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 Fr. Russ Roide, SJ, Priest in Residence.....

Dear parishioners,

Next June 11 to June 23, I will be accompanying a pilgrimage “Visitations of Mary” for 13 days with an optional Medjugorje Extension from June 23-June 27. There are very few pilgrimages that include both Lourdes and Fatima; also included is the famous Monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat outside Barcelona.

The pilgrimage also takes us to some of the special places of the 15th century Spanish mystics such as St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross (who was St. Teresa’s spiritual director.) We spend our first day in Barcelona with an overview of the city and a tour of the famous unfinished Basilica of Sagrada Familia by Gaudi. Then on to a Montserrat Mountain Retreat staying at the Abbot Cineros Hotel for two nights right next to the monastery.

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Russ Roide...

Queridos feligreses,

Del 11 de junio al 23 de junio, estaré acompañando una peregrinación “Visititas de María” durante 13 días con una extensión opcional a Medjugorje del 23 de junio al 27 de junio. Hay muy pocas peregrinaciones que incluyen Lourdes y Fátima, pero también se incluye el famoso Monasterio de Nuestra Señora de Montserrat fuera de Barcelona.

La peregrinación también nos llevará a algunos de los lugares especiales de los místicos españoles del s. XV, como San Ignacio de Loyola, Santa Teresa de Ávila y San Juan de la Cruz (que era el director espiritual de Santa Teresa. Pasaremos el día en Barcelona con una visión general de la ciudad y un recorrido por la famosa Basílica de la Sagrada Familia de Gaudí, luego al retiro de la montaña Montserrat y quedándonos en el Hotel Abad Cineros por dos noches justo al lado del monasterio. Después del desayuno decimos adiós a Montserrat y viajaremos a la ciudad de Manresa (a 11 km) la capilla de la cueva de San Ignacio de Loyola donde escribió sus renombrados Ejercicios Espirituales.

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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, September 24
7:00-1:00pm CR1-4.Kit Hospitality
8:00-11:00am NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:00-12:00pm DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation classes
3:00-5:00pm CR1,4.Kit Sac. Prep. parent meeting
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band and singers
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen

Monday/Lunes, September 25
6:00-7:00pm OS-4.KIT Community Supper
6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Litúrgica Practice
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids stitching group
7:00-8:30pm CH Angelica Choir
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jóvenes Para Cristo
7:30-9:00pm MC English Pre-Baptismal class
8:00-10:00pm GYM Young Adult Disciples Sports

Tuesday/Martes, September 26
5:00-9:30pm CH Liturgy Training/environment
6:30-9:00pm MC Español Clase Pre-Bautismal
6:30-9:00pm Rm.10 Jóvenes Para Cristo - Coro
6:30-9:30pm Rm.8 High School Information Night
7:00-8:45pm CR1,4.KIT Knights of Columbus assembly
7:00-8:00pm LR Sweepstakes Committee

Wednesday/MIércoles, September 27
9:00-11:00am CR1,2 Women’s Group study
12:00-6:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
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 Children’s Choir
5:00-7:00pm Rm.10,11 Una Puerta de Esperanza - Junta
5:30-7:00pm MC Middle School Ministry Session
6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Litúrgica 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
7:00-9:00pm MC Español Clase Pre-Bautismal
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo de Oración
8:00-9:30pm CR1-4 Alfa Omega monthly potluck

Thursday/Jueves, September 28
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

Friday/Viernes, September 29
9:30-11:00am CR1,2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Alginos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10,11 Reunión Jóvenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sábado, September 30
9:00-9:30pm CH Spanish FF Community
9:00-10:30am MC,Rm.8,11 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

8:15am Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30
† Stephano Tran  † All Souls
† Leonardo De Palma  † Carlos Mario Fernando Inclán
† Rose Marchese  † Nolberto Macias
† John Barnes  † Catherine Thatcher
† William T. Doyle  † Jean Castle
† Virginia Hill  † Pauline Rivera Rodriguez
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today’s Gospel describes a landowner who sent workers into his vineyard throughout the day but paid them all the same daily wage. What a beautiful reflection of God’s merciful “payment” of all people of faith; no first and last distinction, all are equal in God’s love for them. It takes prayerful reflection to apply that truth to our lives. If asked about God’s love given equally to all we would agree. Our spiritual understanding of God’s love of all creation is foundational in learning how we should treat each other. Okay, but how about where the “rubber meets the road?” How do we treat others? Probably well if they are friends or family. Maybe a bit standoffish if they are only acquaintances. Probably harshly if they act criminally or callously. Wait, wait, have we already forgotten the landowner? Do we really misunderstand God’s love freely given without measuring our worthiness? It’s challenging to move beyond temporal judgement and be loving without judging. Remember our call to love one another does not require that we like one another. It asks that we see the other as a child of God like ourselves and therefore treat them with care and compassion. It’s a lifelong learning experience, but the struggle to honor the “other” whether they be individuals, groups, or even countries is precisely the way we achieve our own peace. As followers of the Prince of Peace we are asked to temper our demands of others, giving them the benefit of doubt when internally we want to chastise or judge. The central issue involves our own growth in holiness rather than our personal stature or how we are perceived by others. Selflessness is really hard, it takes effort every day. Looking out for others, bypassing our judgment of them, brings satisfaction at a whole different level. Peace of mind is not a moment given but a state of grace which frees us. Being open to God is much more than overcoming a closed mind; it acknowledges all as the landowners workers.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
A frequently overlooked way of greening our environment is to limit our shopping trips. Practice anticipating needs so that when we do shop we make only one trip. Making lists allows a trip to buy groceries, something for home maintenance (batteries :-), or … a trip not taken is greeeeen.

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
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Liturgical Ministers Needed

Sacristans - needed for all Masses. You need to be an extraordinary minister of holy communion to be a sacristan. Please contact Karen Barone directly at kbarone@wildblue.net to schedule a training session.

Environment Coordinator - for the Church and Parish Center. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org. Check the website for general details.

Saints Chapel - clean chapel area and put new candles out. Looking for help throughout the day and evening. Small candles need to be changed out every four hours. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphndebbie@icloud.com

Greeters - welcome parishioners before each 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.

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today’s first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, “For to me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today’s Gospel. There we find that God’s love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “Which has deepened your faith more—being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?”

Child: “Think of a time when you were very fair, then think of a time when you were very generous. Which felt better?”
Una buena oración, aunque se use con frecuencia, sigue siendo fresca y hermosa a los ojos y oídos del cielo.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Así como el cielo está muy alto por encima de la tierra, así son los caminos y los pensamientos de Dios sobre los nuestros (Isaías 55:6-9).

**Salmo** — El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo llaman (Salmo 145 [144]).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo se magnificará a través de mí, sea que yo viva o que muera (Filipenses 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Evangelio** — Los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos (Mateo 20:1-16a).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Lunes**: Esd 1:1-6; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 8:16-18

**Martes**: Esd 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 8:19-21

**Miércoles**: Esd 9:5-9; Tob:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lc 9:1-6

**Jueves**: Ag 1:1-8; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 9:7-9

**Viernes**: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 o Apo 12:7-12a; Sal 138 (137):1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Sábado**: Zac 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lc 9:43b-45

**Domingo**: Ez 18:25-28; Sal 25 (24):4-9; Fil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

**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**

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**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE RUSS**

Después de la misa en la cueva, viajaremos a través de las pintorescas colinas de los Pirineos a Lourdes por dos noches, después de la Misa por la mañana, tomaremos un paseo por Lourdes, las Basílicas, los Baños, una tarde opcional, y estaremos listos para la procesión vesperpinta de las velas después de la cena. Desde Lourdes, partimos para nuestro día de viaje al norte de España para visitar la casa donde nació San Ignacio de Loyola y celebrar la misa en la sala donde se recuperó de las lesiones que desarrollaron su espiritualidad. Por último, llegamos al pintoresco pueblo de Santo Domingo de Silos, hogar de los monjes benedictinos que difundieron la mejor tradición del canto gregoriano en todo el mundo. Al día siguiente, nos dirigiremos hacia el sur hasta Segovia y visitaremos la impresionante catedral, la última catedral gótica que se construirá en España (portada del folleto) y visitaremos la tumba de San Juan de la Cruz. Luego a Ávila para visitar el lugar de nacimiento de Santa Teresa y el Monasterio de la Encarnación donde vivimos y reformamos la Orden Carmelita. Nos alojaremos (dos noches) en la pequeña ciudad de Ávila, una ciudad amurallada de 12C y tendremos tiempo libre para explorar. Luego disfrutamos de una parada de almuerzo en Salamanca y cruzamos la frontera en Portugal continuando hacia Fátima donde en 1917 apareció la Virgen María a tres niños Francisco y Jacinta que fueron recientemente canonizados por el Papa Francisco en Fátima. Visitaremos el pueblo donde vivían los niños y, por la tarde, nos unimos al Rosario Internacional seguido de una procesión a la luz de las velas en la plaza principal (la más grande de la cristianidad). También visitaremos el sitio de las apariciones, la nueva Catedral que alberga a más de 9,000 personas, las tumbas de los visionarios y la Iglesia de su Bautismo.

Por último, el día 13, seremos trasladados al aeropuerto de Lisboa para nuestros vuelos de regreso a casa o hacia adelante, como la extensión a Medjugorje.

Los folletos están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o con el padre Russ que puede responder a sus preguntas, darle algunos consejos sobre los vuelos a Barcelona. El vuelo de Lisboa a Medjugorje está incluido en el precio de extensión. La agencia de viajes es Harvest Journeys de Australia. Son la agencia de viajes católica para la mayor parte de Australia www.harvestjourneys.com. Usted encontrará esta peregrinación una experiencia religiosa más gratificante con la gente de Australia, de Hawaii y del continente los EEUU.
CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

**Domingo, 24 de Septiembre**

- Yolanda Aviña
- Yadira Lopez

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

FACEBOOK


MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS

Si usted tiene un familiar enfermo que no puede asistir a misa, favor de llamar a la rectoría al 408-779-3959 para dar sus datos para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y les lleven la comunión.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Las actas de los mártires son documentos de suma importancia en la Iglesia cristiana. En ellas se encuentra el testimonio de hombres y mujeres que con su sangre dieron testimonio del evangelio. En esta documentación encontramos el testimonio de quienes vieron y presenciaron su martirio. Por ejemplo, un soldado dice de los mártires: “Dormían en el suelo. No les vi quejarse en ningún momento y estuvieron todo el tiempo rezando y muy recogidos. . . magníficos, unos santos. . .”.

Testimonios como éste eran comunes en los primeros siglos del cristianismo cuando en la Roma pagana se perseguía a la Iglesia primitiva. Lamentablemente, este testimonio no viene de hace 17 ó 19 siglos, más bien, viene del siglo pasado, siglo en el cual la persecución de cristianos se multiplicó por todas partes del mundo produciendo más mártires que ningún otro siglo.

El testimonio del soldado fue acerca del primer santo Argentino, Héctor Valdivielso Sáez y compañeros, quienes fueron asesinados por los comunistas en Asturias, España. Él fue uno de los más de 8000 cristianos martirizados en España, 30,000 en China, incontables en Latinoamérica y otros lugares durante el siglo pasado.

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

ADORACION EUCHARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA

Vuestra 24 horas de Adoracion Eucharistica empieza el Primer Viernes 6 de Octubre después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa de las 8:15 A.M. concluirando el Primer Sabado 7 de Octubre a las 8:00 A.M. con beneficio

"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.
¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!

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

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA
La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por más días!
- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL
Necesitamos voluntarios para la línea de ayuda para San Vincente de Paül: ¿podría estar disponible una vez al mes para ayudar a los necesitados en nuestra área? Buscamos algunos voluntarios de la línea de ayuda de San Vicente de Paül. Las personas que necesita ayuda llaman a nuestra línea de ayuda, y tenemos un voluntario todos los días que comprueba los mensajes de voz y devuelve las llamadas telefónicas. Con generosas donaciones de nuestros feligreses, somos capaces de ayudar a pagar renta, utilidades, etc. Nuestros voluntarios con experiencia están disponible para entrenar a nuestros nuevos voluntarios. Harás una diferencia. Es un ministerio que te encantará. Llama a Carol 408-857-4516.

REUNIÓN DE CONSEJO HISPANO
Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de consejo hispano el Viernes 2 de Junio en la rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los Esperamos.

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

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 Catalina?
El programa de catequesis está buscando voluntarios y voluntarias para ayudar en diferentes formas para el año que viene. Tendremos talleres de formación donde aprenderemos muchas cosas. Te esperamos! Si tienes alguna pregunta favor de contactar la oficina al (408) 778-9604 o contactar a Maria Miranda por correo electrónico mMiranda@dsj.org

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

¡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:_______________________________
Código postal:_____________
Numero 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 Women’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 pursuingthesummit.com

Please mark your calendars today and join us.

On Saturday, Feb. 17th
10:00am - 5:00pm
O’Donnell Parish Center
I've struggled with today's Gospel (Mt 20:1-16). I will admit that I can be pretty selfish and when I see someone getting the same payment or reward for doing less than I did, I complain. But as it shows in the Gospel, God is above that. He promised the Israelites way way back in the day salvation, and gives us today the same promise. And regardless of the age when someone comes to Christ, they will partake in the same salvation as everyone else.

We play a very dangerous game because of this. For some asinine reason, we believe we have all the time in the world to come to Christ. We believe that we can wait - until after college, or when we get married, or when we settle down with family...we are constantly living like there is a tomorrow for us. Some of us probably believe that we'll die like in the movies where we'll have just enough time after we get shot or hit by a car or blown up to ask God for forgiveness.

Another part of that danger is that we think that God is so loving and merciful that He won't keep us out of heaven. Well, I've got news for you: He won't (probably). But you might.

No one on earth can or should pass judgment on another, or condemn them to hell. Almost only God has a say in who goes to heaven and who goes to hell. I say almost because a part of that decision is on you.

_Uh, Deepu, why would anyone choose to go to hell?_

Well, from what I understand, God wants to forgive us and have us in heaven with Him (if He didn't, then why would He send His Son to die on the cross for us?). But we need to accept and believe that. On top of that we need to accept and believe what Jesus taught while He was here on earth. And the longer we spend here on earth ignoring or putting God off, the harder it will be to ask God to forgive us. And if we can't ask God to forgive us, then He’s not going to forgive us (He respects our free will). And by not wanting to ask for forgiveness, we’re telling God we don’t want to spend eternity with Him, that we are just fine without Him. If we’re willing to turn away from God now, what’s to stop us from doing the same thing when we die?

If I'm the type of person that blames God for my car wreck, job loss, break up, failed test, or whatever, I'll be the type of person who blames God for my death or the way I died. I'll resent God. I won't want to ask for forgiveness because I'll still be too filled with pride.

Now of course I may be wrong, because I haven't died yet so I don't know exactly what happens. But hell if I'm gonna risk it.

These are many of the new teens who have joined our Confirmation program. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they travel this part of their faith journey.

**YOUNG ADULTS** - we have a Bible Discussion Group every other Wednesday at 8pm at my house. Please join us this Wednesday. 408-874-6742 or deepuk@dsj.org
Blessings and Family Prayers

As parents, there are many ways we seek what is best for their children. We try to make healthy meals, make sure they get enough sleep, teach respect for others and good manners and build family time during the week. Another way we can do this is by incorporating prayers of blessing into our family’s daily routine.

When we pray for God’s blessing, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that is good. In prayer, we ask God to bless us, bless others, and bless our activities. We do so with confidence and trust in God, who also seeks what is best for each of us. Here are some ideas to incorporate blessings into your family’s day:

Morning Blessings - Mornings can be crazy! Beginning with a prayer of blessing for family members as they leave the home can help to strengthen and encourage each person in the challenges or activities he or she may face during the day. Parents can trace the Sign of the Cross on each child’s forehead in blessing before leaving the house each day.

Mealtime Blessings - Meals are perfect occasions for prayers of blessing. We pray in thanks to God for his goodness to us. Pray together Grace Before Meals and Grace After Meals. It is also a great time to share about the good things that God has shared with us throughout the day and to pray together in thanksgiving.

Bedtime Blessings - As part of bedtime prayers, invite your child to name the person he or she would like to pray for. This can take the form of a simple litany, praying, “God bless...” as your child names family and friends. End by tracing the Sign of the Cross on your child’s forehead in blessing.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
PARENT INFO MTGS:

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

This meeting is for parents whose children are preparing for reception of First Reconciliation and First Communion in the upcoming year. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Begins October 1

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered during the 8:45 and 10:30 morning Masses. It is geared toward children ages 5 through 8 (Kindergarten through 3rd grade). The children of the parish are invited after the Opening Prayer to follow the Leader to a room where they hear the Sunday readings in words they can understand. They return to the church and the assembly after the Creed.

Share the Word with our parish children as a Volunteer CLOW Leader! Commitment is one Sunday a month and training is provided. For further information, please call Rose at (408) 779-9604 or by email at rosepm@dsj.org.
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the epiclesis, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the “institution narrative” to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong epiclesis. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EDUCATION
Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

—Edward Everett

HORRIFIED
People in general are equally horrified at hearing the Christian religion doubted and at seeing it practiced.

—Samuel Butler

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.

CATEDRAL DOCENT ORIENTATION
Are you interested in showing visitors our treasured Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph? Did you know that your Cathedral is a national historic landmark? Volunteer to become a Cathedral docent. You are invited to learn all about it during a special orientation for prospective docents on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Check-in begins at 1:00pm and the presentation lasts approximately one and a half hours. This takes place at 80 South Market Street in San Jose, next door to the Cathedral on the 2nd floor. We kindly ask that your RSVP to Nina Tranchina at 408-283-8100, extension 2210 by Friday, September 30 or via email to atranchina@dsj.org. Please note that docents are not required to be registered parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica Parish. Everyone is welcome and we encourage taking the Light Rail to downtown.

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.

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

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.
**ELECTRONIC UPDATES**
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**
Save the date for St. Catherine’s 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique on 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.

**SAFE CAR PARK PROGRAM NEED**
A family of four has been referred to our Safe Car Park Program. Currently they do not meet the requirements to enter 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 school-aged boy and girl. The children 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 the program. They would come at 7pm and leave with all their belongings by 8am. The Safe Car Park Program insures access to showers, laundry, toilets and food during this time. All we are looking for is a safe space at night. If you can help and would like more information please call Carol Lillig at 408-857-4516. Thank you for your support.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
24 hour of Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on First Friday October 6th following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and concludes on First Saturday, October 7th with Benediction at 8:00am

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Matt: 26:40

**40 Days For Life**
Join 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 at 11:45am. Hosted vigils held three days per week M,W,F 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy. For information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

**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.

**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 - textbooks, 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.
THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who made the Fall Fun Fest another wonderful experience. A large event like this takes many hands to put on. A very special thank you to Marc Poirier who helped coordinate the entire event this year. He put a lot of time, energy, and heart into this festival and it would not have happened without his leadership.

Also, a huge Thank You goes to many others: The Core Committee who coordinated the event, parishioners who volunteered in game, ticket and food booths, as well as in kitchens, first aid and volunteer stations, Thank you Authentics Car Club for hosting our car show. Thank you to our entertainers, set-up and take down crews, back office team and photographers. And thank you to all who came and had fun. Thank God for St. Catherine Parish Community.

Stay tuned to the bulletin for future “thank you’s” and an update about how we did this year with our Fall Fun Fest fundraiser.

Thank you Sponsors!

A special thank you to our sponsors, without their support, we could not have been able to make this event a reality. Sponsorships help offset the costs of this event and allow us to make it the fun event that it is. Thank you to the following sponsors:

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Your gift of sponsorship makes a tremendous difference. Thank you!

And lastly, THANK YOU for attending our Fall Fun Fest last weekend!
St. Catherine School

St. Catherine School News

St. Catherine has partnered with Sacred Heart School in Rockport, TX. Sacred Heart School sustained substantial damage during Hurricane Harvey. Our students have rallied to raise funds to replace lost equipment and supplies for Sacred Heart. Student Council members are selling prayer bracelets and loofahs from the school garden, as well as having a bake sale for Sacred Heart. Lower grade classes are writing letters to the students of Sacred Heart, while upper grade students are making rosaries for their student body. The students and staff of Sacred Heart School are remembered daily in the prayers of the St. Catherine students.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT for High Schools in the Diocese of Monterey

St. Catherine School will be hosting a High School Information Night for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Monterey on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00pm in the school building. Representatives from several Catholic high schools will be present, including Palma and Notre Dame in Salinas, Santa Catalina in Monterey, and St. Francis Central Coast in Watsonville. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders and their parents are encouraged to come and learn about these smaller Catholic high schools to the south and west of us. This evening is being offered for families who are looking for other options in a Catholic high school experience. 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 the school office for more information (408) 779-9950.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL WALKATHON

The Walkathon is coming up on - Friday, October 6th! Not only are we all working together as a community to raise money for our children’s education, we are doing it in a fun healthy way. Working as a team can mean great things for our kids.

There is still time to 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.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our sponsors for their support in helping us make this event a success!

Platinum Sponsors: Della Maggiore Family, Redwood Empire, Andrew Edwards State Farm, RNP Advisory Services

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The kick-off rally for the Walkathon was a huge success. Our cougar mascot made the rounds, students learned about the rules and prizes, and everyone danced to the theme song “Walking on Sunshine.”

To show great love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta