From the Desk of Deacon Rick Haeckel.....

There must be some of us who remember the old soap opera "As the World Turns?" Wow, I just googled it and it ran from 1956 to 2010, now that's longevity. But I digress, I'm not referring to the content but rather the title. The world, and we with it, keeps turning. Season to season continue their changes. I must be nostalgic, I remember a Shakespearean sonnet I had to memorize in High School, well at least part of it:

Like as the waves make toward the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end;
Each changing place with that which goes before, …

He was meditating on mortality. It's a bit more morbid than I wanted to speak about, but it does remind us that time answers to no one.

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Desde el escritorio de Rick Haeckel, Diacono…

Debe haber algunos de nosotros que recuerden la telenovela "¿Como el mundo se vuelve?" Guau, sólo lo busqué en Google y sale que la telenovela estuvo desde 1956 a 2010, ahora eso si es longevidad. Bueno, no me estoy refiriendo al contenido, sino más bien al título. El mundo, y nosotros con él, sigue girando. Temporada a temporada continúan sus cambios. Debo ser nostálgico, recuerdo un soneto de Shakespeare que tuve que memorizar en la secundaria, al menos parte de él,

Como las olas hacen hacia la orilla de guijarros.
Asi nuestros minutos se apresuran a su fin;
Cada lugar cambiante con lo que va antes...

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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 — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah’s heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).
Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus’ sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-4,17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14 30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27


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 28 † Alfonso Zuluaga † Barbara Basil
Tuesday, August 29 † Fred Hyndman † Robert Hyndman
Wednesday, August 30 † Jose Concepcion Cid † Maria Cruz Cid Lemus
Thursday, August 31 † Linda McDonald † Connie Cannino
Friday, September 1 † Maria Levyva † Kenny Steen
Saturday, September 2 † Frank Bua † Arturo Fallico
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY 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.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

This sounds too good to be true, from Green Tips: Leave grass clippings on the lawn after you mow to provide your lawn with a natural (and free) source of nutrients, or compost the clippings for use in your garden. Composting does require some work but your garden will thank you :-).

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!

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
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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A GOOD PRAYER

A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven.

—Thomas Fuller

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue “The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks,” which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the Eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or “special circumstances.” In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored “to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers.” The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Augustine
Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

A QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “Which church leader has most influenced your personal faith?”

Child: “What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?”
**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (Isaías 22:19-23).

**Salmo** — Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (Salmo 138 [137]).

**Segunda lectura** — Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (Romanos 11:33-36).

**Evangelio** — Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16:13-20).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Lunes**: 1 Tes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Martes**: 1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mc 6:17-29

**Miércoles**: 1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Jueves**: 1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Viernes**: 1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Sábado**: 1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Domingo**: Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**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

**DESENE EL ESCRITORIO DE RICK**

Estaba meditando sobre la mortalidad. Es un poco más mórbdio de lo que quería hablar, pero sí nos recuerda que el tiempo no responde a nadie. A medida que el verano se desvanece y la escuela comienza de nuevo cambiamos nuestros engranajes para acomodar el aumento del tráfico, el fútbol que invade el béisbol, los días con menos luz solar, etc. Esto sucede generalmente sin pensar mucho; El ritmo de vida se produce en segmentos y los años son un intervalo conveniente para medir.

Hasta ahora hemos hablado de marcadores físicos, ¿qué hay de los espirituales? La Iglesia nos da signos sacramentales de la presencia de Jesús. Pero por lo general no reflejamos el movimiento de nuestra vida espiritual, y nuestro camino de fe. Tenemos recordatorios físicos de nuestra fe católica: el crucifijo, el agua bendita, el signo de la cruz, el rosario... cosas llamadas sacramentales. Puesto que somos seres físicos, nos beneficiamos de talismanes físicos. Pero también somos seres espirituales, cómo medimos el crecimiento y el cambio en nuestra relación con Dios es a la vez más personal – pero también muy fundamental. Nos ha dicho Jesús que amemos nuestro prójimo, ¿cómo entendemos lo que nos pide? Tengan la seguridad de que hay, como decía Shakespeare, "cambiar de lugar con aquello que va antes". Ese tipo de amor es más fácil de vivir al principio de la vida. Para los niños pequeños todo el mundo es su vecino y no hay prejuicios porque todas las personas son aceptadas. Rápidamente nuestros padres y familia se sienten orgullosos, aunque sólo sea por su familiaridad. Aprendemos el amor de ellos. A medida que crecemos, estamos invitados a encontrar en Jesús la esencia de que la familia es para nosotros. Dios es verdaderamente amor y lo olvidamos a nuestro propio riesgo.

Así como el alimento y el agua nos da nutrientes esenciales para nuestro cuerpo, también el amor forma el nutriente esencial para nuestra alma. Necesitamos restablecer esa verdad fundamental con frecuencia para mantener nuestra salud espiritual. Muchas cosas en este mundo nos jalan hacia ellos, pidiendo o exigiendo nuestra atención. Si deseamos estar bien con la práctica de seguir a Jesús, el Príncipe de la paz, necesitamos reflexionar sobre y qué es el amor para nosotros. El amor más allá de nuestra capacidad de captar, el amor que, como nos recuerda la primera carta de Juan, es Dios.

Por lo tanto, a medida que continuamos nuestro camino espiritual, amando lo mejor que podemos, tal vez el famoso dicho: "El amor es la respuesta, ¿cuál es la pregunta?" Puede ayudarnos en nuestro camino hacia Dios.
CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE AGOSTO

Domingo, 27 de Agosto
- Ashley Garcia
- Pedro Uribe

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

FACEBOOK
Únase con nosotros y 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.

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

Más del 40% de la población católica en Estados Unidos es de origen hispano y sólo el 6% de los sacerdotes son hispanos. Hay algo que está mal en las cifras. Parte del problema es que en los seminarios estadounidenses no saben qué hacer con las vocaciones y culturas hispanas. Por otra parte, los hispanos desean que nuestros hijos tengan mejor vida y la vocación sacerdotal no constituye un lugar privilegiado en la escala social.

Ciertamente, había un tiempo en que los sacerdotes se trataban con mucho respeto, ya no. Últimamente la escasez de sacerdotes y los escándalos en la Iglesia han hecho que el sacerdocio pierda mucho de su encanto. La vida sacerdotal se ha hecho muy difícil. Hoy día el joven que busca el sacerdocio lo busca por servicio y vocación, no por prestigio o posición social.

El sacerdocio es un apostolado que se recibe con el sacramento del Orden. Ser ordenado es recibir órdenes, es decir, ser obediente. Hoy más que nunca, el sacerdote está llamado a la misma obediencia de Jesucristo, obediencia que lo llevó a la cruz y a la resurrección. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que su entrega sea total.

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

ADORACION EUCHARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA

Vuestra 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 Sabado 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 ultimo 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-PRIMER 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 prometio assistir a todos aquellos que practicaran la devocion de los cinco Primeros Sabados consecutivos con las gracias necesarias para su salvacion en la hora de su muerte.

Con la intencion 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 Reconcilicion {Confesion} todos los Sabados de 4P.M.-5P.M. o por citas.

QUINTO MENSAJE EN LA APPARICION 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 comenzaron 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 vuesto Senor, asi como vuestra Senora De Dolores y vuestra Senora Del Carmen. Se aparecera San Jose con el Nino Jesus para bendicir el mundo.”

Ameria Necesita Fatima

REUNION MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA COMUNION

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

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

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

EL PROGRAMA FORMACION DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Queridos padres de familia:
La oficina Formacion 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 mas en el proceso de preparacion para los Sacramentos.

Les comunicamos que para el dia martes 22 de agosto, 2017 a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial tendremos una noche de informacion para el grupo de ninos y padres que se registraron para su primer ano. Para los ninos de segundo ano y continuacion sera el dia martes 29 de agosto a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial.

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

Gracias,
Programa Formacion de Familias en la Fe

ESTA INVITACION ES ESPECIALMENTE PARA TI

Quieres ser parte del programa de Formacion de Familias en la Fe en la Parroquia de Santa Catalina?
El programa de catequesis esta buscando voluntarios y voluntarias para ayudar en diferentes formas para el año que viene. Tendremos talleres de formacion donde aprenderemos muchas cosas. Te esperamos! Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de contactar la oficina al (408) 778-9604 o contactar a Maria Miranda por correo electronico mMiranda@dsj.org

IMPRESIONABLE

Cuando tratamos de causar impresion, es exactamente la impresion lo que causamos.
—Anonimo

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaria recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policia de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscribbase 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?

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
10:00AM TO 5:00PM
O’Donnell Parish Center
In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?"
Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
And then in response to that, Jesus makes Peter the first pope, the rock that the Church is built on.
We know the story.
But let's think about how the disciples, especially Peter, might've taken it.
Here they are, students hanging out with their teacher. They're learning lots and just trying to do their best not to disappoint Him. Then Jesus asks them a seemingly random question - "Who do people say that I am?" They start giving guesses, hoping to be right. Then they're asked what they think, and they all pause, wondering what answer Jesus is looking for, not wanting to be wrong. Then an idea pops in Peter's head and he just says it without thinking (because that's the kind of guy that Peter is).
Then there's a moment of silence and he, along with his fellow disciples, are freaking out that he said something totally idiotic.
And then boom, Jesus basically tells Peter that he's gonna run the whole show.
Talk about being blindsided. Here's Peter, just trying to answer a question, and it ends up being a group interview for the most important position in the world.
Now, that may seem like a whole heckuva lot for Peter to take on. After all, he was just a fisherman before Jesus came along. But he had his fellow Apostles, not to mention the Holy Spirit, right there with him.
And that's one of the many beautiful things about our Church. We are never alone. We are never in it on our own. We not only have the Holy Spirit guiding us all the way - we have a community of people who are there to help and support us.
Too often we forget this - we think that we need to carry all our burdens on our own. We think that if we can't do it on our own that we are weak. You know what's weak? That type of thinking. Being humble, admitting that you need help - that takes strength and courage (now, if you're just lazy asking for help, that's just being lazy).
The world gives us mixed messages on this. There are plenty of people who take pride on being "self-made" (even though in reality there is no such thing), and even in elementary school, there's a fear of being laughed at if you raise your hand to ask a question. But then we look to coaches and leaders in fields to teach us how to exercise, how to cook, how to [fill in the blank].
Mass is important like that. It's about coming together as a community. Praying together as a community. It doesn't matter what your skin color is, where you come from, what you do - we come together. And something that we need to remember is that we come together so that we can not only worship together, but also help each other in the only real goal that matters - getting to heaven.

Side thought: I wonder if any of the other disciples were like, "I was just gonna say that!" or "That was going to be my second guess!"

*By the way, if you haven’t yet, check out our Bishop’s response to what happened in Charlottesville.*
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you baptized Catholic but never received any formal faith formation or have never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Reconciliation or Eucharist?
- Are you baptized in another faith tradition and are seeking initiation into the Catholic faith?

We invite you to explore and discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian, learning with others in a community of faith. Every year adults and children (7 years of age or older) are welcomed into the Catholic Community through the Rite of Christian Initiation. It is a learning and loving process through which conversion and transformation of the heart brings you to know Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults**
Begins Wednesday, September 20th
7:30 pm in Milani Center

For inquiries for school-aged children, please contact Rose at rosepm@dsj.org

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**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!

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**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

**Catechist volunteers** are still needed for ECE/Preschool and Children’s Liturgy of the Word for one Sunday/month. An open heart, love of children and a desire to share the faith are all that are needed! Training is provided.

Registration forms are available at the Faith Formation and church offices and on the church website. For further information or to volunteer, call the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604.

**UPCOMING PARENT INFO MTGS:**
1st year (choose 1):
- August 27, 3-5 pm, Milani Center
- August 29, 7-9 pm, Milani Center

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ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL
FALL FUN FEST

September 15, 16 & 17

BUY YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS TODAY!

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.

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.
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

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 a vendor and would like to sign up, please contact Maria Dominguez at 408-779-3959.

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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED TODAY
Congratulations to our new Stephen Ministers: Frank Mendoza III, Michele Ramos Ramirez, Nancy Nielsen and Wesline Jean-Michel. Please pray for God to bless their ministry and work through them to bring Christ’s hope and healing to those whom they serve. Pray also for the ongong ministry of our current Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers. Joanne Gitner, Claranne Schirle, Dcn. Juan Aquino, Lita Aquino and Denise Ramos who have served since the ministry began six years ago. Ann Poirier, Kathy Ferris, Kenny Carvalho and Tom Faulkner have just completed two years of service as Stephen Ministers. Congratulations all, Good and Faithful Servants, for a job well done!
How many times have you come to Mass, get to the Offertory, see those baskets coming your way, and cringe because your forgot that you don’t have any money with you? Maybe you’re like me. Almost every Sunday, it seems like I’m frantic to get out the door, get all three kids in the car, and pray that I make it on time to Mass without speeding. Then I frantically get the kids out, power walk to the Church, stop to make sure I locked the car, walk in the doors of the Church, look around to find a seat that can fit my whole family, then sit. That’s when I take a deep breath and try to pray.

In that time, I haven’t once thought about my monetary gift to the Church. The baskets come and all I can do is throw up my hands in surrender.

If doesn’t have to be that way. My world changed when I realized years ago that I can set my monthly gift to my parish online. Now, I have literally set it and forget it. Each month, I know my gift makes it’s way to St. Catherine without me having to lift a finger.

At St. Catherine, you have two ways to take advantage of your ability to set it and forget it:

- **Set up a Bill Pay with your bank online:** Bill Pay is super easy and most banks have it. You simply set up a new Bill Pay with St. Catherine, giving the parish address, phone number, the amount you want to give each month, and what day you want the payment to be delivered to the parish. And that’s that. Each month, St. Catherine receives a check from your bank on your behalf. When the check is cashed, it withdraws from your bank account. Don’t forget to put your offertory envelope number on the memo line!

- **Set up monthly giving via We Share:** We Share is our new version of Parish Pay, and works a lot like PayPal. You simply log on to We Share, set up your account, designate St. Catherine as where you’d like your gift to go, set the monthly amount, and the day of the month you want to give, and that’s that. We’ll have more information on We Share coming soon.

Doing one of those two things will ensure that St. Catherine is able to continue it’s mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship, and Service!

If you need help setting this up, please don’t hesitate to email or call me, John Rinaldo, and we’ll get you up and running. jrinaldo@dsj.org, (408) 779-3959

Would You Consider…

Pew Research suggests people visit Churches for the first time because of one of two reasons:
- It’s close to where they live.
- They’ve been invited.

Fortunately, St. Catherine is the only Catholic Church in Morgan Hill, so we are close to everyone who lives in the 95037 and 95046 zip code. We can check that one off the list.

But, have you invited your neighbor, friend, or co-worker who is Catholic to join you at Mass? Why not?

For the month of September, let’s make a deal: I’ll invite someone to come to Mass with me if you do. What do we have to lose? Not much. What do we have to gain? A new parishioner; a committed disciple who loves Christ. Sounds like a good plan to me.
St. Catherine School News

Trust in the Lord
School theme 2017-2018

The first day of school was awesome! Smiling faces, new uniforms, and an eagerness to reconnect with friends were all highlights of the day. Parents learned about plans and activities for the year at the Back to School Coffee. While students got to know their teachers, parents signed up for various upcoming events.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB
Each spring the faculty and staff choose an inspirational book to read for the summer and discuss in the fall. This year we read *Laudato Si’*, an encyclical letter by Pope Francis I. The encyclical addresses our responsibilities in caring for this beautiful earth God created for us. The book ties in well with the school’s learning outcomes to be respectful of God’s creation and stewards of the environment.

Here’s to a great school year!

CATHOLIC TELEMEDIA NETWORK (CTN)
Catholic Telemedia Network provides an array of services to the Catholic schools of the dioceses of San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. CTN streams educational programming from its studios in Menlo Park and provides online access to a range of educational games and websites. Teachers, students and parents are able to access CTN’s online programs which include webquests, games, video streaming, and online labs just to name a few.

CTN offers online programs such as Mathletics, Discovery Science, BrainPop, Learning 360, and much more. Additionally, they offer many Religion resources for Catholic school teachers.

SPACES AVAILABLE
We still have space in second, one in fourth and one in sixth for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested, please contact the school office at (408) 779-9950 as soon as possible so we can get things rolling. We encourage parishioners to apply.

Kinders and families enjoyed Kinder Kick-off!