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 Carmelo Jimenez, Hispanic Ministries Coordinator…..

My name is Carmelo Jimenez, a new addition to the St Catherine staff. I was hired last month to be the coordinator of Hispanic ministries to perform some of the duties that Sister Silvia was responsible for. After 13 years of working for the Morgan Hill School District in the maintenance and operations department I made the leap of faith of changing careers and leaving a place where I was very comfortable. I have been volunteering here at the parish in various ministries in the past few years but I did not envision myself working for the church as an employee.

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Desde el escritorio del Carmelo Jimenez, Coordinador de Ministerios Hispanos……

Mi nombre es Carmelo Jiménez, soy empleado nuevo en la parroquia de Santa Catalina. Fui contratado el mes pasado para ser el coordinador de ministerios Hispanos y encargarme de parte del trabajo que hacía en la parroquia la Hermana Silvia. Después de haber trabajado por 13 años para el Distrito Escolar de Morgan Hill en el departamento de mantenimiento di un paso de fé y cambie de empleos dejando un lugar en el cual estaba yo super comodo. He servido de voluntario aquí en la parroquia por varios años, sirviendo en diferentes ministerios pero no me imaginaba el algun dia ser empleado de la parroquia.

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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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Closed/Cerrado
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).
Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37


God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

The Church’s liturgical year ends with today’s celebration of Christ the King. To be sure, there have been many good kings throughout history but … given the power that kingship provides, there have been many, many kings who ruled with little or no regard for their subjects. At first it may feel unseemly to refer to Jesus as a king, given the associations just mentioned, but the Gospel eloquently spells out the way Jesus explained his kingdom. Rather than considering the worldly stature of his subjects, Jesus values those who live as he did in his earthly ministry. Jesus’ acquisitions were the people who heard and understood his word, who valued all people with special attention toward those most in need. Today’s societal norms are too often at the service of the individual person, company or country. It is unfortunate that acquired stature and wealth is too easily measured, so as a result it is difficult to live with conscious and active care for others. We don’t have to deny our use of God’s given gifts, but we must not use them only for ourselves. Selfishness is a weed in the garden of life, one that grows almost without nurture. It seems a conundrum that we are most fully ourselves as followers of the risen King when we rank the needs of others the same, or even before, our own. That act of love of neighbor may not seem as valuable as feathering our own nest. But it is the fulfillment of our call to be Christ for one another, individually, corporately and nationally. The stunning truth is that personal fulfillment is more easily achieved in and by love. Described in words, it seems to be so simple; but lived out it truly brings the peace and joy we seek in our innermost self. So we hail Christ as our King when we see him in the less fortunate. Not only in the destitute, but in those around us who are in need of the gifts we have … presence, respect, being nonjudgmental, sharing freely of what we have been given as gift. That means most especially the gift Jesus gave so freely, love.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Try something novel this gift giving season. Give something of yours away. Pretty radical I know, you’ll have to convince your family and close friends to join in. It may not be “new” as it might be when we purchase something. But it’s not only green to recycle in this way but it also gives a part of ourselves to the recipient. A truly “personal” gift is shared.

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 CARMELO……

As we begin the season of Advent, a period of waiting and preparation and also of joy at the proximity of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Our Lord; it is a good time to meditate on those words by Saint Paul, “ When the time was right, God sent forth his Son, born of woman…” Galatians 4, 4. The timing of God is perfect, and He will give us what we need at the perfect time; but we need to practice our patience at listening to God’s voice through our prayers. He sent us Our Savior when the time was perfect, and when the time is right, He will also send what we personally need.

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ’s work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ’s saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls “the least ones” (Matthew 25:45).
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.

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION
Monday, December 4, 2017 beginning at 7:00pm
Many priests will be available. You will not have to wait too long!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY / PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HOLY DAY OF OBILIGATION
Friday, December 8th. Mass schedule is as follows: 6:15am; 8:15am; 10:45am with the School; 5:30pm and 7:00pm in Spanish

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
There will be a normal Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent which is December 23rd and December 24th except there will not be a 5:30 Sunday Mass.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Christmas Eve, December 24th
4:00pm (Church and Parish Center); 6:00pm;
8:00pm Mass in Spanish
12:00am Midnight Mass in English
Christmas Day, December 25th
No 7:15am Mass
8:45am;
10:30am
12:15am in Spanish
No 5:30pm Mass
¡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:_____________
Número teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____Yes  _____No
¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?
_____Yes  _____No

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes:  Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4
Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;  Lc 21:12-19
Jueves: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36
Domingo: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mc 13:33-37

Desde el escritorio de Carmelo......

Pero así como San Pablo escribió en su carta a los Gálatas, “cuando se cumplió el tiempo...“ Y creo que Dios me ha llamado a servirle de diferente forma ahora que era el tiempo adecuado.

Ahora que se acerca la temporada de Adviento entramos en un periodo de espera y preparación; pero también de alegría a la proximidad de la Navidad y el festejo del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor. Es un muy buen tiempo para meditar sobre esas palabras de San Pablo a los Gálatas 4, 4”“Pero cuando se cumplió el tiempo, Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de una mujer,” El tiempo de Dios es perfecto, y Él siempre nos da lo que necesitamos al tiempo preciso; pero nosotros necesitamos practicar nuestra paciencia para esperar, escuchando la voz de Dios a través de nuestras oraciones y contemplación. El nos mandó a Nuestro Salvador cuando el tiempo era el indicado. Y cuando el tiempo sea el indicado también nos dará a nosotros lo que necesitamos personalmente.

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.

FACEBOOK
Únase con nosotros y manténganse al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra pagina en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA
¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Insíbsbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com.
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

ARBOLE DE REGALOS
Nuestro árbol de regalos ya está puesto. Puede ayudar a una familia más necesidad esta Navidad? Tomo una o dos estrellas del Árbol de Regalos, compré el regalo, envuélva el regalo y anéxele la Estrella. Los regalos deben ser regresados a la oficina Parroquial no mas tardar el Lunes, 11 de Diciembre. Se le agradece su generosidad!

LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL DE SANTA CATALINA DE MORGAN HILL LOS INVITA A PARTICIPAR A LA FESTIVIDAD DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE 2017

Jueves 7 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Rosario con ofrecimiento de flores

Horario de Festividades Guadalupanas
Viernes 8 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Misa de La Inmaculada Concepción de María

Domingo 10 de Diciembre
10:00 am, nos reuniremos por la calle Depot y estacionamiento del Centro Cultural Comunitario por las Calles Dunne y Monterey en Morgan Hill
10:45 am Bendición de imágenes.
11:00 am Inicio de Peregrinación
12:15 pm Misa solemne en la Iglesia y en el centro Parroquial
2:00 pm Entretenimiento y Comida

Lunes 11 de Diciembre
7:00 pm Obra de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe
11:00 pm Serenata a la Virgen con Mariachi

Martes 12 de Diciembre
12:00 am Misa de gallo acompañada con mariachi
12:00 am- 4:00 am Serenata Guadalupana por feligreses
4:00 am Mañanitas con Mariachi
5:00 am Santa Misa
1:00 am-8:00 am Pan y chocolate en el salón parroquial.

35º RIFA ANUAL DE SANTA CATALINA
¿Alguna vez han pensado en dar un regalo de Navidad temprano?
¡Algunos paquetes extraordinarios todavía están disponibles!

Por $350, obtenga 4 boletos de la rifa del Carro, 5 boletos de la rifa de las vacaciones y participe en cinco sorteos de dinero en efectivo adicionales, incluyendo nuestro Gran Premio de $2,000.

Puede poner un nombre diferente en cada boleto del paquete extraordinario y dar un regalo de Navidad anticipado a 9 personas diferentes ... pero guarde el boleto del paquete extraordinario para usted ...

Visite nuestra mesa al salir de misa hoy! Aceptamos dinero en efectivo, cheques, Visa, Master Card y AmEx.

CRISTO, REY DE TODOS

En este, el último domingo del año litúrgico, celebramos la solemnidad de Cristo Rey. Al concluir el año con esta fiesta proclamamos nuestra fe en que Jesucristo es el solo y único rey sobre todos los tiempos, todos los pueblos y toda la Creación.

Al final del tiempo que conocemos, quedará completa la obra de Cristo de restaurar todas las cosas en unidad y armonía con Dios su Creador. Este domingo, cuando proclamamos que Cristo es nuestro Pastor y nuestro Rey, reconocemos nuestro llamado a participar en la obra salvadora de Cristo al cuidar de quienes Cristo llama “aquellos más insignificantes” (Mateo 25:45).

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

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!
NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO, REY DEL UNIVERSO

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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
México tiene la reputación de ser un país muy católico. Sin embargo, en 1917 México recibió una nueva constitución en la cual se estableció una política de intolerancia religiosa, especialmente en contra de la Iglesia católica romana. Con el paso de los años, se emitieron muchas leyes anticlericales mismas que fueron puestas en vigor hasta el punto que el gobierno federal decretó la suspensión de culto. Esto generó un levantamiento por parte de muchos mexicanos y mexicanas con el único fin de defender su religión y su derecho a celebrarla.

En marzo de 1925, estos mexicanos católicos movidos por el deseo de justicia, fundaron la Liga Nacional para la Defensa de la Libertad Religiosa. Ese mismo mes, el Papa Pío XI proclamó la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, celebrada el último domingo del año litúrgico. Esta fiesta se incluyó al calendario litúrgico para recordar a los cristianos —que no importa en qué país o bajo que gobierno nos encontremos— pertenecemos a un solo poder, a un solo Señor, ¡un solo Rey! Inspirados por el grito “¡Viva Cristo Rey!”, miles de mexicanos dieron testimonio público de su fe y murieron con esta confesión de fe, justo antes de recibir el martirio, demostrando así que Jesús es verdaderamente el único Rey de sus vidas.

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

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 necesitan muchos artículos. Su generosidad es muy apreciada. ¡Gracias! Contacto: Janet Leach janet95037@gmail.com

BOUTIQUE DE VENTAS
Garde la fecha para el 2ndo anual Boutique de Ventas de Santa Catalina el domingo, 26 de noviembre en la Centro Parroquia O'Donnell. Habrá varios vendedores locales para que hagan sus compras navideñas!
Join us for a Great Advent Mission Concert
"Come Hold My Son."
Featuring Daniel Oberreuter
Sunday, December 3 at 7:00pm

Daniel Oberreuter, the lead singer of the Catholic rock band The Thirsting, will be offering a solo acoustic parish mission concert at St. Catherine on Sunday December 3 @ 7:00pm. The mission concert is called "Come Hold My Son." He will share his personal testimony and a powerful message on the Rosary, Eucharist and Confession. Daniel has performed at World Youth Day and at hundreds of churches across the nation. Bring your family and friends to experience this opportunity for evangelization within our community. For more info, visit comeholdmyson.com.

For more information contact
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Doing without things that most of us take for granted is a way of life for some families in our community. Some children cannot go to social events, expect certain toys for Christmas or their birthday, or even have a Christmas tree because their families cannot afford these expenses. Fortunately, the families of St. Catherine Parish have the Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A Family Christmas Program to help make the dreams of their children come true...

This program is more than just giving and receiving. It is mainly about sharing one’s love and strength with someone else who feels tired and run down. By participating in this type of program, “…the strength of our ever loving Christ child becomes present and joy fills the air.”

If you, your family or a group of families would like to adopt a family, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or cell phone 408.234-0225. Of course you may choose to take a star from the Giving Tree as you do every year. On your star there will be information about an Adult or Child, Female/Girl or Male/Boy, clothing size, and or toys.

We are requesting the gifts be returned by Sunday, December 10th; all gifts should be returned to the Church and placed under the Giving Tree on the weekends or taken to the Parish Rectory office during the weekdays. On Sunday, December 17th at 9:30am in the Milani Center, we will begin sorting, preparing and delivering gifts to our families. You can volunteer to help on ivolunteer at www.stca.org

If you would like to participate by donating money or gift cards all gifts are appreciated. Please make the check payable to "St. Catherine Parish Giving Tree" and deliver it to the Parish Rectory office. Your generosity is truly appreciated by all in the community. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization
They Will Know We Are Christians

You know this quote by St. Francis?

It's a bunch of bologna. Not because St. Francis didn't even say it (he didn't), but because it's an excuse to not evangelize properly.

Now first off, I'll admit I've used that quote many times in the past - I thought it was a good way to encourage teens that they could be good Christians and not have to worry about actually saying they were Christian. But that really doesn't makes any sense.

But the more often I think about it, words are completely necessary. We can't be witnesses, we can't testify to the saving grace of God if we don't use words. Otherwise, we just look like everyone else who does good work (and not that they're bad, but that's not what being a Christian is all about).

But Deepu, last week you just were saying that we can't just use words and we have to do actions. Which one is it?!

And that's why I love the Catholic Church - it's not an 'either/or' situation. It's a 'both/and.'

Peter proves this to us in when he denies Jesus. Was he doing anything wrong by standing there getting warm by the fire? Likely not. But when asked point blank if he was with Jesus (aka a Christian), he denied it. Why? Because he was afraid of being persecuted.

We need to use words. My kids don't go a day without hearing Beth or I say, "Use your words." We can't express all of us without words. It's not easy, and God knows I've failed at doing this many times. But if we aren't willing to admit and share with others that we are Christians, we can't bring others to Christ.

We don't need to (and shouldn't) shove it down someone's throat and condemn or judge anyone for not being Christian, because 1) that won't bring anyone to the faith, 2) we're not supposed to judge others, and 3) Jesus calls us to be disciples, not a jerks.

This coming Sunday - **Dec. 3rd**, we have our Winter Session (aka Quarter Intro). We have Row David (pictured right) coming to speak about how we are to share our faith with others. For those who don't know, Row is the Youth Ministry Director at Holy Spirit parish in San Jose. He does amazing work at his parish, in the diocese, and mission work nationally and internationally. He is an amazing speaker that you won't want to miss. Fun fact: he's my son's Godfather.

The Winter Session is open to ALL high school students, and goes from 3:30-5pm in the parish center. Come, and bring a friend.
In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus asks us “to love one another as I have loved you”, especially those who are the least among us. When we do so, we serve Jesus. The Church calls these actions the Corporal Works of Mercy. We are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. Through these actions we show God’s compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, talk about how your family might do these actions in our community and then discuss why it is important. Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Upcoming opportunities include:

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Go through the family closets and donate gently used coats, sweatshirts and blankets to those in need in our community. Help sort and give them away during the 1st Saturday and Tuesdays and Thursdays in December.

**Stitching Together, Wednesday, November 29th during the Advent Family Celebration:** Learn to sew and stitch together teddy bears to give away as reading buddies to children in the community.

**Knights of Columbus Reverse Christmas Party, Thursday, December 7th:** Bring a Christmas gift for children in the Learning and Loving Center and celebrate with a potluck dinner together with the Knights.

**Giving Tree, Sunday, December 17th:** Sort, wrap and deliver Christmas gifts for families in our community.

Excerpted from Sunday Connections, Loyola Press
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ST CATHERINE’S 35TH ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

Have you ever thought of giving an early Christmas present?

A few Bonus Bundles are still available!

For $350 get 4 vehicle tickets, 5 vacation tickets and be entered into five additional cash drawings including our Bonus Bundle Grand Prize of $2,000.

You can use a different name on each ticket of the Bonus Bundle and give an early Christmas Present to 9 different people ….but keep the Bonus Bundle Ticket for yourself…..

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today.

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

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

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A STEPHEN MINISTER?

You have been hearing about Stephen Ministry for a while now. Is there a quiet voice that keeps placing it back on your mind and heart? Please listen and discern. Is God calling you to this ministry? If God has given you a love for people, a compassionate heart and a welcoming spirit, He may want you to use your gifts in this way. For information about becoming a Stephen Minister or to find how refer someone for care, please contact Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413 or at kenandclaranne@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

November Selection: The Mountain Between Us: A Novel by Charles Martin

Meeting at Peet’s Coffee and Tea on Cochrane Rd. Tuesday, November 28th 7-8:30pm.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

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 (7:00AM - 8:00AM) generally make coffee and put out the light breakfast and lunches. In the evenings (6:30PM - 9:00PM) 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.

GRATITUDE

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future. —François Fénelon
ST. CATHERINE THANKSGIVING DINNER
St. Catherine Thanksgiving Dinner for the community is upcoming on Wednesday, November 22nd. Donations are gratefully excepted through the parish website at Volunteer link: http://stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/charity_dinner_2017
The dinner is provided exclusively by donations and many items are needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you! Contact: Janet Leach janet95037@gmail.com

ST. CATHERINE COMMUNITY CLOSET
It’s not even Christmas yet, but, at the Community Closet, St. Vincent de Paul members are starting to worry about the summer! Our boxes of children’s clothes are wiped out after over 700 children shopped for school clothes this past summer, and we’re hoping you can help us fill them back up again. If you have any gently used children’s clothes (sizes 2T-16) at home, or would be willing to ask your friends and neighbors to save for you, we’d make sure they go to a child in need. Children’s shoes and pajamas would be welcome, too. Label your bag SVdP and leave them in the church office. Thank you.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
Join us for our St. Catherine’s 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique
Sunday, November 26, 2017
8:00am - 2:30pm

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “If you were to be judged by God today, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?”

Child: “To which person did you especially try to show Jesus’ love and care?”

Community Christmas Concert
“The Greatest Gift”
Friday, December 1 - 7:00 PM
St. Catherine Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints co-sponsor this annual concert to be held at St. Catherine Church
This is an event that you won’t want to miss! Vocal and instrumental groups from across Morgan Hill community come together in musical celebration. This free event is wonderful for the whole family. All are welcome.

GIVING THANKS!
Now is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to consider how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him through the Church with a special year-end gift of cash or appreciated assets such as shares of stock.
You can designate such a gift to St. Catherine Parish Endowment Fund or simply to St. Catherine Parish’s general operating fund.
Please contact Anna Quinones at 408.779.3959 or aquinones@dsj.org.
Advent is a time of Welcoming and Hospitality

As we enter into the first week of Advent next week, we recognize that it is a time of preparation for each and every one of us. What are we preparing for?

Ultimately, we are preparing for Christ’s entrance into the world on Christmas Day. But more so, it is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for Jesus.

In a world of struggle, pain, and suffering, people recognize that deep need. A deep need that cannot be fulfilled by gifts, sports, food, or drink. Advent is that time where people realize they have a hunger that can only be filled by faith in Christ.

Therefore, during this time of Advent and Christmas, we see more guests and people coming back to the Church who may not normally join us. I invite you to offer a warm welcome to all those that you encounter at St. Catherine during this season. They are here. We may not know why, but we can offer our welcome and hospitality.

After all, belonging leads to believing.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

As we launch our new 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.

Please contact John Rinaldo at jrinaldo@dsj.org or (408) 779-3959 to get involved and volunteer.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
A TIME FOR JESUS

This season take time to renew your relationship with Jesus by spending time in prayer each day. The Parish is offering Advent prayer and reflection booklets; the Little Blue Book. They will be available in the vestibule of the church, and the Parish and Family Faith Formation offices. A donation of $1.00 for each booklet will be gratefully accepted.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

**Stewardship Notes:** Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter. The “Weekly Goal” number reflects the amount that would need to be collected each Week to meet our yearly budget.

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St. Catherine offers a variety of after school co-curricular activities. These include sports, drama, chess, honor choir, robotics, speech and debate, and baton (as seen above).

**Bishop McGrath** came to St. Catherine School recently. He visited students in their classrooms, answering a myriad of questions about himself, the Church and theology. He then celebrated mass with students and parents which was followed by a luncheon prepared by 5th grade parents. Later that afternoon he spoke to the Faith Formation classes.

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019**

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are available on the school website under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 15, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2. Kinder testing will take place in January with testing for grades 1-8 being held in March.

**SECOND STEP**

As in all schools, students don’t always make the best decisions regarding how they treat others. This is our sixth year using the Second Step program which promotes the development of moral intelligence, empathy and good decision making. Additionally students learn age appropriate skills for social interaction, stress reduction, anger management and handling bullying and teasing. Arming students with these skills will promote treating each other with kindness and respect and ties in with our School-wide Learning Expectations. Students are enjoying the activities and learning some great skills.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Save the Date --- eWaste Drive**

The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, March 10. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The money raised from this event will help fund more energy efficient lighting in our classrooms. This is also a great opportunity to get parent hours or student service hours. Contact Arlene Handa at ecosafehome1@yahoo.com.