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 LENT / SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

Dear parishioners,

This is the last weekend of Fr. Russ with us at St. Catherine of Alexandria. Though Fr. Russ was a working full time with the English speaking community he also sometimes heard confessions in Spanish. For all his work here we thank him and ask God to bless him wherever he goes.

Since last February 5, 2018 Lou Villano started his work here as Business Manager. His responsibilities include: Parish Finances; Parish groups; Facilities maintenance and Parish liaison with our vendors; and Diocese of San Jose Offices. We wish him a long and fruitful work here in our parish community.

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

Estimados feligreses,

Este es el último fin de semana del padre Russ aquí en la parroquia de Santa Catarina de Alejandría. Padre trabajó cien por ciento con la comunidad de habla inglesa pero también escuchó muchas confesiones en español. Si lo ven, expresenle su gratitud.

Desde el pasado 5 de febrero el Señor Lou Villano comenzó su trabajo de Gerente General de la parroquia. El trabajo del Gerente General (Business Manager) en inglés, consiste en atender a todos los asuntos relacionados con las finanzas parroquiales, grupos parroquiales, cuidado de las instalaciones, contactos con las oficinas diocesanas y negocios con los proveedores de la parroquia. Le deseamos al Sr. Villano un duradero y fructífero trabajo en nuestra comunidad.

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The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass – The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass – I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass – This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Lent is underway, we hear familiar scripture readings and enter in to the Lenten disciplines of fasting and meatless Fridays. The seasonal color has changed from green to purple. How aware am I of the change in living that I am asked to make? We remember pretty well the physical changes, but how about our spiritual selves? The Ash Wednesday admonition “Repent and believe in the Good News” is still faintly ringing in our mind. These words are simple but yet very transformative. “Repent” asks us to take a mental inventory of ourselves, are there things that I do out of habit or simply on automatic pilot? Are there some that I might benefit by changing or even discarding? Is my belief in the Good News evident to me and consequently to others who observe me? This isn’t meant to be an exhaustive inventory of our present state but rather a start to encourage reflection about our current spiritual state. Sometimes it can be hard to sit with these questions, it takes time and energy which can be in short supply. One Gospel value that is often a start is simply to simplify. I know I used simplify twice in one sentence (my English teacher is cringing I know). But often a conscious attempt to simplify will identify habits that perhaps aren’t harmful but nonetheless hamper us by “having” to live with them. Notice that what Jesus asks of us speaks to fundamental actions, care of and for others, living the Beatitudes, caring for people in need. A good practice is simply reflecting on Jesus’ call and how often that call enters our conscious choices. Asking for help in being more intentional in living Christian values provides us a prayer that never grows old. We needn’t worry about repeating ourselves to God, the act of connecting with God brings a moment of clarity, however seemingly short-lived. Find a quiet time and place to sit, open your palms upward and silently rest in God’s presence.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Conservation of resources can have a great impact on being green. Instead of going to the store each time we have to restock, keep a list of things that can wait and make one shopping trip a week. We not only save fuel but save wear on our vehicle 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!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JERONIMO......

Changing the subject, we began the Season of Lent on February 14. In order to have understanding of this Liturgical time I want to share with you the Opening Prayer to the five Sundays of Lent. The Opening Prayer (Collect), normally expresses the character of the celebration and usually is addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. The following are the Opening Prayer for the Season of Lent.

“Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.” First Sunday of Lent.

“O God, who have commanded us to listen to your Beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.” Second Sunday of Lent.

“O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.” Third Sunday of Lent.

“O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come”. Fourth Sunday of Lent.

“By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.” Fifth Sunday of Lent.

May the Lenten Observances help us to celebrate the best Holy Week of our life.

Fr. Jeronimo
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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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

God is great all the time,
all the time, God is great!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping prepare Easter and Christmas mailings? It requires no previous experience, just a couple of hours twice a year? If you are interested, please email Maria Dominguez at mdominguez@dsj.org to be added to our list of volunteers who help with these mailings.
¡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

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

LECTURAS DE HOY


**Salmo** — Caminé en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

**Evangelio** — Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  
- Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes:  
- Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23;
- Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles:  
- Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16;  
- Mt 20:17-28

Jueves:  
- Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes:  
- Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
- Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado:  
- Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12;
- Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo:  
- Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
- 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

LECTURAS ALTERNATIVAS (Año A):  
- Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
- Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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

Después de una breve introducción, se ofrece una serie de preguntas para animar a la comunidad a reflexionar sobre sus experiencias y compromisos. Las preguntas se dividen en dos categorías: una para adultos y otra para niños.

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

**Adulto:** "¿Qué tan profundamente crees que, como Dios es para ti, nadie puede destruirte?"

**Niño:** "¿Qué le gustaría pedirle a Dios que haga por usted y su familia?"

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL P. JERÓNIMO......**

Cambiando de tema y enfocándome en el tiempo de Cuaresma que hemos comenzado el catorce de febrero, quiero compartir con ustedes la Oración Colecta de todos los domingos de Cuaresma para que tengamos una mejor imagen del cuadro completo de estos cuarenta días.

La Oración Colecta generalmente expresa la índole de la celebración y con las palabras del sacerdote se dirige la súplica a Dios Padre, por Cristo en el Espíritu Santo.

Estas son las oraciones del tiempo cuaresmal:

- **Primer domingo de Cuaresma.**
  "Concédenos, Dios todopoderoso, que las prácticas anuales de la Cuaresma nos ayudes a progresar en el conocimiento de Cristo y a llevar una vida cada vez más cristiana."

- **Segundo domingo de Cuaresma.**
  "Señor, Padre santo, que nos mandaste escuchar a tu amado Hijo, alimenta nuestra fe con tu palabra y purifica los ojos de nuestro espíritu, para que posamos alegrarnos en la contemplación de tu gloria."

- **Tercer domingo de Cuaresma.**
  "Dios misericordioso, fuente de toda bondad, que nos has propuesto como remedio del pecado el ayuno, la oración y las obras de misericordia, mira con piedad a quienes reconocemos nuestras culpas, y reconfortanos con tu amor."

- **Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma.**
  "Dios nuestro, que has reconciliado contigo a la humanidad entera por medio de tu Hijo, concede al pueblo cristiano prepararse con fe viva y entrega generosa a celebrar la fiestas de la Pascua."

- **Quinto domingo de Cuaresma.**
  "Ven, Señor en nuestra ayuda, para que podamos vivir y actuar siempre con aquel amor que impulsó a tu Hijo a entregarse por nosotros.
Ojalá que las prácticas de Cuaresma nos ayuden a celebrar la mejor Semana Santa de nuestras vidas.

**P. Jerónimo**
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas. Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama.

Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

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

LA OBEDIENCIA DE ABRAHAM Y JESÚS

Dios puso a prueba a Abraham pidiéndole no un sacrificio ordinario, el cual requería que se quemara parcialmente la carne y se dividiera entre Dios y el pueblo y fuera consumido por los que hacían el sacrificio, sino que le pidió un holocausto, la quema completa del animal expiatorio. Este tipo de sacrificio consagraba la ofrenda solo a Dios. Esto es lo que Dios le pedía a Abraham en su ofrenda de su único hijo, Isaac. Cuando Abraham demostró su obediencia, fue suficiente. El relato de la Sagrada Escritura de hoy predice la finalización de los sacrificios de sangre de la vieja alianza en la nueva alianza: la sangre del Hijo de Dios, la cual se nos ofrece en la cruz y en la Eucaristía. La obediencia de Abraham prefigura la obediencia de Jesús a la promesa de salvación de Dios. La recompensa de la obediencia de Abraham yace en el nacimiento, por medio de Isaac, de muchas naciones. La recompensa de la obediencia de Jesús yace en la salvación de todas las personas por los siglos de los siglos.
We welcome all donations through any of the options we offer for giving. For our smartphone users, don’t forget you can contribute through GivePlus Church, our mobile giving app. It’s a convenient solution whenever you have your phone but don’t have cash or checks with you. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to quickly find the app and download it for free. You can easily make donations anytime you’re moved to give, or create an account to schedule recurring weekly offerings. When you create an account, you can also securely and conveniently store debit/credit card or bank account information, manage donations and review giving history.

You choose how you prefer to login in -Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

We thank you and all donors for supporting our mission. For more information contact the parish Business Office Lou Villano at lvillano@dsj.org or Development & Evangelization Office Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org

Thank you for your continued support!

Parish Giving Tree Elves

South Valley Wood Workers (pictured below) better known as Parish Giving Tree Elves. The wood workers are a group of turners, marquetatarians, carvers and furniture makers are proof Santa does have elves and we are blessed they continue to bless the children of our community with their generosity. The wood workers used their God given talents to make beautiful hand carved wooden caterpillars and each caterpillar came with two different copies of the book A Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Don Bianucci once again contacted Anna Quinones and asked if the church could find good homes for the handmade toys. She immediately responded “Yes.” The generosity of the woodworkers time and talent is greatly appreciated and the children are blessed to have handmade toys. We can not thank these wonderful men enough.
On Ash Wednesday a little over a week ago, I tweeted, "If you're more excited about receiving ashes than the Eucharist, you might be doing it wrong."

As I thought about this more, I recognized something - there was a time (and still are times) when I was more excited about a lot of things other than receiving the Eucharist. But if I really believed that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, then why wasn't I more (reverently) pumped walking up the aisle? Here a few things I have been more excited about than the Eucharist:

- Playing with my kids - it's easy to not be excited around my kids when I'm thinking about all the things I have to do. But when I focus on them and spending time with them and being present to them, I find lot more joy in them.
- Watching movies - when there's a lot of build up and hype around a movie, there's an excitement about it everywhere.
- Drinks with my wife - I know it's going to be a time of relaxation and fun - not talking about serious issues like the Bachelor.
- New gadgets - I get really excited about them because I learn all that I can about it.
- Bacon - I'm not even going to explain that one.

But in contrast
- I wouldn't even try to focus or be present at Mass.
- I'd look at Mass as something to get through, something that I needed to be serious during.
- Sorry Jesus, but bacon tastes better than You do.

I've (ever so slowly) gotten better at my focus and enthusiasm for the Eucharist be doing all the things I do for other things, but for my faith. But how much time should be given to those things that can form our faith? Although anything more than what you're currently doing is the perfect place to start, maybe a goal could be 10%. We are supposed to give (at least) 10% of our income to the Church, why not give 10% of everything else? Because if you think going to Mass once a week is enough—that's not even 10% of 1% of the week (and that's taking out 8 hours for sleep!).

If you spend an hour reading a day, that would only be 6 minutes reading Scripture (if you want to include reading Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, etc. in what you read, then that's like an hour of Scripture).

If we give 10% of our day directly to learning about our faith (not including sleep time), that's about 1.5 hours. Spend more time listening to Catholic podcasts, Christian music, praying, reading Scripture, talking to your family about faith, etc. Although it can be hard to find (near-impossible for parents) an hour and a half, can be done while doing other things—listening to podcasts or Christian music while driving, working out, cooking, cleaning, etc. The time you have with your kids in the car, spend talking about their faith—not trying to tell them what to believe and how they should act, but asking them what they do believe, what their relationship with God is like, and sharing what your relationship with God is like.

And, as with anything you want to really commit to, start small. Throw in a podcast a week. That's what I did—now I try to get in at least 3 a week. Before I was reading Scripture for maybe a minute. Now I spend at least ten. It's not easy—there are many other things that distract us. But when we know more about something - when we understand what the Eucharist is, why we say specific words and sing specific songs - we are more invested, more engaged, and hopefully more excited. We realize that Mass is something to be reverently joyful in, instead of serious. And that allows us to celebrate with more excitement that can be contagious with those we share the pew with.

Who knows? Maybe the taste of Jesus will excite me more than the taste of bacon (although, I must say, the Blood of Christ at our parish is pretty delicious).
FASTING AND FEASTING

Experts say that it takes 28 days to develop a habit. Fasting is one of the spiritual disciplines of Lent along with prayer and almsgiving. We have the season of Lent to reflect on what we need to fast from that take us away from our God and what we can feast on to renew our relationship with Him and our neighbor. Together as a family, reflect on the following excepts on Fasting and Feasting attributed to William Arthur Ward. Which fasting and feasting discipline(s) can each family member focus on during Lent?

Fast from judging others;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.  
Fast from emphasis on differences;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on the unity of life.  
Fast from apparent darkness;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on the reality of light.  
Fast from words that pollute;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on phrases that purify.  
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.  
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.  
Fast from unrelenting pressures;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on unceasing prayer.  
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from self-concern;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on compassion for others.  
Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.  
Fast from thoughts that weaken;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on promises that inspire.  
Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
\hspace{1em} Feast on prayer that strengthens.

Gentle God, during this season of fasting and feasting, gift us with your presence, so we can be a gift to others in carrying out your work. Amen.
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.

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

To donate online visit our website at www.stca.org.

Total pledges = 229
Amount Pledged $123,438, 54% of Goal

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. CATHERINE

Wednesdays of Lent · 6pm - 8pm
February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21

The Light is On for You at St. Catherine Church

Again during Lent the Diocese of San Jose will continue the Evangelization campaign called "The Light is On for You." All the Catholic Churches in the County of Santa Clara will be open on Wednesdays 6-8PM for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is On for You" is part of our effort to reach out to Catholics who have been away from the Church. Consider inviting your friends and family to this sacrament of healing and mercy. Consider the sacrament for yourself. The first Wednesday will be Feb 21 (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday). For more details www.dsj.org/light
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?”

Child: “What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?”

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

Do you have a Rice Bowl? If not, pick yours up today in the vestibule!

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

ENCOUNTER CESIA

This week we encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. Watch the video at crsricebowl.org/stories to see and hear her story!

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey— and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

MASS TIMES

When traveling and don’t know the mass times for the local church go to www.masstimes.org, search by zip code or by address and locate any church’s mass times anywhere.

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.mission doctors.org or call the office for more information at (213) 368-1872.

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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our mission statement starts off with the following, “We, at Saint Catherine Parish are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community….”

The Hospitality Ministry is committed to helping the Parish fulfill the “welcoming” part of who we say we are. How do we do that?

First, we have members who have volunteered to be Greeters at the front door before Mass every weekend. Second, there are others who are organizing Sunday Coffee and Doughnuts, with the help of many of the other Ministry groups of the Parish.

We are looking for more Greeters, and those interested in serving Coffee and Doughnuts.

Please email me if you are interested.

Lou Villano
Business Manager

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Catherine School News

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 were due 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.

Operation Baby Love

In conjunction with the diocesan Layette Project, our February school service project is collecting diapers and baby wipes. These will be distributed to new mothers in need. All donations may be dropped off at the school in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Kellett, Campus Minister, at 779-9950.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join the students of St. Catherine School for Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:30 in the church. All are welcome!

Kinders enjoyed their pre-Valentine’s Day cooking activities. Students moved from station to station as parent volunteers guided them through each step. Students took samples of their culinary creations home to share with their families.

eWaste Drive

An eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, March 10, from 9:00-2:00 in the lot behind the rectory. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The Ecology Club will also be collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles. The money raised from this event will help fund more energy efficient outside lighting.

A Legacy of Faith 2016-2017

The 14th Annual Appeal is well on its way! The school’s goal is to raise $65,000 this year. We are moving in that direction. You can still help! For more information regarding our Appeal, please contact Jeff Layne, Development Director at jlayne@stcatherinemh.org or 779-9950. Funds raised from our Annual Appeal help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating each student, as well as providing funds for new programs and tuition assistance.

Are you meeting your goals for Lent? It’s not too late to start or refocus on ways to deepen your relationship with Christ!