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.

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

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

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

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From the Desk of John Rinaldo, Business Manager.....

As you can tell from the parking this weekend, or the lack thereof, we are in full swing celebrating our annual Fall Fun Fest!

The Fall Fun Fest is not just a fundraiser for St. Catherine Parish and School. It is an opportunity for us as a parish community to connect with each other, and it is an opportunity to welcome others into our community. Whether we know it or not, our Fall Fun Fest is an evangelizing opportunity. We get to introduce people to our faith community and, hopefully, invite them to join us on Sunday’s at Mass in the weeks and months to come.

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Desde el escritorio del John Rinaldo, Gerente de Negocios......

Como se puede ver desde el estacionamiento este fin de semana, ¡estamos en plena celebración de nuestro festival del otoño!

El festival del otoño no es solo una recaudación de fondos para la parroquia y la escuela de Santa Catalina. Es una oportunidad para nosotras como comunidad parroquial de conectarnos unos con otros, y es una oportunidad para dar la bienvenida a otros en nuestra comunidad. Nuestro festival del otoño es una oportunidad para evangelizar. Tenemos la oportunidad para presentar nuestra comunidad de fe a la gente y, esperamos, invitarlos a unirse con nosotros en la misa del domingo en las semanas y meses que vienen.

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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** — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).


**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

- **Monday, September 18**
  - 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- **Tuesday, September 19**
  - 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- **Wednesday, September 20**
  - 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- **Thursday, September 21**
  - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- **Friday, September 22**
  - 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- **Saturday, September 23**
  - 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- **Sunday, September 24**
  - Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

- **Monday, September 18**
  - † Mary Lou Kahl
  - † Phillip Thatcher
- **Tuesday, September 19**
  - † James Raddatz
  - † Edmond Moisan
- **Wednesday, September 20**
  - † Sergio Madrigal
  - † Michelle & James Ward
- **Thursday, September 21**
  - † Belle McCormick
  - † John Coppolla
- **Friday, September 22**
  - † Zachary Jensen
  - † John Alexander Tabler

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, September 17**

- 12:00-5:00pm Parish Fall Fun Fest
- 3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
- 5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia

**Monday/Lunes, September 18**

- 11:00-2:30pm Kit Over 50’s Group
- 6:00-7:00pm CR3-4 & Kit Community Supper
- 6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice
- 6:30-9:00pm CH Angelica Choir
- 6:30-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo

**Tuesday/Martes, September 19**

- 6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 Jovenes Para Cristo - Coro
- 7:00-9:00pm CH New EM Training - Theology
- 7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Catechiste Training
- 6:45-8:30pm Rm.10 Cub Scouts Pack 766 meeting
- 7:00-8:15pm CR3-4 Knights of Columbus - Assembly
- 7:00-9:45pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry

**Wednesday/Miércoles, September 20**

- 9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group - Study
- 12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
- 3:30-4:30pm CR3-4 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
- 6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice
- 6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
- 6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
- 6:30-8:30pm DC EDGE
- 6:30-9:30pm CR1-4, Kit ICF - Dinner Meeting
- 7:00-9:30pm MC RCIA Session
- 7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.11 Jovenes Para Cristo - Coro
- 7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo de Oracion

**Thursday/Jueves, September 21**

- 6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
- 6:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza
- 7:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Reunion Comité Guadalupe
- 7:00-8:30pm Rm.8, 11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

**Friday/Viernes, September 22**

- 9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study
- 6:00-7:00PM CR1-2 Managuillos - meeting
- 7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.8, 10, 11 Reunion Jovenes Para Cristo
- 7:00-9:00pm CR1-4, Kit Movie Night

**Saturday/Sábado, September 23**

- 9:00-9:30pm CH Spanish FF Community Time
- 9:00-10:30pm MC/Rm.8, 10, 11 Spanish Faith Formation

**MC = Milani Center CR1-4 = Parish Center Conference Rooms**

**CH = Church Sci = Science Room LR = Living Room**

**DC = Daycare PR = Presentation Center**

**Nur. = Nursery**
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE DESK OF JOHN......

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

WEATHER IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

In the climate of public discourse today the first reading and the Gospel speak of forgiveness, or perhaps the absence of it. Peter asks what he must have felt was a generous offer, did he need to forgive someone seven times? Imagine his surprise when Jesus answered seventy-seven times; meaning actually whatever it takes, without any prescribed limit. The king’s servant who was forgiven but refused to forgive his fellow servant sees his forgiven debt restored. A short episode that we’ve most likely experienced. We can ask to be forgiven, even if contrition comes only with difficulty. Unlike the Gospel story our lack of forgiveness may not occur right away. Nonetheless, without charity we resort to tit for tat logic; I follow the rules and honor my debts, so should you. Ultimately, as followers of Jesus, we are asked to be charitable and forgiving. In small things like traffic tiffs: we immediately think “what the heck is wrong with that guy, he cut me off” but then instead of “I’ll show him” which escalates into dangerous actions, we must pause, take a breath and in charity think “maybe he’s late for an important event.” Pre-judging is a fool’s errand, it’s not possible to know the mind of another so we practice forgiveness. The reading from Sirach speaks to forgiveness eloquently,

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. … Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?”

The language is evocative, who among us hasn’t unwittingly “hugged tightly” anger when we felt we’ve been wronged, that’s a human reaction. Jesus’ call to forgive puts anger in second place behind forgiveness. Our God of limitless forgiveness invites us to experience the peace which comes from acting in love for another. What better example than “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Our recent heat wave points out that we live in a climate that allows us to line dry laundry. It’s not as common as it used to be, we’re a bit more sensitive about hanging out undies. But think of the energy we save not to mention the clean smell of a line dried towel. It’s another win-win.

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!
Liturgical Ministries 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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FORGIVE OTHERS
There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

—St. Augustine

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?”

Child: “When you have forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?”
**VIGÉSIMO-CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — No podemos fomentar el rencor y esperar que se nos perdonen nuestros pecados (Sirácide 27:30 — 28:7).

**Salmo** — El Señor es bondadoso y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en compasión (Salmo 103(102)).

**Segunda lectura** — Ya sea que vivamos o muramos, lo hacemos en Cristo (Romanos 14:7-9).

**Evangelio** — Jesús dice que debemos perdonar no sólo siete veces sino setenta veces siete veces (Mateo 18:21-35).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Lunes:** 1 Tim 2:1-8; Sal 28 (27):2, 7-9; Lc 7:1-10

**Martes:** 1 Tim 3:1-13; Sal 101 (100):1b-3ab, 5-6; Lc 7:11-17

**Miércoles:** 1 Tim 3:14-16; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 7:31-35

**Jueves:** Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Viernes:** 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Sal 49 (48):6-10, 17-20; Lc 8:1-3

**Sábado:** 1 Tim 6:13-16; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 8:4-15

**Domingo:** Is 55:6-9; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Fil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**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.

**UNA BUENA ORACIÓN**

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

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**Desde el Escritorio de John**

Como comemos buena comida, bebemos buenas bebidas, disfrutamos de los juegos de carnaval y paseos, también mostramos el rostro de Cristo a todos aquellos que vienen a nuestra Fiesta de Diversión. ¿Cómo? Simplemente a través de las amistades. Las amistades o relaciones están en el corazón de nuestra comunidad de fe, y están en el corazón de una relación con Dios. La gente ve a Dios a través de usted y de mí. Al fin y al cabo, pertenecer te lleva a creer.

Un gran evento como este requiere muchas manos para hacerlo posible. Un agradecimiento muy especial a Marc Poirier, que ayudó a coordinar todo el evento este año. Puso mucho tiempo, energía y corazón en este festival y no habría ocurrido sin su liderazgo.

Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros patrocinadores, que sin su apoyo no habríamos podido hacer realidad este evento:

**Patrocinador Platino:**
- KDS Plumbing

**Plata patrocinadores:**
- Johanna Tacci y familia
- LoNardo's Woodworking
- Frank's Plumbing
- Familia Pereira - Cyclone
- Familia Colton

**Bronce Patrocinadores:**
- MH Engineering Co.
- La Familia Hendrickson
- Zag Technical Services

Y por último, ¡GRACIAS por asistir a nuestra Festival del Otoño este fin de semana!

Manténgase atento al boletín para “Agradecimientos” en el futuro y una actualización sobre cómo nos fue con nuestra recaudación para el festival del otoño.
VIGÉSIMO-CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

Domingo, 17 de Septiembre
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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
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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
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Con el paso de los siglos, los mercedarios se han dedicado a rescatar todo tipo de cautivos del abuso social. Por tal razón, muchas imágenes de la Virgen de Nuestra Señora de la Merced la pintan con dos bolsitas de monedas usadas para comprar la libertad de los encarcelados o esclavizados. En otras imágenes carga cadenas abiertas como símbolo de libertad.

Esta patrona de Perú recuerda el deseo latinoamericano de la liberación. Este deseo de liberación se ha convertido en un compromiso urgente para la Iglesia latinoamericana en protesta por los muchos abusos por parte de militares, guerrilleros y carteles de la droga que amenazan la libertad. Jesús vino a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias y su madre (la Merced) ayuda fielmente en esa obra. Su Iglesia no puede hacer otra cosa sino lo mismo.

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Nombre(s): ____________________________
Dirección:______________________________
Ciudad:_______________________________
Número teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________

OFERTORIO — ELECTRONICA

Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?
- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- Ya no va ver la necesidad de escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:
A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.
B) Regístrate para utilizar la línea segura ParishPay. Ir al www.stca.org y haga clic en "Give A través de Parish Pay".
C) Dando por medio de PayPal. Vaya a www.stca.org y haga clic en “Give Via PayPal”.

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.

TRABAJO DIGNO

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

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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
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Please mark your calendars today and join us.

On Saturday, Feb. 17th
10:00am - 5:00pm
O’Donnell Parish Center
I was in a liturgy class a few years ago, and something that stood out to me from one of the first nights was a line from a book we were reading. I can't remember the book or the exact quote, but it basically said that if we celebrated Mass as fully as we are supposed to, it should bring us to the edge of chaos (if you know what book this is from, please let me know so I can update this).

The edge of chaos. Does that sound like an experience you've ever had at Mass?

If your answer is no, then you're not doing Mass right (don't worry, I'm pointing the finger at myself when I say that).

I think the biggest reason we don't get to the edge is because we don't sincerely take in what we're experiencing. And I'm not just talking about the Eucharist, although Jesus Christ being physically present in the consecrated Bread and Wine is already a miracle. Yet all too often we mindlessly say, "Amen," and walk back to our pew wondering whether I should've taken a bigger sip from the chalice or not (is that just me?).

The readings at Mass are for us. They are relevant. They are important. And if we're really listening - they're as challenging as heaven (I could've said hell, but I think heaven will is way harder).

Today's readings seem to focus a lot on mercy - not merely on God's mercy, but on the mercy we should have for each other because of the mercy God has for us. If, by chance, you actually paid attention, you probably sat in the pew and thought, "Yeah, got it, be merciful - heard that plenty of times before and I do that well enough."

Oh really?

Have you seen yourself in action? How often do you hold a grudge against someone? How often do you get angry at the little things (like someone who takes up two spots when parking - I mean, c'mon people!)?

Have you ever not forgiven someone because of something they did, only to realize later that you've done the exact same thing (or even worse, not realize that you've done the exact same thing)?

How hard would you have to work to be as forgiving as God? What would your life be like? What would your relationships be like? Could you even imagine living like that (seriously, try to think about it)?

And that's where the edge of chaos is. It's in the realization that what God is calling you to do and who God is calling you to be is almost unfathomable. But with God, not impossible (don't take my word for it, take God's Word for it. Literally).

So every week, come to Mass ready to try. Don't come waiting for the homilies or the music to get better - because someone is always going to have a problem with the homily or the music. Focus on what's important. There's a reason why it's called the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and not the Liturgy of the Homily and the Liturgy of the Music. They're important, but they're not the most important.
Catechetical Sunday 2017

This weekend, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, “Living as Missionary Disciples”, a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people. Those who the parish has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Please keep our catechists in your prayers as we begin a new year of spiritual discovery and growth with our parish community! Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We can all rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

- Are you or someone you know a member of another faith tradition yet want to know more about St. Catherine Parish and the Catholic Church?
- Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?

If you are either coming to Catholicism for the first time or find yourself at a crossroads where you are desiring full communion, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion, to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

Join us on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:30 pm in Milani Center.

For more information, please contact the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

Sacramental Preparation Parent Information Meetings:

Sunday, Sept 24, 3-5 pm in Parish Center or Wednesday, Sept 27, 7-9 pm in Milani Center

This meeting is for parents whose children are in the second year of faith formation and are preparing for reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion in the upcoming year. At least one parent should attend the meeting.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ADVENTURE IS CALLING!
Cub Scout Pack 766 would like to invite all boys in grades Kindergarten thru 5th and their parents to join us for some fun at our next Pack meeting. Come learn about how scouting teaches good values and citizenship through fun activities. Monday, September 18 at 6:30pm at the Community and Cultural Center in downtown. For more info, contact Travis Taylor, tjhsppapa@yahoo.com

Stress in Your Marriage? – There is less than a week left to signup for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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: Monte-rey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF COMMUNION
Interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Communion? St. Catherine’s will be offering new minister training on Tuesday, September 19th and Tuesday, October 3rd. You must be a practicing Catholic and have received all the sacraments, baptism, communion and confirmation. You must also attend both sessions. Any questions, please call Karen Barone at (408) 779-7141.

FAREWELL
Dear parishioners of Santa Catherine, although a little later I said goodbye to you, because my Congregation in prayer decided to leave the parish, since, it was seen that God asked us for this change to the Parish of Our Lady of Refuge in San José. Serving the parish for more than 30 years, it is one of the parishes where as a congregation we have been the longest time. It was a great blessing for me to have worked for 15 years, through this time you have taught me a lot. As a Congregation we are very grateful to God for giving us this opportunity to serve you and I am saddened that I have had to close this stage of presence in Santa Catherine. I carry you in my heart and entrust myself to your Prayers God bless you Sister Silvia Frias MESST

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT
A High School Information Night will be held at Holy Spirit School on Tuesday, September 19th beginning promptly at 7:00pm. The school is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue in San Jose. Representatives of the five Catholic high schools will be onsite making presentations distributing materials and answering questions. All 7th and 8th grade parents and students are invited to attend.

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

KNITTING GROUP
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

MASS TIMES
When traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!
Friday, September 22nd, 7pm!
This October is the 100 year anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima!
Be part of the celebration and come to watch the movie, The 13th Day.
This movie is based on the memoirs of Sr Lucia. Free popcorn!

SAFE CAR PARK PROGRAM NEED
A family of four has been referred to our Safe Car Park Program.
Currently they do not meet the parameters to be in the program, but they have a need for a safe place to park and pitch their tent at night. The family consists of a mother, father, and a school-aged boy and girl, who attend school in the MHUSD. We are trying to find a place for them to stay at night in their tent for up to two months. By then we expect they will qualify for our Program. They would come at 7PM and leave with all their belongings by 8AM. The Safe Car Park Program would insure access to showers, laundry, toilets and food during this time. All we are looking for is the safe space at night. If you are interested in helping out and would like more information please call Carol Lillig at 408-857-4516. Thank you for your support.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHEDULE
Our 24 hour of Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on First Friday October 6TH immediately following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday, October 7TH with Benediction at 8:00 A.M.
"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" MT: 26:40

40 Days For Life
Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.
Join our 40 Days Prayer kickoff vigil on Wednesday September 27th, 2017 at 11:45 am. Hosted vigils three days per week M,W,F 11:45 am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

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

A CALL FOR MUSICIANS AND SINGERS
We are looking to expand our music ministry. In an effort to enhance our liturgies we are encouraging musicians and singers of all ages and musical background to join our music ministry here at St. Catherine. Don’t hesitate to share your musical gift with our community and help us to create more vibrant liturgies. Please contact Fr. Jeronimo at jgutierrez@dsj.org. We look forward to hearing from you.
How many times have you come to Mass, get to the Offertory, see those baskets coming your way, and cringe because you 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.
The garden is abloom and filled with flowers and produce. Several classes learned about saving seeds. The seeds they save now will be planted next spring. This gives students an understanding of the life cycle of plants, as well as how to economize in the garden. Look for more pictures next week of our fall harvest.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

The Diocese of San Jose and St. Mary’s School will be hosting a High School Information Night on Wednesday, September 20, 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.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL WALKATHON

Mark your calendars, October 6th is the big day! Please support our school by making a pledge or sponsor this event and help our school continue to provide the best Catholic education for our children. Of course, all donations are fully tax deductible. Donations may be submitted to the school office.

St. Catherine School holds regular emergency drills for fire and earthquakes. Early this school year, a parent reunification drill was held, so parents and students know how they will be released in the event of a serious emergency. Parents signed students out after the students evacuated the school following a regular earthquake drill. In the case of a real emergency these protocols will be in place.

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.