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

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal......
Catholic schools in America have been a vital part of the culture of our country and our church since North America was first colonized by Europeans. The role has changed a bit over the years, but one thing remains the same. Catholic schools continue to nurture faith in God and the message of Jesus in our lives in a community setting.

As a product of Catholic schools, and a Catholic school educator and administrator for over thirty years, I am truly grateful for my experiences through Catholic education. My childhood was filled with fond memories of a faith community. School was a second home for us. We sang at mass with the school choir, prayed Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, and walked hand in hand to church each First Friday for mass.

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Desde el escritorio del Fabienne Esparza, Director de Escuela......
Las escuelas católicas en América han sido una parte vital de la cultura de nuestro país y nuestra iglesia desde que América del Norte fue colonizada por europeos. El papel ha cambiado un poco en los últimos años, pero una cosa sigue siendo la misma. Las escuelas católicas continúan cultivando la fe en Dios y el mensaje de Jesús en nuestras vidas en un ambiente comunitario.

Como un producto de las escuelas católicas, y una educadora de la escuela católica y administradora durante más de treinta años, estoy verdaderamente agradeçida por mis experiencias a través de la educación católica. Mi infancia estaba llena de buenos recuerdos de una comunidad de fe.

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SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

**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.)

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).
Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35


READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Sunday/Domingo, September 10
7:00-1:00pm CR1-4 Kit Hospitality
8:00-11:00pm NUR Bright Begginsings Nursery
8:00-12:00pm DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm 8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
2:15-3:15pm CR1-4,5m Confirmation Program Intro
3:30-5:30pm CR1-4,5m Confirmation Fall Quarter
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
5:00-7:00pm Rm. 8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

Monday/Lunes, September 11
6:00-7:00pm CR3-4 Kit Community Super
6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice
6:30-9:00pm CH Angelica Choir
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmade Stitching Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:00-9:00pm MC English - Pre-Baptismal Class

Tuesday/Martes, September 12
5:00-9:30pm CH Liturgy Training / Enviorment
6:30-9:00pm MC Español - Clase Pre-Bautismal
6:30-9:00pm Rm. 11 Jovenes Para Cristo - Coro
6:30-9:30pm Rm. 10 Knights of Columbus - Council Mtg.
7:00-8:00pm LR Sweepstakes Committee

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 13
3:30-4:30pm MC,Rm 8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
3:30-4:30pm CH Faith Formation Community Time
5:00-6:00pm CH Childrens Choir
5:00-7:00pm Rm. 10,11 Una Puerta de Esperanza - Junta 
5:30-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry
6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-7:45pm Rm. 8 Jesus to Manking Pray Group
6:30-9:00pm DC EDGE
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo de Oracion

Thursday/Jueves, September 14
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-8:30pm Rm. 11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

Friday/Viernes, September 15
5:00-10:00pm Parish Fall Fun Fest
5:00-9:00pm CH Alpha & Omega - Prayer Concierto
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 8,10,11 Reunion Jovenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sábado, September 16
11:00-10:00pm Parish Fall Fun Fest

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, September 11 † Sima Mariani † Rose Marchese
Tuesday, September 12 † Luis C. Tan † Carmen Muñoz
Wednesday, September 13 † Martino Hoan Ngo † Paul Chau Vu
Thursday, September 14 † Parents of Loran Allen † Cruz Gonzalez
Friday, September 15 † Catherine Mross † Kenny Steen
Saturday, September 16 † Georgina Barnes † Maria De Fatima Montero
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

In today’s Gospel Jesus instructs his disciples about how to handle sin within the believing community. Both individually when they themselves are aggrieved or sinned against and are involved and communally when others are needed to resolve the sinful issue. The method used is based in rabbinic tradition with which they would have been familiar; resolving the “sin” at the lowest level possible, i.e. with the fewest number of people. The binding and loosing of which Jesus spoke had to do with how the sinner was judged. When the sinner was unrepentant, he was excluded from the synagogue (his sin was bound); when repentant he could remain or return (his sin was loosed). Our sacrament of reconciliation has its roots in the power Jesus gives his disciples to “bind” and to “loose.” This, perhaps too technical description, shows us that while sin is to be avoided it is a part of the human condition. The sin itself is less important than the attitude and contrition of the sinner. By nature we are all sinners, as Pope Francis referred to himself at the time of his election. Certainly we are to avoid sin but given the fact that we aren’t perfect we will fail. What we do then speaks to our spiritual journey. Failing means falling for sure but then we have a choice. We can either ignore or deny our sin which deprives us of the power of forgiveness, or we can admit our sin (in the sacrament of reconciliation) and celebrate our God who always forgives. It is in the celebration of God’s grace received in humble contrition that we grow, sometimes slowly, sometimes in leaps and bounds. Once having been forgiven, we become better able to forgive others. We even grow by understanding that we must also forgive ourselves. We fail when we withhold forgiveness, the forgiveness which often is the spark which ignites love. So, if sin is inevitable, how do we cope? By the sacrament of reconciliation in which God’s grace enables us to move forward. Not leaving behind our failures but rather allowing them to grow through them.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

In line with simple things to be green … how many reusable bags do you keep in you car? The only way to reduce paper or plastic bags is by having reusable bags at hand when shopping. Try putting two or more behind the driver’s seat. Then you’ll have one even for unplanned shopping stops.

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

Years later as a mother and Catholic school teacher, I realized the immense benefit of having both home and school giving the same message of the redeeming grace of our Savior. Working in Catholic schools has nourished my faith life as an adult. I am indeed grateful for the many people who have encouraged me through the years: my parents, family, teachers, students, priests and colleagues. My life would certainly be different without the influence of Catholic education. St. Catherine School is a ministry of our parish. While no school meets all needs, St. Catherine is a great place for children. If you are considering a Catholic education for your child and have some questions, please contact the school office at 408-779-9950 or fesperza@stcatherineMh.org . We’d love to show you our fabulous parish school! My prayers go out to all parents, teachers and administrators as this school year really gets rolling. May Jesus bless you in your mission to develop faith filled, resilient and compassionate children!
Liturgy

Liturg 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

Greetings - 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

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ’s victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the “true cross” discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and “went missing” for fifteen years. Thursday’s feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It’s a good day to look around your house or office: Don’t those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?”

Child: “How can you help another person do the right thing?”
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente (Ezequiel 33:7-9).

Salmos — Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmos 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13:8-10).

Evangelio — Jesús está presente siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mateo 18:15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11

Martes: Col 2:6-15; Sal 145 (144):1b-2, 8-11; Lc 6:12-19

Miércoles: Col 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: Nm 21:4b-9; Sal 78 (77):1bc-2, 34-38; Fil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17


Sábado: 1 Tim 1:15-17; Sal 113 (112):1b-7; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Sal 103 (104):1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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.

GRUPO DE FAMILIA

AL-ANON RAYITO DE LUZ

Este grupo invita a personas que tengan familiares o amigos que sufren la enfermedad del alcoholismo a sus sesiones aquí en Morgan Hill, son los jueves de 7 a 9 de la noche en: 16890 Church St #16, comunicarse con Juanita para más información con Juanita al tél. (408)706-8361.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FABIENNE

. La escuela era un segundo hogar para nosotros. Cantábamos en la misa con el coro de la escuela, rezábamos Estaciones de la Cruz todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma y caminábamos de la mano a la iglesia cada primer viernes para la misa. Si bien estos recuerdos no pueden ser individualmente inspiradores, el mensaje general que recibí en las escuelas católicas fue el de una comunidad fuerte y llena de fe que me motivó a seguir una carrera en la educación y esforzarme por vivir mi fe cada día. Años más tarde, como madre y maestra de escuela católica, me di cuenta del inmenso beneficio de tener tanto hogar como escuela dando el mismo mensaje de la gracia redentora de nuestro Salvador. Trabajar en escuelas católicas ha nutrido mi vida de fe como un adulto. Estoy realmente agradecida por las much as personas que me han animado a través de los años: mis padres, familia, maestros, estudiantes, sacerdotes y colegas. Mi vida sin duda sería diferente sin la influencia de la educación católica.

La escuela de Santa Catalina es un ministerio de nuestra parroquia. Mientras que ninguna escuela satisface todas las necesidades, Santa Catalina es un gran lugar para los niños. Si está considerando una educación católica para su hijo y tiene algunas preguntas, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela al 408-779-9950 o fesparza@stcatherinemh.org. ¡Nos encantaría enseñarte nuestra fabulosa escuela parroquial! Mis oraciones salen a todos los padres, maestros y administradores ya que este año escolar realmente se pone en marcha.

¡Que Jesús los bendiga en su misión de desarrollar hijos llenos de fe!

ADORACION EUCARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEJANDRIA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración empieza el Primer Viernes, A las 8:15A.M. concluyendo el Primer Sábado, con Bendición a las 8A.M. "De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo" MT26:40
VIGÉSIMO-TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

Domingo, 10 de Septiembre
- Isabella Moya
- Ivon Cedano

Félix Cumpleaños

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 manténganse 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

Durante todo el mes de septiembre se celebra el mes de la herencia hispana. Esta fiesta responde a una presencia hispana que tiene su inicio con la llegada de los españoles a la Florida en 1513, hace 501 años. Los españoles estuvieron en 24 de los ahora 50 estados de Estados Unidos. Eventualmente, como bien sabemos, Florida, el Suroeste y Puerto Rico pasaron a manos de los estadounidenses.

Desde nuestra incorporación a este país hemos ido creciendo en presencia e influencia. La primera obra literaria en español publicada en EE. UU., fue un sermón de don José Agustín Caballero en 1804. En 1808 inició la prensa hispana en EE. UU. con el periódico El Misisipi en Nueva Orleáns. Este fue el primero de los medios de comunicación en español en esta nación. En 1822 se eligió el primer político Hispano como representante estatal de Florida.


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ADORACION EUCHARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucharística 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.
**PREPARACION A LOS SACRAMENTOS**
Si eres mayor de 18 años y te faltan alguno o algunos de los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación o Eucaristía) puedes inscribirte en la Rectó-ría iniciamos el 13 de Septiembre a las 7 de la noche, la preparación es por un año, las reuni-ones son semanales. También adultos que ya recibieron sus Sacramentos y quieran conocer un poco más son bienvenidos. Nos reuniremos en la oficina.

**NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA**
¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergen-cia del departamento de policía de la cuidad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

**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 presen-cia, 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 fre-cuencia, sigue siendo fresca y hermosa a los ojos y oídos del cielo.

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

**IMPRESIONABLE**
Cuando tratamos de causar impresión, es exacta-mente la impresión lo que causamos.
—Anónimo

**EL 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 Catali-na?
El programa de catequesis está buscando volunta-rios y voluntarias para ayudar en diferentes formas para el año que viene. Tendremos talleres de forma-ción donde aprenderemos muchas cosas. Te espe-ramos! Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de contactar la oficina al (408) 778-9604 o contactar a Maria Mi-randa por correo electrónico mMiranda@dsj.org

**GRUPO: ALFA Y OMEGA**
El grupo de Alfa y Omega los invita el Miércoles 13 de septiembre a las 7:00PM a un concierto testimo-nio con la hermana Gela. Se llevará a cabo en nuestra parroquia de Santa Catalina. Todos son bienvenidos.

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

**¡BIENVENIDO!**
Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que es-tán 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 registra-do, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre(s): ______________________________________________________________________

Dirección: ______________________________________________________________________

Ciudad: ______________________________________________________________________

Código postal: __________________________________________________________________

Número teléfono: __________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________
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?

St. Catherine Woman’s Faith Sharing Group
Invites You to Join us
weekly on
Wednesdays, at 9:00am
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 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
In today’s 1st reading, we hear that we are called to "dissuade the wicked from his way." It goes on to say that we are responsible for the wicked if we don't speak out against their evil ways. There are people who misinterpret this to mean condemning others to hell, or standing on a public corner and shouting horribly hateful things to people within earshot. But to dissuade is not to condemn. To dissuade is not to go up to random people, or even people you've met, and telling them to stop sinning. Because that won't work. Wanting people to believe in God and to follow His ways is a good thing. But if you really want to have an impact on someone, you need to give more than just your belief. You have to give them more than just your words. You have to give them your time. But don't worry, I'm not saying that you need to give up any of your time for this. Just give up God's time.

What's God's time you ask? Well, who created time? It's a silly thought isn't it? We keep saying we don't have time to pray, and that we have to make time for God. But the reality is that all the time we have on this earth we got from God - shouldn't we be more than willing to give Him first dibs on it?

So we give that time to God by spending time with the people in our lives (or the people God puts in our lives) to build relationships with them, to get to know them, and to show them they are loved. Once this has been established, we have a better chance of bringing those people to the Church (of course, this only happens if we are being the Catholics we ought to be).

Now, there is a danger here - we can start to think of every person we meet as someone we need to convert or to change. We can focus on people's sins and not on the people. I have a friend who just told me that the reason he stepped away from the Church is because he felt he was focusing too much on how he could bring someone to the Church, instead of focusing on the person. The problem is, trying to convert people is only part of the Gospel message. The other, more important part of the Gospel (in my opinion), is sharing Christ's love with others. So here's a step-by-step process of what you should do:

1. Love God.
2. Show kindness, love, and compassion to everyone around you.
3. Work on sinning less.
4. If any of those people ask you about your faith or their faith (which probably means they trust you and are open to hearing your thoughts), share the crap out of it. If they don't ask, then just keep doing steps 1-3.

Remember, it's the Holy Spirit, not you, that converts hearts. We are just called to work with It. Which means not to work against it. And when you use hateful language, judgment, and condemnation, you are definitely working against it.

We've got a special guest coming to our Fall Quarter Intro today:

**Robbie Ocampo**! Robbie works for the youth in the diocesan office. He is a spiritual, dynamic speaker that you won’t want to miss. All teens in high school (not just Confirmation) are invited to join us at 3:30 in the Parish Center.
The following children and youth celebrate the Rite of Acceptance this weekend:

Melisa Andrade
Eduardo Barrios
Leonardo Barrios
Cody Roggia
Luke Roggia
Richard Steele
Karley Steele
Rigoberto Talavera
Estrella Talavera
Georgina Vega

The Rite of Acceptance is the first of the “threshold rites” of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. In the Rite of Acceptance, a change of identity takes place: those previously known as inquirers become catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members (although not yet full members) of the faith community who are seeking full Christian Initiation—the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. They are literally marked with the cross of Christ as God’s own.

Please pray for these catechumens as they continue with their reflection and preparation in the RCIA process.

Join us for a discussion on the Old Testament on Wed, Sept 20th, 7:30 pm in Milani Center.

is next Sunday, September 17, 2017 “Living as Missionary Disciples”
ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL
FALL FUN FEST

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.

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-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

GHANA
Awaso is a small village in Ghana, Africa. Attaining a high school diploma and living outside the bonds of poverty is often out of reach for most of the village children who are unable to pass the required entrance exams. The Awaso Academy, founded in 2010 by Father Paul Mensah, is breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future by providing quality education. A donation of $1.34 per day, $40 per month, covers all their needs-text books, school supplies, uniforms, transportation, breakfast/lunch and a loving staff.

Make a difference in a child’s life today! It’s easy! Visit www.awasohope.org and click “SPONSOR A CHILD”. Please call me if you encounter any difficulties. I’m here to help! Thank you for your support! Monica McClintock monica.mc@me.com 408.218.6007

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

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HAND-ING OUT PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE CARDS AFTER MASSES
The Knights of Columbus Assembly will be handing out Prayer cards in remembrance of Sep 11th (Patriot Day) after the Saturday and Sunday masses on Sep 9th and 10th. The prayer from Pope Benedict asks us to pray for world peace, and for an end of violence and hatred.

The card reads -

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost ... may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

-Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Service at Ground Zero April 20, 2008
**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!
Sixth graders met with their second grade buddies for some “get to know you” activities. Students love our Buddy Program! Eighth graders work with kindergarten, seventh graders with first graders and sixth graders with second graders.

Follow us on Twitter @stcat_school and

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

The Diocese of San Jose and St. Mary’s School will be hosting a High School Information Night on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 pm 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 will not 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 will be using for their presentations. Please call St. Mary’s School office for more information (408) 842-2827.

SAFETY PATROL

One of the many ways safety and responsibility is enhanced at St. Catherine School is through our Safety Patrol. Fifth and sixth graders sign up to serve on our Safety Patrol. Under the guidance of the 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Angie Lee, the students are trained and scheduled to serve in helping with drop off and pick up every day. Members of the Safety Patrol greet students and assist them getting in and out of cars safely. With adult supervision, Safety Patrollers stop traffic at the parking lot crosswalks to allow students and parents to cross to parked cars safely. Thank you to Mrs. Lee and all our Safety Patrol members for helping to keep drop off and pick up running smoothly and safely for all!

LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS

A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is now available in the school lobby. If you are looking for special information about our Catholic faith or a book to inspire you to seek a closer relationship with Jesus, stop by and check out the selection. Just take the book with you and return it when you finish. After you finish a book, you are encouraged (certainly not required) to jot a few notes about its impact on the sheet in the front cover. If you have books about our faith and developing a relationship with Christ that you would like to share with others, just drop it off at the school office. We’ll put it on our list, include a note sheet and get it on the shelf.