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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

From the Desk of Anna Quiñones, Development Director.....

ONE POTATO AND A HOMECOMING

Author Anonymous

EVERYONE left the church. I sat alone as the light from the stained-glass windows gave glow to my surroundings. I held my $25 tightly in my hand. It’s all we had for groceries to feed our family of seven. My thoughts darted through the 25 years I had spent away from the church I had loved as a child. Now I was back home, vowing to go all the way with my Lord. The moment of decision had come. How could I be tested so quickly with such a major decision? I knew $25 would not buy enough food to feed us for the week, but if I tried to spread it around in my own power, I knew I would fail.

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Desde el escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo...

UNA PAPA Y UNA BIENVENIDA

Autor anónimo

TODO S DEJARON la iglesia. Me senté sola mientras la luz de las vidrieras iluminaba mi entorno. Sostenía mis $25 dólares fuertemente en mi mano. Es todo lo que teníamos para comprar alimentos para nuestra familia de siete. Mis pensamientos se precipitaron a través de los 25 años que había pasado lejos de la iglesia que había amado de niña. Ahora estaba de vuelta en casa, jurando seguir todo el camino con mi Señor. El momento de la decisión había llegado. ¿Cómo podría ser probada tan rápidamente con una decisión tan importante? Sabía que $25 dólares no comprarían suficiente comida para alimentarnos durante la semana, pero si intentaba repartirla por mis propios medios, sabía que iba a fallar.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).
Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA
Sunday/Domingo, February 4
7:00-1:00pm CR1-Kit Hospitality
8:00-11:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:00-12:00PM DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
1:30-3:30pm CR1-Kit Hospitalidad
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
4:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Jovenes Retiro Prep - Meeting
5:00-7:00pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen

Monday/Lunes, February 5
6:00-7:00pm CR1-Kit Community Supper
7:00-8:30pm CH Angelica Choir
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 JPC - Junta de Equipo
7:00-8:30pm CR-1 ICF - Board Meeting
7:00-9:00pm GYM Young Adult Disciples Sports

Tuesday-Martes, February 6
5:00-9:30pm CH New EM Renewal
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro
7:00-9:00pm CR3-4 JPC - Board meeting
7:00-8:30pm MC Spanish RCIC
7:00-4:30pm Rm.10 Cub Scouts Pack 766
7:00-9:45pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry

Wednesday/Miercoles, February 7
9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group - Study
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
12:30-2:00pm CR1-2 School - Girl Scouts 5th Grade
3:30-4:30pm CH Faith Formation Classes
3:30-4:30pm CH Faith Formation Community Time
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:15-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry Session
6:30-6:30pm Rm.1011 Una Puerta de Esperanza
6:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Cub Scouts Pack 766 - Don 3 Mtg.
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Man Kind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro Retiros
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA session
7:30-9:30pm CH Alfa & Omega Grupo de Oracion

Thursday/Jueves, February 8
8:00-9:30am CR1-1 Mom’s Book Club (Fr. Russ)
2:00-4:00pm CR1-1 School - Girl Scouts Troop 60586
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:00-7:30pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza - Voluntarios
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

Friday/Viernes, February 9
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 Reunion Semanal - Jóvenes Para Cristo

Saturday/Sabado, February 10
9:00-9:30pm CH Spanish FF Community Time
9:00-10:30pm MC,Rm.8,10,11 Spanish Faith Formation Classes
8:00-10.00pm CH Practica de la Pasion

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, February 5
Hilda Lua
Fr. Andrey Garcia
Tuesday, February 6
† John Sorci Sr.
† Conrad Gentrup
† Anna Villano
† Lisa Gallego
Wednesday, February 7
† Ramon Muñoz
† Ramona Muñoz
† Francisco Ciegra
† Luz Osegura
Thursday, February 8
† Zachary Jensen
† Sau Chun Wong
Saturday, February 10
† Zachary Jensen
† Sau Chun Wong
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Have you survived the flu/cold trials that are active now? To paraphrase today's Gospel reading, wouldn't we love to have Jesus “approach, grasp our hand, help us up and have the fever leave us?” Physical illness and its cure is a frequent story of Jesus’ power to heal. It is a wonderful feeling in the moment when we feel recovered ... even though we know we will be sick again later. Just so the same process applies to our spiritual health. This comes to mind now as Lent approaches and we take stock of our spiritual temperature. Just as sometimes we are reluctant to go to the doctor when we feel ill; telling ourselves that this will pass, it’s not serious. That is often true but it robs us of the renewal that a treatment that heals brings. That’s no less true spiritually. It takes a conscious effort to seek healing rather than telling ourselves that “this too shall pass.” Surprisingly, it’s not the state of health restored, physical or spiritual, but rather the process of healing itself which restores our equilibrium. When we wander a bit too far from God we often act like a Prodigal Son, assuming that we are unworthy of even asking for pardon. But that subliminal thought is the work of the tempter; our Prodigal Father wants nothing more than to embrace us and celebrate our return. Healing is a process of returning to our true selves. We make that round trip many times, but rather than counting our failures we must celebrate the renewal that healing brings. It is not just in the moment but it builds within us the trust we need to strike out again on the road to God’s love. A final note, the Gospel begins with Jesus “leaving the synagogue.” Jesus, a good Jew, strengthens himself in prayer, public prayer, offering example to others of the sustaining grace offered. Remember this the next time we are tempted to forego a stop at church for a prayer or to attend mass. Healing is a process in which prayer, ours and others, is essential.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

How many packages or wrappings do we open during the week? What do we do with them? Ideally we seek to avoid unnecessary packaging (I'll just take it as is). But when we can't, be sure to recycle rather than discarding items. It only takes a minute ... and the earth will feel “healed.” :-)

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 ANNA......

I also knew I had nothing else to give for tithe. I had been gone so long. My new commitment pounded in my brain; the tears spilled out as I sat in silence, pleading with God for direction. Soon the answer became very clear as the story of the widow and her mite came to mind. Yes, that’s it. I would give the $25 to my faithful Lord, who had just welcomed me home again to stay. Trying to explain to my family what I had done was hard, but surprisingly, they seemed to understand. During the week we used up what food we had and then the dreaded day came. All I could find in the house to eat was one large potato. I cooked the potato and cut it seven ways, I called everyone to the table. As my husband gave thanks for the food we were about to share. Before he could finish the prayer, the doorbell rang. We quickly chorused, “Amen,” all ran to the door. There stood a church family with bags of groceries in their arms. Through thankful tears I asked them how they knew we needed anything, for I had not told anyone of our dire circumstances. They said they did not know, but the urge to bring us food was so strong. Was it a coincidence that they came while we were offering thanks in prayer for one large potato? I know it was not. When I gave the Lord all I had to give Him, I knew in my heart He would never let us go hungry. How did I know? Because in the silent moments in my Father’s house and in the glow of the stained glass I knew I could always trust in Him.

I had claimed His promise. Neither in my youth, nor now in old age have I seen the righteous one abandoned or his offspring begging for bread - Psalm 37:25

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
FIFTH 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. We hope you find some help here to do your part of our work together.

Liturgical Ministry and Contact Information

**Liturgy Coordinator**
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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.
- A coordinator is needed now to begin planning for Lent and the Easter Season.

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

Save the Date

Training is in the church from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

**New Lectors must attend both trainings**

RSVP: Jim Yinger jfyinger@gmail.com

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion / Sacristans Workshop

- All current, past and those considering becoming minister of Holy Communion: please join us on Thursday, February 1st from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the parish center for fellowship and to hear guest speaker Fr. Chris Bennett.
- Fr. Bennett was ordained in Dublin, Ireland and came to the US in 1987. He was associate at several churches in San Jose including St. Christopher and St. Lucy. He became pastor of Santa Teresa and is currently pastor of St. Christopher. He is director of the arts and environment committee for the Diocese of San Jose. He is also consultant to the Bishop and Master of Ceremony for the Bishop. Fr. Bennett is the dean for our deanery, is on the cemetery board and is the liturgical advisor for deacons. He has given many workshops about liturgical practices. Please RSVP yes or no to Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org. You are welcome to drop in if your plans change.

**Ash Wednesday / Miércoles de Ceniza**

February 14 / Febrero 14

- 6:15am Ash service (Servicio de Ceniza)
- 8:15am Mass (Misa)
- 10:45am Mass (Misa) School
- 12:15pm Ash service (Servicio de Ceniza)
- 3:45pm Mass (Misa) Faith Formation
- 5:30pm Mass (Misa)
- 7:00pm Misa (En la Iglesia & el Centro Parroquial)

2018 Easter Triduum Schedule

**Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo**
- March 29/Marzo 29
- 7:30pm (Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

**Good Friday / Viernes Santo**
- March 30/Marzo 30
- 12:00pm Liturgy
- 2:00pm Passion thru Music by LifeTeen
- 6:30pm Obra de la Pasión de Cristo
- 7:30pm Servicio en Español

**Easter Vigil / Vigilia Pascual**
- March 31/Marzo 31
- 8:30pm (Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

**Easter Sunday / Domingo de Resurrección**
- April 1/ Abril 1
- 7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am Masses
- 12:15pm Misa en Español
LETRAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Job declara que la vida en la tierra es monótona, miserable y triste (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Salmo — Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados (Salmo 147 [146]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo dice que no tienen otra alternativa sino la de predicar el Evangelio (1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22-23).

Evangelio — Después de sanar a muchos enfermos, Jesús predica la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:29-39).

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¡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:_______________________________
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Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________
¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____Yes  _____No
¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?
_____Yes   _____No

Desde el escritorio

De Anna......

También sabía que no tenía nada más que dar para el diezmo. Me había ido tanto tiempo. Mi nuevo compromiso golpeó mi cerebro; las lágrimas se derramaron mientras me sentaba en silencio, suplicando a Dios por dirección. Pronto la respuesta se hizo muy clara cuando la historia de la viuda y su ácaro vino a la mente. Si eso es. Le daría los $25 dólares a mi fiel Señor, que acababa de darme la bienvenida a casa.

Tratar de explicarle a mi familia lo que había hecho era difícil, pero sorprendentemente, parecían entender. Durante la semana usamos la comida que teníamos y luego llegó el temido día. Todo lo que pude encontrar en la casa para comer fue una papa grande. Cociné la papa y la corté de siete maneras, llamé a todos a la mesa. Como mi esposo dio las gracias por la comida que íbamos a compartir. Antes de que pudiera terminar la oración, sonó el timbre. “Amén”, todos corrieron hacia la puerta. Allí estaba una familia de la iglesia con bolsas de despensa en sus brazos. A través de lágrimas de agradecimiento, les pregunté cómo sabían que necesitábamos algo, ya que no le había contado a nadie sobre nuestras terribles circunstancias. Dijeron que no sabían, pero el impulso de traernos comida era muy fuerte. ¿Fue una coincidencia que vinieron cuando estábamos ofreciendo gracias en oración por una gran papa? Sé que no fue así. Cuando le di al Señor todo lo que tenía que darle, supe en mi corazón que nunca nos dejaría pasar hambre. ¿Cómo lo sé? Porque en los momentos de silencio en la casa de mi Padre y en el resplandor de las vidrieras supe que siempre pude contar con Él.

Yo había reclamado su promesa. Ni en mi juventud, ni en la vejez he visto al justo abandonado ni a su descendencia pidiendo pan - Salmos 37:25

Pregunta de la semana

Adulto: "¿Cuándo has sentido la tristeza de Job? ¿Cuándo has sentido la alegría de aquellos que fueron testigos de las obras sanadoras de Jesús?"

Niño: "¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para consolar a alguien que está triste?"
NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El 11 de febrero de 1858 la Virgen María se apareció a tres niños franceses del pueblito de Lourdes. Allí brotaron aguas milagrosas con el poder de sanar enfermos. Eventualmente se construyó en Lourdes un santuario en honor de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes y millones de enfermos han recurrido a las aguas curativas. Muchos de los que visitan el santuario son latinos, porque a los latinos nos encantan los milagros y lo milagroso.

Pero ¿cuál es el afán de ver milagros? ¿Es que no podemos creer sin ellos? ¿Es que necesitamos demostraciones del poder divino antes de entregarnos a Dios? La Iglesia siempre ha canonizado santos y santas por cuya intercesión se han manifestado milagros, y ha buscado su poder de intercesión. Sin embargo, también ha insistido que es más importante una vida ejemplar, una vida dedicada al bien del prójimo que una vida prodigiosa. Hay que tener mucho cuidado, porque frecuentemente en nuestro afán por ver milagros estrepitosos en lugares lejanos, cerramos los ojos a ver los milagros de las personas que nos rodean, y que silenciosamente ayudan al necesitado.

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

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES
Domingo: Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial de la Vida Consagrada; Domingo de los Niños Exploradores
Martes: San Pablo Miki y compañeros
Jueves: San Jerónimo Emiliani; Santa Josefina Bakhita; Jornada Internacional de Oración y Reflexión Contra la Trata de Personas
Sábado: Santa Escolástica

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.
QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

OFERTORIO — ELECTRONICA
Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?
- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- Ya no va ver la necesidad de escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:
A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.
B) Vaya a nuestra pagina de web (www.stca.org), selecciones ONLINE GIVING and registrese para dar su ofertorio electrónicamente!

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

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!

OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIADO

Muchas manos hacen el trabajo menos.

DISCÍPULOS INCANSABLES
Los relatos que hemos oído estas semanas provienen del primer capítulo de san Marcos y nos muestran el ministerio público de Jesús en sus comienzos. El relato de hoy muestra parte de la tensión y los cambios de su nueva vida que consistía en predicar el Reino de Dios, curar a los enfermos y expulsar a los demonios. Observa que después del atardecer, cuando caía el sol y terminaba la jornada laboral, las personas llevaban a los enfermos y poseídos a Jesús. Al día siguiente se levantó antes del amanecer para retirarse sólo a rezar, pero no tuvo suerte. Simón Pedro y los demás no solo lo buscan, sino que lo persiguen con el fervor que su ministerio ha incitado. Con la misma entrega ejemplar que demostró hasta el final de su vida en la tierra, les dice a sus seguidores que éste es su propósito. Por medio de Marcos, también le dice a la nueva iglesia y nos dice a nosotros que éste es nuestro propósito, nuestra vocación: ser incansables en nuestra lucha por proclamar la Buena Nueva y llevar el toque curador y reconciliador de Cristo al mundo.

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1. Visit our church website at www.stca.org
2. Click on NEW ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM
3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959
Yeah, you read that right.
Okay Deepu, really? Is this the place to write about bowels? Shouldn’t that be done in a different setting?

Nope.

Because God created us as not just spiritual beings, but as physical beings (one way we differ from angels). And God created everything, so if there is any place to be able to talk about anything at all, it’s the church. If we turn people down from talking about something they sincerely want to talk about, they’ll go somewhere else to talk about it.
Okay, so maybe I don’t want to sincerely talk about bowels, but there is a good reason for me bringing it up (other than the obvious play on words to the game happening Sunday):

Because there’s a saint for that*

Seriously. We have a patron saint for bowel disorders.

This also serves as a good reminder for us to take advantage of the saints in heaven. We are not alone. We never have been. Even when we feel like there is no one we can turn to, there is Jesus. But God and the Church gives us more than that - regular human beings who walked the earth just like us, but they were extraordinary in their love and dedication to God. They became saints, and they are constantly praying for us. Many of them have a patronage for either a location or a topic. St. Bonaventure is the patron saint of bowel disorders. He suffered from them as a child, and was healed through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi. He later became a theologian, and of course a saint after he died.

No matter what you’re going through. No matter what your struggles, you can always pray to God for help. And you can ask the saints to pray for you also - there is strength in numbers!
Remember, we don’t worship saints. Just like we’d ask a friend to pray for us or for a family member, we go to the saints to ask the same thing. Also, it might be easier to ask a saint to pray for us (especially when it comes to a bowel disorder). Another reason why we ask saints to pray for us is because they’re saints! They have a closer relationship with God than many of us do.

Think you can’t give God glory while watching the Super Bowl? Pray before, during, and after. And if you want to go super Catholic, pray a Hail Mary (that your team doesn’t need to use the Hail Mary play), the Rosary, and/or pray to St. Sebastian to pray for your team (he’s the patron saint of athletes).*

*phone apps don’t cover nearly as much ground as saints do
In last week’s gospel Jesus gathered in the synagogue and prayed with the community. In this week’s gospel, after healing Simon’s mother-in-law and others, Jesus went off alone to pray. He had a crazy, busy day and all he wanted to do was to find a quiet place and pray.

Gandhi said that “Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul.” I love that image - a longing of the soul to be filled with God’s love and grace. It is a yearning for God’s peace when everything else is in chaos. It is emptying ourselves of ourselves and focusing on being in God’s presence and listening to his voice.

As we move toward Lent, we can reflect on prayer in our lives, it is one of the Lenten spiritual practices.

Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, in the car chapel, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to share about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for? What makes it hard for us/you to pray?

End by asking God to bless your times of prayer so that you can know and follow God’s ways. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

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DREAMERS SUPPORT GROUP

Have you had trouble sleeping, paying attention, feeling nervous or angry? Are you feeling sad and hopeless? Have you been worrying a lot or having difficulties at home, work or school? Are you 18 years old or older?

If so, you are invited to join the

DREAMERS SUPPORT GROUP:

WHAT: Weekly, confidential support group for DACA Recipients
WHEN: Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00pm
WHERE: St. Catherine Church, 17400 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
FEES: Sliding scale

For more information and a pre-group appointment contact: John M. Martinez, LCSW at 408-439-7251

2018 WEST COAST RETREAT

Mission Doctors Association is offering the 2018 West Coast Retreat/Seminar, March 9-11, 2018 for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. It is held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. The weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at Mission Hospital or Clinic. Visit the website at - www.missiondoctors.org or call the office for more information at (213) 368-1872.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Italian Catholic Federation offers a $400 scholarship to Roman Catholic Graduating Seniors of Italian Descent who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2.

For More Information:
*See your class counselor
*Call the Italian Catholic Federation Office at 1-888-423-1924
*Visit our web site at www.icf.org

Application Deadline is March 15th.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?”

Child: “What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?”

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

HURRY HURRY HURRY! Time is running out to register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose.

For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken and Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

DSJ MEN’S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

for Ages 18+ February 16 – 18, 2018

Open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Give God a weekend! Find out if God is calling you to the priesthood. Meet priests and seminarians of San Jose. Experience their life and have your questions and concerns answered. Meet other men like you who are discerning.

Info: bit.ly/DSJVRETREATS

ST. CATHERINE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

Meets at 7:30pm on the last Tuesday of each month at Peet’s. Contact Paula at paulacbarbara@gmail.com for more information.

February’s book selection (meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27th):

Same Kind of Different as Me: A Modern Day Slave, an International Art Dealer and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

CHEF WITH A HEART

Seeking a chef with a heart willing to take on preparations for an annual community dinner. For more info: janet95037@gmail.com

SVDP DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET

The parish Community Closet is overflowing with women’s clothing, and very low on children’s clothing, children’s shoes, and men’s small and medium pants and shirts. So, at this time, we will NOT be accepting any women’s clothing (also, no electronics, furniture, mattresses, or toys). If you have tableware, pots and pans, blankets, or stuffed animals, we can find a good home for those. Please - only items that are clean and gently used. If it’s in good enough shape for a family member or friend, we’d be glad to offer to our shoppers at the Community Closet. Thank you.

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

By Mark Gungor

A Pizza Party Event

$35.00 per person

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Fearless, How to Conquer Your Demons and Love with Abandon
Retreat Led By
Bible Study Evangelista ~ Sonja Corbitt

www.biblestudyevangelista.com

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY!

Saturday, February 17th, 2018
From 10:00AM TO 5:00PM
O’Donnell Parish Center

Sonja is an author, speaker, TV and Radio Broadcaster on the Scriptures. Her potent bible teaching, her vivid and sometimes humorous speaking style will help you find where God is already working in your life and help you co-operate with God to “Conquer your demons and love with abandon.” Sonja will inspire you to deepen your relationship with God and others through scripture, so just like Sonja you too will fall in love with the Word of God and discover your true calling and gifts.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED.
PLease Come and spend the day with us
to nourish your soul, mind and heart!

Please invite your friends, Mom, sister, or daughters.
The retreat will include light breakfast, lunch and Sonja’s books to purchase.

Suggested donation is $30.00

For more information, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org
To Register online visit www.stca.org or Pay by Check, Make check payable to St. Catherine Church, please return form to Rectory, Attn: Woman’s Retreat at 17400 Peak Ave. Morgan Hill, Ca. 95037

First Name: __________________________ Last Name: __________________________
# of Guests: __________________________ Names: __________________________
Address: __________________________ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____________
Email: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Check Amount: __________________________

Please bring your bible on the day of the event. See you on Saturday, February 17th.
APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019

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

Thank you, St. Catherine Parish, for all your support of our school!
We are proud to be St. Catherine Cougars!

COUGAR ATHLETIC CLUB

The Cougar Athletic Club (CAC) supports St. Catherine School’s after school sports program. CAC holds a volleyball/football tournament each fall and two basketball tournaments each January. Over the past seventeen years CAC has supported our athletes and St. Catherine by purchasing sports equipment, scoring equipment, installing the built-in buffet in O’Donnell Center, installing new pads and safety door, and paid for the logo and lines on the gym floor. They also contributed seed money toward upgrading the sound system in the gym. A huge thank you to the Cougar Athletic Club for all their work!