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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / VIGÉSIMO-SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

From the Desk of Deacon Juan Aquino…..

My name is Deacon Juan Aquino. Married for 46 years, Lita and I had been blessed with three loving and beautiful children.

First, I want to thank God and all of you for your prayers and for welcoming me back to our beloved home parish. I wish to share a little about myself, so that we can know each other more.

I was born and raised in a small, farming village in Mangaldan, Philippines. I attended a Dominican high school named after St. Thomas Aquinas. After college, I worked as a Chief Accountant in an international insurance company in Manila and as an Accounting professor at my alma mater, the University of Pangasinan, Philippines.

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Desde el escritorio del Diacono Juan Aquino…

Mi nombre es el diácono Juan Aquino. Casada por 46 años, Lita y yo hemos sido bendecidos con tres hermosos y cariñosos hijos.

Primero, quiero agradecer a Dios y a todos ustedes por sus oraciones y por darme la bienvenida a nuestra querida parroquia de origen. Quiero compartir un poco sobre mí, para que podamos conocernos más.

Nací y crecí en una pequeña aldea agrícola en Mangaldan, Filipinas. Asistí a una preparatoria dominicana nombrada después de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Después de la universidad, trabajé como contador principal en una compañía de seguros internacional en Manila y como profesor de contabilidad, la universidad de Pangasinan, Filipinas.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).
Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).
Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MC = Milani Center  CR1-4= Parish Center Conference Rooms
CR = Church Sci = Science Room  LR = Living Room
DC = Daycare  PR = Presentation Center Nur. = Nursery

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

MC, Rm.8, 10, 11 Faith Formation Classes
3:30-4:30pm

Saturday/Sábado, October 7
9:00-11:00am
CR1-4,Bolero Group Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.
7:00-9:00pm
MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm
Rm.8, 10, 11 Reunion Jóvenes Para Cristo (Rey y Reyna)
2:00-11:00pm

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2
† Lorraine Sando
† Theodora Lazzarini
† Cecelia Thompson
† Ken Steen
† Sara Burgess
† Rose Marchese
† Dede Mariani
† Pete Giordano
† Nick Scurich
† Tony Russo
† John Annie Chu
† Virginia Hill
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today’s readings bring to mind two familiar sayings, “privilege of place” and “actions speak louder than words.” The first is a warning about self-worth and the second reflects Jesus’ Gospel story. Privilege of place is not a bad thing in and of itself; it depends upon who or what provides the privilege. It is dangerous when one applies the station by oneself, not by others. In its strongest failure it produces prejudice, an inflated position in one’s own mind causing others to be objectified and seen as less. Certainly not in concert with Jesus’ call to love one another (with no provisos). Whenever one thinks less of another’s intrinsic worth as a child of God, that person has been blinded by a false desire for status of some sort. Ponder Paul’s words in the second reading, “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.” Humility forms the firmest of foundations for our relationships. Learning to see as Jesus, looking at the person with openness and caring, requires repeated personal prayer asking to overcome anything that limits our acceptance of others as fellow children of God. It is always important to recognize to whom Jesus is speaking. In today’s Gospel it’s the chief priests and elders of the people, i.e. those whose place of prominence has blinded them to the truth of Jesus’ message (we too must admit to at least occasional blindness too :-). We do not behave perfectly, just like the first son who said no to his Father’s request. But there is always room for a change of heart and action. It is the false “yeses” that Jesus decries, the voices that lead people away from a change of heart and action. It is the false “yeses” that Jesus decries, the voices that lead people away from the truth than their leaders. Just so, in our lives, we need to take spiritual “breaths” giving us time to correct our path, or feel supported in choosing a less popular path…one which includes Jesus, who walks with us always.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
A difficult but yet simple way to be green asks us to look at the clothes in our closets and bureaus. If you haven’t worn it in a year … give it to St. Vincent de Paul. I know, I know, it’s your “favorite” but if unworn it’s just taking up space. By providing clothing for someone who needs it’s a win-win too.

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!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JUAN……

I came to the United States in 1975 under a U.S. government sanctioned professional visa. My goal at the time was to improve my chances of providing well for my fast growing family. I thought then that when I saved enough money, I would go back. But 42 years have passed and I am still here because God’s plan was different than mine.

With a business degree and a CPA, I worked in managerial positions in manufacturing and restaurant industries here in the Bay Area. I also worked as part-time Business Manager for St. Joseph Church in Mountain View. I served for twenty years at St. Maria Goretti Church in various ministries, which I carried over to St. Catherine’s when we moved here in September 1999.


But God wanted more. I was admitted to the Diaconate. I was ordained by our Bishop Patrick McGrath in May 2012. After ordination, I continued what God has begun in me. I returned to Santa Clara University earning a Master’s in Pastoral Ministries - Spirituality.

My first assignment as Permanent Deacon was at Most Holy Trinity, a Jesuit parish in East San Jose where I served uninterrupted for five years. I was heavily involved in social justice ministry feeding over 1,500 poor families and the homeless each month as Director of the Pantry, the homeless shelter, and as Spiritual Director of St. Vincent de Paul. I served as Staff Resource person for the Outreach Commission under Pastor Fr. Bob Fambrini, SJ. At the diocesan level, I am a member of the Deacon Community Board.

Apart from my diaconal roles here, my social justice work already began with volunteering for the Safe Car Park for the homeless, and the Interfaith Community of South County. I am also serving in the Finance Council and the Church Building Renewal. God bless.

Deacon Juan Aquino

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: _____________________________
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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.

RENEWALS - for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION and SACRISTANS

The Diocese requires renewal an enrichment for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion every two years.

The next renewal session is Tuesday, November 7th from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Church.

There is a renewal session for sacristans on October 17 from 7-9pm in the church. Sacristans need only attend this renewal. (If you want, you may attend both sessions.)

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Barone at kbarone@wildblue.net.

GOD’S WAYS

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week’s texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week’s concluded. The sentiments expressed in today’s first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, “The LORD’s way is not fair!” (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God’s way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God’s mercy and love.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?”

Child: “Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?”
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 — Apártate del pecado para que vivas (Ezequiel 18:25-28).
Salmo — Recuerda tus bondades, oh Señor (Salmo 25 [24]).
Segunda lectura — Guarda en ti la misma actitud que está también en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 2:1-11 [1-5]).
Evangelio — El que obedece al Señor aunque sea con resistencia, es el que hace la voluntad del Padre (Mateo 21:28-32).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Zac 8:1-8; Sal 102 (101):16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Martes: Zac 8:20-23; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Lc 9:51-56
Jueves: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Lc 10:1-12
Viernes: Bar 1:15-22; Sal 79 (78):1b-5, 8-9; Lc 10:13-16
Sábado: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Sal 69 (68):33-37; Lc 10:17-24
Domingo: Is 5:1-7; Sal 80 (79):9, 12-16, 19-20; Fil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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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VINE A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS

Vine a los Estados Unidos en 1975 bajo una visa profesional sancionada por el gobierno de los Estados Unidos. Mi objetivo en ese momento era mejorar mis posibilidades para el bien a mi familia de rápido crecimiento. Pensé entonces que cuando ahorrara bastante dinero, yo volvería. Pero han pasado 42 años y todavía estoy aquí porque el plan de Dios era diferente al mío.

Con un título de negocios y un CPA, he trabajado en puestos administrativos en la fabricación y las industrias de restaurantes aquí en el área de la Bahía. También trabajé como Gerente de Negocios a tiempo parcial para la Iglesia de San José en Mountain View. Me desempeñé durante veinte años en la Iglesia St. Maria Goretti en varios ministerios, que trasladé a Santa Catalina cuando nos mudamos aquí en septiembre de 1999.


Mi primera asignación como Diácono Permanente fue en la Santísima Trinidad, una parroquia jesuita en el este de San José, donde servi ininterrumpidamente durante cinco años. Yo estaba muy involucrado en el ministerio de justicia social alimentando a más de 1,500 familias pobres y los desamparados cada mes como Director de la Despensa, el refugio para personas sin hogar y como Director Espiritual de San Vicente de Paúl. Me desempeñé como persona de Recursos del Personal para la Comisión de Alcance bajo Pastor Fr. Bob Fambrini, SJ. A nivel diocesano, soy miembro de la Junta Comunitaria de Diáconos.

Aparte de mis papeles diaconales aquí, mi trabajo de justicia social ya comenzó con el voluntariado para el “Safe Car Park” para los desamparados, y la Comunidad Interconfesional de South County. También estoy sirviendo en el Consejo de Finanzas y la Renovación de la Iglesia.

Dios bendiga.

Diacono Juan Aquino
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La práctica de usar nudos en una cuerda para contar oraciones tiene una larga trayectoria en la fe cristiana. Originalmente un cordón con 150 nudos o piedritas se usaba para contar la recitación de los 150 salmos encontrados en la Sagrada Escritura. Con el tiempo, visto que mucha gente no podía leer o recitar de memoria los salmos, se sustituyeron por el uso de 150 Padrenuevostos. A finales de la Edad Media muchos sustituyeron los Padrenuevostos con el saludo del ángel Gabriel a María. En el siglo XVI se formuló lo que hoy reconocemos como el Ave María, y en el año 1569, el Papa Pío V estableció el Rosario en su forma y uso actual.

En 1592 un fraile dominico mandó hacer una imagen de la Virgen del Rosario para su convento en Guatemala. Según la leyenda, María viajaba por América con su Hijito y éste se quedó dormido en Guatemala, por lo cual se quedaron allí. En 1821 los independentistas guatemaltecos tomaron a la Virgen del Rosario como protectora y en 1833 fue nombrada patrona oficial de Guatemala.

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

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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!

ADORACION EUCHARISTICA DEL SAGRADO SACRAMENTO DE STA. CATALINA DE ALEXANDRIA
Vuestra 24 horas de Adoración Eucharística empieza el Primer Viernes 6 de Octubre después del Sagrado Sacrificio de la Misa de las 8:15 A.M. concluyendo el Primer Sabado 7 de Octubre a las 8:00 A.M. con bendición
"De modo que no pueden permanecer despiertos una hora contigo" 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.
SAN VICENTE 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)

EDUCACIÓN

La educación salvaguarda la libertad mejor que un ejército.
—Edward Everett

UNA BUENA ORACIÓN

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

CORAZÓN APACIBLE

Cuando proclames paz con tus labios, cuidate de tenerla más plenamente en tu corazón.
—San Francisco de Asís

LO ANGÉLICO

Los ángeles pueden volar porque se toman a sí mismos a la ligera.
—G.K. Chesterton

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Necesitamos voluntarios para la línea de ayuda para San Vicente de Paul: ¿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 Paúl. 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 disponibles para entrenar a nuestros nuevos voluntarios. Harás una diferencia. Es un ministerio que te encantará. Llama a Carol 408-857-4516.

EL PROGRAMA FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

- A todas las familias se les invita a que lleven sus mascotas sábado 07 de octubre a las 8:45am a la bendición de los animales. Esto será en la parte central entre la iglesia y el salón Milani. Se les pide traigan sus animales en sus lazos, o cajas apropiadas por seguridad de las personas.

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.

EXTREMOS

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

TRABAJO DIGNO

Debo pensar que hay trabajo debajo mío, pues Jesús fue carpintero por treinta años y José toda su vida.
—Charles de Foucauld
Parish Mission: The Fullness of Purpose.

November 15th & 16th at 7:00pm

Could there be more to our faith experience, than what we have come to know? Speaker Ken Yasinski’s dynamic communication style will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Come be inspired to live your full potential.

Want a free introductory talk by Ken!
Text the word FREETALK to 44222
Reading today's Gospel most of us probably do that thing we normally do and think, "Awesome, I'm part of the good group. Yeah there are times I don't follow through with my promises to God, but I am going to Mass so yeah I'm set."

But what if we're not set? What if we're more like the second son - we made promises long ago to live our faith out, and yet we don't (or at least we don't do enough or what God is really calling us to)? At our Baptism, our parents made those promises for us. At Confirmation, we made those promises for ourselves, but we were teens - God should be grateful we're attending Mass at all, let alone reading the bulletin.

But we did make those promises. Are we really living up to them? I challenge you to not just read through these and give the absent-minded "I do" that so many of us do anytime we renew our Baptismal Promises, but to really reflect on each question.

Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises?

When he tells you to skip Mass, or that you can push prayer off, do you listen or do you stand firm?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Do we treat His creation with the respect it deserves?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Do you try to live by the example that Christ set by putting the needs of others before your own?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Do you spend time listening to the Spirit? Do you actually understand the Church's teachings?

How'd you do? Are there areas you need to work on? If you're feeling like you need to go to Confession - good. It's not a bad thing to need Confession - that means you recognize you're not perfect. And guess what? Confession is offered every single Saturday from 4-5pm. If you can't make time for that, you can contact our parish office and ask for a priest for Confession at another time (don't let it be a matter of convenience - Catholicism isn't a religion of convenience - God knows you can do better than that). Our priests will almost always stop and celebrate the Sacrament with you - they are very busy people but they know how important it is, and if able will give you that time you need.

Please remember that I write these things not in judgment of what you are doing or how you live your life. The intent is to help you reflect in sincere humility and challenge you to make changes to your life if that is what God wants for you.

But if we are the second son, who's the first? Converts. Converts are those who didn't grow up in the Church. They said "no" to it - whether by actually rejecting it or by not knowing it at all. But they've come back and decided to do what God was calling them to do. And in general they are more involved and excited about being a Catholic then us Cradles are. They were intentional about becoming Catholic, while we were mostly indifferent to it.

So what do we do? We need to be intentional about being Catholic. We need to pray more. We need to study more. We need to serve and volunteer more. We constantly complain that our faith and our Mass is boring. Well that's because we are boring. We are bored before we even come into the church walls. So take some time this week and figure out what's going to get you more excited. Is it getting involved in a ministry? Is it getting to know that family that's been sitting right behind you for the past twelve years (or God forbid the family on the other side of the Church)? Is it learning how the Church and science work together? Is it starting or joining a small group? Whatever it is, make it happen, or talk to someone who can help make it happen.
We are thrilled to present SCREENAGERS: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a documentary about the biggest parenting issue of our time. Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and also offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it.

Recommended for parents and youth aged 11 and older (6th grade and higher). Seating is limited. To watch the trailer and to RSVP, go to www.screenagersmovie.com. Enter St. Catherine Church and School as the location. For further information, please call (408) 779-9604.

- 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. RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others all about the Catholic faith and through a process of discernment and gradual conversion, to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

Join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 pm in Milani Center.

For more info, please call (408) 779-9604.

PARENT FAITH FORMATION

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 am
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
(6-week session begins Oct 4th)
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 am (SPANISH)

Please join us for our Parent Faith Formation sessions! These sessions offer a chance for parents to come together in community for formation, support for passing on the faith at home and resources for faith practices. We look forward to seeing you!
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT
St. Francis retreat and Franciscan Friars, Fr. Ken Laverone, OFM and Fr. Paul Botenhagen, OFM in San Juan Bautista, are offering First Friday of the Month Days of Prayer and Reflection from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The day consists of two presentations, lunch, and Eucharist. October 6th—St. Francis & St. Clare: Are they any different than you and me? Fr. Ken Laverone, OFM

The founders of the Franciscan way of life seem beyond reach for many of us. St. Francis and Clare of Assisi were two individuals that had a vision of the goodness and generosity of God. What does it take for us to have this same vision. Can we too be a light in the darkness for others today.

CATHEDRAL 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.

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

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.

MARRIED COUPLES: Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 10-12, 2017 in San Jose. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

CENTENNIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA 1917-2017
"THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN"
Come and celebrate with our community of St. Catherine of Alexandria 100 Years of "The Great Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" on October 13th, 2017 at 6:00pm. with a procession, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer, Benediction followed by the celebration of The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Celebration will be trilingual: Tagalog, Spanish and English. All are most graciously welcomed!

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
Please join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish 17400 Peak Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037, Rosary Garden. Please contact Sergio Arzate at: S_Arzate@Yahoo.com for more information.

Catholic Cemeteries hosts free Advance Directives Workshop
Saturday, October 7, 10 am – 12 pm
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish – Parish Hall
1971 St. Lawrence Dr. Santa Clara 95051
Presenter: Cindy Safe

This important legal document clearly states your requests regarding health care if you are unable to speak for yourself. It names the person(s) to carry out your wishes. Everyone over 18 years should have one. For more information, call Kathy Fanger 650-428-3730 or cemeteryinfo@dsj.org
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.

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.

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

SVDP HELP LINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Could you be available once a month to help those in need in our area? We are looking for a few St. Vincent de Paul Help Line volunteers. Folks in need call our Help Line, and we have a volunteer every day who checks the voice messages and returns the phone calls. With generous donations from our parishioners, we are able to help pay rent, utilities, etc. Coaching from experienced volunteers is available. You’ll make a difference. It’s a ministry you’ll love. Call Carol 408-857-4516.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Are you interested in helping prepare Easter and Christmas mailings? It requires no previous experience, just a couple of hours twice a year? If you are interested, please email Maria Dominguez at mdominguez@dsj.org to be added to our list of volunteers who help with these mailings.

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.

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.
Donuts, Coffee, and Fellowship

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

Donuts and coffee is 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 community. 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 are looking to continue our hospitality after Mass really soon, but we need some help. We’re looking for an initial team of 10 people for each Mass to volunteer to create a new hospitality team that will help drive our efforts. And we’re looking to not only do this for the morning Masses, but for the evening Masses as well.

If you are at all interested or want to find out more, please contact John Rinaldo at jrinaldo@jsj.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. And invite your friends to get involved with you!

Thank you, Sponsors!

A special thank you to our sponsors, who, without their support, we could not have been able to make this event a reality. Sponsorships help off set 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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And lastly, THANK YOU for attending our Fall Fun Fest.
Second graders went to Gizdich Ranch to learn about growing, harvesting and processing apples. The second graders were later joined by their sixth grade buddies to gather and analyze data about apples. Above two buddies show off one of the apple charts.

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CLASS RETREATS
Students in grades 4-8 each attend a mini-retreat during the first trimester of the school year. These retreats are held on campus in either O’Donnell or Milani Center. They are designed to promote positive respect and teamwork within the class. Through a variety of activities, students are reminded that we are each children of God and as such deserve to be treated and to treat others with respect at all times. Anti-bullying strategies and policies are also reviewed for each class.

During the fourth grade retreat, the students receive the Bible they will use in class through eighth grade.

The retreats are coordinated by the classroom teacher and our Campus Minister, Lisa Kellett, along with support from our parish Youth Minister, Deepu Kochuparambil.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL WALKATHON
The Walkathon will be on - Friday, October 6th! We are sure it will be a fun day for students, faculty, staff, and parents. Please support our children by helping them fill their pledge sheets. 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!

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The Walkathon is Coming!
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Watch for more information on our 6th Annual St. Catherine School Walkathon October 7.