TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

From the Desk of Deepu Kochuparambil, Youth Director…..

Most of us tend to make decisions or form our opinions without really doing any research, and the culture we live in encourages it. We make decisions and set our ways based on our feelings. So many people - including Baptized Catholics - believe that the Church is outdated, irrelevant, and unnecessary. That couldn't be further from the truth. The foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ challenges us to love God and love our neighbor. And if you take a look at the news, love is in desperate need. But we can't expect everyone else to be more loving - it has to start with us. We need to grow in our ability to love more like Christ loves us. (Continued on Page 3)

Desde el escritorio de Deepu Kochuparambil, Director de Confirmación…

La mayoría de nosotros tomamos decisiones o formamos nuestras opiniones sin realmente averiguar lo que decidimos, y la cultura en la que vivimos la aníma. Tomamos decisiones y establecemos nuestros caminos basados en nuestros sentimientos. Tantas personas - incluyendo a los Católicos Bautizados- creen que la Iglesia está desactualizada, irrelevante e innecesaria. Eso no podía estar más lejos de la verdad. La fundación de la Iglesia es Jesucristo. Jesucristo nos reta en amar a Dios y amar al prójimo. Y si veíamos las noticias, el amor es algo realmente necesario. Pero no podemos esperar que todos los demás sean más cariñosos - tiene que empezar con nosotros.

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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.

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Monday-Saturday:        8:15am
Saturday:              5:30pm
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Sunday:          7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
                 5:30pm
Domingo:                12:15pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).
Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).
Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21  † Sergio Madrigal  † Reba Schirle
Tuesday, August 22  † Dr. Geronimo Lipumano  † Lou Villano
Wednesday, August 23  † Belle McCormick  † Alfonso Zuluaga
Thursday, August 24  † Zachary Jensen  † Belle McCormick
Friday, August 25  † Rita G. Thatcher  † Leonardo De Palma
Saturday, August 26  † Elpidia Renteria  † Jose Ramirez
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

FROM THE DESK OF DEEPU......

We all have the capacity to love God more - but all too often we don't realize this until we're adults, and at that point it becomes harder to change our ways and to align our focus on God. That's why the formation of our children and teenagers is so important. If we can help them recognize how imperative it is to have a personal relationship with God early on, it becomes easier to do so. Studies show that young people who participate in ongoing formation (not just when they want to get their First Holy Communion or Confirmation) are far more likely to continue practicing the faith as an adult. If you are a young person, get involved - join one of our youth groups, go to a faith formation class. If you're not a young person I bet you know someone who is - let them know of the opportunities we have for them.

There is an informational meeting for parents of high school teens interested in Confirmation next Sunday, August 27th, from 3-4pm in the Parish Center. We have an informational meeting for teens interested in Confirmation on Sunday, September 10th, from 2:15-3:15pm. Share this information with those you know. Our goal is not to force any teen to be Confirmed, but to help give them the knowledge and experiences so they can make that decision properly.

Deepu Kochuparambil
Ministry Coordinator for Youth And Young Adults
408-874-6742

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Déjà vu, remember the water savings made when washing hands? Turn the tap on low, wet hands, turn off tap, wash hands, turn on tap, rinse, and turn off tap :-). Water we save means more water for another. For a surprise, let the water run into a bowl (it'll need to be big) while hand washing.

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!

DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Twice today we are invited beyond our own personal view of the world. Isaiah tells us “foreigners who join themselves to the Lord … will be brought to my holy mountain … for my house will be called a house of prayer for all people.” God is the god of all, when we avoid, separate from, look down on, etc. those who differ from us we are acting on base instincts that free us from having to love our neighbor. It is a life long journey to come to see those who are not like us invite us to see them as gift. They enlarge our understanding of God for us beyond just “us.” Our Gospel story gives wonderful witness to that. Jesus, after initial reluctance, sees the faith of the Canaanite woman, even though expressed in worship differently from Judaism, as faith in the God of all. This vision is not easily acquired. We struggle and even fail on many occasions to resist the temptation to dismiss our call to love one another. Unfortunately that reluctance to embrace others not in our company insulates us from recognizing the actions of God which invite inclusion and companionship. Cultural and religious sameness are seductive, we don’t have to look beyond our comfortable view of the world. But alas, we miss the wonderful diversity that exists. It requires conscious effort to practice inclusion, even in our unspoken thoughts. We love God, our creator and redeemer with a view beyond our own person. While God is certainly not “the other” nonetheless we look in prayer outward to God. We overcome the inward reflection of ourselves in order to be sharers of the wonder of God. Because that view is temporal instead of spiritual, we need practice in order to see the gift that difference can be. Giving is an essential aspect of love, the love in which we were made, the love which we are to share, especially with those who have need of it. Our journey, like the Canaanite woman’s, should begin with “Please Lord,” as the opening to an encounter … with God, and often through the interaction with others in whom we did not recognize … Jesus himself.
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

Once the way was cleared for additional Eucharistic Prayers, those who were appointed to compose them had to look deep within the tradition for sources. One of the prescriptions for new prayers was that they be “unencumbered by useless repetition.” From the start, therefore, the writers knew that the old Roman Canon, which had the priest bowing and crossing himself many times in a long, complex prayer, was not a model of simplicity.

Aside from the prayers treasured by Eastern Christians, there is an obvious model from ancient Rome. For about a hundred years now, the historical text “Apostolic Tradition” has shed some light for us on the shadowy shape of worship in the early church. In it, its author, Hippolytus, took care to record the actual texts of worship used at the time. He himself has a shadow side, since he was so ardently conservative in his tastes that he broke ties with the Bishop of Rome and became first in the line of history’s anti-popes. At the eleventh hour, however, he reconciled with his enemies and actually died a martyr. In fact, he was shipped off to the Sardinian mines as a slave with the true pope as his companion in chains. Because his tussle with the pope was over theological innovations and not liturgical texts, we are sure that his account of the style of Eucharistic Prayer in the third century is accurate. It forms the core of today’s Eucharistic Prayer II.
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X
Tuesday: Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima
Thursday: St. Bartholomew
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

The Power of Prayer

Much prayer, much power!
Little prayer, little power!
No prayer, no power!
—Anonymous
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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Mi salvación se viene acercando; mi justicia está a punto de aparecer (Isaías 56:1, 6-7).

Salmo — Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 67 [66]).


LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Jue 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Jue 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Apo 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Viernes: Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Rut 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Sal 128 (127):1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Is 22:19-23; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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.

ESCUCHA

Escucha y pon atención con el oído de tu corazón.

—San Benito

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE DEEPU

Necesitamos crecer en nuestra capacidad de amar más como Cristo nos ama. Todos tenemos la capacidad de amar a Dios más, pero con demasiada frecuencia no nos damos cuenta hasta que somos adultos, y en ese momento se hace más difícil cambiar nuestros caminos y alinear nuestro enfoque en Dios. Es por eso que la formación de nuestros hijos y adolescentes es tan importante. Si podemos ayudarles a reconocer que importante es tener una relación personal con Dios desde el principio, es más fácil hacerlo. Los estudios demuestran que los jóvenes que participan en la formación permanente (no sólo para cuando desean obtener su Primera Comunión o Confirmación), son mucho más propensos a seguir practicando la fe como un adulto.

Si usted es joven, participe - únase a uno de nuestros grupos de jóvenes, vaya a una clase de formación de fe. Si usted no es una persona joven, apuesto a que usted sabe que alguien que es - hacerles saber de las oportunidades que tenemos para ellos.

Tenemos una reunión informativa para los padres de los adolescentes de secundaria interesados en la Confirmación el próximo domingo, 27 de agosto, de 3 a 4 pm en el Centro Parroquial. Tenemos una reunión informativa para los adolescentes interesados en la Confirmación el domingo, 10 de septiembre, de 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

Comparte esta información con los que conoces. Nuestro objetivo no es forzar a ningún adolescente a ser Confirmado, sino ayudar a darles el conocimiento y las experiencias para que puedan tomar esa decisión correctamente.

TRABAJO DIGNO

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

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 tel. (408)706-8361.

ESCUCHA

Escucha y pon atención con el oído de tu corazón.

—San Benito
**VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**CUMPLEAÑOS**
**DEL MES DE AGOSTO**

**Domingo, 20 de Agosto**
- Jennifer Jimenez
- Andrez Moreno

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**

**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.

**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!

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Mientras que la población de estudiantes que no son hispanos va bajando en Estados Unidos de América, el número de estudiantes hispanos va creciendo en las escuelas primarias y secundarias. Esta es buena noticia para los latinos. La mala noticia es que el porcentaje de estudiantes latinos que abandonan la escuela y nunca terminan su educación sigue creciendo. De la misma manera, el número de latinos que van a la universidad continúa muy bajo y muchos de los que asisten nunca terminan por falta de recursos, documentos legales o apoyo familiar.

La familia constituye uno de nuestros valores centrales como hispanos. Esta no debe ser una barrera sino un apoyo para que se eduquen nuestros hijos e hijas. Recuerdo bien que a la edad de 6 años mi papá me hacía pasar y repasar el abecedario. Durante la primaria, él y mi mamá me corregían la tarea, y cuando no quería ir a la escuela, me hacían ver lo difícil que es la vida cuando no se tiene estudios. Mis padres no terminaron la escuela pero todos sus hijos ahora somos maestros. La educación comienza en el hogar, animen a sus hijos.

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

**ADORACION EUCARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA**

Vuestros 24 horas de Adoración Eucarística empieza el primer Viernes 1 de Septiembre después del sagrado sacrificio de la misa de las 8:15 A.M. concluyendo el primer Sábado 2 de Septiembre a las 8:00 A.M. con bendición

"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos una hora conmigo" MT 26:40

"Rezada, Rezada el Rosario todos los días. En el último mes (13 de Octubre) yo hare el milagro para que todos crean." Vuestra Senora del Rosario de Fatima

**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.
VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CENTENARIO DE VUESTRA SENORA DEL ROSARIO DE FATIMA 1917 “EL MILAGRO DEL SOL”
LA DEVOCION DE LOS CINCO PRIMEROS SABADO
Aparicion de vuestra Senora a Sor Lucia el 10 de Diciembre del 1925 Pontevedra, Espana

Vuestra Senora de Fatima prometió assistir a todos aquellos que practicarean la devoción de los cinco Primeros Sabados consecutivos con las gracias necesarias para su salvacion en la hora de su muerte.
Con la intención de ser reparacion por las ofensas cometidas en contra del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria.

- Confesarse
- Comulgar
- Rezada 5 Decenas del Rosario

Acompanar a vuestra senora por 15 minutos mientras meditamos sobre los Misterios del Rosario
En vuestra iglesia de Sta.Catalina de Alejandria se ofrece el Sacramento de Reconciliacion (Confesion) todos los Sabados de 4P.M.-5P.M. o por citas.

QUINTO MENSAJE EN LA APARICION EN FATIMA DEL 13 DE AGOSTO 1917

En Cova da Iria el 13 de Septiembre se estima que veinticinco mil personas estuvieron presente. Con dificultad por la multitud los ninos llegaron al mediodia. Los ninos empezaron a rezar el Rosario con la gente, cuando de pronto vieron el destello de luz que siempre precedia la llegada de vuestra Senora. Y entonces aparecio Ella encima de la encina. La breve conversacion comenzó con la pregunta habitual de Lucia,”Que quiere usted de mi?”
Vuestra Senora le dio su respuesta acostumbrada, “Continuen rezando el Rosario para conseguir que acabe la guerra!”

Vuestra Senora predijo una consecuencias de apariciones que los ninos verian en Octubre junto con el milagro prometido para convencer a la gente. “En Octubre vendran vuestro Senor, asi como vuestra Senora De Dolores y vuestra Senora Del Carmen. Se aparecera San Jose con el Nino Jesus para bendir el mundo.”

Ameria Necesita Fatima

EL PROGRAMA FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Queridos padres de familia:
La oficina Formación de Familias en la Fe les da la bienvenida a otro año de catequesis y les damos las gracias por registrar a sus niños (a) una vez más en el proceso de preparación para los Sacramentos.

Les comunicamos que para el día martes 22 de agosto, 2017 a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial tendremos una noche de información para el grupo de niños y padres que se registraron para su primer año. Para los niños de segundo año y continuación será el día martes 29 de agosto a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial.

Padres y niños los esperamos con gran alegría para que conozcan a su catequista, y darles la bienvenida.

Gracias,
Programa Formación de Familias en la Fe

ESTA INVITACIÓN ES ESPECIALMENTE PARA TI

Quieres ser parte del programa de Formación de Familias en la Fe en la Parroquia de Santa Catalina?
El programa de catequesis está buscando voluntarios y voluntarias para ayudar en diferentes formas para el año que viene. Tendremos talleres de formación donde aprenderemos mucha cosas. Te esperamos! Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de contactar a Maria Miranda por correo electronico mMiranda@dsj.org

REUNIÓN MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA COMUNIÓN

Para el 8 de Septiembre en el salon 10 a las 7 de la noche tenemos nuestra reunión es importante tu presencia, los esperamos.

SAN VICENT 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)

EL PODER DE LA ORACION

¡Mucha oracion, mucho poder!
¡Poca oracion, poco poder!
Ninguna oracion, ningún poder.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿La gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com
Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when you are invited to a party – whether it is birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration – to think about the gift that you will bring. Even when the invitation says, “No gifts, please,” most of us still show up with a bottle of wine or a box of candy or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say “No gifts, please.” In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, “No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you.”– Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Did you remember your gift?

St. Catherine Woman's Faith Sharing Group
Invites You to Join us
We Meet weekly on
Wednesdays, at 9:00 am
in the O'Donnell Parish Center.

We are reading Sonja Corbitt's book "Fearless". Our time together centers around faith sharing, Holy Scripture, prayer and our own personal experiences that occur daily in our lives. Together we experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and are able to take to others and share what we have received.

If you are interested in finding out more about our group, please feel free to stop in any Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Parish Center or email me Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
February 17, 2018
Women’s Spirituality Retreat
Retreat Led By Sonja Corbitt
Founder of pursuingthesummitt.com

Please mark your calendars today and join us. Our retreat will be on Saturday, Feb. 17th from 10:00AM TO 5:00PM at O’Donnell Parish Center.
The Catholic community is one of the best things to be a part of. You might not believe me. Well, several years ago, I wouldn't have believed me either.

I'm going to share (hopefully briefly) my journey in the Catholic Church - the purpose isn't to really share about me, but hopefully to encourage you to say yes.

I grew up Catholic, I've been here at St. Catherine's since I was 4. For a very long time Mass was something I went to because I had to, once it was over I headed for the door as soon as the priest passed my row. For over 15 years, other than the Sign of Peace, my interactions with my fellow parishioners was limited to giving a head nod and what I can only describe as a pursed-lip grin to those I recognized.

I did altar serving and choir for a spell during those years, but my attitude towards it was similar to Mass - interact when necessary, otherwise it was something I did, not a part of who I was.

Then about a year out of high school, a close friend invited me to help out with the new youth group that was going to start. I refused immediately, believing that going to Mass was enough for me and my faith. This friend (we'll call him Jimmy, because, well, that's his name) kept asking week after week, mostly because he said yes to helping when he was asked and he wanted a friend to do it with him.

Finally, I said fine, I'll check it out, because he promised that if I didn't like the leader meeting, I didn't have to do it. Long story short, I loved the people, the atmosphere, and the community. When the youth group started, I enjoyed it as well, so I kept doing it.

One of the biggest changes for me, even early on, was how much more I looked forward to going to Mass. Correction: it was that I actually looked forward to going to Mass. It wasn't the Eucharist (sorry Jesus). It wasn't the music, and it wasn't the homily. It was the people. I started knowing more than just faces - I knew names, and I actually wanted to get to know these people who had these faces and names. I made good relationships with the other youth ministers and teens. I enjoyed coming early and chatting with them, and staying after to hang out. I felt like I belonged - but even more than that, I felt like people appreciated my presence and looked forward to seeing me as much as I looked forward to seeing them.

Some of you know what I'm talking about. For those of you who don't, I really encourage you to find out. Say yes to a ministry that you're interested in (and if you're not interested in any, then just say yes to the next one that you hear about). Don't worry about if you know enough or are holy enough. The truth is you don't and you aren't. But that's okay - in fact it's not only okay, it's expected. Ministry isn't for people who have all the answers and are totally prepared. Ministry is for those who want to be challenged and want to grow (heck, it took ministry to make me realize that I needed to grow). Do you think I knew enough or was holy enough when I started volunteering, or when I started working for the Church? No way Joseph - and I still don't know enough or am holy enough.

Don't let your Catholic faith be limited to one hour on Sundays. Don't let it be something you do. Let it become who you are. Say yes.
PRAYER FOR SCHOOL STAFF

As the new year begins pray together as a family for all principals, teachers, and all who care for our children at our schools!

Dear God,
Thank you for the amazing principals, teachers and school staff who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and wisdom to thrive in their classrooms and around school. Surround them with the support that they need and bless them abundantly in their efforts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:

1st year (choose 1):
August 27, 3-5 pm, Milani Center
August 29, 7-9 pm, Milani Center

DONATIONS NEEDED:
Gently used school shoes

Gently used shoes needed for school-aged kids at St. Vincent de Paul. Please drop off donations in the donation bin at the Faith Formation office. Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation Sessions begin in September

Start Dates:
Children’s Ministry
ECE Preschool/Kinder
Sunday, September 10th

Elementary (Grades 1-5)
Middle School Formation (Grades 6-8)
Saturday, September 2nd (SPANISH)
Sunday, September 10th
Wednesday, September 13th

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesday, September 20th

Registration forms are available at the Faith Formation and church offices and on the church website. For further information, contact the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.
Volunteer Opportunities

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need leaders 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 Sunday evening and in the days following the Fun Fest
- Select a volunteer spot that you can do either 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, our home page.

Sponsors Needed

Put your business or family name before everyone attending the Fall Fun Fest.

All Sponsors receive recognition before and after the Fall Fun Fest:
Please consider Sponsoring our event or a booth.
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB
Meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Peet’s Coffee on Cochrane Rd. All are welcome.
August Book Selection (August 29):
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance
September Book Selection (September 26)
La Verdad: A Witness to the Salvadoran Martyrs by Lucia Cerna and Mary Jo Ignoffo

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE
24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday September 1st immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday September 2nd with Benediction at 8:00am
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Mt 26:40

"Pray, pray, pray the Rosary every day. In the last month {October 13th}. I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

MARRIED COUPLES: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. 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.

MORGAN HILL SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM
St. Catherine Church is one of several local faith communities and nonprofits partnering with the City of Morgan Hill, Morgan Hill Police Department, County of Santa Clara, and the MHUSD to provide respite from the streets and case management resources for 8 local unsheltered families or persons living in cars or RV’s. The Safe Parking Pilot Program began July 8th. Thus far a family with four children and a family with three children have transitioned from their cars and tents to housing. Their slots are filled with eligible families who have been referred by local agencies and vetted by the Morgan Hill Police Department. The Pilot Program runs through October 6th when it will be evaluated to determine its future.
We are asking for help in two areas: volunteers and donations of packaged foods and water.

Volunteer
Volunteers greet our guests, put out snacks and packaged food each morning, check in the guests and offer a snack in the evening. We need morning (6:30-7:30am) and evening (6:30-9:00pm) volunteers. You can come once during a week or as often as you like. To volunteer go to our website, www.stca.org, click on Volunteer on the Home page. Select the event FOCUS Safe Vehicle Park – Volunteer. A complete description of the project is under the Group, Outreach section on the website.

Donations of Food & Water
We need individually packaged healthy snacks such as yogurt or Go-Gurts, applesauce, fruit cups, cheese sticks, protein or fruit bars, carrot sticks, and vegetable package with dip. It helps for both ease of serving and storage if snacks are packaged individually. Our refrigerator space is very limited. We also need cases of bottled water. Families use about a case of 24 bottles each day. Please call Carol Lillig 408-857-4516 or Jeanette Thatcher 408-427-6291 to arrange to deliver or for pick-up of your donation or just to answer questions. Thank you.
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.

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


QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When has the faith of someone from another race or culture enriched your own?”

Child: “What could you do to help someone of another race or culture feel more welcome in your neighborhood?”

ST. CATHERINE TO COMMISSION NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

On August 27 at 10:30 Mass we will commission new Stephen Ministers. They are: Frank Mendoza III, Michele Ramos Ramirez, Nancy Nielsen and Wesline Jean-Michel. These men and women have received 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join a team of active Stephen Ministers serving the parish and community. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person’s need persists. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Claranne Schirle at (408) 782-1413 or kenandclaranne@gmail.com.

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD’S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.
Another summer coming to an end! Our summer programs were a big hit with students! Robotics, crafts, art, cooking, sewing, math and circuitry were enjoyed by St. Catherine school and parish students in grades 1-8. Kinders enjoyed a readiness program designed to provide a smooth transition for incoming students. Great summer fun and learning!

WELCOME NEW COUGARS!

A huge welcome to our new Cougars! We have a number of new families with kindergartners as well as a few new families in other grades. We are delighted to have them as members of the St. Catherine School community!

A special welcome to our new staff members: 3rd Grade Teacher—Nikky Fardig, Jr. High Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher—Kris Heiser, Music Teacher—Marlene Fernandez, Extended Care Director—Ana Arellano, and Extended Care Assistant—Angela Sigel! We know you will love St. Catherine School. Welcome aboard!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Back to School Night for grades K-5 is Tuesday, August 22. Parents meet in the church at 6:30, then attend presentations by teachers.

Our Jr. High Back to School Night is Thursday, August 24. Again, parents meet in church at 6:30, then walk their child’s schedule and hear about policies and expectations from each teacher.

Each school family is expected to have at least one parent attend the night for their child’s grade. This is a fabulous way to meet your child’s new teacher and find out what your child will be learning this year.

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. Most classes are currently full; however we have spots left for second, fourth and sixth grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

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