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COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

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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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Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

From the Desk of Lou Villano, Business Manager.....

Today, I want to introduce myself to you, as your new Business Manager, effective February 5. It has been an exciting and busy experience. First, I want to say thank you to all the members of the Staff, as they have made my transition to this post easy and enjoyable.

Here is a brief sketch of my history, and then my goals and vision. My wife, Barbara, and I have been married 31 years. She is the Ohio State Buckeye, and I am the Yankee fan. We have a newlywed son, Ben, and his wife, Kimberly, who live in San Mateo. My roots are in Connecticut, where we enjoyed New England’s fall weather, and great pizza. From there, we spent three years in Michigan, and twelve years in Minnesota moving for new jobs. In 2010, we came to Gilroy.

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Desde el escritorio de Lou Villano, Gerente de Negocios…..

Hoy, quiero presentarme con ustedes, como su nuevo Gerente de Negocios, a partir del 5 de febrero. Ha sido una experiencia emocionante y ajetreada. Primero, quiero agradecer al equipo pastoral, ya que han hecho que mi transición a este puesto sea fácil y agradable.

Aquí hay un breve resumen de mi historia, y luego mis objetivos y mi visión. Mi esposa, Barbara y yo hemos estado casados 31 años. Ella es de Ohio State “Buckeye”, y yo soy el fanático de los Yankees. Tenemos un hijo recién casado, Ben, y su esposa, Kimberly, que viven en San Mateo. Mis raíces están en Connecticut, donde disfrutamos del clima otoñal de Nueva Inglaterra y una gran pizza.

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The Lectionary for Mass
The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).


TODAY’S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not discouraged. I am not put to shame (Psalm 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ’s passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:1-4; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mk 16:1-7
Thursday: Chrism Mass; Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Mt 26:14-25
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35, or Ps 33:4-7; Jn 13:1-15
b) Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
c) a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [f:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35, or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [2:1, 9a, 10,13-15, 18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4b-cd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:8b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 (or at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 25

8:00-12:00PM DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm,8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
11:00-4:30pm MC RCIC Luncheon & Retreat
3:00-4:30pm CH Music & Movement Rehearsal
5:00-7:30pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group
6:30-7:30pm CH A passion for Music

Monday/Lunes, March 26

5:30-8:00pm CH Holy Thursday Rehearsal
6:00-7:00pm CR4,Kit Community Supper
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 JPC - Junta de Equipo
7:30-9:00pm MC English Pre-Baptismal Class

Tuesday/Martes, March 27

6:30-9:00pm MC Espanol - Platica Pre-Bautismal
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro
7:00-8:45pm CR4,Kit KoC - Assembly Meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm.10 Cub Scouts Pack 766

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 28

8:45-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group - Study
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir
3:30-5:00pm MC Faith Formation Classes
3:30-4:30pm CH Faith Formation Community Time
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:30-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry Session
5:30-6:30pm Rm.11 Una Puerta de Esperanza
5:30-9:00pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Cub Scouts Pack 766 - Den 3
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro Retiros
6:30-7:30pm MC EDGE
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:30-9:30pm CH Alfa-Omega Grupo de Oracion
8:00-9:30pm CR1-4,Kit Alfa-Omega - Monthly Pot Luck

Thursday/Jueves, March 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - CESAR CHAVEZ DAY
11:00-12:00pm CH School - Living Stations
7:30-8:30pm CH Holy Thursday Mass - Bilingual

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY
12:00-1:00pm CH Good Friday Service
2:00-2:30pm CH A passion for Music
2:30-3:30pm CH The Divine Mercy Novena
6:30-7:30pm CH Obra de la Pasion de Cristo
7:30-10:00pm CH Servicio de Viernes Santo

Saturday/Sábado, March 31

8:30-9:30pm CH Easter Vigil Mass - Bilingual

8:15am Mass Intentions

Parish Office Closed

Monday, March 26  † Til Bazzani
Tuesday, March 27  † Mel Bruhns
Wednesday, March 28  † Anna Villano
Thursday, March 29  † William T. & Cecelia Bensley
Friday, March 30  † William T. & Cecelia Bensley
Saturday, March 31  † Sara Lua

Marzo 2018

Friday, March 30  Holy Thursday
Saturday, March 31  Vigil of Easter
Palm Sunday opens the last week of Lent, Holy Week. The Scripture readings forecast and conclude the sacrifice made by Jesus ... for us. The Gospel includes the story of Judas' sorrowful deception. But the Gospel also recounts that while Jesus was dining in the house of Simon the leper “a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil” that she poured on Jesus’ head, anointing him. As is often the case, many present saw only the outward sign. They thought that the oil should have been sold and the money given to the poor. The poor were hardly their concern, the events of the week will dispel any doubt. Jesus even tells them that she has anticipated his coming death and has anointed him in preparation for his burial. This is profoundly moving for us, we know the truth of that action. In moments of enlightened inspiration we are invited to celebrate in joyful sorrow the wonder of Jesus’ gift ... his life and his death. Within each of us lies a hint of that same experience. The mixed emotions which come from being misunderstood or even mistreated followed by the promise of our ultimate return to our loving creator. Holy Week invites reflection, not seeking any particular result but instead letting Jesus’ gift rise within us to enrich our journey. When we are able to recognize this, however momentarily, we too symbolically break the jar of oil and anoint the still living Jesus we carry within us. Rather than trying to hold onto the moment we are called to become Christ for one another in the many opportunities that often go unnoticed in our busy daily lives. In those times we are most truly whom we are called to be, caring, forgiving and inclusive. Holy Week gives us a conscious kick-start to reflect prayerfully how overwhelming is God’s love for us. It is a time when we can symbolically fill our jar with the oil that is our essence, our truest self. Then complete God’s gift of love by giving it to others.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The palms we receive at mass today are wonderful reminders of how we are to go out to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. Treat them as gift, keeping them in a place where we will encounter them regularly, still “green” giving life to us.

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
**Liturgie**

Liturgie ist nicht die Arbeit von nur ein paar Menschen. Jeder, der die Liturgie feiert, hat eine Rolle zu spielen. Und das Werk, das wir zusammen tun, kann den Welt verändern. Wir hoffen, dass Sie hier einige Hilfe finden, um Ihre Teil zu unserer Arbeit zu sein.

**Holy Thursday environment change help needed.**

Join us on Thursday, March 29th between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm as we change the environment of the Church from Lent to Holy Thursday.

Things that need to be done:
- taking down and putting away the lent environment
- placing the palm trees; flowers
- set up of the Church for the Holy Thursday washing of the feet
- set up of the parish center for Adoration

Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please RSVP to Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org.

**Easter Season environment change help needed.**

Join us as we prepare the environment of the Church and parish center for Easter on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

Things that need to be done:
- decorating the baptismal font for baptisms during the Easter Vigil Mass
- putting out the flags
- hanging the swoops
- steaming the altar cloths
- changing the environment of the Church
- set up of 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 Up of the Sacristy and the 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@ndsj.org. Any items not labeled after March 31st will be removed and donated to Goodwill.

**St. Catherine Parish**
**Parroquia de Santa Catalina**

**2018 Easter Triduum Schedule**
**Horarios de Semana Santa 2018**

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

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

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

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

**All those that support the Liturgy at St. Catherine**
**Save the Date**
Saturday, April 21, 2018 9am - 1pm
Retreat and lunch. Our retreat leader will be Christopher Wemp, Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of San Jose and Director of Music for St. Clare Parish.

**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.
DOMINGO DE RAMOS

LECTURAS DE HOY
Evangelio para la procesión de las palmas — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Marcos 11:1-10 o Juan 12:12-16)
Primera lectura — No ocultó el rostro a insultos y salivazos, porque sabía que no quedaría avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).
Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).
Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).
Evangelio — La versión de la Pasión y Muerte de Jesús que nos da Marcos (Marcos 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39])

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

| Miércoles: | Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 |
| Jueves: | Misa del crisma; Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21 |
| Sábado: | Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5-7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42 |

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

Nombre (s): ____________________________
Dirección: ______________________________
Ciudad: _________________________________
Código postal: __________________________
Número teléfono: ________________________
Email: _________________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____Yes _______No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?
_____Yes _______No

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE LOU......
A partir de ahí, pasamos tres años en Michigan, y doce años en Minnesota en busca de nuevos empleos. En 2010, llegamos a Gilroy.

Pasé más de 40 años en el negocio de los supermercados. Durante los últimos 30 años, he sido la persona que pone los precios de los alimentos. Sí, ese soy yo. Mi carrera como voluntario ha girado en torno a la Iglesia como miembro de los Caballeros de Colón, el Consejo de Finanzas, el Consejo Pastoral, Lector, Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, Encuentro Matrimonial y la Hospitalidad. También me estoy graduando este año del programa del Instituto Diocesano de Liderazgo en el Ministerio. Ahora, mi próximo ministerio es Gerente de Negocios.

¿Gerente de Negocios es un ministerio? Sí. Te diré por qué. Esta es una posición en la que he pensado durante 10 años, ya que pude discernir qué hacer después de haber alcanzado la edad de jubilación. Hace ocho años, tomé algunas clases de una organización nacional, y se convirtió en mi objetivo. Este trabajo estuvo disponible al mismo tiempo que la compañía donde trabajaba fue comprada, y se mudó a Los Ángeles. Así que aquí estoy.

Este trabajo es un ministerio, para servirles principalmente a los miembros de la Parroquia. Mediante nuestra administración de recursos, instalaciones y nuestra evangelización, también servimos a la Iglesia y al área de Morgan Hill. Me he reunido con el personal y muchos líderes de ministerios para entender sus metas y necesidades. Ellos y las docenas de voluntarios que he conocido son un regalo para nuestra Parroquia. Gracias a todos por su apoyo, y oren para que lo haga bien. Gracias.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Cuándo has encontrado más difícil aceptar la voluntad de Dios? ¿Qué te permitió aceptarlo?"

Niño: "¿Cuándo es más difícil para ti obedecer?"
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

Esta es Semana Santa, semana en la cual los cristianos conmemoramos con palmas, y ramos los eventos centrales de nuestra fe; eventos que alimentan nuestro espíritu con el pan y el vino del amor divino; eventos que se clavan en nuestras almas como Cristo en su cruz; eventos que nos hacen resucitar de nuestros problemas con la esperanza pascual de la liberación de todo aquello que nos perjudica, que nos agobia, que nos oprime y nos deprime.

Estaremos allí con nuestros parientes y con gente que no conocemos pero que son nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo gracias a los eventos de la semana en que Jesús entró glorioso a Jerusalén, partió el pan, falleció en el árbol de la cruz y fue sepultado. Esta Semana nos une al misterio pascual de Jesús. Celebrando estos ritos antiguos y variados por todo el mundo. Durante esta semana el tiempo y el espacio se cancelan para unirnos a los misterios que celebramos, a nuestras familias, a los cristianos por todo el mundo y a través de los siglos.

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

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Domingo de Ramos “de la Pasión del Señor”
Lunes: Lunes de la Semana Santa
Martes: Martes de la Semana Santa
Miércoles: Miércoles de la Semana Santa
Jueves: Jueves Santo; el Triduo Pascual comienza
Viernes: Viernes Santo; Ayudar y Abstinencia; La Pascua judía comienza al atardecer
Sábado: Sábado Santo; Vigilia Pascual

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo,
Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!
DOMINGO DE RAMOS

¿Ha sentido el llamado a servir como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía? Pronto empezaremos el entrenamiento para preparar a nuevos ministrros 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 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 preparatorria 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.

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 spiritual para seguir sirviendo en los ministerios que el Señor nos ha encomendado. Los esperamos a todos.

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 epayment 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
This week, we welcome new members into the Catholic Church. Not just here at our parish, but all over the world. Easter Vigil (Saturday night) is a beautiful (long) evening, filled with fire, Psalms, and Sacraments.

In a few weeks, there will be many children receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist, and teens will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This is a time of growth for our parish. And unfortunately, the majority of us don’t pay attention to this. Unless we know someone personally celebrating, or we are somehow present at one of the Masses where it happens, we go about our lives, unconcerned.

And friends, let me just say, that is dangerous.

We don’t need to know a person personally in order to be joyful and share in their celebration. When you go to a wedding, you know at least one of the people getting married (unless you’re stuck going with your parents). Sometimes, you know both. But even if you know just one, you still celebrate and are happy for the other.

When someone we don’t know becomes a part of our Church community, we should celebrate, because they are becoming a part of our community. They are becoming a part of our Church family. That doesn’t mean we have to come to every First Holy Communion Mass or Confirmation Mass or Easter Vigil, but it does mean that we should pray for them, and if we happen to see them, congratulate and welcome them.

If we don’t, we risk our church being just a place and not a community. A building and not a home. It becomes filled with strangers we ignore, and not children of God.

So please, keep the newly Baptized, newly First Holy Communioned (totally a word), and newly Confirmed in your prayers throughout April & May.

We can’t just continue to act like our Church community is only those we like or see at the Mass we go to, in the pew area that we sit in (and trust me, I am completely guilty of this). Just like when someone gets married into the family, you don’t ignore them and act like they aren’t a part of the family—quite the opposite, we try to engage them, welcome them, and make them feel at home, make them feel like they belong, make them feel like the family is more complete now than ever before.

That’s the Church community, the family, that I want to be a part of here at St. Catherine’s. But it’s going to take effort—from every single one of us. And it’s not something that we wait until the priests do it, or we wait until staff does it. It’s something that we start doing ourselves. It starts by saying, “Hey, I see you at Mass all the time. My name is Deepu. What’s your name?” Yes, I realize this is far easier to say than to do. But it doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try.

I challenge you (and myself as well), to meet one new person today, here at the church. Then write their name down after, and pray for them every single day this week. And next week, talk to them again. Pray for them again.

Tonight (Sunday) at 7pm, our teens will be putting on A Passion for Music. This is the 10th year we’ve put on this version of the Passion Play. I encourage you to not only come and witness it (it’s only about 20 minutes), but to invite your friends and family. Lean over to the person sitting next to you, and ask if they’re going to it. See if they want to go grab dinner after - I was about to say, “whatever you feel comfortable with,” but that’s not right. We can’t stick to what’s comfortable, because then we don’t grow. The teachings of the Catholic Church—the teachings of God—are supposed to challenge us, are supposed to take us out of our comfort zones. And if you can’t make it tonight, we present the Passion again on Friday at 2pm.
For many people Holy Week is just the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, but for the Catholic Church, it is the week when we remember who we are. For the Elect and Candidates, it is a week of spiritual preparation for the Easter Vigil.

Holy Week begins with the Celebration of Passion/Palm Sunday. Although this liturgy begins with joy as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, it quickly takes a more somber note with the reading of the Passion.

During this week, consider reading part of the Passion each night together as a family. Shorter readings will allow for reflection and questions regarding the events that are described. You may want to display a crucifix in the family prayer corner as reminder of Jesus’ sacrifice and love for us. In this way, the entire week can become a “way of the cross.”

Please pray for our Elect and Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are received into the Catholic faith during Easter Vigil. We hope that you can join in the celebration on Saturday, March 31st at 8:30 pm.

The Elect during the Second Scrutiny.

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 and bring it up during the offertory collection.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

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 will be on Tuesday March 27th from 7-9 pm in the Church. Contact the Faith Formation office for more information.

We look forward to seeing you!
The Parish Office will be close Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th.

Happy Holy Week!
Palm Sunday

The community of St. Catherine welcomes you to join us in Holy prayer to the Novena of the Divine Mercy as declared by the Blessed Father, John Paul II. The prayer will be held in the church and will also be 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 will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment”. Our church community will be doing the Divine Mercy Novena in our church starting on Good Friday. During the novena we will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please join us daily or as often as you can. The schedule is as follows:

**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 have you found it hardest to accept God’s will? What enabled you to accept it?”

**Child:** “When is it hardest for you to obey?”

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

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

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.

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

Stephen Leaders Commissioned

Two additional leaders have been commissioned to meet 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.
Our mission statement begins with: “We, at Saint Catherine Parish are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community….”

The Hospitality Ministry is committed to help 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 organize Sunday Coffee and Doughnuts with the help of many 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

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

Total pledges = 394
Amount Pledged $206,003, 91.0% of Goal

The contrast between the processional reading in today’s liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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ST. CATHERINE ROBOTICS TEAMS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL AND WORLD COMPETITIONS

It has been a very good year for St. Catherine School Robotics’ teams. The Short Circuits, a middle school team, and the Vexers, one of our elementary teams, qualified for a national level CREATE US Open in Council Bluffs, Iowa in March. The Vexers are also going to the VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky in April. Each team designed and built a robot, wrote code for robot commands, kept a journal of all their work, and planned a STEM project which they present at competitions.

St. Catherine fielded five middle school teams and two elementary teams this year using the VEX IQ system. In only the second year of competition, the teams have excelled throughout the season. The students learned a great deal about engineering robots, writing code, designing a projects and competition protocol.

Next year St. Catherine School will again field both elementary and middle school robotics teams. Plans are in the works to expand to the VEX EDR system for higher level teams. This will better prepare the students for high school robotics.

The school office will be closed for Easter Break March 30-April 6. Classes resume Monday, April 9.

ACCREDITATION

St. Catherine School is dual accredited through the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The accreditation process requires that we complete a comprehensive self study and have a school visit from an accreditation team every six years.

Classes will then participate in Living Stations of the Cross prepared by our 8th grade to commemorate Christ’s passion and death. This will be followed by reflection and a grade appropriate activity on the Resurrection.

In planning the day to cover the Triduum, students will be prepared to fully participate as they attend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies with their families.

Hosanna in the highest!