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

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From the Desk of Fr. Russ Roide, SJ., Priest in Residence…..
Dear friends,
The month of November is a time to remember our loved ones. And I also believe that it is a time to write a few words on ‘Struggling to Understand Suicide’. Sadly today there are many deaths by suicide. Very few people have not been deeply affected by the suicide of a loved one. In the United States alone, there are more than thirty-three thousand suicides a year. And yet suicide remains widely misunderstood and generally leaves those who are left behind with a particularly devastating kind of grief with the ultimate taboo. In the popular mind, suicide is generally seen, consciously or unconsciously, as the ultimate act of despair. This shouldn’t surprise us since suicide does go against the deepest instinct inside us, our will to live.

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Desde el escritorio del P. Russ Roide, SJ., Sacerdote en Residen-ncia……
Queridos amigos,
El mes de noviembre es un momento para recordar a nuestros seres queridos. Y también creo que es el momento de escribir unas palabras sobre "Luchando para comprender el suicidio". Tristemente hoy hay muchas muertes por suicidio. Muy pocas personas no se han visto profundamente afectadas por el suicidio de un ser querido. Solo en los Estados Unidos, hay más de treinta y tres mil suicidios por año.
Y, sin embargo, el suicidio sigue siendo ampliamente malentendido y, en general, deja a los que quedan atrás con un tipo de dolor particularmente devastador con el último tabú. En la mente popular, el suicidio generalmente se ve, consciente o inconscientemente, como el último acto de desesperación. Esto no debería sorprendernos ya que el suicidio va en contra del instinto más profundo dentro de nosotros, nuestra voluntad de vivir.

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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
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Closed/Cerrado

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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CH = Church Sci = Science Room  LR = Living Room
DC = Daycare  PR = Presentation Center Nur. = Nursery

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, November 5
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
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
5:00-7:30pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

Monday/Lunes, November 6
6:00-7:00pm CR1-4 Community Supper
6:00-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica Practice
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm CH Angelica Choir
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo - Junta

Tuesday/Martes, November 7
7:00-9:00pm CR3-4 Knights of Columbus - Board
7:00-9:00pm CH Existing EM Renewal
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC Session
7:00-9:00pm CR1 Stephen Ministry - Supervision Mtg.
7:00-8:00pm LR Sweepstakes Committee

Wednesday/Miercoles, November 8
9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group - Study
12:00-8:00pm 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
5:00-5:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:00-7:00pm Rm.10,11 Una Puerta de Esperanza - Junta
5:30-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry Session
6:00-9:00pm CR1-4,Kit Danza Liturgica Practice
6:30-7:30pm Gym EDGE
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
8:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 Jovenes Para Cristo - Coro
7:00-8:30pm DC Confirmation - Small Group
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:00-9:30pm MC RCIA Session
7:30-9:30pm CH Alfa & Omega Grupo de Oracion

Thursday/Jueves, November 9
6:00-8:00pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.
7:00-8:30pm MC Jovenes Para Cristo - Junta
8:30pm-11:00pm CR1-4,Kit Convivencia Consagracion - JPC

Friday/Viernes, November 10
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - Veteran’s Day

Saturday/Sábado, November 11
8:00-4:00pm MC Thanksgiving Food Drive
9:00-9:30am CH Spanish FF Community Time
9:00-10:30am Rm.8,11,11MC Spanish FF Classes
10:00-5:00pm CR1-4,Kit Retiro - Quinceaneras
8:30pm-11:00pm CR1-4,Kit Convivencia Consagracion - JPC

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8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, November 6 † Mary Grace Coming † Dr. John R. De Gennaro
Tuesday, November 7 † Bonnie Camisa † All Souls
Wednesday, November 8 † Edith La Rue St. Claire † Bernadette Murray
Thursday, November 9 † All Souls
Friday, November 10 † John Grimsich † Joseph Tacci
Saturday, November 11 † Carmen Muñoz † All Souls
STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

We all want others to think well of us; it’s part of us whether we are aware of it or not. There is nothing wrong with that, but often seeking the approval of others sneaks up on us. It then becomes easier to make choices for self-agrandizement. Our actions tend to be self-serving instead of for the good of all. It becomes a fool’s errand, we can become frustrated at a perceived lack of “respect” from others, who have probably diagnosed our malady. Jesus provides us the answer, we are to love... God first, then neighbor as ourselves. Notice we are mentioned last :-). When we work for the good of all, respect for us accrues naturally. In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus speak to the crowds and his disciples about self-centered scribes and Pharisees who place themselves above those whom they teach. They are learned, they know the Law and provide solid teaching about it. But, and it’s a big but, they don’t exemplify the life of one who actually follows the Law themselves. Jesus has little patience with people who seek prominence. Today, just as in Jesus’ time, there are many who seek power in order to satisfy a desire for prominence. They do not see that the most admired person is the one whose actions and life choices reflect what they are called to do ... not who they wish to be. When the desire to be “important” rises within us, it’s time to ask Jesus for help in managing our ambitions. A life lived in service of others produces its own reward. The grace which accompanies selfless work rewards us with a peace that achievement alone cannot. Being a person for others leads to humility, a sense that our accomplishments are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. As Jesus often quoted statement says, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Words to live by for sure. We can’t do it alone, ask in prayer for Jesus’ help as we strive to walk as he did. May our intentions be guided by the one who calls us to our best selves. Help us to listen to you Lord, help us to hear.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Many of our actions to be green aren’t just for us. When we save resources (turning the thermostat down for example) we save money but we also leave more for others. The secondary effect is harder to see but the recovery of our local ground water supplies which resulted from our water conservation during the last drought is a prime example.

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
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY

Liturgy isn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. And the work we do together can change the world.

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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 to schedule a training at kbarone@wildblue.net.

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 your fellow parishioners and guest to our parish as they arrive in the vestibule.

RENEWAL for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Diocese requires renewal and enrichment for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion every two years in order to continue in this ministry.

The next renewal session is Tuesday, November 7th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Church. If you have questions, please contact Karen Barone at kbarone@wildblue.net.

THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today’s Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “Is there an are of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?”
Child: “Would you be willing to do a good work if no one would ever know or praise you for it? Why or why not?”

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NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA


¡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:_______________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?  
_____Yes  _____No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?  
_____Yes  _____No

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO  
DE P. RUSS......

Entonces, ¿qué decir del suicidio? ¿Cómo podemos avanzar hacia una comprensión más empática? Comprender el suicidio con más compasión no le quitará su aguijón, nada lo hará, excepto el tiempo; pero nuestra propia curación a largo plazo y la redención de la memoria de aquel que murió pueden ser ayudadas teniendo en mente varias cosas.

El suicidio, en la mayoría de los casos, es una enfermedad, no una voluntad propia. La persona que muere de esta manera muere en contra de su voluntad, similar a aquellos que saltaron a la muerte desde las Torres Gemelas después de que aviones terroristas encendieron esas edificaciones el 11 de septiembre de 2001. Estaban saltando a una muerte segura, pero solo porque ya estaban quemándose hasta la muerte donde estaban parados. La muerte por suicidio es análoga a la muerte por cáncer, accidente cerebrovascular o ataque cardíaco; excepto, en el caso de suicidio, es una cuestión de un ataque emocional.

No debemos preocuparnos excesivamente por la salvación eterna de aquellos que mueren de esta manera. Dios entiende que la compasión supera infinitamente a la nuestra. Nuestros seres queridos perdidos están en mejores manos que los nuestros. Si nosotros, limitados como somos, ya podemos alcanzar a través de esta tragedia con comprensión y amor, podemos descansar seguros en el hecho de que, dado el ancho y la profundidad del amor de Dios, el que muere por suicidio se encuentra del otro lado, una compasión más profunda que la nuestra y un juicio que intuye los motivos más profundos de su corazón. Dios puede, y atraviesa sus puertas cerradas, y una vez allí, exhala paz dentro de un corazón torturado y acurrucado.

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Necesitamos voluntarios para la línea de ayuda para San Vicente de Paúl: ¿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.

¡LA 35º RIFA ANUAL DE SANTA CATALINA ESTA EN MARCHA!

¡Quedan dos semanas para entrar en el Rifa del Pájaro Madrugador!

Compre sus boletos hoy y automáticamente entra en la rifa del Pájaro Madrugador, que brinda una oportunidad de ganar más premios de dinero en efectivo como recompensa por la compra anticipada de sus boletos.

Estamos vendiendo rápidamente un número limitado de Paquetes Extraordinarios de $350. El paquete incluye 4 boletos de la Rifa de Vehículo y 5 boletos de la Rifa de vacaciones más su boleto de bonos que se ingresa en un sorteo adicional para premios de dinero en efectivo. ¡Solo venderemos 350 Paquetes Extraordinarios y cada uno comprado antes de la fecha límite del Pájaro Madrugador le da al comprador más de 100 formas de ganar!

Recuerde su compra de un boleto de $60 para la rifa del Vehículo, lo podría poner detrás del volante de un coche nuevo de su elección con un precio de etiqueta de hasta $40,000. Como una alternativa al premio del automóvil, el afortunado ganador puede elegir recibir $30,000 en efectivo. ¡Un boleto de $20 de las Vacaciones les ofrece un viaje de su vida! ¡Usted nombre el lugar y su boleto ganador le financiará hasta $7,500 o, el afortunado ganador puede optar por recibir $5,000 en efectivo! Este boleto tiene cinco grandes premios que puede ganar, incluyendo un nuevo Parrot Bebop 2 Drone, dinero en efectivo y unas vacaciones a Disneyland!

¡Visita nuestra mesa después de misa hoy! Obtenga la oportunidad de ganar y apoyar a su comunidad al mismo tiempo. Aceptamos Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Cheques o dinero en efectivo.

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Damos las gracias a Dios por darnos la gracia de haber sido parte de la gran respuesta que se tuvo en la Misa de octubre 21, 2017. Agradecemos a los padres de familia por asistir y ser parte de esta primera celebración de Misa para los niños. Primero Dios seguiremos caminando y creciendo en nuestra fe.

EL MÁS GRANDE ENTRE NOSOTROS

¿A quién admiras? ¿Al presidente de Estados Unidos, a una celebridad del cine o a un excéntrico millonario? Estas son las personas que el mundo presenta como famosas. Como los fariseos del Evangelio de hoy, ellos tienen lugares de honor a donde quiera que van. ¿Te gustaría seguir su ejemplo?

Las Escrituras de hoy nos ofrecen diferentes ejemplos de a quien seguir. Jesús nos dice que el más grande en medio de nosotros son las personas que sirven. Ellas son las personas que debemos honrar e imitar su ejemplo. Se nos llama a ser como Pablo, quien trabajó duro para atender las necesidades de sus comunidades y Jesús quien dio su vida al servicio del mundo.

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EL PROGRAMA
FORMACIÓN
DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE
Invita a todas las familias que tengan niños de edad preescolar y edad de kinder a que registren a sus niños al programa de catequesis infantil. Estas clases son durante las Misas de los domingos a las 12:15. Los niños tienen actividades donde se divierten y aprenden a la misma vez de nuestra FE. Estamos en el salón #1 de la escuela. Si tiene alguna pregunta favor de pasar a la oficina o recoger una aplicación en la rectoría, o puede llamar a María Miranda al número (408) 779-9604 y con gusto le regresaremos la llamada.

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)

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.

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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta semana celebramos la memoria de la Iglesia madre de la cristiandad. Por extraña coincidencia, no está en Jerusalén donde nació la Iglesia, tampoco es la Basílica de San Pedro en el Vaticano, donde está el sepulcro (o la tumba) de san Pedro. Esta iglesia es la Basílica que está dedicada a la memoria del Divino Salvador, a san Juan Bautista y a san Juan Evangelista. Fue la primera basílica consagrada en el año 324 al culto cristiano en Roma.

De allí ha tenido una larga trayectoria, y aunque es la catedral del obispo de Roma, el Papa se trasladó al Vaticano en 1377, luego de que el papado estuvo durante un periodo de 100 años en Francia.

Al recordar la consagración de la Basílica de Letrán no debemos olvidar lo que dice san Pablo: “Cada uno de nosotros somos un templo del Espíritu Santo” (1 Corintios 6:19). En un sueño, Inocencio III vio que Letrán estaba por caerse, pero san Francisco pudo sostenerla en pie. Ojalá que cada vez que nosotros estemos por caer, llegue alguien que nos pueda sostener como templos de Dios.

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CENA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS
La cena de Acción de Gracias para la comunidad se realizará el miércoles, 22 de noviembre. Se necesitan donaciones para hacer posible este evento. Si le gustaría donar favor de anotarse en nuestra pagina de web:
http://stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/charity_dinner_2017
La cena es proporcionada exclusivamente por donaciones y se necesita muchos artículos. Su generosidad es muy apreciada. ¡Gracias! Contacto: Janet Leach janet95037@gmail.com

BOUTIQUE DE VENTAS
Guarde la fecha para el 2ndo anual Boutique de Ventas de Santa Catalina el domingo, 26 de noviembre en el Centro Parroquia O’Donnell. Si usted es vendedor y desea inscribirse, contáctese con Maria Domínguez en 408-779-3959.

FECHA LÍMITE PARA SOLICITUD DE VENDEDOR NOVIEMBRE 10.
Parish Mission: The Fullness of Purpose.

November 15th and 16th at 7:00pm
Can there be more to one’s faith experience than what we have come to know? Speaker Ken Yasinski’s dynamic communication style makes 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
Hey...Priest Person…

In todays’ Gospel we can get a bit confused. Everything Jesus says sounds all well and good until He says, "Call no one on earth your father..." Wait, what?
This is probably where many Protestants would say, "Ha! The Catholic Church is wrong and they don't follow Jesus' teachings!"
And this is probably where many Catholics would respond with, “Uh, yeah, um well...yeah that’s a good point.”
And don't worry, that's okay (at least, that's what I told myself when I responded in the same way). What's not okay is shrugging it off and saying, "The Church probably has some reason why that makes sense," and then go about our day.
I mean, it is okay, because I'm not judging you, but it's not okay because you're being lazy about your faith. But I'm not judging you. You can be lazy if you want. But God doesn't want you to be lazy. Probably.
So why is it okay for us to call a priest 'Father'?
Well, after doing some handy dandy research (thank you Catholic Answers), here's why: Jesus was not being literal. He was using a hyperbole to make a point. What was His point? That no one should seek to take focus away from God. The Pharisees were seeking honored titles and bringing the focus to them, not to God. And so in our Church, even though we call priests, 'Fathers,' they are an instrument of God that should try to help us look to God. Their desire as priests shouldn't be to be called ‘Father’ but solely to do God’s will, reflecting (not taking away from) God’s Fatherhood.
I also found out that almost every book in the New Testament uses the term 'father' - which wouldn't make sense if Jesus was indeed being literal.
Also, if Jesus was being literal, why would He want us to stop calling our dads 'father'?
That’d be kind of awkward… "Hey, uh, Male Parent...I love you..."

GOBBLE GOBBLE

It's November, and that means our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is coming up! We'll be hosting it on Sunday, Nov. 19th in the Milani Center. You can drop off your donations anytime until 1pm. The earlier the better, so we can not only sort and deliver baskets efficiently, but also know what we still are in need of - bringing things after 1pm makes it challenging because we don't want to have people sitting around waiting to deliver, or sending someone to the store to pick up items needed, only for someone to drop it off later.
Here's what we're looking for:

**Hams — Stuffing Mix — Fresh Vegetables & Fruits — Bread Rolls — Cranberry Sauce**

**Potatoes& Gravy Mix — Pumpkin Pies & Whipped Cream**

We will of course take any donations, and anything extra we drop off at Reach Out. We will use gift cards to either buy what we're missing, or to add to a basket to help those families for more than just their Thanksgiving meal.
If you'd like to help deliver, please come to Milani around 1pm - it can be a wonderful family event!
We usually serve about 40-50 fa. If you follow us on social media, we'll try to keep the numbers updated of what we're still needing. We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat at @stcatym
Why are the saints considered our church’s superheroes? The saints are role models for holiness. They inspire us to lead joyful lives - living in God’s love and sharing it with those around them. They also pray for us from heaven.

Many of them left behind their letters, prayers and reflections about their journeys towards a closer relationship to God. In reading excerpts from these inspirational writings from Sts. Clare and Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius and St. Catherine of Siena to name a few, it has been so amazing to learn and read about their own struggles with their faith and yet their trust in and hunger for God still persisted.

I invite you to pick one or more of these writings and pray with the saints as a family. We have several resources available to borrow on the bookshelf outside the Faith Formation office. We can and should ask the saints to intercede for us and for the whole world.

A blessing from St. Clare’s second letter to Blessed Agnes of Prague:

What you hold may you always hold.
What you do, may you always do
and never abandon.
But with swift pace, light step and unswerving feet,
so that even your steps stir up no dust,
Go forward, the spirit of our God has called you.

SUSCIPE
Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.
St. Ignatius of Loyola

THE DAILY PRAYER OF MOTHER TERESA

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.
St. Catherine’s 35th Annual Sweepstakes is rolling!
Two weeks left to get into the Early Bird Drawing!

Purchase your tickets today and automatically be entered into the Early Bird Drawing which provides an additional opportunity to win more cash prizes as a reward for buying your tickets early.

We are quickly selling a limited number of $350 Bonus Bundles containing 4 vehicle tickets and 5 vacation tickets. Bonus bundles give you over 100 ways to win! The bundle this year has an added Grand Prize for $2,000 cash and five prizes totaling $4,750.

Remember, your purchase of a $60 Vehicle Sweepstakes ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car with a sticker price up to $40,000. As an alternative to the car prize, the lucky winner can choose to receive $30,000 in cash.

The $20 Vacation Sweepstakes Ticket offers a Trip of a Lifetime! You name the place and your winning ticket will fund it up to $7,500 or alternatively the lucky winner can choose to receive $5,000 in Cash. This ticket has 6 great prizes to win, including a new Drone, Cash and a trip to Disneyland!

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today.

We accept Checks, Cash, Visa, Master Card and AmEx.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

SAVE THE DATE:
2018 NEW YEAR’S EVE BALL
The Fil-Am Association of St Catherine is hosting a New Year’s Eve Ball on 31 Dec 2017 - Sunday at the O’Donnell Parish Center. Say goodbye to 2017. There’ll be dinner, dancing and more dancing and a champagne toast to welcome 2018 with a shebang!!! Tickets at $50/person and will be available after Sunday mass in the upcoming month. To reserve your seat or a table for 8, please e-mail Lita Aquino @ litat.aquino@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB
November Selection: In This House of Brede by Rumer Godden
Meet at Peets’s on Cochrane Rd. 7pm Tuesday, November 28th

CHECK OUT STEPHEN MINISTRY
Have you been wanting to find out more about this wonderful ministry? Please stop by our ministry table next Sunday after mass. Stephen Ministers will be on hand to answer your questions about becoming a Stephen Minister or help you determine whether you or someone you know might benefit from the care of the Stephen Minister. Contact Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413 or at kenandclaranne@gmail.com for more information.

Morgan Hill Safe Parking Program
The Morgan Hill Safe Parking Program has been extended through April 2018. The program provides respite from the streets for 8 local families or persons living in cars or RV’s. They receive case management services to help them transition to more stable housing. St. Catherine Church, the Morgan Hill Bible Church, other local faith communities are partnering with the City of Morgan Hill, Gilroy Compassion Center and Morgan Hill Police Department to support the Safe Parking Program. The Safe Parking site is located at the Morgan Hill Bible Church on Monterey Rd.

We are in need of more volunteers. Volunteers are on hand to offer hospitality to our guests in the carpark. Breakfast, and a to-go lunch, laundry, showers, and restrooms are provided. Morning volunteers (6:30AM - 8AM) generally make coffee and put out the light breakfast and lunches. In the evenings (6:30PM - 9:30PM) volunteers generally put out snacks and water. We have a “tiny house” to use for office and storage. Wi-Fi is available, and a volunteer staff cell phone is provided.

Please support the Safe Parking Program by volunteering a morning or an evening.

Please go to the home page of our website www.stca.org for more information and to volunteer, or contact Carol Lillig (408)857-4516 or Jeanette Thatcher (408)427-6291. Thank you.
God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

Parish Ministry to the Sick & Homebound Training Series Parish staff and volunteers who want to learn more about ministering to those who are sick and/or homebound. The Ministry to the Sick & Homebound depends on faith, compassion and prayerful presence. Participants will engage in an established course of study with opportunities to learn, share and practice elements of this ministry to enhance skills and resources. This series is designed to be an Introduction to this ministry.

Dates: Saturday November 11 and 18, 2017 / Time: 8:30am -12:00 Noon / Location: O’Connor Hospital – CHAPEL, 2105 Forest Ave, San Jose, CA 95128

Facilitators: Fr. Robert McKay, PhD; Terry Jelley, MA; Candee Lucas, MA, Chaplain; Deacon Willy Agbayani; Deacon Ray Gans

*The $100 fee will be returned upon completion of the training series. Both sessions must be attended for the fee to be returned.

Please RSVP with payment or at CandeeLucas@Verity.Org or 408-947-2500 x4400. If RSVPing by e-mail or phone, please submit check at the first session.

PLEASE RSVP by November 8, 2017
2017 Fall Fun Fest Results

On September 15-17, we had an amazing Fall Fun Fest. Although Friday was the busiest day, many attended all weekend long to enjoy the rides, incredible food, amazing entertaining, and fun games! Many stayed after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to enjoy the festivities.

We raised over $27,000 that go to benefit our school and parish ministry programs. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the parish and school. Over 200 volunteers helped make this event happen, while thousands attended the event. Thank you for your amazing support and generosity! Until next year!

Hospitality Returns
November 26, 2017

For many weeks, we have cancelled morning hospitality after the 7:15am, 8:45am, and 10:30am Masses. It will relaunch on the Feast of Christ the King, November 26, 2017!

A small team of volunteers representing each Mass have set a vision that Hospitality should not just be about donuts and coffee, although we all agree that it is an important aspect of it. More so, it is about how we create a welcoming and warm environment for regular attenders as well as guests to St. Catherine.

We are developing teams for each Mass that will be part of welcoming people before Masses begin in the parking lot and in front of the Church, helping them find seats during busy Masses, and manage the food and drink options after Mass. This will begin to happen at all Masses, including the evening Masses, the weekend of November 25-26, 2017.

The team is hoping this will help further the amazing community we already have at St. Catherine!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

As we get ready to launch our revamped Hospitality Ministry, 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 interested, we only ask that you serve at the Mass you usually attend and not commit to other Masses.

I encourage parents who have children who alter serve or are part of the Children’s Choir to consider being part of this ministry during the Mass that your child is scheduled to minister. Please consider it.

There will be a training for all interested volunteers on Thursday, November 16, at 6:00pm in the Milani Center. Dinner will be served.

Please RSVP to John Rinaldo at jrinaldo@dsj.org or (408) 779-3959.
OPEN HOUSE AND INFO NIGHT
St. Catherine School is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, November 7. Prospective families are invited to an information session at 6:00pm followed by an Open House. Admission packets for prospective students are available online and are currently being accepted. Current students and their families are welcome to attend the Open House from 6:30-7:30pm. Come and see the great work our children are doing!

CALLING ALL VETERANS
Veterans' Day is on a Saturday this year. As a result, the school will not be holding our typical Veterans' Day prayer service. However, we are looking for veterans to visit classrooms on Friday, November 10, from 2:00-2:30. A reception will be hosted in Milani Center after the class visits. Our goal is to have the students meet veterans as individuals. We hope the veterans can share what types of training they received and their type of service while in the military. We are not looking for gruesome war stories, but hope students will learn about the many ways our military serves our country. Contact the school office if you can visit 408-779-9950.

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION
All teachers and administrators at St. Catherine School are required to maintain Catechist Certificates, as well as California teaching/administrative credentials. Teachers have three years from their date of hire to complete Catechist Certification. Certification includes 40 hours of training in Knowledge of the Faith, the Nature and Purpose of Catechesis, Liturgy, Prayer, Moral Formation, Diversity, Communal Life, and Missionary Spirit. The program is offered and monitored by the Diocese of San Jose, Department of Education. Once a teacher completes certification, he/she must participate in a minimum of 10 hours of catechetical classes or workshops each year.

ST. CATHERINE ROBOTICS TEAM
St. Catherine Robotics team members were thrilled with their performance at the first ever Robotics Tournament hosted at St. Catherine School.

Above, a huge thank you to the Walkathon Committee!! Committee members, along with nearly a hundred volunteers worked on this great fundraiser. Below, the top winners show off their prizes. Students were excited to learn that they have earned a crab soccer game against the faculty and a week of free dress while the faculty wears uniforms. It was a fabulous event raising over $70,000 to support the school!