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MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 6:30pm
Sábado: 7:00pm
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am, 5:30pm
Domingo: 12:15pm

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

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

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From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor…….. Dear parishioners,
The following is an update of the different tasks I talked to you about since last time I wrote to you.
First, we have a Business Manager! Yes, with the help of some members of the Finance Council I interviewed four candidates to the position of BM here at St. Catherine and all of us decided to hire John Rinaldo. John's first day is tomorrow August 7th. Welcome aboard John!
Second, the Fall Fun Fest has a Chairperson and a group of enthusiastic parishioners who want to make it the best Fest ever. Please join them! I am sure that your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

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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 — Elijah waits on the mountain for the L ORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).
Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).


READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,26-29a,34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, August 6
7:00-4:00pm CR.1-4 Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
3:00-5:30pm DC Confirmation - Small Faith Sharing Group
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

Monday/Lunes, August 7
6:00-7:00pm CR.1-4 Kit Community Supper
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo - Junta de Equipo

Tuesday/Martes, August 8
6:00-6:00pm CR.1-4 Kit Community Supper
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial - Noche de Comunidad
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo de Oração

Wednesday/Miércoles, August 9
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
7:00-8:30pm LR Formación Ministros Ext.
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial - Noche de Comunidad
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo de Oração

Thursday/Jueves, August 10
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-8:30pm Rm.8,11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

Friday/Viernes, August 11
9:30-10:30am CR.1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo Reunion

Saturday/Sábado, August 12
8:15am Mass Intentions

MC = Milani Center CR1-4 = Parish Center Conference Rooms
CH = Church Sci = Science Room LR = Living Room
DC = Daycare PR = Presentation Center Nur. = Nursery

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ’s love this week?”

Child: “Do you remember a time when you felt better because someone acted with love?”
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

This year the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday which allows us to hear the powerful accounts of God’s presence made manifest. The Gospel images are so vivid that we, at least subconsciously, wish we could experience Jesus revealed so evidently as God’s son. But even with that experience Peter, James and John still had to navigate through the rigors of those who would not believe. We might think of their experience as “food” for their journey after Jesus had returned to the Father. Imagine their shock at God drawing near to them … Peter wanted to “hold on” to the wonderful possibilities if they could just stay there… It may sound pretentious but we have the possibility of their grace filled moment. It’s very unlikely that we will duplicate their event in total. But we need to remember that God is present to us, most often in another person. Seldom do we think in that way, after all they are another of God’s children as am I. Stop and reflect on that for a moment. We’re blessed to have become God’s holy people in a particular way at Baptism. Sent to be God’s emissaries to a world where many have turned their backs and do not recognize God with them. So while our mini-transfiguration experiences aren’t as overwhelming as in the Gospel, nonetheless we are sent in the same way to be and to bring Christ to the world. Spend some time reflecting on how, where and when we have had awareness of God’s presence to us. Look beyond the palpable certainty, project the truth of God with us (and them) in order to celebrate. God is beyond our human grasp, but evident when we open ourselves to a gradual awakening to God in our midst. We have had and will have more God moments; being Christ for one another, choosing to see the good when bad is also present. In those experiences we participate in the Transfiguration of Jesus as we look beyond the physical and recognize that Jesus truly walks with us in our ongoing journey of conversion. Maybe Peter’s words can be an invitation to us, “Lord, is it good that we are here.” Wherever we are there is God...

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Wasting food is something too easy to do. Did you know that “sell-by” and “use-by” dates are not federally regulated and do not indicate safety, except on certain baby foods. Rather, they are manufacturer suggestions for peak quality. Most foods can be safely consumed well after their use-by dates.

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. JERONIMO......

The Fest has a twofold purpose. The first is to just have a great time together, building stronger relationships among us. The second is to raise funds that help us to balance our operating budget. Make plans to join us this year.

Third, the committee for the Renovation of our church organized a meeting open to the whole community in the month of June. At that meeting the committee introduced the chosen Architects Brad Cox and John Miller. Since then they, the architects, have been working on the different needs of our church such as: new restrooms; ADA compliance; an immersion Baptismal font; etc. Two different sub-committees are needed to accomplish this: a Fundraising Committee and a Design Committee. Please consider joining either of these committees.

The last, but not least, update is about promoting greater participation at Mass. The parish Liturgy Committee has had lengthy conversations about how to create more vibrant and meaningful liturgies. Well, in order to do that, all of us have to do our part. I have repeatedly said to you, “the priest only presides the Mass; all of us Celebrate the Mass”. Next time you come to church don’t be shy; sing and respond in all the parts of the Mass that belong to you. I assure you, you will experience the difference.

Fr. Jeronimo
**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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**ST. CATHERINE WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP**

St. Catherine's Women Group is a parish group of women who desire to share their faith and their life experiences with other women in a close, safe and faith-filled environment. We begin meeting again weekly starting on Wednesday August 16th in the parish center at 9:00a.m. All are welcome.

Our group will read "Fearless" by Sonja Corbett. Sonja was one of our previous Women Retreat speakers; she proved to be so inspiring to those who attended that we decided to read her next book "Fearless" and have her back for our 2018 retreat. If you cannot attend our Wednesday morning group I encourage you to read her book "Fearless" and her first book "Unleashed". She is a very gifted inspirational writer and speaker!

If you have any questions please email me Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com or Anna Quiñones at aquinones@dsj.org.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the *anaphora* and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome’s former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city’s only glory. The Romans wanted “good order” not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

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LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En una visión, Daniel vio a alguien como el Hijo del hombre ante el trono del Anciano recibiendo poder, honor y reino (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Salmo — Reina, el Señor, alégrese la tierra (Salmo 97 (96)).

Segunda lectura — Jesús es el Hijo muy amado en quien el Padre se complace (2 Pedro 1:16-19).

Evangelio — Jesús, unido a Elías y a Moisés se transfigura en la presencia de Pedro, Santiago y Juan (Marcos 9:2-10).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 11:4b-15; Sal 81 (80):12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Martes: Nm 12:1-13; Sal 51 (50):3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Miércoles: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Viernes: Dt 4:32-40; Sal 77 (76):12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Sábado: Dt 6:4-13; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Domingo: Re 19:9a, 11-13a; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 DEL PADRE

Únase a ellos por favor, seguro que necesitan de su ayuda. Recuerde que el Festival tiene dos propósitos: el primero es que nos la pasemos muy bien, estableciendo una sólida relación entre nosotros y el segundo es recaudar fondos que nos ayuden a balancear el presupuesto parroquial. Haga planes para asistir este año.

Tercero, el comité para la restauración del templo organizó una reunión abierta a toda la comunidad en el mes de junio. En esa reunion el comité presentó a los Arquitectos Brad Cox y John Miller. Desde entonces los arquitectos han estado trabajando en cómo solucionar las necesidades del templo tales como: nuevos baños, cumplir con las reglas de ADA, fuente bautismal, etc. Para lograr hacer todo eso se necesitan dos sub-comités, uno para recaudación de fondos y otro para diseñar el templo. Favor de considerar unirse a uno de esos comités.

Por último más no menos importante es acerca de la motivación para tener una mejor participación durante la Misa. El Comité Parroquial para la Liturgia ha tenido largas conversaciones en cómo crear liturgias que sean vibrantes y significativas. Bueno, para hacer eso es necesario que todos hagamos nuestra parte. Repetidamente les he dicho: “el sacerdote sólo preside, la Misa la celebramos todos”.

La próxima vez que venga a la iglesia no se avergüence de cantar fuerte y responder fuerte todas las partes de la Misa que le pertenezcan a usted. Le aseguro que experimentará la diferencia.

P. Jerónimo

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.
LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Esta semana celebramos la memoria del santo patrono de los cocineros, san Lorenzo. Este español del siglo tercero fue uno de siete diáconos del Papa Sixto II, en Roma. Su ministerio consistía en repartir limosnas a los pobres.

En el año 257 se pronunció una nueva persecución a los cristianos en Roma y el día 6 de agosto unos soldados romanos asesinaron al Papa y a cuatro de sus diáconos. Lorenzo, cuyo nombre significa laureado o premiado, fue arrestado tras la batalla y llevado ante el alcalde de Roma. Este mandó traer todas las riquezas de la Iglesia, pero Lorenzo ya hacía tiempo que las había vendido para dar el dinero a los más necesitados. No obstante, se marchó de la presencia del alcalde para luego llegar con él, acompañado de gente pobre y enferma, insistiendo que ellos eran las verdaderas riquezas de la Iglesia. El alcalde, furioso, lo mandó quemar sobre brazas para que muriera lentamente.

Según testigos de su martirio, Lorenzo, a cierto punto dijo a sus asesinos: “Ya estoy asado de este lado, voltéenme para asarme por completo”. Eventualmente dijo: “La carne está lista, ya pueden comer” y falleció orando por la conversión de Roma.

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

FACEBOOK

Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra página en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-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!

DAMAS Y SEÑORES

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!

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

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TALLER GRATUITO DE RENOVACIONES DEL PROGRAMA DACA

¿Para quién es este taller?
Si tienes DACA y su permiso de trabajo se caducará en 6 meses debe asistir a este taller de renovación.

¿Qué debo traer?
- Dos (2) fotos de pasaporte
- Una copia de su aplicación de DACA previa
- Un cheque a la orden de “US Department of Homeland Security” con un monto total de $495.00
- Una copia de su permiso de trabajo DACA (frente y reverso)
- Cualquier otro documento apoyando su renovación de DACA (por ejemplo: permisos de viaje, acta de matrimonio, etc.)

Jueves, 10 de agosto del 2017
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Gavilan College
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd.
Gilroy, CA 95020
Cuarto HU106

El programa Formación de Familias en la Fe
Invita a todos los padres de familia a que pasen a la oficina a registrar a sus niños. Las clases comenzaran sábado septiembre 02, 2017.

El programa ofrece catequesis infantil de 3 a 5 años, preparación para los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana, Primera Comunión, clases de continuación, y catequesis para los padres de familia. Durante el año hay varias actividades donde todos participamos en familia y juntos en comunidad crecemos en la fe.

Si tiene alguna pregunta favor llamar a la oficina (408) 779-9604 o contactar a Maria Miranda por correo electrónico mmiranda@dsj.org.
¡Los esperamos!

SANTO 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)

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 Rectaría iniciamos el 13 de Septiembre a las 7 de la noche, la preparación es por un año, las reuniones son semanales. También adultos que ya recibieron sus Sacramentos y quisieran conocer un poco más son bienvenidos. Nos reuniremos en la oficina.

EXTREMOS
Si quieres ir a los extremos, que sea en dulzura, paciencia, humildad y caridad.
—San Felipe Neri

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.alertsssc.com
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

*Office of Development & Evangelization*

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**Fall Fun Fest**

**Help Needed!**

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**Who do we Need**

- Marketing Volunteers
- Food and Games
- Ticket Sales
- and more....

**We can use your help**

**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.

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**We Received a Grant!**

**THANK YOU**

**Catholic Community Foundation**

St. Catherine Church in support of Evangelization and Parish Formation was awarded a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County! This grant will help us achieve our goal of helping build evangelization programming in our parish. Thank you to Maria Dominguez and Anna Quinones for submitting a successful grant application! For more information about the Catholic Community Foundation, visit cfoscc.org.

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**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION!**

You may be able to double your donation to St. Catherine Church. Many employers offer matching gift programs to match charitable contributions made by their employees. Gifts from retirees and spouses may also qualify for a match.

**WHAT ARE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS?**

**Employee Matching Gifts** are donations a company makes to match its employees’ charitable contributions. Employee matching gifts are typically at a dollar-for-dollar rate but some companies go even further by tripling or quadrupling their employees’ donations.

**WHY ARE MATCHING GIFTS IMPORTANT?**

Matching gifts are often overlooked by parishioner’s. We don’t think about the additional funding available to support our parish. Your original gift can be matched and money is available through corporate giving. Won’t you please check today if your company has a matching gift program.

If you need any assistance or more information, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org

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**WHAT ARE MATCHING GIFTS?**

1. **Employee Matching Gifts**
2. **Sponsors Needed**
3. **Fall Fun Fest**
4. **We Received a Grant!**
The Old Testament: Kinda Necessary

There are a lot of Christians out there who ignore the Old Testament. The biggest reason is that when Jesus comes and then the New Testament is written later, it nullifies the Old Testament. It's not needed anymore.

But the truth is it is very much needed. There is so much richness and depth to the Old Testament. It foreshadows so much of what comes about in the New Testament. The entirety of the Old Testament points to Jesus. But even without that it's a story - a history. It's the history of God's people. It's the history of humanity's relationship with God - and we are a part of that.

What's funny is that the Old Testament is filled with examples of humanity failing God. The Old Testament is basically a huge sign that says, “DON'T DO THESE THINGS. LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES. SERIOUSLY. IT DOESN'T END WELL FOR US.”

So of course what do we do? Ignore the advice and make the very same mistakes.

But Deepu, those stories are so antiquated, they don't relate to me.

Oh really? Daniel saw a beautiful woman bathing, had not-so-appropriate thoughts and then made some really bad choices.

Sarah told her husband he could do something and she wouldn't get mad. And then when he did she got mad (been there before, am I right fellas? Beth I love you).

Jonah tried to run away from God and got swallowed up by a big fish (seriously, who hasn't had that happen to them?!)

We keep fooling ourselves that we have it all figured out, and that everything the world has to offer will help us solve our problems. But the truth is, God has given us (and continues to give us) everything we need.

BTW, anyone think of that Mufasa quote when in the Gospel, God says, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”?

No? Just me? Alrighty then.
Middle Schoolers from the Leadership Summer Challenge Camp learned about Commitment, Optimism, Conflict and Change in the morning sessions and at St. Vincent de Paul, Reach Out, Live Oak Adult Day Services and St. Joseph’s Family Center.
SAVE THE DATE
MAURIZIO’S and the Italian Catholic Federation
Fundraiser for the renewal of our church
Friday August 18 in the O'Donnell parish center
Dinner served at 6:30pm

Menu
Rotelle di Parma/Tomato cream sauce
Italian Sausage
Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee/Tea
No Host Wine/Beer bar
Adults - $25
Children 6 - 12 years old - $15
Children 5 and under - free Hot Dogs

Tickets sold after masses beginning August 6th.

FEELING PRESSURED?
Are you feeling pressured right now? Is it affecting your health, your attitude or your relationship with your family and friends? Would you like to have some someone to talk to, just to help you get through the next month or two? If you answered yes to any of these questions, perhaps our Stephen ministers can help you. For more information or to meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact Claranne Schirle at kenandclaranne@gmail.com or (408) 782-1413.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 10-12, 2017 in San Jose. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or 408-782-1413.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 15, 16 & 17
Discounted and pre-event Tickets COMING SOON!

Tickets are available for purchase through 3pm Friday Sep. 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 may only be used once.

Food and Game
Red Food & Game Tickets -10 for $9.00
Ticket value is $1.00. Use at any St. Catherine food, beverage, or game booth.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
Save the date for St. Catherine's 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique scheduled for Sunday, November 26th in the O'Donnell Parish Center. If you are vendor and would like to sign up, please contact Maria Dominguez at 408-779-7124.
At the June 19th church Building Renewal update, the Steering Committee reviewed the major goals for the Church Building renewal. The goals were established as part of the Master Plan Project and validated in subsequent parish-wide forums.

**Beautification of the Church**
The renewed church will reflect the church as a house of God and a house of prayer which expresses God’s presence, is suited for the celebration of the sacrifice of Christ and reflects the community celebrating there.

**Increased Seating**
Adjust seating capacity to accommodate attendance at 10:30am & 12:15pm Sunday masses, at special liturgies, at sacramental celebrations like First Holy Communion, Confirmation, at large funerals and other celebrations such as the School’s Advent Program, 8th Grade Graduation and Grandparent’s Day.

**Church Environment and Art**
Make changes to the liturgical environment in accordance with Environment and Art in Catholic Worship statement of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy; for example, the inclusion of an immersion Baptismal font.

**Infrastructure Upgrades**
*Improve Sound System and Acoustics*
Upgrade mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems
Comply with the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, including modern restrooms

A projected Project timeline was presented:
- **June – September 2017** – The architects prepare a Conceptual Design used initially during the fundraising phase and review the project budget. A Fundraising Committee is established with Marc Poirier as Chair. A fundraising consultant will be hired to determine if the funds necessary can be raised. Once that is established the Fundraising Campaign continues in the Parish.
- **May – December 2018** – The Design Phase. The specifics of the church design, interior and exterior, are created. A Design sub-committee is formed. Parishioners have opportunities to share their ideas and give feedback to various proposals.
- **December 2018 – January 2020** – The final church building renewal plan is reviewed, architectural plans and specifications are finalized, and a contractor hired.
- **January 2020 – March 2021** - Construction

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

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A SISTER? COME AND SEE!

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

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

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral." Cardinal John O'Connor

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday: Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Tuesday: St. Dominic
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Thursday: St. Lawrence
Friday: St. Clare
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

SING YOUR SONG
Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

TOTALLITY
Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love.

—St. Clare

EYEWITNESSES
Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew’s Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead” (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased,” and he assures us that the message is “altogether reliable” (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

Young Adult Town Hall Meeting
with
Bishop Patrick McGrath
Come with questions, concerns & ideas for engaging and ministering to Young Adults in our Diocese

Wednesday August 2, 2017 @ 7pm
St. Martin of Tours Parish
200 O’Connor Dr. San Jose 95128

Submit questions in advance to: faith@smyoungadults.com

All Young Adults welcome!
SUMMER FUN IN THE GARDEN

As the summer progresses, the garden gets greener. During the summer months, our Garden Coordinator works with students to care for the garden. They water, weed and harvest as needed. Families have reported that they have enjoyed the fresh vegetables. Students helping in the garden are delighted to find that they actually like fresh beans, squash, cucumbers and more. Our pumpkin and gourd patch is growing like crazy. Melons are getting bigger and, of course, we have tons of zucchini, peppers and tomatoes. Classes have activities planned to use produce from the garden when school resumes later this month.

One of the summer program classes was Cookie Madness. It was a big hit! Students learned to make seven different kinds of cookies, along with some very valuable cooking skills. Some of the cookies made were Chocolate Chip, Shortbread, Mississippi Mud, Cut Out Sugar Cookies and Pizzelles. Baking the cookies was great fun and sharing them with their families was even better! Students also put together their own Cookie Cookbooks.

HAPPY AUGUST!

SPACES AVAILABLE

We have couple of spaces available in second and sixth grades for the 2017-2018 school year. Please pick up an application in the school office or from our website, www.stcatherinemh.org.