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.

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal……..

As we hit our stride with summer, children are still cheering at not having to get up early, and parents have mixed feelings of joy for the summer pace and frustration for needing to keep children busy 24/7 for ten weeks. Summer can be a great time for children to explore and experience new ideas while letting some of the things they learned during the school year soak in.

As an educator, my focus is often on academics and maintaining skills. In looking back at my childhood, I realize that many of my best summer experiences were either serendipitous or at times when I just slowed down and had time to really enjoy the moment. That includes spiritual growth as well.

My family spent much of the summer camping at lakes or the beach. I loved being outside and enjoying God’s beautiful creation. (Continued on Page 3)
**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).


**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Monday**: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday**: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday**: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday**: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday**: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday**: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday**: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

**THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

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**8:15am Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 10**
- Ramon Muñoz
- Ramona Muñoz

**Tuesday, July 11**
- Pete Faldetta
- Carmen Muñoz

**Wednesday, July 12**
- Elfrieda Randenbach
- Jose Manuel Plascensia

**Thursday, July 13**
- Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
- Ramon Muñoz

**Friday, July 14**
- Beatrix Fernandez
- Cruz Gonzalez

**Saturday, July 15**
- Gianna Kathalina Guevara
- Agnes Tran
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Perhaps the final words of today’s Gospel are among the most consoling, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest … for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” In simple terms Jesus tells us that what he asks of us is not so much tasks to be performed in order to be his disciples, instead it is forming the will to love each other. Jesus’ promise to be with us ensures us that we are never alone, not even in our direst straits. Pondering the apparent simplicity of his call as opposed to seeing it as a task beyond our capacity … therein lies the foundation of our spiritual journey. Earlier in the reading we hear a startling declaration, Father “although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.” We are not to achieve understanding simply by acquiring knowledge, although knowledge is helpful. We are placed in contact with the person of Jesus by making sure that we become “little ones.” This is Jesus’ way of describing the inability of the studied Jewish leaders to see the truth of Jesus’ message while even the unwashed Gentiles find in Him the truth speaker he is. In our time we too have those same possibilities, do we rest on what we “know” or do we remain open to hear words which draw us in wonder to our Savior? There is some of both in us, it is a challenge to find our knowledge as a support and our openness as our bedrock. It is often said that God is a god of surprises; what could be more surprising than the gift of faith we are freely given, given with no requirements but instead a growing awareness that in the simple act of love we most perfectly come to understand that our journey of discipleship is rooted in our ability to love one another. It is only when we experience how loving fulfills us in ways nothing else can that we enjoy being “little ones” in preference to being “wise and learned.” But lets not make this a competition, we’re all on the same path. Learning and growing each time we go out of ourselves on behalf of another. Jesus showed us the way, help us to follow.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Remember when your Mom patched a tear in your play clothes? A green action for sure. Adopt an attitude that we should repair rather than replace … whether it be clothing, electronic devices or whatever. We do this when we take our car to the shop and wait to replace it. Keep it up.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF FABIENNE….

We spent many of our days swimming, boogie boarding, water skiing and hiking. My sense of awe at the sights and sounds of the outdoors helped me to develop an appreciation for the wonders of the world and the need to take care of this planet God gave us. Each afternoon, my mom would have us take a break after lunch. My brothers would take naps and my sisters and I would read. Those quiet times allowed me to reflect on all kinds of things.

I remember our many camping trips to El Capitan Beach. Sunday mornings we would put on our cleanest clothes, hop in the car and head for mass at Santa Barbara Mission. It was so cool to be in that grand old mission and stroll its grounds afterward. On another vacation with my own children, we were camping at New Mexico. Sunday morning we drove into the nearest town to attend mass. The church was a small adobe structure and all the masses were in Spanish, but the friendly people welcomed us. Vacations don’t mean you need to miss Mass. They are a great opportunity to join with the local community and customs for Sunday worship whether in a beautiful cathedral in Europe, an old mission in the southwest, or just a local parish church.

With so many wonderful Bible, sports and arts camps available, don’t forget that it is a great time for service. You can have your children assist in planning a family service project and everyone will feel good about helping others. Strike up some lively discussions about what God means to you or how you see Jesus’ love in others.

Enjoy the summer. Keep those children reading, writing and using their math. Celebrate Sunday liturgy as a family wherever you are. Take time to reflect with your children. And, St. Catherine School students, we’re looking forward to seeing you again in August!

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.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the “Wife of Bath,” by this telling remark: “Husbands at church door she had five.” Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride’s home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren’t too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride’s family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride’s father to the priest’s authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren’t quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

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A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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DESPERATION

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

—James Denney
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Nuestro Salvador es un pacífico-
dor que reina hasta los confines de la tierra
(Zacarías 9:9-10).

Salmo — Siempre bendeciré tu nombre, mi rey y mi
Dios (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Si por el Espíritu matan las
obras de la carne, vivirán en el Espíritu de Dios
(Romanos 8: 9, 11-13).

Evangelio — Vengan a mí los que se sientan car-
gados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviaré (Mateo
11:25-30).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  Gn 28:10-22a; Sal 91 (90):1-4, 14-15ab;
       Mt 9:18-26
Martes:  Gn 32:23-33; Sal 17 (16):1b, 2-3, 6-7ab,
       8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles:  Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
            Sal 33 (32):2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves:  Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5;
         Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes:  Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19,
        27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado:  Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a;
       Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo: Is 55:10-11; Sal 65 (64):10-14;
         Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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 Cristia-
na de 6:00pm-7:00pm.

TRABAJO DIGNO

Debo pensar que hay trabajo debajo mío, pues
Jesús fue carpintero por treinta años y José
toda su vida.
—Charles de Foucauld

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIENNE

Con mi familia ibamos mucho a campar en lagos o en
la playa - por el verano. Me encantó estar afuera y
disfrutar de la hermosa creación de Dios. Pasamos
muchos de nuestros días nadando, esquí acuático, y
excursiones. Mi sentido de admiración por las vistas y
los sonidos del aire libre me ayudó a desarrollar un
aprecio por las maravillas del mundo y la necesidad
de cuidar este planeta que Dios nos dio. Cada tarde,
mi mamá nos hizo tomar un descanso después del
almuerzo. Mis hermanos tomaban siestas y mis her-
manas y yo leíamos. Aquellos momentos tranquilos
me permitieron reflexionar sobre todo tipo de cosas.

Recuerdo nuestros muchos viajes de campamento a
la playa de El Capitan. Los domingos por la mañana
nos pondríamos nuestra ropa más limpia, íbamos en
el coche y nos dirigiríamos a la misa en la Misión de
Santa Bárbara. Fue tan genial estar en esa gran y
vieja misión y pasear por sus jardines después. En
otras vacaciones con mis propios hijos, estábamos
campanando en Nuevo México. El domingo por la
mañana fuimos al pueblo más cercano para asistir a la
misión. La iglesia era una pequeña estructura de adobe
y todas las masas estaban en español, pero la gente
amable nos recibió. Las vacaciones no significan que
debas perder la misa. Son una gran oportunidad para
unirte a la comunidad local y las costumbres para el
domingo, ya sea en una hermosa catedral de Europa,
a una antigua misión o simplemente una iglesia parro-
quial local.

Con tantos maravillosos estudios de la Biblia, depor-
tes y artes disponibles, no olvide que es un gran mo-
mento para el servicio. Usted puede hacer que sus
hijos ayuden en un proyecto de servicio familiar y to-
dos se sentirán bien ayudando a otros. Emita discu-
siones animadas sobre lo que Dios significa para us-
ted o cómo ve el amor de Jesús en los demás.

Disfruta el verano. Mantenga a esos niños leyendo,
escribiendo y usando sus matemáticas. Celebre la
liturgia del domingo como familia donde quiera que
esté. Tómese el tiempo para reflexionar con sus hijos.
Y, los estudiantes de Sta. Catalina, estamos desean-
do volver a verlos en agosto!
CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE JULIO

Domingo, Julio 9
- Edwardo Castañeda
- Jazmin Martinez

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.

FACEBOOK
Únase con nosotros y manténganse al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra pagina en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

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.

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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el año 2001, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Santiago se convirtió en el primer laico caribeño beatificado por la Iglesia. Su vida fue ejemplar en la caridad y en el amor a la liturgia, pues promovió la participación de los fieles de una manera activa, mucho antes de que el Concilio Vaticano II así lo pidiera. En 1963 una colitis rectal muy severa lo llevó a los brazos de Cristo resucitado, a la edad de 44 años.

Carlitos, como muchos lo llaman, trabajó en la Universidad de Puerto Rico y fundó un grupo apostólico laical en el Centro Católico de dicha universidad. Allí pudo obrar por el desarrollo del humanismo cristiano, la participación activa de los laicos en la liturgia de la Iglesia y por la renovación de la Vigilia Pascual. Solía decir que los cristianos “vivimos para esa noche” como cumbre y centro de nuestra fe.

Carlitos es modelo para los laicos comprometidos con su fe. Él insistía no sólo en una participación activa en la pastoral de la Iglesia, sino también en la liturgia de la Iglesia en una época donde la Misa todavía se consideraba obra exclusiva de los sacerdotes.

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.

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!
¡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: _________________________________

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) Registre 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”.

INVITACIÓN DE CATEQUESES

El programa de catequesis está buscando voluntarios y voluntarias para ayudar en diferentes formas para el año que viene. Tendremos talleres de formación en el mes de junio donde aprenderemos muchas cosas. Te esperamos!

Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de contactar la oficina al (408) 779-9604 o contactar a María Miranda por correo electrónico mMiranda@dsj.org
¡Gracias!

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por mas días! —
- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la cuidad de Morgan Hill? Insírbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

ADORACION EUCARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEJANDRIA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración empieza el Primer Viernes, A las 8:15A.M. concluyendo el Primer Sábado, con Bendición a las 8A.M.
"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo" MT26:40

EXTREMOS

Si quieres ir a los extremos, que sea en dulzura, paciencia, humildad y caridad.
—San Felipe Neri
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Office of Development & Evangelization

“Summertime and the living is easy.”

That’s what the favorite old song says. The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly in our parish because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend Mass in other parishes. Our budget has been impacted. Of course we are always grateful for your gifts, but if you were unable to make a gift while you were away, please consider making it now. We appreciate all you do to make it up, If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent, please consider our electronic giving option. Currently many of our parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or check out our website at www.stca.org and click on give via parish pay.

Teaching Children Stewardship

Teach children the history of the parish and the role stewardship played in building up the parish as it is today.

Tour parish facilities looking for signs of stewardship.

Talk with children about the building up of the Church throughout the world and the role stewardship played in the cathedrals, hospitals, schools and churches that we have today.

Talk with children about the lives of saints and the ways they were good stewards. In most cases children will learn that it was how people used their time, talent, prayer or treasure for God that earned the person the title of “Saint.

Stewardship Reflection

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.
TO THE CONFIRMED

(Not just those who recently got confirmed—all y’all)

According to the 2nd Reading today, you belong to Christ. One of the definitions of belong is to be properly or appropriately placed. God has a specific purpose for you. Do you know what that purpose is? When was the last time you really asked God what your purpose is? I don’t care how young or old you are, we all need to be asking God where He wants us to be. Although the world will tell you that everything is random—from our DNA to how the earth was formed, the Church teaches us (and rightly so), that it isn’t random. God isn’t random. God is purposeful.

Another definition of belong is to have the proper qualifications to be a member of a group. As a member of the Body of Christ, God has made you qualified to spread the Gospel.

So, a few questions for you to ask God and reflect on it:

What is God calling me to do? Where is God calling me to be?
What gifts has God given me? How am I to use these gifts to spread His word?

CONFIRMATION

If you or someone you know is interested in starting Confirmation (and they will be in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade this Fall), let them know that there is a parent orientation (that’s right, for their parents) on Sunday, August 27th at 3pm. The teen orientation will be on Sunday, September 10th at 2:15pm.

Life Teen continues throughout the summer on Sunday evenings with all kinds of different things happening—movie nights, mini-golf, overnights, downtown fun, and more! Contact Aline at stcatym@gmail.com for more information (remember, I’m on Paternity Leave right now so my email and phone are off).

FUNDRAISER!

These monthly fundraisers help us out a lot, but can help out even more if you spread the word to your friends and coworkers!
St. Catherine Summer Challenge SC²

Thirty-two middle school youth served as junior leaders for Vacation Bible Camp and volunteers for St. Catherine Church & School, Reach Out and Live Oak Adult Day Services. Thank you for all your hard work - you made a difference!

Reflections from Summer Challenge Youth:

“We need to love and take care of everyone in this world. Especially the elderly. They tend to be forgotten because of their age, illness or lack of memory. This time of their lives is when they need a friend most of all. And so do we. We both made a friend that day.”

“One Catholic Social Teaching that stood out to me is Rights and Responsibilities. Rights means that I should treat others fairly because they have rights I should respect. Responsibilities means that I have the responsibility as a leader for my VBC crew and during service.”

“I never really thought about who needed these things. As I was folding the socks, I was thinking of the person who would end up wearing these socks. I think I will take better care of my things so that by the time I give them away, they will still be in good shape for someone else to use.”

“Something I really enjoyed was just being able to get to know the kids in my group. Working with these kids was a big responsibility and a blast, even when one was not following along as well.”

The Gospel of John
6 week series Wednesday evenings
Beginning THIS WED, July 12th

For more information, please e-mail Kimberly Lynch at kelynchlaw@aol.com
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL
FALL FUN FEST

September 15, 16 & 17
Plans are underway to make this year’s Fall Fun Fest another wonderful community event. We need people to help on these committees:

- Marketing
- Sponsor Development
- Entertainment
- Facilities

Please phone the Parish Office or email Office@stca.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
“COMMUNITY CLOSET”
REPAIR and RENOVATION FUNDS NEEDED!
The parish and SVdP work together to keep a free supply of adult and children’s clothing for use by those in need. An average of 200 people come every month to shop, thanks to your generous donations. BUT the building is old, the roof leaky, the bathroom crumbling. Thanks to Knights of Columbus, and a couple of grants, the parish and SVdP are on the way to completing the needed repairs. We are still short of the needed funds to make the building safe and secure for our volunteers and guests. Please consider making a donation directly for this project: checks should be written out to St. Catherine Church. Write “Community Closet Project” in the memo line. Bring your check to the parish office, or drop it in the collection any Sunday. You can also contribute online at the parish website: www.stca.org. Contact Carol Lillig if you have any questions (408-857-4516).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the “Wife of Bath,” by this telling remark: “Husbands at church door she had five.” Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride’s home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren’t too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride’s family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride’s father to the priest’s authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren’t quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE’S SPORTS CAMP
Summer is here and so is our wonderful Sports Camp! Registration is now open! Visit the website at www.stca.org for more information or to register. Camps continue through August 4th.

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.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 22-24, 2017 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it’s a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we’re stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that’s not God’s plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you’re sad or struggling inside, don’t suffer alone. Ask for help. We’ve got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Claranne Schirle 408-782-1413 or kenandclaranne@gmail.com. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God’s love and care into your life.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILDREN’S CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
Kids, it’s time to clean out your closets! St. Vincent de Paul members will be on the patio next weekend to collect your “white bags” filled with gently used children’s clothing donations. We are desperately in need of girls’ clothing sizes 5-12. No children at home? Consider purchasing some new children’s socks or underwear for us to include in our giveaway! Over 400 children will come shopping for free back-to-school clothing during July. Thank you for your generosity.

THE CHILDREN ARE COMING! St. Vincent de Paul is expecting several hundred children to come this summer for back-to-school clothes and backpacks with school supplies. We could use some help sorting the many generous children’s clothing donations we are receiving. Stop by the Community Closet (13570 Depot St.) Saturday, July 8th anytime from 9am-3pm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Are you interested in helping prepare Easter and Christmas mailings? It requires no previous experience, just a couple of hours twice a year? If you are interested, please email Maria Dominguez at mdominguez@djsj.org to be added to our list of volunteers who help with these mailings.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

MASS TIMES
When traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU from the Handmades
The Handmades of St. Catherine would like to thank the parish community for their generosity and support of our first Diocesan Layette Collection! Eileen from the Layette Program also extends a heartfelt thank you. She was very touched by the generosity of St. Catherine parishioners. We chose the month of May because it is the month we honor our heavenly Mother Mary and our earthly mothers. The donations from our parish community will help support mothers in need with a layette for their newborn baby.

Here is a brief list of new items collected: 80 pairs of socks/booties, 27 Receiving Blankets, 124 Oniesies, 45 play sets, over 3,000 diapers & wipes and more.

We also received many beautiful, handmade items: 45 blankets, 32 quilts, 16 hats and several bibs and burp clothes. A BIG Thank You to our wonderful, crafty parishioners! We also received $130 in monetary contributions that went directly to the Layette Program to help when their needs are great and donations are low.

Hand-made items are gladly accepted and most appreciated throughout the year. Please contact Marianne Shallal at mcshallal@gmail.com to arrange a pick up of your beautiful hand-made items.

In October, Respect Life Month, Fr. Jeronimo will bless the many more handmade items our group makes as well as any that are donated during one of the Sunday masses, watch the bulletin for details. Keep an eye out also for information regarding the Annual Tea the Diocesan Layette Program holds the first Sunday of December, all are invited! Thank you once again for your generosity and we look forward to another collection next May, the month of our Blessed Mother Mary.

TAKE ACTION WITH JOYFUL HEART
This workshop will give us a chance to review our Christian life. Is it happy? During the workshop, you will study the grace of the Fourth Week with Fr. Bob Fambrini, S.J., and Fr. Mark Arnzen, the pastor of St. Lucy. We welcome your sharing of personal witness. Date: Saturday June 17 Time: 10am – 1pm at Most Holy Trinity 2040 Nassau Dr., San Jose Refreshments provided.

CHURCH BUILDING RENEWAL UPDATE
On June 19th a Church Building Renewal Update was presented at a meeting open to all parishioners. The Church Building Renewal Steering Committee, comprised of Matt Fardig, Chair, Fr. Jeronimo, Marc Poirier, Deacon Phil Flowers, Jim Yinger, Anna Quiñones and Jeanette Thatcher, was introduced.

Deacon Phil updated the group on what had transpired since the January Parish meeting:

- The Steering Committee met with the Diocesan Arts and Environment and Building and Maintenance Committees to provide information and to receive guidance
- Bishop McGrath gave approval to move forward on the project
- A Request for Proposal was prepared and sent to architects
- Architects were selected: John Miller Architects and Brad Cox Architect, Inc. will partner on this project
- The major goals for the Church Building Renewal were reviewed
- The project timeline was reviewed.

Look for more information in the weeks to come about our architects, major Church Renewal Goals, project timeline and how you can participate.

The Steering Committee is excited to proceed with this project, realizing that its completion is dependent on faith and the vision and generosity of all parishioners. Please continue to pray for our parish and this project.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?”

Child: “What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?”

Thank you once again for your generosity and we look forward to another collection next May, the month of our Blessed Mother Mary.

MASS INTENTION BOOK
The new 2018 Mass intention book has arrived. If you are interested in booking your mass intentions for next year please visit the Parish Office during business hours.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
St. Catherine School News

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

School is out for the summer, but the school office is open during our summer program. The office will be open Monday through Thursday, July 5-20, from 8:30am-1:00pm during our summer program. Regular hours resume on August 1. You can also contact us via phone message or email during July. Check out our website www.stcatherinemh.org for more information. Have a great summer!

The second graders were thrilled when Fr. Jeronimo visited with First Communion certificates.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes are currently full for most grades next year; however, we still have spots in second and sixth grades. Contact the school office.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

PRAYING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Faith development begins as children observe how their parents and family members act and listen to what they say. Every parent knows that modeling good behavior encourages children to do the same. This is true with prayer as well. Children, as all humans, crave a connection with God. But they need guidance to build good habits in developing a relationship with our Creator. Within families, children typically first learn about prayer (talking with God) through Grace Before Meals. This communal type of prayer focuses on thankfulness and the recognition of blessings. Parents can also nurture prayerful habits by talking with their children about God and taking a few moments of reflection or meditation on simple topics with their children. For example, a parent might talk with his/her child about the beauty of the world while sitting under a tree. Then the parent could suggest that they each take a moment to pray in thanksgiving for the blessing of the world’s natural beauty. Start with a short period of time (less than a minute), and extend that time as the child matures. Praying with your children will bless both you and your children with our loving God’s grace.