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.

**SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**
**COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA**

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

**CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN**
- Saturday/Sábado: 4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

**ADORACIÓN /ADORATION**
- Wednesday/Miércoles 6:30pm
- 1st Friday - 24 Hours

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

*From the Desk of Deacon Juan Aquino, .....*

Is it any wonder that the importance of mercy and forgiveness seems to be the themes in Pope Francis’ actions and preaching that arise again and again? We see that in his apostolic travels and even in his meetings with world leaders. We see that in his off-the-cuff remarks everywhere he goes, even while on the plane that takes him to many parts of the world. In all those moments, we see the gospel as his eternal source of inspiration on how to live a joyful life. Amidst all we see our roles as Christians called to proclaim the Gospel, and to remember the role of Christ as savior and Shepherd of the lost.

As we approach Lent and Holy Week, we enter into our Lord’s sacrifice. In and through Christ, mercy and forgiveness becomes one of the highlights of our ongoing reflection of (Continued on Page 3...)

*Desde el escritorio de Diacono Juan Aquino...*

¿Es de extrañar que la importancia de la misericordia y el perdón parezcan ser los temas en las acciones y la predicación del Papa Francisco que surgen una y otra vez? Vemos eso en sus viajes apostólicos e incluso en sus reuniones con líderes mundiales. Vemos eso en sus comentarios improvisados a donde quiera que vaya, incluso mientras está en el avión que lo lleva a muchas partes del mundo. En todos esos momentos, vemos el evangelio como su eterna fuente de inspiración sobre cómo vivir una vida feliz. En medio de todo, vemos nuestro papel como cristianos llamados a proclamar el Evangelio y recordar el papel de Cristo como Salvador y Pastor de los perdidos.

Al acercarnos a la Cuaresma y la Semana Santa, entramos en el sacrificio de nuestro Señor. (Continuado en Pagina 5...)
THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, February 11
7:00-1:00pm CR1,4 Kit Hospitality
8:00-11:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:00-12:00pm DC CLOW
9:00-9:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
3:30-5:00pm Rm.11 Faith Formation Home Study
3:00-5:00pm CH JPC - Misa de Retiro
4:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Jovenes Retiro Prep. - Meeting
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Group

Monday/Lunes, February 12
6:00-7:00pm CR3,4 Kit Community Supper
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm CH Angelica Choir
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:00-9:00pm LR Finance Committee Meeting
7:30-9:00pm MC English - Pre-Baptismal Class

Tuesday/Martes, February 13
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro
6:30-9:00pm MC Español - Platicas Prebaptismal
7:00-9:00pm CR1,4, Kit KoC - Board Meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Cub Scouts Pack 766

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 14
10:45-11:45am CH Ash Wednesday Service
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
12:15-1:15pm CH Ash Wednesday Service
3:45-4:45pm CH Ash Wednesday Service
5:00-9:00pm MC Lenten Family Reflection
5:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Lenten Family Reflection
5:30-6:30pm CH Ash Wednesday Service
5:30-6:30pm Rm.10,11 Una Puerta de Esperanza
5:30-6:30pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro Retiros
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:00-9:00pm CH CR1,4 Misa - Español Miércoles de Ceniza

Thursday/Jueves, February 15
8:00-9:30am CR-1 Mom’s Book Club (Fr. Russ)
2:30-3:15pm CH School - Stations of the Cross
6:00-8:00pm MC Soup & Scriptures
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

Friday/Viernes, February 16
6:30-7:30pm CH Via Crucis
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Youth Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 Reunion Semanal - Jóvenes Para Cristo
7:30-9:30pm CH Stations of the Cross

Saturday/Sábado, February 17
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 Práctica de la Pasión

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12  † Zachary Jensen
† Maria Del Carmen Muñoz
† J. Jesus Z. Lua
Virginia Ardizzzone
Sergio Madrigal
Sara Lua
Lucrecia Madrigal
Richard Conry
† Maria Ngoan & Ky Vu
Again this week we hear about Jesus’ healing powers. Because the stories are familiar we can be caught up in thoughts like, “Wasn’t it wonderful what Jesus did long ago?” In reality, when we objectify Jesus’ actions as pertaining only to what the words portray we overlook the grace that underlies Jesus’ action. Even Jesus’ warning to the cured leper “see that you tell no one anything” tells us that physical healing wasn’t Jesus’ mission. He asks us for a deeper conversion (yes, conversion is a healing too) that brings much more than relief from a physical ailment… he soothes our soul, our essential self that lies beneath the physical body we inhabit. Jesus asked the leper’s silence so as to invite him, and us, to seek the peace that Jesus’ healing brings. We develop a kind of spiritual skin condition that causes us to withhold our own power to bring healing and peace to the world. It is through Jesus’ infusion within us that we are able to reach out to others, offering them a sense of their worth. Not because of any achievement or social prominence they possess … but because, as Jesus’ missionaries to the world, we ennable them simply by recognizing them as neighbor. Offering them a connection at the deepest level, seeing our sameness despite any and all physical differences. It is a baptismal call that ask us to be Christ to the world in simple goodness, without judgment of temporal worth. In fact we are to offer ourselves as Jesus did, with love in place of judgment. The Gospel authors spoke of Jesus’ power in words and examples that would have meaning to those who may not have experienced Jesus themselves. We however have been blessed by “knowing” Jesus, however imperfectly. Take some time to reflect on how we might sow peace and joy to those around us, overcoming our felt need for success we find our own peace in the process.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Most of us drive vehicles powered, at least in part, by gasoline engines. When is the last time you had a tune-up? Modern fuel-injected engines need adjustment less often, but regular service reduces our carbon footprint (and supports car mechanics too :-).

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

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
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

ALMSGIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations to Church ministries for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including:

- Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe...
- National Black and Indian Mission Collection...
- Catholic Relief Services Collection...
- Collection for the Holy Land...
- CRS Rice Bowl...

Many dioceses hold special appeals for local needs during Lent and there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. For ideas, contact your diocesan Social Concerns office or your local Catholic Charities affiliate.

SAVE THE DATE

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

New Lectors must attend both trainings
RSVP: Jim Yinger  jfyinger@gmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY
MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
February 14 / Febrero 14

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PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
February 26, 2018
7:00pm

St. Catherine Parish
Parroquia de Santa Catalina
2018 Easter Triduum Schedule
Horarios de Semana Santa 2018

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 Life Teen
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
¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre (s): ____________________________
Dirección:______________________________
Ciudad:_______________________________
Código postal:_____________
Numero teléfono:______________________
Email:_______________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución? ____Yes  _____No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia? ____Yes  _____No

LECTURAS DE HOY

Salmo — Tú eres mi refugio; me rodeas de cantos de liberación (Salmo 32 [31]).
Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).
Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

         Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18;  Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
         Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles:Jl 2:12-18;  Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
         2 Cor 5:20  6:2;  Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20;  Sal 1:1-4, 6;  Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a;  Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19;  Mt 9:14-15
Sábado:  Is 58:9b-14;  Sal 86 (85):1-6;  Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15;  Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22;
         Mc 1:12-15

¡BIENVENIDO!

En Cristo y a través de él, la misericordia y el perdón se convierten en uno de los aspectos más destacados de nuestro continuo reflejo de cómo vivimos nuestras vidas.

La misericordia y el perdón son principios que son muy difíciles de practicar. Pero esta frase es la base de todo lo que nuestro Señor quiere que dirija nuestras vidas. Debemos ser guiados por el corazón amable, misericordioso y clemente de Cristo. Cuando él mismo fue injustamente abusado, apedreado, azotado y crucificado, oró y perdonó a aquellos que le habían clavado los clavos en las manos y los pies, a los que lo abuchearan.

Muchos de los que pasaron la vida estudiando los evangelios concluyen que probablemente no haya otro mandamiento único que resuma todas las enseñanzas de Cristo más que el mandamiento de perdonar. La ley suprema de amor de Cristo pone el perdón en la cima. No es de extrañar que Jesús nos enseñó el Padre Nuestro. El perdón es la medicina divina. Pero debido a nuestra condición humana innata, solo a través del Espíritu Santo somos capaces de caminar hacia el camino de esta forma de encuentro con Dios.

Cuando la fórmula "Recuerda que eres polvo y que volverás al polvo" se usa al recibir las cenizas, reflexionamos sobre la urgencia de reconocer y reconciliar nuestra pecaminosidad. Nuestra confianza está en la misericordia de Dios. Al reconocer nuestra debilidad, llevamos en nuestros corazones la llave del arrepentimiento. Con un corazón contrito, manifestamos nuestro deseo de expresar y compartir nuestra fe con los demás, y de ser uno con Él. Recordamos que nuestras vidas como seguidores de Jesús deben ser un testimonio humilde, de servicio y una bendición para los demás.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Tendrías el valor de decirles a los demás que hagan lo que tú haces para ser cristiano? ¿Por qué o por qué no?"

Niño: "¿Qué puedes hacer esta semana para ser un ejemplo para los demás?"
NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta semana recordamos a san Valentín, obispo y mártir. En EE. UU. se conmemora el amor de parejas, novios y esposos. Según la tradición, san Valentín, en el año 270, contradijo al emperador y casó a varias parejas después de que el emperador hubiese prohibido el matrimonio para mandar los hombres al ejército. Valentín fue encarcelado y allí se enamoró de la hija ciega del carcelero (en aquel tiempo los obispos y los sacerdotes se podían casar). El santo le dio la vuelta a la muchacha y se hicieron novios. Llegado el día de su martirio Valentín le dejó una carta de despedida con el carcelero. La firmó “De tu Valentín”.

En algunos países latinoamericanos el 14 de febrero es la celebración del amor y la amistad. Los novios son importantes, pero la persona no puede vivir sólo con el amor de pareja. Los humanos estamos hechos para varios tipos de amor. Estamos hechos para el amor que nos trasciende a nosotros mismos. Este es el amor cristiano, el que no se limita a familia, amigos. El que es valiente, como lo significa Valentín, ama a todos aun a la persona que es diferente a uno. (San Valentín no está hoy día ni en el Santoral ni en el Misal Romano.)

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES
Domingo: Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial del Matrimonio; Jornada Mundial de los Enfermos
Lunes: Nacimiento de Abraham Lincoln
Martes: Martes de Carnaval; Mardi Gras
Miércoles: Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y Abstinencia; Día de san Valentín
Viernes: Abstinencia; Año nuevo lunar (chino) 4716
Sábado: Los Siete Santos Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de María

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.
SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
Horario de misas y servicios de ceniza

Miércoles, Febrero 14

6:15am Servicio de Ceniza
8:15am Misa
10:45am Misa
12:15pm Servicio de Ceniza
3:45pm Misa
5:30pm Misa
7:00pm Misa (En la Iglesia & el Centro Parroquial)

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.

A DIOS TODA LA GLORIA
Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran "secreto" que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús “se rebajó a sí mismo” para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

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MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
Horario de misas y servicios de ceniza

Miércoles, Febrero 14

6:15am Servicio de Ceniza
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PARROQUIA DE SANTA CATALINA
HORARIOS DE SEMANA SANTA 2018

Jueves Santo
Marzo 29
7:30pm Misa Bilingüe

Viernes Santo
Marzo 30
6:30pm Obra de la Pasión de Cristo
7:30pm Servicio en Español

Vigilia Pascual
Marzo 31
8:30pm Misa Bilingüe

Domingo de Resurrección
Abril 1
7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am Misas en Ingles
12:15pm Misa en Español

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION
Febrero 26, 2018
7:00pm
Give by Text
408-767-6589
Thank you for supporting St. Catherine Church!

You can now send a text to 4087676589 with the amount you wish to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: $25. Within a few minutes you’ll receive a text with a link used to register. Click the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you’ll receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

New Online Giving Partnership and Program

Manage Your Giving Online

St. Catherine Church is excited to announce a new exciting partnership with Vanco epayment services. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and also view your complete giving history from anywhere you have internet access.

Simply follow these easy steps:

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

TEXT TO GIVE—408-767-6589
For more information please go to the Giving by Text page at www.stca.org/giving-by-text

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We often talk about how challenging it is to be a disciple - how hard it is to be a good Christian. But I think we just make it harder on ourselves.

Paul makes it pretty simple and straightforward:

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Why do we make it more complicated? Why do we try to get away with more? Why do we believe that giving God glory isn't enough? That should be all we want.

"But what about me, Deepu? Why is it all about God? If God loves me, shouldn't I focus on me?"

Short answer: No.
Long answer: Noooooooooooooo.

Let me explain.

God loves you. Plain and simple. But not just like when I say I love Nutella (I do) or that I love bacon (I double do). It's this complete, full, unconditional Love. It's so much Love that God created you. God has so much love to give that He creates humans so that He can give His love.

So if God loves me so much, shouldn't He want me to be joyful?

Short answer: Yes.
Long answer: That's exactly why you should be focused on giving all glory to God. God wants you to be filled with joy. But God knows, because we come from Him, that only going back to Him will bring us more joy. So if you go on focusing on you and your own happiness, you will fall short. God is omnipotent (if you don't know what that means, look it up, you have Google). You are not.

In summary:

• Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
• God loves you.
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

Lenten Practices at Home

With Lent beginning this week, here are some ideas to help you bring the season home:

Let your home reflect the Lenten season.
Set up a prayer space or centerpiece on the mealtime table that reflects the season. Start with a purple felt cloth and a cross and add a few stones or rocks as a reminder of Jesus’ time in the wilderness. Include items that can be used for prayer such as Lenten booklets, a Bible, and a rosary.

Nourish yourself and your family.
Go to Mass as often as possible; the grace of the Eucharist will help you keep your Lenten promises. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together and allow God’s grace of forgiveness to lead your hearts during the season.

Serve together.
Serve together by meeting the need of a neighbor, volunteering at the Safe Car Park or helping out at the Community or Lenten Suppers. Design your own family service opportunity. Pray together for those you serve.

Share the journey.
Lent is a communal journey we share with our families and others in our parish. When we celebrate Mass, pray the Stations of the Cross and work together to help those in need, we reflect our membership in the Body of Christ. When we gather around the baptismal water at Easter, we will not only recommit to God, but to one another as part of his family.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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 website at www.icf.org

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?”

Child: “What can you do this week to be an example to others?”

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

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.

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

LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
ELECTRONIC UPDATES
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

ST. CATHERINE’S SPORTS CAMP
SAVE THE DATES!
June 11 - Soccer & Basketball
June 18 - All Sports 1
June 25 - Soccer & Basketball
July 2 - Olympics (no camp on the 4th)
July 9 - All Sports 2
July 16 - Soccer & Basketball
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.
Join our 40 Days Prayer kickoff vigil on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at 11:45 am. Hosted vigils three days per week M,W,F 11:45 am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

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Pilgrimage June 11 - June 23
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Please see Fr. Russ for a brochure or e-mail him at rroide@jesuits.org. He will answer all questions.

It is a very special pilgrimage and with a deeply spiritual tone. We will visit three Marian shrines, the home of St. Ignatius Loyola, the cave (Manresa) where he wrote his Spiritual Exercises, Avila where St. Theresa was born and reformed the Carmelite Order, Segovia, where St. John of the Cross is buried, and then Fatima which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. This is a pilgrimage of a lifetime and we have Mass daily along with the spiritual reference for each place by Fr. Russ. Cost $3,990 including tax (land only) by air can be arranged by the travel agent Harvest Journeys who is handling the pilgrimage.

GHANA
Awaso is a small village in Ghana, Africa. Attaining a high school diploma and living outside the bonds of poverty is often out of reach for most of the village children who are unable to pass the required entrance exams. The Awaso Academy, founded in 2010 by Father Paul Mensah, is breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future by providing quality education. A donation of $1.34 per day, $40 per month, covers all their needs - text books, school supplies, uniforms, transportation, breakfast/lunch and a loving staff.
Make a difference in a child’s life today! It’s easy! Visit www.awasohope.org and click “SPONSOR A CHILD”. Please call me if you encounter any difficulties. I’m here to help! Thank you for your support! Monica McClintock monica.mc@me.com (408) 218-6007.

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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.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

A huge thank you to all who helped make this special day such a success! Kudos to those who helped with planning, food preparation, and other behind the scenes tasks that made the day flow. Thanks, too, to the faculty and staff of the school for all their great work with our children.

First graders and their parents helped with the set up for a Monday night Community Supper. They made placemats, rolled up silverware in napkins