We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director……..

Sharing your Stewardship Gift of Prayer, Participation and Generosity with our Parish and Community

“Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts you have given me?”

Quite simply, without this simple communication with God, we might be great volunteers and we might be great donors, but we are not necessarily stewards if we are sharing our gifts in a way that meets our own wants and needs rather than fulfills the plans that God has for us. When we volunteer and work to make our parish community the BEST it can be it is especially important to pray and discern what Gods plan may be for us.

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Desde el escritorio de Ana Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo...

Compartir nuestro tiempo, talento y Oración con nuestra Parroquia y Comunidad. “¿Señor, que quieres que haga con todos los dones que me has dado?” En pocas palabras, sin esta sencilla comunicación con Dios, podríamos ser grandes voluntarios y podríamos ser grandes donantes, pero no necesidades en lugar de cumplir los planes que Dios tiene para nosotros. Cuando somos Voluntarios y trabajamos para que nuestra comunidad parroquial sea la mejor que pueda ser, es especialmente importante orar y discernir el plan que Dios tiene para nosotros.

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**
Monday - Friday (Lunes-Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)  
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)  
Closed/Cerrado

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

**Psalm** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).


**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Monday, July 17**

- Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**Friday, July 21**

- Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

- Monday, July 17  
  † Antonia Cunah
  † Maria Lurdes Cunah
- Tuesday, July 18  
  Liza Garibaldi
- Wednesday, July 19  
  † Peter Yoonchan Jo
  † Imelda Lua
  The Nguyen Family
- Thursday, July 20  
  † All Souls in Purgatory
  † Frank Boisseranc
- Friday, July 21  
  † Sergio Madrigal
  † Isabella Madrigal
  Sneha Kochuparambil
  † Emilio Caasi
- Saturday, July 22  
  † Emilio Caasi
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

In today’s Gospel Matthew continues Jesus’ teaching using parables about growth which responds to how the “seeds” were planted. Fruitful as that may be (pun intended :-), the second reading stands out as well. In Paul’s letter to the Romans, only two verses, we are reminded that our prayer life is not “up to us.” We do generate the action to pray but the Holy Spirit is an invaluable part of our prayer. Listen to the strong message, “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes…” That is at once consoling and perplexing as well. It is neither the case that we’re on our own, nor that the Spirit handles everything. It is sort of like an apprenticeship. Just as the apprentice learns by receiving help from the example of the master, so too we begin in our desire to pray but also receive the help of the Spirit. Well, the help is there but often we’re too busy about this or that and we simply want to fulfill our need for prayer without truly participating at an internal level. Not to worry, if we didn’t already realize it, we’re not perfect but rather on the way. When prayer is ritualistic, using well worn favorite words and topics, we need to pause and simplify our actions. When we remember that, “the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit…” We might say that our need for prayer is less expressed in our thoughts and words but rather in the intentions of our hearts. Raising our hearts and minds to God is less an action of will than an expression of our fundamental need for God. As with many things we do, sometimes we are aware of the true presence of God with us but more often the “world” interferes with that truth expressed so silently. Another way to look at prayer asks that we understand that it is intimately ingrained in our very being. Something so fundamental but yet requiring us to grow to understand that it is deeply present. It’s less about how “good” we become in prayer and more about absorbing the wonder of God present in and to us … and the Spirit is always there to help us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Water is something so plentiful, all we have to do is turn on the tap. It’s hard to believe that we can individually make a difference in maintaining water for the future. Simply turning off the tap after wetting hands or a dish, or whatever we wash, then turning it off while washing saves more than we realize.

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 ANNA…….

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

Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

One priest used to say that we should not ask, “What do you think I should be doing as a volunteer to make the community better for us (me and my family)?” Rather we should be asking, “What do you think God wants us to be doing as volunteers to make our community the best it can be for everyone (you and your family)?” I love spending time sharing my gifts of participation and helping in parish ministries and working with others by lending a hand, it brings me GREAT joy. There is such satisfaction working side by side with a stranger and within weeks or days this individual has become your friend. You are working together towards one common goal, the mission of the parish, serving God and the people of our community. There are so many people who are just like that committed to making St. Catherine’s Church the best it can be. Of course we can always use more volunteers, sharing their prayers, participation and generosity to help us be an even better parish for our families, children, elderly, the poor, you and me. I invite you to say a prayer and ask “Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts you have given me?” Then go to our website and sign up to help out wherever you feel you can make a difference. I believe you too will feel GREAT joy working side by side with a stranger and making a friend, but most of all because you made a difference in our community.

God bless and thank you for sharing your Prayer, Participation and Generosity…

Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy

Liturgy isn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. And the work we do together can change the world.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

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

Saints Chapel - clean chapel area and put out new candles. Help is needed throughout the day and evening. Small candles need to be changed every four hours.
Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphndebbie@icloud.com

Greeters - welcome parishioners before Mass. Do you have a few minutes before Mass? You are welcome to greet parishioners and guests to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

Sacristans - needed for all Masses. You must be a communion minister to be a Sacristan. Please contact Signe Montosa directly to schedule training. Her contact information is below.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest’s position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

Those who are just must be kind.
• Wisdom 12:19
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tenemos la esperanza bien fundada de que se nos perdonarán nuestros pecados (Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19).

Salmo — Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente (Salmo 86 [85]).

Segunda lectura — Cuando no sabemos qué pedir, el Espíritu ruega por nosotros (Romanos 8:26-27).

Evangelio — El Hijo del Hombre siembra buena semilla, que son los hijos del reino (Mateo 13:24-43).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Martes: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126 (125):1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Jueves: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Viernes: Ex 20:1-17; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Sábado: Ex 24:3-8; Sal 34 (33):2-11; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42
Domingo: 1 Re 3:5, 7-12; Sal 119 (118):57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

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.

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 ANA

Un sacerdote Solía decir que no hay que preguntar: “¿Qué crees que debería de hacer como voluntario para hacer la comunidad mejor para nosotros (yo y mi familia)?” Mas bien deberíamos preguntarnos, “¿que opinas acerca de lo que Dios quiere que hagamos como voluntarios para hacer de nuestra comunidad lo mejor que pueda ser para todo el mundo (usted y su familia)?”

Me encanta compartir mi tiempo, ayudar en los ministerios parroquiales y trabajar con otros. Esto me da mucha alegría. Hay tal satisfacción trabajando junto a un completo desconocido y en cuestión de semanas o días este individuo se ha convertido en su amigo. Ustedes están trabajando juntos hacia un objetivo común, la misión de la parroquia, sirviendo a Dios y a las personas de nuestra comunidad. Hay tantas personas que al igual sienten el compromiso de hacer la iglesia de Santa Catalina la mejor que pueda ser.

Por supuesto, Siempre podemos usar mas voluntarios compartiendo su tiempo, talento y oraciones para ayudarnos a ser una mejor parroquia para nuestras familias, los niños, los ancianos, los pobres, usted y yo. Los invito a rezar una oración y pedir “¿Señor, que quieres que haga con todos los regalos que me has dado? Después, vaya a nuestro sitio web y regístrese para ayudar en cualquier lugar o evento en el cual usted sienta que pueda hacer una diferencia. Le prometo que también sentirá gran alegría trabajando de la mano de un extraño y hacer un amigo, pero sobre todo porque hará una diferencia en nuestra comunidad.

Dios bendiga y gracias por compartir su tiempo, talento y sus oraciones...

Ann Quiñones—Oficina de Desarrollo y Evangelización
DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Bartolomé de las Casas, el gran defensor de los indígenas, nació en Sevilla, España en 1474 y falleció en Madrid en el año 1566. Su larga vida fue dedicada a la presencia española en América.

Bartolomé llegó a la Nueva España para encargarse de una Encomienda. Después fue ordenado sacerdote y recibió a cargo una encomienda de mineros amerindios. Poco a poco su corazón cristiano le abrió los ojos a las injusticias españolas en América.

Por eso se hizo fraile dominico e hizo varios viajes a España en defensa de los derechos humanos de los amerindios ante los reyes de España, los cuales le dieron tierras en Venezuela y Chiapas para poner en práctica su teoría humanista acerca de los indígenas.

Hasta el fin de su vida este fraile y teólogo dominico luchó por los derechos de los nativos americanos, buscando convencer a los reyes españoles y a los Papas que la conquista no favorecía la evangelización de los pueblos. Gracias a sus esfuerzos se abolió la esclavitud indígena y se instituyó el diálogo, en lugar de la espada, como instrumento de conversión.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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!

CUMPLEAÑOS

DEL MES DE JULIO

Domingo, Julio 23
- Lourdes Díaz
- Daniel Navarro

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que comparten su tiempo y talento en nuestra parroquia. Pedimos al Señor que haga crecer en su fe y le recompense su generosidad.

ESCUCHA

Escucha y pon atención con el oído de tu corazón.

—San Benito

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:_____________
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 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”.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase 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

SAN VINCENTE 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)

INVITACIÓN DE CATEQUESIS

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 Maria Miranda por correo electrónico mMiranda@dsj.org

¡Gracias!

PREPARACION A LOS SACRAMENTOS

Si eres mayor de 18 años y te faltan alguno o algunos de los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana ( Bautismo, Confirmación o Eucaristía) puedes inscribirte en la Rectr...
Volunteer Opportunities

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are in need of leadership for our event.

- **Game Booths** - Parent and child can work together
- **Other Booths** - 16 and older can work in any booth.
- **No minors** are allowed in the beer and wine booth.
- **Kitchen Help and Runners** -
  - Cleaning up on Sunday evening and in the days following the Fun Fest
- Select a volunteer spot that you can do sitting down or moving around.
- Sign up as a family or with a friend
We have something for everyone!
go to ivolunteer at www.stca.org on our home page.

Sponsors Needed

Put your business or family name in front of everyone attending the Fall Fun Fest.

All Sponsors will receive recognition before and after the Fall Fun Fest:
Please consider Sponsoring our event or a booth.

Discounted and Pre Event Tickets COMING SOON!

*Tickets will be available for purchase up through 3 PM Friday Sept. 14th.*

Purchase them online at www.stca.org, after weekend Masses, and in the Parish Office during business hours.

**Carnival Rides**

*Unlimited Ride Coupon* - $20.00

One unlimited coupon can be used on any day during the carnival. The coupon can only be used once.

**Food and Game**

*Red Food and Game Tickets*—10 for $9.00

Tickets value of $1.00. Use at any St. Catherine food, beverage, or game booth.
Wisdom?

It’s kind of interesting that in the Book of Wisdom, where we get our 1st Reading today, we get some fancy schmancy words that you probably don’t understand - temerity, clemency, lenience, repentance, people...the list goes on. How are we supposed to understand the Word of God when we don’t understand the words?

Okay, so most of those words you know (probably—and if you don’t, that’s okay). But what about those of us who don’t know what every word means? The priest giving the homily is most likely not going to give an English lesson (nor should he need to spend his time doing so, unless he’s going to go into the root of the word or something). We need to take some of the responsibility for ourselves. The priest is there to help us break open the Word, but he’s not the only one who should be breaking it open. We need to do so as well. Catholics get a bad rap for not knowing the Bible well (and for good reason too—because we don’t). We need to change those stereotypes.

So, here’s your Summer Reading assignment:
Read the upcoming Sunday’s Mass readings at some point before that Mass. It can be a week ahead a time, a few days ahead a time, it can be on the day of. Heck, you can come to Mass 10ish minutes before Mass starts, sit down, and go through the readings. And what do you do if you come to a word you don’t understand? Look it up. Try it out—when you’re home, say “Hey Siri,” or “OK, Google,” or “Alexa,” and then ask…”What does temerity mean?” Boom, you’re a Scripture Scholar.

But Deepu, I can’t take a Breaking Bread book home, how am I supposed to read the readings?
How you accomplish this is so easy we should all be ashamed that we haven’t been doing this from day one (myself included).
- If you come to Mass early, boom, the book’s right there in the little book holder in front of your pew.
If it’s during the week, you have some options:
- Download a Catholic app that gives you the daily Mass readings (which will also include the Sunday readings).
- Go to usccb.org and click on the day you want to read.
- Go old school: look on the 2nd page of this bulletin. You’ll find the upcoming readings there. Grab your Bible, and open it up and read.

I know I’ve said this before about reading Scripture ahead of time, but that’s only because it’s worth mentioning again and again and again until we’re all doing it. It doesn’t take long. Not only will you be doing what you’re supposed to be doing as a Christian, you’ll also get a lot more out of Mass (wait, I’m supposed to get something out of Mass?).

If you really want to make Papa proud, look for some notes or a study Bible that can give you insight and context on what you’re reading. There’s a whole lot of layers to the Word of God, and let’s face it, you ain’t no theologian. I don’t have the Wisdom of Solomon, but I do know that I don’t know a whole lot, so I rely on our Church and super smart Catholics to help me out. And try to find Catholic resources, not just Christian ones—our Christian sisters and brothers know a great deal, but they don’t grasp the whole Truth like the Catholic Church does.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Our catechists at the Catechist Appreciation Brunch earlier this month.

Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities

Are you searching for a new way to serve our parish? Are you being called to help adults, children and/or families discover and grow in their faith? There are a variety of volunteer roles that need to be filled in order to best serve our parish in faith formation. Please call Rose Pucan-Meagor at the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org to learn more about serving in this ministry.

Faith Formation Sessions begin in September

(Early registration until August 1st)

Children’s Ministry
Preschool and Kindergarten (Ages 4-6)
During the 8:45 am, 10:30 am & 12:15 pm (Spanish) masses

Elementary (Grades 1-5)
Wednesdays 3:30 pm—4:45 pm
Saturdays 9:00 am—10:30 am (Spanish)
Sundays 9:00 am—10:15 am

Middle School (Grades 6-8)
Wednesdays 5:30 pm—6:30 pm
Wednesdays 6:30 pm—7:30 pm (Edge Youth Group)
Saturdays 9:00 am — 10:30 am (Spanish)
Sundays 9:00 am—10:15 am

Registration forms are available at the Faith Formation and church offices and online on the church website. For further information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Catherine Parish has an opening for an evening administrative assistant (Monday to Friday, 4:00-7:00pm). The evening administrative assistant is the first contact that many have with the Parish and needs to portray a hospitable, welcoming and caring face to the wide variety of people that approach the office.

The candidate should be a practicing Catholic, have great written and verbal communication skills in both English and Spanish, have a professional demeanor, be computer literate in several office and database applications, detail oriented, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Must be fully Bilingual (English/ Spanish and Bi-literate (Read & Write in English & Spanish).

Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITIES
From January 17, 2018 to January 29, 2018, you are invited to join Fr. Randy Valenton for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In this special occasion we will visit many of the places (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee, Mt. Nebo, Petra, Amman, Jordan), where our Lord, Our Lady and the first apostles walked, produced miracles and lived their daily lives.

To learn more and to find about possible trip extension to Dubai and Egypt, please contact Fr. Randy Valenton at (408) 779-3959 ext. 278. This is a great chance for us to live our Catholic faith, learn about our heritage and meet the Lord as the bible becomes alive so please reserve your spot today.

Travel with Fr. Randy Valenton on our Medjugorje, Lourdes & Fatima trip
Where: Medjugorje, Lourdes, Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima
Trip Dates: September 6-15, 2017
Cost: $3,800 airfare and All-included
To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com

MORGAN HILL SAFE CAR PARK
July 8 through October 6
Faith communities, nonprofits, and the City and Police Department of Morgan Hill have collaborated on a pilot Safe Car Park project to provide a respite from the streets and supportive services for 8 local families currently living in cars/ RV’s with a goal of moving them towards more stable housing. Families will stay overnight from 7pm-8am each day at the Car Park site at Morgan Hill Bible Church. We have made arrangements for meals, showers, laundry, and restrooms. We need volunteers to "host" evening (6:30pm-9pm) and morning (6:30am-7:30am) shifts. Volunteers would be on hand to visit with the families, as well as help refresh the site and assemble a light breakfast and to-go lunch. Sign up on "i-volunteer" on the parish website. Call Carol Lillig 408-857-4516 or Jeanette Thatcher (408) 427-6291 for more information about the program, volunteering or donating supplies.

HOSPITALITY
Have you been enjoying Sunday morning hospitality? So have your hosts! It's a blessing to actively participate in making it possible for our parish family to extend the Table. You can share in that blessing. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours or all morning, as part of a parish ministry group, or as an individual, or with other friends/ family members. E-mail annmariecica@yahoo.com, or sign yourself up at http://stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/. We need hosts for August 13 and beyond.

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.
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.

IT’S OKAY TO BE HUMAN . . .
We’re brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it’s a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. 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 listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It’s completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, contact Claranne Schirle 408-782-1413 or kennandclaranne@gmail.com.

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD
The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power, and love.

FORGIVENESS
And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?
—St. Catherine of Siena

LOVING SOMEONE
To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.
—Lao Tzu
GENERAL INTERCESSION POLICY

The final part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass is the opportunity for the people of God to exercise their priestly calling by praying for the needs of all humanity. We do this during the “General Intercessions.” They are called General Intercessions because they are to be just that, general, for the needs of all.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal suggests these intentions:
- For the Church…..
- For public authorities and the world……
- For those in need…………
- For the local community
  - Significant events…………
  - For the sick…………
  - For the dead………

At St. Catherine’s we follow that suggestion. When we pray for the dead we are praying for all those who have died but we specifically mention only names of those who have died recently (within the last month). Remember, even though we do not mention your loved ones by name they are always included in our prayer/liturgy.

For anniversaries of death we encourage you to contact the parish office to schedule a weekday Mass Intention which are prayed during the 8:15am mass Monday through Saturday.

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.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS


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

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPER HELP

The Community Supper ministry at St. Catherine’s, held every Monday night, needs a few more volunteers. You would be part of a rotating team that serves the dinner every seventh week. Contact Joe Lillig to sign up at: 408-781-3847.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy for the bereaved family and to honor the one who has passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one, recognizing the Church’s presence and assisting the Church in carrying on spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a memorial gift to honor a loved one the parish notifies the family and a tax receipt is issued for your generous gift. Please contact Anna Quiñones, at ahernandez@dsj.org with any questions.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How do you provide “good soil” for the faith of others to grow?”

Child: “What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?”

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@dsj.org to be added to our list of volunteers who help with these mailings.

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.
St. Catherine School News

Summer classes included Introduction to Sewing. Students learn to operate a sewing machine, use patterns, and other sewing basics. They made ditty bags, pillows and a variety of little storage bags and purses.

SUMMER READING
Summer is a great time to read for pleasure. Children, young and older, are encouraged to keep those reading skills sharp by reading often. Studies have shown that students who read four books over the summer do not experience a drop in reading skills when they return to school. Reading can also be a great way to learn about some positive heroes/heroines in our church. Check out the biography section of your favorite library or bookstore for stories of saints and other Christian heroes. There are many fiction books, as well, that promote the values you are teaching at home. And don’t forget to check out the many terrific story books for primary age children.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
The office is closed the week of July 24. 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!

SPACES AVAILABLE
We have a couple of spaces available in second and sixth grades for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested during July, please get an application from our website and contact Ms. Esparza at fesparza@stcatherinemh.org, or visit the office between 8:30-1:00. We will make arrangements for the assessment and get things moving.

SUMMER READING

Watch for more pictures from other summer classes in future bulletins. These classes have been a great way to spend some of the summer!