SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandria, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sábado: 7:00pm
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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

From the Desk of Deacon Rick Haeckel.....

Lent is more than half over, how are we doing? One of the characteristics that often define us is the need for a deadline to prompt us into action. We have been making efforts to "repent and believe the Good News" in different ways. Take a moment and reflect on how Lent has entered into our consciousness. The call to spend time in prayer, to practice some form of denial, to reform practices that don't reflect the Gospel call to love; these have probably stirred our consciences, but have they taken root? Anything that causes us to reflect on how we are living as Christian disciples brings us closer to our Gospel call.

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Desde el escritorio del Diacono Rick Haeckel....

La Cuaresma ya va más de la mitad, ¿cómo estamos? Una de las características que a menudo nos define es la necesidad de un plazo para impulsarnos a la acción. Hemos estado haciendo esfuerzos para "arrepentirnos y creer la Buenas Nueva" de diferentes maneras. Tómese un momento y reflexione sobre cómo la Cuaresma ha entrado en nuestra conciencia. El llamado a pasar tiempo en oración, a practicar alguna forma de negación, a reformar prácticas que no reflejen el llamado evangélico al amor; estos probablemente han agitado nuestras conciencias, pero ¿han echado raíces? Cualquier cosa que nos haga reflexionar sobre cómo vivimos como discípulos cristianos nos acerca a nuestro llamado al evangelio.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10,11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 [15:1-39]
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
by Deacon Rick Haeckel

As we approach Easter we hear about the way in which Jesus was to be recognized as the “one who was sent” from God. The ominous portents of his death continue to bring us anguish some two thousand years later. Life and death are subjects that are universally recognized but also held at arms length. Jesus’ disciples still did not understand that the Christ was to suffer, die and rise. His Jewish followers believed in resurrection … but at the end time. Like us, they struggled. What did it mean to them when Jesus said “when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself”? Ordinary human life had nothing to explain that. They, like us, were invited to ponder what Jesus meant. Oh we know in the larger sense that Jesus was resurrected, but that is an expression of faith not of any experience of ours. Life and death are pivotal moments for each one of us. We don’t have any memory of our birth and we only reluctantly anticipate our death. Jesus offers an assist, he says that “whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.” Strongly stated, emphasizing to what we should pay attention. If all that matters to us is measured only by what brings us happiness now with no understanding of the life to which Jesus calls us … to see him in others and the needy. Hating our life sounds a bit harsh but Jesus wants his listeners and us to realize the critical importance of looking outward and not only inward. Remember the college freshman who was respected by all that had a placard on his bulletin board that said “I am third.” When finally asked what that meant he said it was something his parents taught him. God is first, others are second and I am third. It’s a wonderfully brief way of reminding us to live this life in preparation for the next, by loving God and neighbor. Love as Jesus loved, seeking out the ones in need.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Rain brings, what else, weeds. Well, we call them weeds anyway. Before they become too big or too many, take time now to pull them by hand. It does us good to tidy our grounds and being outside gives us renewed vigor 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 DEACON RICK……

It is a challenge of a different order when we seek to continue what we see as only “Lenten” practices in our Easter selves. It’s not a contest; what we seek to change comes from a recognition of the grace we receive when we overcome what can be impediments to being Christ for one another. Above all, we are not to be judgmental, with ourselves no less than with others. Accepting that life, above all, is constant adaptation to change. Only in reflection of our earlier selves do we begin to see change as a natural and constructive means of growth. Put another way, it’s the tempter (Satan) who continues to whisper “you’re fine, don’t bother with that challenge to ___(fill in the blank).

Said in simple terms, our spiritual life, like our physical selves, changes as time passes and we become more cognizant of how we are to see change as simply another part of growing. Remember the bumper sticker that says, “Be patient with me, God isn’t finished with me yet.” There is much wisdom in what can be seen only as a request not to honk at a bothersome driver. God indeed is working within us to draw us closer to the life Christ lived. In addition, the call to be patient applies equally to us as to the reader. It’s pretty easy to simply tell ourselves that we can’t love that neighbor, or bite our tongue when offended, or pray for our enemies, etc. The wonderful surprise God has for us comes when we realize that what we first considered as things Lent “made us” do, become foundations of grace. Giving up something specific for Lent asks that we prayerfully reflect on any feelings or judgments that we have subtly acquired. The mortification we’ve made by giving up chocolate, some TV, etc. invite us to dig deeper into our spiritual life. What things do I practice that I need to give up even though I enjoy them? Maybe forgoing watching TV when I need to do something else. These simple questions build within us the ability for self-examination which, accompanied by prayer, help us along the spiritual path which itself brings peace and fulfillment.

Easter is coming, be a virtual egg and color yourself in God’s grace.

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 LENT

Liturgy

Liturgy isn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. The work we do together can change the world. We hope you find some help here to do your part of our work together.

Holy Thursday environment change
Join us on Thursday, March 29th between 9:00am and 12:00pm as we change the environment of the Church from Lent to Holy Thursday. Things that need to be done:
- remove and put away the lent environment
- placing palm trees and flowers
- set up the Church for the Holy Thursday foot washing
- set up the parish center for Adoration
Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please RSVP to Diana-Lynn Inderhees dinderhees@dsj.org.

Easter Season environment change
Join us as we prepare the environment of the Church and parish center for Easter on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00am until 11:00am. Things that need to be done:
- decorate the baptismal font for baptisms during the Easter Vigil Mass
- put out flags
- hang the swoops
- steam the altar cloths
- change the environment of the Church
- set up the environment in the parish center
Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please RSVP to Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org.

Clean the Sacristy and Flower Room cabinets and drawers.
If you have items in the Sacristy and the Flower Room and would like them to remain, please label, leave contact information with the item(s) and contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator at dinderhees@dsj.org. Any items not labeled after March 31st will be removed and donated to Good-will.

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

All those who support the Liturgy at St. Catherine
Save the date
Saturday, April 21st, 9am - 1pm
Retreat and lunch. Our retreat leader is Christopher Wemp, Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of San Jose and Director of Music for St. Clare Parish.

CATHEDRAL DOCENT ORIENTATION
Are you interested in showing visitors our treasured Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph? Do you know that your Cathedral is a national historic landmark? Volunteer to become a Cathedral docent. You are invited to learn all about it during a special orientation for prospective docents on Tuesday, April 3. Check in begins at 1:00pm and the presentation will last approximately one and a half hours. This takes place at 80 South Market Street in San Jose, next door to the Cathedral on the 2nd floor. We kindly ask that your RSVP to Nina Tranchina at (408) 283-8100, extension 2210 by Thursday, March 29th or via email atranchina@dsj.org. Please note that docents are not required to be registered parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica Parish. Everyone is welcome and we encourage taking the Light Rail to downtown.
**QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

*Primera lectura* — El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o Ezequiel 37:12-14.

*Salmo* — Oh Dios, crea en mi un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) o Salmo 130 (129).

*Segunda lectura* — Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) o Romanos 8:8-11.

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

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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:_______________________________

Código postal:_____________

Numero teléfono:______________________

Email:_______________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?  _____Yes  _____No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?  _____Yes  _____No

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO**

Del Diacono Rick……

Es un desafío de un orden diferente cuando buscamos continuar lo que vemos como solo prácticas “cuaresmales” en mi propio mundo pascual. No es un concurso; lo que buscamos cambiar proviene del reconocimiento de la gracia que recibimos cuando superamos lo que pueden ser impedimentos para ser el uno para el otro. Sobre todo, no debemos ser críticos, con nosotros mismos ni menos que con los demás. Aceptar que la vida, sobre todo, es una adaptación constante al cambio. Solo como reflejo de nuestra persona anterior, comenzamos a ver el cambio como un medio de crecimiento natural y constructivo. Dicho de otra manera, es el tentador (Satanás) quien continúa susurrando “estás bien, no te molestes con ese desafío a ___ (completa el espacio en blanco).

Dicho en términos simples, nuestra vida espiritual, al igual que nuestro ser físico, cambia a medida que pasa el tiempo y nos volvemos más conscientes de cómo debemos ver el cambio como simplemente otra parte del crecimiento. Has visto la calcomanía que dice: “Ten paciencia conmigo, Dios aún no ha terminado conmigo”. Hay mucha sabiduría en lo que se puede ver solo como una solicitud para no tocar el bocinazo de un conductor molesto. Dios realmente está trabajando dentro de nosotros para acercarnos más a la vida que Cristo vivió. Además, la llamada a ser paciente se aplica igualmente a nosotros que al lector. Es bastante fácil simplemente decirnos a nosotros mismos que no podemos amar a ese prójimo, mordernos la lengua cuando nos ofenden, o rezar por nuestros enemigos, etc.

La maravillosa sorpresa que Dios tiene para nosotros viene cuando nos damos cuenta de que lo que primero consideramos como cosas que la Cuaresma "nos hizo” se convierten en fundamentos de la gracia. Renunciar a algo específico para la Cuaresma requiere que reflexionemos en oración sobre cualquier sentimiento o juicio que hayamos adquirido sutilmente. La mortificación que hemos hecho al renunciar al chocolate, algo de televisión, etc. nos invita a profundizar en nuestra vida espiritual. ¿Qué cosas practico que debo abandonar, aunque las disfrute? Quizás renunciar a ver televisión cuando necesito hacer otra cosa. Estas simples preguntas construyen dentro de nosotros la capacidad para el autoexamen que, acompañado por la oración, nos ayuda a lo largo del camino espiritual que en sí mismo trae paz y satisfacción.

La Pascua viene, sé un huevo virtual y te colorearás en la gracia de Dios.

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QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
En Latinoamérica, como en muchas partes del mundo, hay una horrible e impresionante pobreza. Enfrentado con la miseria humana, el cristiano puede responder con resignación “Yo no soy nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer yo? Nada.” o puede responder con obras de caridad ayudando uno por uno a los pobres y necesitados. Esta virtud, es el pilar más importante de la conversión. Porque en ella imitamos a Jesucristo que vino no a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Sin la caridad nuestros ayunos son dietas y nuestras oraciones son palabras necias.
La caridad es una virtud cristiana, porque Dios es el mejor ejemplo de lo que es la caridad. La caridad no es limosna, es amor y justicia, es salud y salvación; es cumplir con el mando- miento de amarnos los unos a los otros en un mundo donde la mayoría son pobres y desamparados. La caridad es dar al necesitado algo que uno aun necesite, es obrar por cambios sociales que promuevan la dignidad humana y el bienestar económico de todos. La caridad es amor y Dios es amor; vivamos en ese amor.—

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Cuándo y de qué manera has visto la vida venir de la muerte?"

Niño: "¿Cuándo te has sentido más fuerte porque sacrificaste algo por un amigo o miembro de tu familia?"
QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¿Ha sentido el llamado a servir como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía? Pronto empezaremos el entrenamiento para preparar a nuevos ministros para servir en este bellísimo ministerio. Si esta usted interesado o interesada, por favor comuníquese con Carmelo Jimenez al teléfono (408)779-3959.

HORA SANTA Y ROSARIO

TODOS LOS MIÉRCOLES DE 6:30 PM A 7:30 PM

Durante el tiempo de Cuaresma, les invitamos los Viernes a las 6:30pm a orar juntos el Vía Crucis. Continuemos con nuestra preparación espiritual rumbo a la Pascua, donde celebramos la victoria de nuestro Señor Jesús. Los esperamos. Después del Vía Crucis compartiremos la sopa de Pascua.

MINISTROS DE LITURGIA

Lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, coros, hospitalidad, monaguillos, todos ustedes están invitados a un retiro aquí en la parroquia el día sábado 21 de abril de 9am a 1pm. El propósito de este retiro es proveernos con mas comida espiritual para seguir sirviendo en los ministerios que el Señor nos ha encomendado. Los esperamos a todos.

Durante los momentos de mas agonía, Jesús nuestro Señor pidió a sus discípulos que oraran una hora con El en el huerto de Getsemaní. Todos los miércoles a las 6:30pm tenemos la oportunidad de orar una hora con el Señor en frente de Santísimo Sacramento. No pierda la oportunidad de pasar una hora con el Señor.

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.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 y 11 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!
St. Catherine Church is excited to announce a new exciting partnership with Vanco payment services. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

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
When Fr. Jeronimo shared the news with the staff that he was resigning from his position here as Pastor of our parish, I was disappointed. More than that, I was disheartened. Although I don’t know the reasons for his decision, I do believe some of it comes from him not feeling welcomed here. I know there are parishioners here at St. Catherine’s that have not liked having Fr. Jeronimo as our Pastor. Is that really anything new though? I don’t believe there is ever a pastor who every single parishioner likes.

Yet this time it was different. There seemed to be more frustration. And I get it—I had my own frustrations as well. But not because I didn’t like Fr. Jeronimo, or that he was a bad person, or that he didn’t care about our parish—but because I wasn’t used to his type of leadership. I didn’t like how he did certain things. But does that mean that he was bad for our parish?

Although I know that Fr. Jeronimo’s departure brings joy and relief to some parishioners, it saddens me to think maybe we pushed him out. Again, I do not know his reasons, but nevertheless, it has made me reconsider how we present our parish to those who come in.

We say that we are a welcoming parish—but are we really? Did we as a community make him feel welcome?

I mean, how hard is it, for someone who doesn’t know people, to come and be in charge, while also trying to understand and work with the people? Although I wasn’t a fan of how he did certain things, I respected the reasons he made those decisions. I saw that he had good intentions.

For most of his time here, I hid behind the excuse that he’s the Pastor and he should be reaching out to me. He should be initiating and nurturing a relationship with me. And although there is some truth to that, in the end, it was still an excuse. Yes, he’s the Pastor and yes he’s the leader of our parish. But he’s also human. He’s also one person, among the thousands we have here at our parish.

At schools, bullying (especially cyber-bullying) is a huge issue. Teachers and parents are constantly trying to teach their children that bullying is wrong, and that we need to be more accepting, loving, and understanding of those who are different than us.

Yet if we keep complaining about a person—even if they are our Pastor and in charge—talking about them behind their back, not giving them a chance, not being open to the idea that maybe we don’t know everything, that maybe things don’t have to be done exactly how we want it done—are we the bullies?

And I say we, because I was a part of that. I didn’t talk poorly about him, but I didn’t reach out to him to try to support him. I saw him only as a Pastor and boss, when I should have seen him as a fellow Catholic as well. Someone on this journey of faith with his own struggles and challenges.

In reflecting on this, I don’t think that Fr. Jeronimo was bad for our parish. I think Fr. Jeronimo was a wake up call for how desperately we need to change how we live, pray, and interact as a community. Might there be things Fr. Jeronimo could’ve done differently? Of course, just like almost any other person in almost any other situation. But so could we.

If you don’t think you need to change, then you are closing the Holy Spirit out of your life. Because all of us, every single one of us, is called to continuously changing and growing, to become the saints God created us to be.

On July 1st, we will have a new Pastor. Whoever he is, some will think he’s better than Fr. Jeronimo, and some will think he’s worse.

But the real question we need to ask ourselves, is “Am I going to better than I was?”
Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

THE THIRD SCRUTINY

Through the gospel reading of Raising of Lazarus, the symbol for 3rd Scrutiny is Eternal Life. As the Elect and our entire community journey together toward the joy of Easter, we take a long, careful look at where thirsting, blindness, and entombment are present in our life. Let us pray that our Elect may be given the faith to acknowledge Christ as the Resurrection and the life. Please keep them in your prayers.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE FOR LENT

Feeling like you need to renew your Lenten plans? Keep it simple with the 1-1-1 Plan:

One sin: Focus on working on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others.

One add-on: Do one positive activity that deepens your prayer and spiritual life. You can go to daily Mass, pray Stations of the Cross and/or the rosary or read a spiritual book. The possibilities are endless.

One give-up: Deny yourself something you really like or to which you are attached.

St. Joseph’s Table

The Italian Catholic Federation and St. Catherine’s Middle School Ministry extend a very special thank you to all who made the St. Joseph’s Table Produce Giveaway and Lenten Soup Supper possible:

- Andy’s Orchard
- Choice Lunch
- Costco
- Hi5 Produce
- Monterey Mushrooms
- Lopez Farms
- Nob Hill Foods, MH
- One Acre Farm
- Safeway, East Dunne
- Trader Joe’s
- Uesegi Farms
- Giulia Gallego
- Stan and Jan Seagren
- Carol Tacci
- Johanna Tacci
- Josie Talamo
- The O’Hara Family
- The Williams Family
- St. Joseph’s Table Core Team Members
- Parents
- ...and the many volunteers!

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Sing in the Community Choir during Holy Week and do something special this Lent! Join the choir on Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, and/or the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, March 31. Practice is on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-9 pm. Contact the Faith Formation office for more information.

We look forward to seeing you
ST. CATHERINE GHANA MISSION PROJECT
SAVE THE DATE- JUNE 30th, Dinner and Silent Auction, O’Donnell Parish Center. Father Paul Mensah will travel from Africa to update us on the Awaso School and the progress of the children. The very first children will be graduating to high school next year! A St. Catherine Mission Trip is planned for 2019 for this event! Learn more and support the school on June 30th! email Marian.sacco@gmail.com for more information.

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
FEES: Sliding scale

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

CHRISTIAN LADIES OVER 50:
Join the Over 50’s Group for Lunch on March 19th at noon. Corned beef and cabbage will be provided; $5 each. Bring a salad or dessert to share!

Hope to see you there.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. CATHERINE
Wednesdays of Lent · 6pm - 8pm

The Light is On for You at St. Catherine Church
Again this Lent the Diocese of San Jose continues the Evangelization campaign called "The Light is On for You." All the Catholic Churches in the County of Santa Clara are open on Wednesdays 6-8pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is On for You" is part of an 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.

For more details www.dsj.org/light
THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The community of St. Catherine invites you to join in praying the Novena of the Divine Mercy as declared by St. John Paul II. The prayer is held in the church and is also offered in Spanish for those interested as a Bilingual reflection.

Jesus said to St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday “the depths of my mercy will be open to all, that whoever goes to confession and Holy Communion on that day receives complete forgiveness of sin and punishment”. Our church community is praying the Divine Mercy Novena in church starting on Good Friday. During the novena we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please join us daily or as often as you can.

Schedule:

- Good Friday 3/30 2:30 - 3:30 PM
- Saturday 3/31 8:00 - 9:00 AM
- Sunday 4/1 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Monday 4/2 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Tuesday 4/3 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Wednesday 4/4 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Thursday 4/5 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Friday 4/6 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- Saturday 4/7 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- Sunday 4/8 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Reflection, Rosary, Adoration, Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: “When and in what way have you seen life come from death?”

Child: “When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?”

Lenten Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross Schedule

Join us for our last Lenten soup supper! It is an opportunity to remember those who go without on a regular basis, as well as to unite as one group with a common purpose.

March 23
Hosted by the Hispanic Ministries
6:30 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
(SPANISH in church)
6:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)
7:30 - 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross
(ENGLISH in church)

Please call the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604 to volunteer or to bring soup and/or bread. We look forward to seeing you!

STEPHEN LEADERS COMMISSIONED

Two additional leaders have been commissioned to meet the growing needs of our one to one caring ministries in St. Catherine’s Parish. Congratulations to Kenny Carvalho and Belia Castillo! They recently completed an intensive five-day training and are now part of the team preparing a group of parishioners to minister to individuals. Thank you so much for your commitment! Kenny will join our current Stephen Leaders and active Stephen Ministers in caring for those brothers and sisters among us who are experiencing a life challenge or loss. Belia is using her training skills to minister to single mothers and their families in Una Puerta de Esperanza. For more information about receiving or becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413. Belia can be contacted through the parish office.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel, Together in Christ
Compartiendo el Gozo del Evangelio – Juntos en Cristo
Chia Sẻ Niềm Vui Tin Mừng ~ Đồng Hành trong Đức Kitô

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Total pledges = 347
Amount Pledged $185,403, 82.0% of Goal

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where, in Malawi’s changing climate, she learns about the best crops to plant for the upcoming year. “The harvest will provide food, shelter and education for my family,” she says. How can you support those, worldwide, who need to learn more about and grow nutritious food for their families? Visit crsricebowl.org to see Alefa’s video.

TURN IN YOUR RICE BOWLS ON HOLY THURSDAY!

Please bring your CRS Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday. Before coming to Mass, please convert your Rice Bowl gift to a check made out to St. Catherine with “CRS Rice Bowl” on the memo line. Put it in the empty bowl to be brought up during the offertory collection.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

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
July 23 - All Sports Leadership
July 30 - All Sports 4

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.
Hosted vigils Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.
For all information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or Email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Catherine School News

Fifth graders wore their boots to school for several days in preparation for Science Camp.

SCIENCE CAMP
Our fifth graders leave for Science Camp on Wednesday! They spend three days at the Marin Headlands Institute in Marin County.

During their stay the campers learn about native plants/animals and habitats, the water cycle, sea life, astronomy and weather. They hike, explore tide pools, learn the history of the Marin Headlands, and enjoy campfires together. Please keep our fifth graders, their teacher and chaperones in your prayers this week that they may have a safe and productive time at Science Camp. Look for some exciting pictures of their adventures in future bulletins.

The seventh grade boys are ready to go at the Jr. High winter dance. Students enjoyed music, food and friends in O'Donnell Center. A great evening for all who attended. A huge thank you to the parents and teachers who chaperoned.

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!

During February students brought in diapers and wipes to support the diocesan Layette program. Above, Student Council members show off a few of the items.

LEARNING SPANISH
In addition to Religion and all the core subjects, all students at St. Catherine School are learning Spanish. In the lower grades, students learn basic greetings and prayers and build vocabulary such as days of the week, months, body parts, food and clothing. In the upper grades lessons are expanded to include more conversational language, verb usage and grammar, as well as expanding vocabulary.

Our excellent teachers use a variety of strategies to help students learn Spanish. Younger students learn poems and songs, along with playing games and building a Spanish vocabulary journal. In the upper grades students continue to add to their vocabulary journals while role playing conversations, watching streaming videos in Spanish, using online interactive programs, and of course, worksheets, quizzes and tests. Exposure to another language is a wonderful way for our students to expand their horizons and make connections with people from other cultures.