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.

**MASSES / MISAS**
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
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.)

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

**From the Desk of Fr. Russ Roide, SJ…..**

Dear parishioners,

Pope Francis brought a new devotion to the church following his election as Pope. When he was a Jesuit priest, before becoming an auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires and then the Cardinal Archbishop, he studied in Germany. Only in the 20th century did the devotion become known in the rest of the world. He brought the devotion of “Our Lady Untier of Knots” from Germany to Argentina, then to Rome and now to the world.

One of the images brought by Jorge Mario Bergoglio to Buenos Aires was placed in the rectory of the Colegio del Salvador, the Jesuit school founded in the Argentine capital in 1868. In 1996, with the permission of the Cardinal Archbishop, Antonio Quarrancino, at that time, Fr. Rodolfo Arroyo, the parish priest of San Jose del Talar, decided to spread the devotion to Mary untier of knots in his parish which is located northwest of the Argentine ….. (Continued on Page 3…)

**Desde el escritorio del P. Russ……..**

Queridos feligreses,

El Papa Francisco ha traído una nueva devoción a la iglesia desde su elección como Papa. Cuando fue sacerdote jesuita antes de convertirse en obispo auxiliar de Buenos Aires y luego en cardenal arzobispo, estudió en Alemania. Sólo en el siglo XX la devoción emergió para ser conocida en el resto del mundo. Él trajo la devoción de “Nuestra Señora Desatadora de nudos” de Alemania a Argentina, luego a Roma y ahora al mundo.

Una de las imágenes traídas por Jorge Mario Bergoglio a Buenos Aires fue colocada en la rectoría del Colegio del Salvador, la escuela jesuita fundada en la capital argentina en 1868. En 1996, con la autorización del Cardenal Arzobispo Antonio Quarrancino, en ese tiempo, Fr. Rodolfo Arroyo, párroco de San José del Talar, decidió difundir la devoción a María desata nudos en su parroquia que se ubica al noroeste de la capital argentina y se alza sobre las primeras casas jesuitas antes de que la Compañía de Jesús fuera expulsada de América del Sur en 1767. (Continuado en Pagina 5….)
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 — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).
Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

Readings for the Coming Week
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, September 4 † David Williamson
Tuesday, September 5 † Thomas Thompson
Wednesday, September 6 † Catherine Mross
Thursday, September 7 † Bill Young
Friday, September 8 † Ramon Muñoz
Saturday, September 9 † Maria Bañuelos

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RUSS......

We find two unusually strong phrases in today’s readings: “you duped me, O Lord” and “get behind me, Satan.” Jeremiah admits that he allowed the Lord to dupe him. He bears the taunts and derision that comes from speaking God’s truth to an audience that scoffs and ignores his words. But, even in anguish at the reception he receives and after trying to avoid his call, he finds he cannot “hold it in.” He is impelled to speak of the peoples need to repent and turn back to God. Jeremiah becomes the model that we are to embrace. We won’t necessarily have a platform like Jeremiah had but we do have daily opportunities to example God’s call to those whom we contact. Not all invitations are spoken, most are lived out in the way we treat each other. Following Jesus, the Prince of Peace, means seeking to make peace in a way that is evident to others. Humility and graciousness are virtues that lead us in the ways of peace...with ourselves, with others and with God. Let’s be duped by the Lord, becoming witnesses who continue to learn to love. Once again Peter is an object lesson for us. Having heard of Jesus’ fate to be tortured and die before being raised up, he can’t believe that such a tragic ending must occur. We know now how foolish that doubt was but Peter was only slowly to learn of Jesus fate, a fate which showed the enormity of Jesus’ love...that he would die that we might live. When we speak of “God’s plan” we often think of a destiny that satisfies our wishes. It wasn’t until Jesus’ resurrection that Peter realized that salvation was indeed to come through Jesus’ death, that new life was to come for all people. Are there things we attribute to “God’s plan” that are really only our wishes or else a way to explain events that are hurtful? Perhaps we should instead find that a “plan” is too specific. Rather we should live in the certainty that God is with us in whatever happens. Plans are subject to change, it is we who have to be reminded of that. Unplanned events are often invitations to recognize that God is with us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

We often affirm those we like by giving them a gift. That takes time and perhaps money so we shift to “next time” mode. Instead, try picking a flower from the garden (yours if possible ;-) and presenting it with a smile and a good word. It’s easy to arrange and almost free. It’s the thought that counts.

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!
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.

Sactristans - 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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It’s interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope’s library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week’s time they tested what they called a “read Mass with singing,” a “Mass entirely recited,” and a “Sung Mass.” While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It’s amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

RELIGION DEFINED

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one’s fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.

—Theodore Roosevelt

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?”

Child: “When has it been hard to be a follower of Jesus?”
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir por ti (Jeremías 20:7-9).

Salmo — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).

Segunda lectura — No se dejan llevar por las cosas del mundo, más bien transfórmense por la renovación de su mente (Romanos 12:1-2).

Evangelio — Si quieres seguirme, renuncia a ti mismo, carga con tu cruz y síguelo (Mateo 16:21-27).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 4:13-18; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 11-13; Lc 4:16-30, o las lecturas de la Misa “Por la santificación del trabajo”

Martes: 1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Lc 4:31-37

Miércoles: Col 1:1-8; Sal 52 (51):10-11; Lc 4:38-44

Jueves: Col 1:9-14; Sal 98 (97):2-6; Lc 5:1-11

Viernes: Miq 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sábado: Col 1:21-23; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 6, 8; Lc 6:1-5

Domingo: Ez 33:7-9; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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
VIGÉSIMO-SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

Domingo, 3 de Septiembre

- Denisse Velasco
- Rodrigo Hernandez

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
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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

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¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre(s): ____________________________
Dirección:______________________________
Ciudad:_______________________________
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Número teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________
¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____Yes  _____No
¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?
_____Yes  _____No

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REUNIÓN MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA COMUNIÓN
Para el 8 de Septiembre en el salón 10 a las 7 de la noche tenemos nuestra reunión 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 días!
• Martes(10AM - 12PM)
• Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
• Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

UNA BUENA ORACIÓN
Una buena oración, aunque se use con frecuencia, sigue siendo fresca y hermosa a los ojos y oídos del cielo.

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

IMPRESIONABLE
Cuando tratamos de causar impresión, es exactamente la impresión lo que causamos.
—Anónimo
Did You Remember Your Gift?

It is only natural when invited to a party – whether a birthday, anniversary, homecoming or any other celebration – to consider 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 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 the group, please feel free to stop in any Wednesday morning at 9:00am 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.

On Saturday, Feb. 17th
10:00am - 5:00pm
O’Donnell Parish Center
I've heard many people say that the translation of the Bible that you use is irrelevant, as long as you actually use it. To that I say: I agree. Mostly. Words are powerful. And replacing one word with another can be completely change the feel of what was said.

For example:
If someone was to tell you, "You take my breath away," you might blush or guffaw because you are flattered by the compliment. Or you might Han Solo it with an, "I know."
But if someone were to tell you, "You are suffocating me," your face might turn red in anger instead of embarrassment. Or you might Han Solo it with an, "I know."
Both phrases can mean the same thing, but most people know they have very different intentions.

In today's first reading, the translation you get from usccb.org's daily readings says, "You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped."
Does God dupe people? I don't think I would describe God as being deceiving.
Online I found that another translation instead of duped is persuaded. It also explains why bad things are sometimes attributed to God. I think that is a more apt description of how God does things. And for anyone who thinks that persuading is a bad thing (which it can be), God doesn't use it in that way.

I wrote a bulletin article awhile back about the mistreatment of a teen by an adult because of how they were dressed at Mass. Although I don't agree with how the woman approached the young lady, nor what she said to her, I can, to an extent, understand why she said it. She wasn't trying to attack the teen - she was trying to get her to recognize how important the Mass is and that we should dress accordingly.

But she chose her words poorly. And for many of us, who are challenged to see the true beauty of the Catholic Church, poorly chosen words can lead us away from the Church, not towards it.
I know I have hurt people with my words. I've even used hateful words to those that I love when I've gotten caught up in the moment. It's one of the many things that I'm working on.
And although being more intentional and pastoral in our words is important, being able to forgive is needed even more.

Take some time today or this week to reflect on the grudges that you're holding onto. Pick at least one to let go of - and do what is necessary to make that happen. Here are some suggestions of what you an do:
Prayer - There have been times I've been so angry/annoyed at my wife, and I'm thankful that I've gotten into the practice of going to prayer. It allows me to see things from a perspective other than my own. It allows me to recognize that I might not have handled the situation appropriately.
Talk to the Person - A lot of times we have issues with someone, it's because we make a lot of assumptions. And the only good assumption that's been made is Mary.
Reconciliation - Yeah, you can ask for forgiveness for not forgiving someone. It's also a good reminder of God's mercy and how we need to reflect that more in our own lives.
Have you ever found yourself saying this to God - in prayer or even just in response to something that just happened? “I know how it is supposed to turn out,” you say. We hear in today’s gospel that Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what that means.

We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we often limit our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God’s plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

On the way home from Mass today, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Recall today’s gospel. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? Do we get discouraged because God doesn’t act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working at work, in ways that are beyond our human understanding.

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**ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST**

**September 15, 16 & 17**

**BUY DISCOUNTED TICKETS TODAY!**

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

**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.*

**Carnival Rides**

*Unlimited Ride Coupon* - $20.00

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**Food and Game**

*Red Food & Game Tickets* - 10 for $9.00

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**September 15, 16 & 17**

**BUY DISCOUNTED TICKETS TODAY!**

*Tickets available for purchase through 3pm Friday Sep. 14th.*

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

**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:

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
If you are interested in becoming an altar server there are two upcoming training sessions. You must be at least in the 5th grade and received First Holy Communion. The sessions are on Wednesday, September 13th and Wednesday, September 20th from 1:00-3:30pm. You only need to attend ONE session. Any current altar servers wishing a refresher course are welcome to attend as well. Any questions, please contact Karen Barone at (408) 779-7141.

SAFE CAR PARK MORGAN HILL
Two of our families have recently obtained housing and are in need of a few items: regular and toddler-sized beds, and a dining room set with 6 chairs. We are also looking for someone willing to allow one of our RV guest’s a place to park. She is a wonderful woman, has her own car and things to do during the day, and does not need any hook-ups. She can pay a modest amount each month. If you can be of service to any of these families, please contact Carol Lil-lig 408-857-4516. Thank you!

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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED
Congratulations to 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 ongoing 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!

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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION THANK YOU
Maurizio’s and the Italian Catholic Federation give thanks for all the people who supported and helped make the Rotelle Di Parma Dinner fundraiser for the renewal of our church a big success! Thank you also to Morgan Hill Cellars and Richard Della Maggiore for their wine donations. A special thank you to all who helped set-up, take down, washed pots and pans, helped in the kitchen, ticket takers & sellers and the young members of our community who helped in many ways. Blessings to all!

Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase –
The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 22-24, 2017 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
**Donuts, Coffee, and Fellowship**

For the past few weeks we have not had morning hospitality after the 7:15am, 8:45am, and 10:30am Masses. But it’s not gone forever!

Donuts and coffee are not about, well, donuts and coffee. It’s actually about you and me. The entire reason for having donuts and coffee after Mass is to encourage each of us to build community with each other and get to know other people in our parish. This is an essential aspect of being Catholic. When we come to Mass it’s not an individual prayer experience. Mass is about praying together as one community.

So, after Mass the idea is that we NOT run out the doors of the Church as fast as we can, get into our cars, peel out of our parking spot, and get on with whatever is next on our calendar. Whether there are donuts or not, I encourage you stick around a little bit after Mass, meet some new people, or hang out with old friends.

After all we are on this journey of life together as members of St. Catherine and as members of the Body of Christ.

**Hospitality Volunteers**

We want to continue hospitality after Mass really soon but we need some help. We’re need 2 to 4 volunteers for each Mass to create a new hospitality committee. And we want not only to do this after morning Masses but at evening Masses as well.

If you are at all interested or want to find out more, please contact John Rinaldo at jrinaldo@dsj.org. I promise you I won’t ask you to commit until you are fully aware of what our vision is for hospitality at St. Catherine. But I’m sure you’ll be highly interested to help after you learn more. Invite your friends to get involved with you!

**IT/Tech Volunteers**

Do you know how to work with IT systems, computers, and phone systems? Let me know. We want to upgrade our IT infrastructure and need volunteers to guide us. Contact John Rinaldo at jrinaldo@dsj.org to find out more.

**Fall Fun Fest (just in case you missed it 2 pages back)**

Not only is our Fall Fun Fest an amazingly fun event, it’s an opportunity to build community in our Church and in our city. Please join us on September 15-17, 2017. There are lots of ways to get involved and to volunteer if you are itching to help. We would love you to consider sponsoring the event as a Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze contributor. Or just come and enjoy the rides, games, food, and drink. All the details can be found at www.stca.org. See you there!
The eclipse provided some moments of awe for St. Catherine students. The students learned about the mechanics of eclipses in their classrooms, then enjoyed a first hand view through special glasses. It was an event they will remember.

The school office will be closed on Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day holiday.

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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

The Diocese of San Jose and St. Mary’s School are hosting a High School Information Night on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00pm in the school building. Representatives from all the Catholic high schools in the diocese will be present. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders and their parents are encouraged to come and learn about our Catholic high schools. This is the South County offering of High School Information Night for schools in the Diocese of San Jose. There won’t be an additional night scheduled at St. Catherine. The evening is open to all. Information will be available in the school lobby that evening regarding which rooms each school is using for their presentations. Please call St. Mary’s School office for more information (408) 842-2827.

Trust in the Lord

WALKATHON

St. Catherine’s Parent Teacher Guild (PTG) is sponsoring our 8th annual Walkathon to raise funds for the school. Each year PTG commits to raise over $100,000 to bridge the gap between the cost of educating each child and the amount of tuition paid. The Walkathon is October 6 on the playing field. Prior to the event itself, students will solicit pledges, either per lap pledges or flat amount pledges, to be collected after the walk. PTG is challenging each student to bring in at least $150 in pledges. A Prize Assembly will be held after pledge monies are collected. This event truly fits with our mission to promoting good health and physical activity. The low overhead and high return to the school supports the goals of using funds effectively for the good of our students. Anyone interested in sponsoring the event, please contact the school office. Many thanks in advance to all who support this event by working or pledging!