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 Alejandría, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

From the Desk of Fr. Jeronimo Gutierrez, Pastor.............

Dear parishioners,

During my time off in the month of October two important things happened here at St. Catherine. First, the Financial Report of the fiscal year 2016-2017 and the interviews CCS Fundraising Company had with some of you.

About the findings CCS has for us, I have been inviting you to a very important meeting this coming Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Please come.

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Desde el escritorio del Padre Jeronimo Gutierrez, Párroco...........

Estimados feligreses,

Dos cosas importantes sucedieron durante mi tiempo fuera de la parroquia durante el mes de octubre. Una fue el Reporte Anual de las Finanzas del año fiscal 2016-2017 y lo otro fueron las entrevistas que la compañía CCS realizó con algunos de ustedes.

Acerca de los resultados de la Compañía, les he estado invitando a una junta este próximo 14 de diciembre a las 7 de la tarde en el Salón Parroquial. Por favor asistan.

Acerca del reporte de finanzas, lo primero que quiero expresar es mi profunda gratitud por su apoyo económico.

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Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday (Sábado) / Sunday (Domingo)
Closed/Cerrado

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).
Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).
Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47; Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, December 11  † George Barnes
† Victor Ardizzone
Tuesday, December 12 † Zachary Jensen
† Carmen Muñoz
Wednesday, December 13    Diane Garibaldi
† Brother Patrick Souza
Thursday, December 14 † Ruth Doyle
† Maria Dominguez
Friday, December 15  † Godardo Abaño
† Juanita G. Martinez
Saturday, December 16 † Ernie Escuton
† Celso Salinas Mireles
Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. In today’s readings the prophet Isiah is quoted by Mark, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” In these times troubled by a distorted myopic vision which sees those different from us as a danger, the preparation we need is to see the other as gift. All peoples are under the same loving gaze of God’s creative love. Sure, that doesn’t guarantee that others may bring us harm; but that’s due to our human limitations, not God’s universal care. It takes real effort to overcome unwarranted prejudice, it’s easy to seek those who are familiar, who share the same lifestyle, who agree with us … you get the picture. The irony is that only by opening ourselves to the possibilities that loving our neighbor is the way to peace and contentment. Oh, there will be trials and temptations to give up, these are the favorite tools of the evil one. It’s more by subtle assumptions than by overt actions that we judge others as beyond our ability to see Christ present in them. Isiah’s prescient words invite us to ruminate about how we are to make straight the Lord’s path. We know for certain that without Jesus we are sadly lacking in compassion and trust for people who are different from us. Perhaps our preparation this year might be to become a straighter path for Jesus to be seen in our lives, especially in our actions toward others. When we assume the best of others we’re not duped if they don’t measure up. The mirror tells us that each of us is human and fails more than we’d like. But we can’t let that stop us, we come again and again to the table of the Lord to be fed by food that does not fail us. Jesus in the Eucharist is a marvelous example of preparation (ours) and the assumption that we are worthy in spite of the fact that we will fail again. In becoming Christ for one another there is no more fundamental action than to look on others as “on the way” just as we are. Advent preparation especially asks that we, like the little child Jesus, set aside prejudice and judgment. We too are to be food for others.

Winter is here, even if not officially quite yet. The city has asked that we limit watering our plants to one day a week, Wednesday. In most cases, we can simply stop watering and let grass and plants be dormant until the bright days of Spring. Water is a precious gift, saving it means more for others.

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 FR. JERONIMO……
About the Financial report, let me express my deepest gratitude for your support. It is thanks to your generosity that we were able to end it in the black one more time. However, this year we are struggling to balance the 2017-2018 Budget. Our Sunday Collection goal is seldom met and the other sources of income are under the budget. In short, the gap between our income and our expenses is getting bigger every week. Of course, I don’t know what your financial situation is. So, all I am asking you today is to pray fully consider to continue supporting your parish.

Changing the subject, we have entered to the Season of Light, Love and Peace. Let’s not forget that Christmas begins with CHRIST or the “Jesus is the reason for the Season.” When we gather together at our Christmas celebrations let us remember that: I the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter one, verse 23, we read: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means ‘God is with us’). During the Christmas season we sing: “O come let us adore Him!” at Mass, when the priest mixes some water with wine he quietly says: “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity” May the celebration of our God made Man bring to all of you the peace that only Him can give us.

Fr. Jeronimo

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?”
Child: “Whom can you be more patient with?”

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).
Salmo — Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).
Segunda lectura — El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).
Evangelio — Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

¡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

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL P. JERONIMO......
Es gracias a su ayuda financiera que pudimos terminar en números negros un año más. Sin embargo, este año estamos batallando mucho para balancear el presupuesto 2017-2018. La meta de colecta dominical rara vez se logra y las otras fuentes de ingreso están por debajo de lo esperado. En pocas palabras, la diferencia entre las entradas y los gastos se hace más grande cada semana. Por supuesto que yo no sé cuál es su situación financiera, por lo tanto, todo lo que le puedo pedir es que en oración considere seguir apoyando económicamente a su parroquia.

Cambiando de tema, hemos ya entrado a la temporada de la Luz, Amor y Paz. No olvidemos la Navidad nos recuerda en Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Les pido que este año cuando nos reunamos a nuestras celebraciones Navideñas recordemos que:

En el Evangelio según San Mateo, capítulo primero, verso 23, leemos: “La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel (que quiere decir: ‘Dios con Nosotros’). Durante el tiempo de Navidad cantamos: “Venid y adoremos”. En la celebración de la Santa Misal el sacerdote al mezclar un poco de agua con el vino reza: “El agua unida al vino sea signo de nuestra participación en la vida divina de quien ha querido compartir nuestra condición humana”.

Que la celebración del misterio del Dios hecho hombre traiga a todos ustedes la paz que sólo El puede dar.

P. Jeronimo

MEDIR EL ÉXITO
El éxito se mide no tanto por la posición que uno ha alcanzado en la vida, sino por los obstáculos que uno ha superado luchando por obtener el éxito.
— Booker T. Washington

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

ARBOL DE REGALOS
Nuestro árbol de regalos ya esta puesto. Puede ayudar a una familia mas necesidad esta Navidad? Tomo una o dos estrellas del Árbol de Regalos, compe el regalo, envuelva 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

Domingo 10 de Diciembre
10:00am, 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
12:15pm Misa solemne en la Iglesia y en el centro Parroquial
2:00pm 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- 4:00am Serenata Guadalupana por feligreses
4:00am Mañanitas con Mariachi
5:00am Santa Misa
1:00am-8:00am Pan y chocolate en el salón parroquial.

La Rifa Anual del Coche de Santa Catalina
Solo queda una semana para obtener sus boletos y apoyar a su comunidad.
¡Se está acabando el tiempo! ¡Obtenga sus boletos hoy!
Todavía tenemos un número limitado de Paquete Extraordinarios, boletos de las rifas del coche y de las vacaciones disponibles. ¡Recuerda que esta es una tradición de 35 años! Y como cualquier tradición, se agradece (y se necesita) su apoyo continuo.
El Comité de la Rifa del Coche es un Ministerio que apoya a otros Ministerios en Santa Catalina. Nuestros fondos brindan apoyo a nuestros numerosos programas parroquiales y escolares, como la preparación sacramental y la formación en la fe, ministerios litúrgicos y pastorales; laboratorios de computación y programa de teatro.
Visite nuestra mesa cuando salga de misa hoy y le mostraremos todos los grandes premios que puede ganar desde un auto nuevo a un viaje a Disney, un fin de semana en el Casino Black Oak, una caja de vinos privados de Martin Ranch, unas vacaciones de ensueño en Europa o Asia... o donde quieras ir por $ 7,500., un Parrot Bebop Drone y muchísimos premios de dinero en efectivo.
Aceptamos Cheques, Efectivo, Visa, Master Card y Amex.

GRUPO AMIGOS
Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.
¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!

HORAS DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL
La oficina Parroquial tiene nuevas horas de oficina. Estará abierta la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00am a 6:00pm.

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!
**SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE**
Como cada sábado hay catequesis para padres de familia.
El 18 de noviembre los padres de familia realizaron un proyecto de Acción de Gracias.
Todos participaron muy bien. También se tuvo una reflexión de la importancia de dar gracias a Dios por todo.

En la Misa para niños del tercer sábado del mes de noviembre el padre Jerónimo explicó en su homilía la importancia de compartir nuestros dones con los demás.
Los niños estuvieron muy atentos y participaron en la Misa muy bien.
Gracias padres de familia por asistir junto con sus niños y ser parte de la familia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría.

**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.

**NOTICIAS QUE DAN CONSUELO**
En un tiempo de preparación, relacionado en gran medida con cosas materiales, es bueno escuchar las palabras de Isaías: “Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios” (Isaías 40:1). En un tiempo de tanto nerviosismo y prisa, cuando nuestras cargas habituales se duplican a causa de los miles de preparativos navideños, podemos elegir aminorar la marcha, dedicar un tiempo a curar las heridas y valorar el enorme regalo que estamos por recibir. Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, se ha convertido en uno de nosotros y conoce nuestras limitaciones humanas. Sin embargo, Dios, incluso ahora, nos está librando de las cargas que se nos amontonan por no prestarle atención a él ni a nuestros anhelos más profundos. El Señor llega, no como un rey con ejércitos poderosos, sino como un pastor que guía a los rebaños con amor y ternura. Isaías anuncia buenas noticias: nuestra servidumbre terminó, nuestros pecados han sido perdonados. El Salvador que esperábamos está llegando, no por primera vez, sino al final de los tiempos, como nuestra salvación.

**HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDENAS**
Domingo, 24 de Diciembre Habrá misa regular en español a las 12:15pm.

*Domingo, Diciembre 24 Noche Buena*
- 4:00pm Misa en Inglés
- 6:00pm Misa en Inglés
- 8:00pm Misa en Español
- 12:00am Misa en Inglés

*Lunes, Diciembre 25 Navidad*
- 8:45am and 10:30am Misas en Inglés
- 12:15pm Misa en Español
TIPS FOR YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING
All sorts of assets make good year-end gifts to benefit St. Catherine’s Church. This includes cash, stocks, mutual funds, fully paid life insurance, and real estate. These assets can be given outright and most may also be used to fund a planned gift, such as a Charitable Gift Annuity or Deferred Payment Gift Annuity.

If making a gift by cash or check, either deliver your gift in person or be sure it is postmarked by December 31st. The date you deliver or mail your donation is generally recognized as the gift date for tax purposes. Please note: the date on the actual check is not recognized by the IRS as proof of your intent to give on a particular date.

You may also give online at www.stca.org/online-giving by credit card via PayPal or egiving before or on December 31. You may designate your gift for any particular fund(s). Just be sure the gift is made prior to midnight, December 31. The gift date is when the donation is charged to your credit card, even if you don’t pay your bill until 2016.

If you want your gift to be structured in the form of a planned gift for increased tax or income benefits, (such as a Gift Annuity), paperwork can be completed after December 31. However, be sure the asset is received by the St. Catherine’s, Diocese or Catholic Foundation (would process our gifts) by December 31. This is vital.

Plan ahead. Gifts of stock, paid-up life insurance, real or personal property all take a certain amount of preparation. Plan ahead accordingly; Speak with Anna Quinones at the Office of Development & Evangelization for instructions on how to make gifts of certain assets. aquinones@djsj.org or 408.779.3959. Always consult with your own advisors, prior to making a gift.

Receipt for taxes: You will receive a receipt for your donation that contains all the necessary substantiation required for tax purposes.

Memorials and Gifts in Honor: Any gift you make may be given as a memorial to a loved one or a gift in honor of someone living. If you wish, a card/acknowledgement letter will be sent to the person(s) you specify, acknowledging your gift without mention of amount.

Gifts in memory or in honor make very special and meaningful Christmas gifts. Please send your gift with a designation of memorial or honor tribute and address of the family to receive the acknowledgment. You may come to the Rectory and assistance is available.
HELLO?! IS ANYONE THERE?

Ya know, the more I learn about God, the more I learn about the Catholic Church, and the more I grow in my faith, the more I realize how much of an blind idiot I've been. I think about how ignorant I've been - because I have blatantly ignored God. How could my "faith" in God have been so empty?

Just reading through the 2nd Reading today made me realize how plainly God tells us how things are, how they should be, and how they're going to be:

*Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.*

I read that and I feel like God is doing this to me:

"Hello, Hello, anybody home? Hey, think, McFly, think" (of course in a loving way).

God gives us opportunity after opportunity to turn back to Him. And we just sit back, ignore Him, and take advantage of His patience. These readings repeat every three years, so if you're my age, you've heard it at least 11 times (and that's if you've gone to Mass every week - or at least every 2nd Sunday of Advent). For so long I attended Mass and thought it was boring, and knew I wasn't getting anything out of it - that's because I wasn't paying attention or even trying to get something out of it. I thought me just showing up and putting my butt in the pew was enough. But if I took this reading to heart, and thought about it sincerely when I was younger, I would've realized that I not only needed to get my butt in the pew, but I needed to get off my butt right after Mass and start following what God was obviously trying to tell me (obvious only because I'm trying to listen).

If we are awaiting a new heaven and a new earth, we need to prepare ourselves while we wait. It's not enough just to be around. We need to be found worthy. We all have an area in our lives we need to work on. Let's get to it.
JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE

One of the Advent activities the children do in faith formation is a prayer chain based on the names of Jesus. One of my favorite names is “Prince of Peace”. During this second week of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. One way to reflect on and be surrounded by God’s peace is to stop by and spend time in the church outside of Mass time.

So come, sit, and stay awhile. Let the quiet and peacefulness of the church surround you and the family. Create space in your hearts so that Jesus and his peace will fill you during the day, the week, the entire Advent season.

Finding God’s peace will not be “easy.” There will still be unexpected turns of events and frustrations during the holidays. Jesus promises, though, that when we call on him and ask him for his help in our prayers, He will give us the “peace of God which transcends all understanding.” This peace is not of this world, but a peace that comes from the powerful love of God that is not dependent on our own strength or the situation around us.

In what areas of the family life do you need God’s peace? Consider saying the following prayer together or use your own words:

Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We remember that you bring us peace, peace not of this world, but borne out of the love of Our Father. Fill us with your peace and to do our part to be peace builders in our family and community. Amen.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. CATHERINE 35TH ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

Only one week left to get your tickets and support your community.

Time is running out! Get your tickets today!

We still have a limited number of Bonus Bundles, Car and Vacation tickets available. Remember this is a 35 year tradition! And like any tradition, your ongoing support is both appreciated (and needed).

The Sweepstakes Committee is a Ministry that supports other Ministries at St. Catherine’s. Our funds provide support to our many Parish and School programs such as sacramental preparation and faith formation, our liturgical and pastoral care ministries; our computer labs and drama program.

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today and we can show you all the great prizes you can win from a brand new car to a trip to Disney, a weekend get away to Black Oak Casino, a private wine tasting with a Magnum of wine from Martin Ranch, a dream vacation to Europe or Asia…or wherever you want to go for $7,500., a Parrot Bebop Drone and many, many, many cash prizes!

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

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS TO BE TRAINED

Since we have begun using Stephen Ministry here at St. Catherine’s Church in 2011, we have seen the great value of a lay caring ministry. Another training class for Stephen ministers will begin in January. Please give serious consideration to whether God might be calling you to share your gifts and talents in this way. An informational meeting about this ministry will be held on Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm in Room 8. Hear details about the commitment and testimonies from current Stephen Ministers. Please call Claranne Schirle for questions at 408-782-1413 or kenandclaranne@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SUPPER HOLIDAY MEALS

We WILL be having our regular Monday night Community Supper on Christmas, Monday, December 25th and New year’s Day, Monday, January 1st. All are welcome!

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Office Hours have changed! The office will be open Monday to Friday, 8:00am until 6:00pm.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

EAT AT

MR. PICKLE’S SANDWICH SHOP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER

LOCATION: Mr. Pickle's
1049 Cochrane Road, Suite 120
Morgan Hill | (408) 612-4902

DATE: December 12th, 2017

TIME: Between the hours of 10am - 7pm

10% OF THE SALES WILL BE DONATED TO:

ST CATHERINE PARISH

BRING OR MENTION THIS FLYER THE DAY OF THE FUNDRAISER

WWW.MRPICKLES.COM

2018 NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Cheers to a New Year!
Join us! Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an exciting New Year's Eve Ball @ O'Donnell Parish Center. Tickets are still available at $50/person. Contact your favorite Fil-Am Group rep and/or e-mail Lita Aquino @ litat.aquino@gmail.com or Gerry Achanzar @ gerrybulls@gmail.com
Dear Members of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish.

We are pleased to share with you the results of our church renewal planning study. On behalf of our Building Steering Committee and Parish Staff, we thank all of you for participating in this process and providing us with your valuable feedback. Your input is greatly appreciated and very important for the future of our parish.

The next page highlights key findings from the survey and interviews conducted in October and November. These findings are very positive and encouraging, and they show great enthusiasm for the renewal of our church. The findings also demonstrate that there is strong financial commitment in our parish to undertake a church renewal project.

As our next step, the Building Steering Committee will begin to discern what the church building revitalization might look like based on the financial findings of the study, as well as develop a timeline of the process, which will include launching a capital campaign at the beginning of the new year.

On Thursday, December 14 at 7pm we will also host a meeting which will be an opportunity to learn more about the results of the study and the next steps the Building Steering Committee will be taking. We hope that you will be able to join us on December 14 in the Parish Center.

Thank you again for your input, and I ask that you keep the church renewal in your prayers as we journey together as one parish.

Grateful in the Lord,
Msgr. Jeronimo Gutierrez
Pastor

Estimados Miembros de la Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría.

Nos complace compartir con usted los resultados de nuestro estudio de planificación para la renovación de la iglesia. En nombre de nuestro Comité Directivo del Construcción y personal de la parroquia, les agradecemos a todos ustedes por participar en este proceso y por brindarnos sus valiosos comentarios. Su opinión es muy apreciada y muy importante para el futuro de nuestra parroquia.

La página siguiente resalta los puntos claves de la encuesta y entrevistas realizadas en octubre y noviembre. Estos resultados son muy positivos y alentadores, y muestran un gran entusiasmo por renovar nuestra iglesia. Los resultados también demuestran que existe un fuerte potencial financiero en nuestra parroquia para emprender el proyecto de renovación de la iglesia.

Como nuestro próximo paso, el Comité de Construcción comenzará a discernir cómo se venía la revitalización de la de la iglesia basados en los resultados financieros del estudio, así como también desarrollar una línea de tiempo del proceso, que incluirá el inicio de una campaña capital al inicio del año nuevo.

El jueves 14 de diciembre a la 7pm también organizaremos una reunión que será una oportunidad para aprender más sobre los resultados del estudio y los próximos pasos que tomará el Comité de Construcción. Esperamos que pueda reunirse con nosotros el 14 de diciembre.

Gracias de nuevo por su participación y les pido que mantengan la renovación de la iglesia en sus oraciones mientras viajamos juntos como una parroquia.

Agradecido en el Señor,
Msgr. Jeronimo Gutierrez
Pastor
What is your overall reaction to the proposed renewal?
¿Cuál es su reacción general a la renovación propuesta?

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- **Is renewing our church a priority for our parish?**
- **Do you believe the parish should consider a campaign to address the renewal?**
- **Would you be willing to make a gift to support the renewal of St. Catherine’s Church?**

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**Fundraising Capacity of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**
The St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish community is very supportive of the plans to launch a campaign for the church renewal and CCS feels confident in the parish’s ability to raise $6 million toward this effort. However, the capacity to raise more funds exists if parishioners demonstrate extraordinary prayerful, and sacrificial support.

**Capacidad de recaudación de fondos de la Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría**
La comunidad parroquial de Santa Catalina de Alejandría apoya mucho los planes para llevar a cabo una campaña para la renovación de la iglesia y CCS cree que la parroquia tiene la capacidad de recaudar $6 millones para este esfuerzo. Sin embargo, la capacidad de recaudar más fondos existe si los feligreses demuestran un apoyo extraordinario en oración y sacrificios.
Christmas Card
Each year students at St. Catherine School submit drawings for our school Christmas card. This year 8th grader Mark Spohn’s design was chosen. Mark received a matted and framed copy of his design and a gift card. Additionally, the work of several other students received Honorable Mentions: Faith Fernandes, Alexa Nazareno, Lilly Mojica, Jasmine Haygood and Ben Muetzenberg. The Honorable Mention students received gift cards. Congratulations to all!

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.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES-CAR RAFFLE RECEPTION
Did you know that the food Car Raffle Reception is coordinated by the faculty and staff of St. Catherine School? That’s right! The faculty and staff decorate the serving area with student work the day before the event and arrive early the day of the event to prepare food, as well as serve it, for all who attend. We hope you support the Annual Sweepstakes-Car Raffle by buying tickets and joining us for the reception on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00pm. See you there!

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.