread feeds our bodies, the Bread of Life -- Jesus Christ -- gives us his body -- the Eucharist -- to feed our souls. Read 1 Cor 11:23-26 and explain that our priests, who will celebrate Mass later that evening, are carrying on the work of Christ and why you are thankful for their ministry to the church and family.

**Good Friday:** Since this is one of the most solemn and important days of the liturgical year, consider taking the day (or at least part of the day) off work and school. Attend the Good Friday Liturgy and watch the Passion Play. Both will be in English and in Spanish.

**Easter Vigil:** Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of lighting a new fire, blessing of the Paschal candle, hearing the Easter proclamation and celebrating baptism are all parts of this special Mass. Earlier in the day, gather for a reading from the Gospels about Jesus’ suffering, crucifixion and resurrection. Share about why you are thankful for the great gift of salvation and ask your children why they are thankful for Jesus' death on the cross.

Adapted from “Highlight Triduum Events with Family Activities”, Our Sunday Visitor blog by Carl Olson, https://www.osv.com.
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.
- Sunday 4/23 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Seminar, Rosary, Adoration, Benediction, and Divine Mercy Chaplet

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OVER 50’S LUNCHEONS
Join the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly lunch-eon 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
"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

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
You're invited to attend the Annual Ghana Gala! Father Paul Mensah will be visiting St. Catherine Church in May. He will give us the update on the progress of the Awaso Academy and he, also, would like to thank you for the support that has made this progress possible. It is always uplifting to hear the difference our support has made in the lives of the Awaso community!
The Annual Ghana Gala
Saturday, May 20th
O’Donnell Parish Center

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Are you interested in volunteering? Visit our website at www.stca.org, click on VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES on the right to see and sign up for various volunteer options.
Many hands makes light work.

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!)

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.”

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.

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.
PALM SUNDAY

Parish Goal: $217,091

Total  $198,330  91%
Week 9  417
$178,329  82%
386
$161,573  74%
353
$140,500  65%
273
$102,903  47%
203
$75,953  35%
151
$44,310  20%
79
# of Contributors

Stewardship of Treasure
Thank you for your support!

Volunteer Opportunity
Are you interested in helping us prepare our Easter and Christmas mailing? It will require no previous experience just a couple of hours twice a year? If you are interested, please email Maria Dominguez at mdominguez@dsj.org to be added to our list of volunteers for our mailings.

The Cross
We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through whom we are saved and delivered.
—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Roman Missal

Resurrection to Come
But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust.
—Walter Raleigh

Italian Catholic Federation
Branch #435
Saturday April 22 @ 6:30 PM
O’Donnell Parish Center
Tickets: Adults - $15
Children 6 to 12 - $6
Children 5 and under - Free
Purchase Tickets after Mass or online at www.stca.org
Proceeds benefit St. Catherine Church Renewal
Questions? Call Giulia Gallego 408-683-2551

Stewardship of Treasure
Year to Date Stewardship
July 1, 2016 to Mar. 19, 2017
Includes Christmas

Year to Date Collections
Budget Year to Date

Year to Date
$921,235

$878,563

March 19, 2017
Weekly Sunday Offertory Collection: This Week Year to Date
- Weekend Masses $17,258 $688,252
- eGiving via ParishPay, PayPal & Evergive $3,901 $125,590
- Total $21,159 $813,843
Weekly Offertory Collection Need (Budget) $22,948
Average Offertory Collection after 37 weeks this fiscal year YTD $21,996
Average Offertory Collection (Month of Mar.) $24,014
Year to date Actual vs. Budget Difference -$37,393
Mission Carnival was a rousing success.
Students enjoyed the games, food and camaraderie of raising funds for the Awaso School and Learning and Loving Center!

The school office will be closed for Easter Break April 14-21. Classes resume Mon., April 24.

**St. Catherine School News**

**HOLY WEEK**

On Holy Thursday students will spend the day focused on the high holy days of the Triduum. Students will reflect on readings from Hebrew Scripture which foreshadow the Last Supper of Jesus. After a short prayer service highlighting the Hebrews escape from Egypt, each class will enjoy a mini-meal representative of a Seder.

Classes will then participate in Living Stations of the Cross prepared by our 8th grade to commemorate Christ’s passion and death. This will be followed by reflection and a grade appropriate activity on the Resurrection.

In planning the day to cover the Triduum, students will be prepared to fully participate as they attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies with their families.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after... that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Psalm 24

**FIELD TRIPS**

Throughout the year each grade enjoys field trips that tie in with what they are learning in class. From geometry lessons at Levi Stadium to seeing how specialty items are produced on site at DiBrito Chocolate Factory, students learn from experiencing new things.

Classes visit such places as Gizdich Ranch where they pick apples and make apple juice, a fire station to learn about community workers, The Rosecrucian Museum to see actual remnants of an ancient culture, and St. Joseph Cathedral to learn about religious symbols and the history of the Church in Santa Clara County. Many classes visit museums, parks and government facilities, as well. All of these experiences bring what students are learning in the classroom to life.

**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.

Are you an online shopper? Log in to http://www.boxtops4education.com/ and shop your favorite stores through the Boxtops' link. The school earns boxtops for every purchase you make through its website! Thanks for your support!