From the Desk of Fr. Sergio Ovando, Pastor….

The Bread of Life

Of all of the images of the love that God has for us, one of the most endearing is that of Jesus as the Bread of Life. It is powerful because it evokes two elements very familiar to us: bread and life. Already in the Old Testament, we find the image of the “Manna,” that bread that fed the Jewish people in the desert, however in Jesus the way in which bread gives life takes on a new meaning.

The bread that is given to us by Jesus gives more than nourishment for our body, for it is also sustenance for our soul. As today’s Gospel tells us: ‘It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, ……

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Desde el escritorio del P. Sergio Ovando, Párroco…..

El pan de la vida

De todas las imágenes del amor que Dios tiene para nosotros, una de las más entrañables es la de Jesús como el Pan de la Vida. Es poderoso porque evoca dos elementos muy familiares para nosotros: el pan y la vida. Ya en el Antiguo Testamento, encontramos la imagen del "Maná", ese pan que alimentó al pueblo judío en el desierto; sin embargo, en Jesús, la forma en que el pan da vida adquiere un nuevo significado.

El pan que nos da Jesús da más que alimento a nuestro cuerpo, porque también es sustento para nuestra alma. Como el Evangelio de hoy nos dice: "Es mi Padre el que les da el pan del cielo, el verdadero pan; porque el pan de Dios es el que bajo del cielo y da vida al mundo ".

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).
Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).
Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God’s way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).
Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 - 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

ST. CATHERINE GHANA SERVICE TRIP

Be part of St. Catherine mission team to travel to Africa in 2019! Planning is underway to travel to the school we built in Awaso, Ghana. Lots of service opportunities are available to work in the school, farm, or bakery; provide art, reading, math, science or health workshops to children, grades k-8th grade; conduct enrichment classes for teachers or parents; coach sports games; construct campus building; and many more. Group planning meeting will begin in October. Those interested, contact Janet- janet95037@gmail.com or 408 221 9944.
the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

This bread gives life to the world because He has given His life for the world. Sometimes when we listen to the Gospel, we may not be aware of the meanings of some of the words and expressions that we encounter. The fact that the bread comes down from heaven give us the understanding that what gives life is not something from this world but heavenly. In the world, we know all too well that people attempt to satisfy their hunger with things that cannot fulfill the desires of the human heart. For that reason, the bread that gives life is not from this world and, at the same time, as C.S. Lewis wrote: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." (C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity). The life that Jesus (our Bread of Life) gives is the participation here on earth of what will be in heaven.

Also, Jesus says that the bread gives life "to the world," meaning that everything and everyone should be touched by it in order to have life. The desire of Jesus is not that He will be the bread of life for some, but for all. That is why, after we have received the Eucharist, after we have taken to ourselves the life that it gives, we should constantly make efforts to continue to be united to Him, our life, and also to work that others might also participate in this life that Jesus gives.

This weekend, as we receive the Bread of Life, let us pray that we will be conscious of the gift we have received, and how each time we receive the Lord we should be transformed; and being so, that we work so that others will also be able to participate, that their joy may be complete. “That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete” (1 John 1:3-4).

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
by Deacon Rick Haeckel

It is human nature to use similes and metaphors to help explain something. Bob Hayes, a very fast sprinter and football player acquired the nickname “Bullet Bob” telling people who had not heard of him that he was really fast. This Sunday we hear the second of five weeks of John’s “Bread of Life” Gospels. We hear clearly that Jesus is for us the fundamental and essential “food” we need. Jesus uses that expression of himself in order to give people who heard him an understanding of the importance of the message he brings. Jesus isn’t just nice to have as an occasional food but rather the basic staff of our very life. In today’s Gospel Jesus chides those in the crowd who have come simply in order to receive the sustenance they enjoyed at the multiplication of the loaves and fish. They are after bodily satisfaction having missed the truth that Jesus is the one who brought and lives God’s message of life to them.

We too can be caught up in the trials of the day, forgetting that Jesus’ presence underlies our very essence, much more than the food and drink for which we work. Our celebration of the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread (in which the Emmaus disciples recognized the risen Christ by the way) is both real food in both our physical and spiritual life. When we take time to reflect on the wonder of that presence, it seems almost too much to take in. But that feeling arises when we seek knowledge about how we are fed instead of joyously allowing ourselves to wonder at a truth beyond our grasp; a truth that our faith embraces and offers as an ever present gift. In our world there are many who are underfed, even starving. As Christians we are moved to act in charity to support them. Similarly we can be, at times, spiritually underfed and, yes, even starving. We need to come often to the “table of life,” the Eucharist and its nourishment, to satisfy our hunger. We come not just as individuals, but also as part of a community. As people invited to open our hearts and minds to share the Bread of Life with others, with everyone.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Do you really “need” that new blouse/shirt/pants/etc.? Try and experiment, once in a while buy some piece of clothing you like and … donate it. The parish Community Closet would love to help out :-).
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**LITURGY**

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

**Liturgical Ministers Needed**

**Sacristan**

- Sacristans are needed at all Masses. You need to be an extraordinary minister of holy communion to be a Sacristan. Please contact Karen Barone directly to schedule a training at kbarone@wildblue.net.

**Environment Coordinator**

- for the Church and Parish Center during fall Ordinary Time, Thanksgiving day, Advent, Christmas Season, Lent, Triduum and Easter Season. This responsibility can be divided by season. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org. Check the website for general details.

**Saints Chapel**

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

**Flowers in Saints Chapel**

A volunteer coordinator and group of volunteers are needed to straighten the flowers in the St. Chapel that are given as a gift. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees.

**Ordinary Time**

May 21st to December 1st
Liturgical Color: Green

**Who supports the Liturgy at St. Catherine each week?**

- Presiders
- Deacons
- Liturgy Coordinator
- Sacristans
- Proclaimers of the Word (Lectors)
- Assembly Leaders
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Musicians (Cantors, Accompanist, Choirs)
- Altar Servers
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Linen Care volunteers
  - (corporals, pacifiers, drying and baptism towels)
- Sanctuary Care (altar candles, burners, candle sticks)
- Church Care
- Plants/Flower Care Volunteers
- Environment change volunteers for the Church Seasons

**St. Catherine has seven (7) regularly scheduled Masses each weekend as well as Baptisms, Weddings, Quinceañeras and Funerals**

The parish needs help with the support of the Liturgy. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator at dinderhees@dsj.org

**Monetary donations needed to have flowers in the Sanctuary**

Monetary donations are needed to have fresh flower in the Sanctuary. The cost of two arrangements is $110. The hope is to have the arrangements last two weekends but that is not always possible due to the temperature of the Church and the ability to have them watered each day. Fresh flowers are allowed during ordinary time. The flowers reflect the season outside if possible. Please take donations to the rectory office and specify for Sanctuary flowers donation. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees for more information at dinderhees@dsj.org
¡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

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

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE SERGIO....

Este pan da vida al mundo porque Él ha dado su vida por el mundo. A veces, cuando escuchamos el Evangelio, es posible que no estemos al tanto de los significados de algunas de las palabras y expresiones que encontramos. El hecho de que el pan baje del cielo nos da el entendimiento que lo que da vida no es algo de este mundo sino celestial. En el mundo, sabemos demasiado bien que las personas intentan satisfacer su hambre con cosas que no pueden satisfacer los deseos del corazón humano. Por esa razón, el pan que da vida no es de este mundo y, al mismo tiempo, como escribió CS Lewis “Si encuentro en mí un deseo que ninguna experiencia en este mundo puede satisfacer, la explicación más probable es que yo fue hecho para otro mundo” (CS Lewis, Mere Christianity). La vida que da Jesús (nuestro Pan de Vida) es la participación aquí en la tierra de lo que será en el cielo.

Además, Jesús dice que el pan da vida "al mundo", lo que significa que todo y todos deben ser tocados para tener vida. El deseo de Jesús no es que Él sea el pan de vida para algunos, sino para todos. Es por eso que, después de haber recibido la Eucaristía, después de haber llevado a nosotros mismos la vida que da, debemos constantemente esforzarnos por seguir unidos a Él, nuestra vida, y también a trabajar para que otros también participen en esta vida que Jesús da.

Este fin de semana, mientras recibimos el Pan de Vida, recemos para ser conscientes del regalo que hemos recibido, y de cómo cada vez que recibimos al Señor, debemos ser transformados; y siendo así, que trabajamos para que los demás también puedan participar, que su alegría sea completa. “Lo que vimos y oímos se lo anunciamos también a ustedes para que compartan nuestra vida, como nosotros la compartimos con el Padre y con su Hijo Jesucristo. Les escribimos esto para que la alegría de ustedes sea completa” (1 Juan 1: 3-4).

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Cuándo te ha ayudado tu fe a creer sin" ver señales "de Dios?"

Niño: "¿Quién te ayuda a creer en cosas que no puedes ver?"
OFFICINA DE FORMACION DE FE

La oficina de Catequesis da las gracias a las familias que participaron en el campamento Bíblico de verano en meses de junio. Los niños lo disfrutaron mucho al igual que las personas que apoyaron este programa en este segundo año. Recordemos que, “cuando estamos solos… ¡Jesús rescata! “

Ya estamos recibiendo las aplicaciones de registración para la preparación del Sacramento de Primera Comunión. Las registraciones son para todos los niños del primer año, segundo año, y los de continuación. Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de llamar a la oficina al 408-779-9604 o por correo electrónico con Maria Miranda mMiranda@dsj.org o con Dianna Lopez dlopez@dsj.org

BALONCESTO

El gimnasio de baloncesto estará abierto para jugar de forma gratuita los domingos de 7 a 9pm. Esto será principalmente para mayores de 30 años. Los jóvenes que están en la secundaria menores de 17 años deben ser acompañados por un padre. Todos los jugadores deben usar camisetas. Será juego limpio y el espíritu deportivo serán requeridos en la cancha. Salga a hacer ejercicio jugando al baloncesto. Para obtener más información, contáctese con Richard Sias en ricweb3.0@gmail.com

EL TRABAJO QUE DIOS QUIERE

¡Estamos tan ocupados! Muchos de nosotros tenemos más de un trabajo y parecería que nunca tenemos suficiente tiempo. Somos trabajadores, voluntarios, padres, amigos y la mayoría es más de una cosa a la vez. Pero, ¿cuál de estos es el trabajo que Dios quiere? Rara vez vemos nuestro trabajo común como el trabajo que Dios quiere. Quizás pensamos que debemos ser ministros o sacerdotes, misioneros o benefactores, que debemos realizar trabajos de tiempo completo que se consideran como “las obras de Dios”. Pero todo lo que hacemos con un corazón fiel y con amor por el prójimo es una obra de Dios. Cada uno tiene un papel que cumplir en el mundo y muchos dones son necesarios. No siempre podemos ver la relación directa que existe entre nuestro trabajo diario y los designios de Dios. Pero confiamos y tenemos fe en que Dios nos guía a hacer lo que es necesario, cuando es necesario. ¿Cuál es “la obra de Dios?” “La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquél a quien él ha enviado” (Juan 6:29).

Cruz Roja - Donación de Sangre en Santa Catalina

Ubicación: O’Donnell Parish Center
Sábado, 18 de agosto de 2018
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Los voluntarios estarán afuera después de misa los días 4 y 5 de agosto y el 11 y 12 de agosto para programar citas. Si lo prefieres, también puedes programar su cita o para obtener más información, visita redcrossblood.org e ingrese el código de patrocinador: Catherine o llame al 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Agilice su experiencia de donación y ahorre hasta 15 minutos visitando RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass para completar sus preguntas sobre lectura previa a la donación e historial de salud el día de su cita.

Si tiene preguntas con respecto a su elegibilidad para donar sangre o ha viajado el año pasado, llame al 1-866-236-3276. Identificación es requerida.
ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo
contra las perversidad y asechanzas
del demonio.
Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes,
y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial
arroja al infierno con el divino poder
a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.
Amén.

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. Tenemos momento de alabanzas con el coro y también compartimos temas acerca de la fe y temas sociales. ¡Los esperamos!

HORA SANTA Y ROSARIO
TODOS LOS MIÉRCOLES DE
7:00 PM A 8:00 PM

Durante los momentos de mas agonía, Jesús nuestro Señor pidió a sus discípulos que oraran una hora con Él en el huerto de Getsemaní. Todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm 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. La Hora Santa es guiada por nuestro Párroco Padre Sergio Ovando.

¿Ha sentido el llamado a servir en la Santa Misa como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, como proclamador de la Palabra, o en el ministerio de Hospitalidad? Pronto empezaremos el entrenamiento para preparar a nuevos ministros para servir en estos bellísimos ministerios. Si esta usted interesado o interesada, por favor comuníquese con Carmelo Jimenez al teléfono (408)779-3959

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.
St. Catherine Woman's
Faith Sharing Group

Please join us on
Wednesday, August 22nd at 9:00am
O'Donnell Parish Center

We will start “The Gospel According to John” and The Turning Point nine-session Bible study led by Dr. Allen Hunt, a Dynamic Catholic Sr. Advisor and Presenter.

Our weekly time together centers around Holy Scripture, faith sharing, prayer and the personal experiences that occur daily in our lives. Together we experience the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and are able to take to others what we have received.

If you are interested in finding out more about our group please feel free to stop in any Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the Parish Center or email Ann Poirier at annpoirier@gmail.com for more information. God bless and we hope to see you there. If you miss the first week you can join us the following week.

Teaching Children Stewardship
Planting a Tree

One day a young man went to visit his old grandfather. He was surprised to find his grandfather in the backyard planting a small peach tree. The boy knew it would take many, many years for the peach tree to grow big enough to produce peaches. If his grandfather wanted peaches, the young man wondered, why didn't he just go to the store and buy some. That would be so much faster.

Finally after watching his grandfather work for a long time at planting the peach tree, the young man asked, "Grandfather, why are you planting a peach tree?"

His grandfather answered, "Son, all of my life I have eaten the peaches off of trees that other people have planted. Now it is my turn to plant a tree that someone else can enjoy."

Family Discussion Questions:
- What kinds of things do we use everyday because someone else planted a seed?
- What seeds did someone have to plant so that we would have our church today?
- How can we plant seeds today that will benefit someone else later?
- What kinds of seeds are we planting when we study hard and learn new things?
Last weekend, a few of our teens and I went with others from our diocese to the 2nd Steubenville NorCal conference. If you’re not familiar with Steubenville, it’s a conference that started over 40 years ago at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. Over the years the conference has grown in the numbers of attendees as well as locations. It is a beautiful blend of everything good in the Christian world. The musicians and the speakers were the kind that you typically find in Protestant churches—lots of lights and noise, jumping and clapping and lots of jokes, laughter and excitement. But it had the fullness of what is most important in our Catholic faith. The focus of Steubenville conferences is the Eucharist. Plain and simple. Friday night there was the up and jumping music, the hilarious speakers, and it ended with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday we had more of the music, more of the speakers, Mass, and ended again with Adoration—only this time it was for well over an hour, because the priest processed through every row and aisle with the monstrance (the fancy gold cross that holds and shows the Eucharist). Twice. And the second time he paused every few feet to hold the cross closer to the teens so they could be literally inches away from Jesus Christ. And then on Sunday we celebrated Mass again.

It’s incredible seeing over a thousand teens (yeah, a thousand – and this was the smallest conference) kneeling in front of the Eucharist, reaching out for Him. This is the beauty of conferences and retreats - they give us time to focus on what’s truly important, and help us to not be distracted by everything else. But we also get this time at Mass - we just don’t allow ourselves to focus. We allow distractions to keep us from focusing on Christ in the Eucharist. We need to offer our distractions up to God so we can focus. We need to work on even offering up the distractions during Mass - like what people wear, or what babies and children say or do - so that we can focus on the Word and the Eucharist. Teens may say they don’t want to come to Mass, or that it’s boring, but how do we, those who truly recognize the importance and beauty of the Mass and the Eucharist, show them differently? Do we greet others (not just teens) with joy, warmth, and love? Do we sing the songs with intention? Do we listen and take in the Word of God internally? Do we come before our Lord in the Eucharist with reverence?

We might think just telling people it’s important that that’s enough. But we need to show it. We need to live it. Because when we see others doing what they shouldn’t and think about how they shouldn’t be doing that thing, we ourselves are being distracted from the Eucharist. Speaking of being able to focus...

**Attention Young Adult Families and Single Parents:**

Want to enjoy the beauty of the Mass and be able to focus on the Word and Eucharist without the kids once in a while*? You deserve some fully engaged time with the Lord. Bring your children to "For The Kingdom" during 5:30pm Sunday Mass and get a much needed spiritual recharge. Enter the Parish Center and find the Nursery off to the left. See you then!

*We encourage you to have your children attend Mass with you most Sundays so they are exposed to the Mass, learn how to pray the Mass, and see the importance of the Mass through you.
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

IN APPRECIATION!

Thank you to our Koaches, Adult Team Leaders, Service Organizations and Global Mushrooms for helping to create a great servant leadership experience for our middle schoolers during Leadership SC²! KIDLEADERS - you truly make a difference!

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR 2018-19!

Saturday Sessions (SPANISH)
BEGIN September 8 (Orientation)
9:15-10:45 am (Grades 1-8)

Sunday Sessions
BEGIN September 9 (Orientation)
9:00-10:15 am (Grades 1-8)
8:45, 10:30, 12:15 Masses—Early Childhood Education (ECE—children aged 3-5)
8:45 and 10:30 Masses
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Wednesday Sessions
BEGIN September 12 (Orientation)
3:30-4:45 pm (Grades 1-5)
Middle School Ministry/EDGE Youth Group
(Time to be confirmed)

Please contact the Family Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 for further information.
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

GOD’S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Wednesday: St. Dominic
Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday: St. Lawrence
Saturday: St. Clare

THROWING SHADE

BRINGING LIGHT

Villa Maria Del Mar Retreat Center
21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, CA
Monday August 20th 10:00am to 4:00pm
Cost is $75.00 includes lunch
Facilitators: Carmella Dautoff and Rosemarie Peoples
Send form and payment to Rosemarie Peoples
210 9th Ave
Santa Cruz 95062 by August 14th.
For more info rosemarie778@gmail.com
(408) 623-7502 or (831) 600-8556

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 24-26, 2018 at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive
at St. Catherine O’Donnell Center
Saturday, August 18th
9:00am - 3:00pm

Volunteers will be outside after Masses on August 4th and 5th and August 11th and 12th to schedule appointments.

If you prefer you can also schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Catherine or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, or have traveled in the past year, please call 1-866-236-3276. Identification is required.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.
— John 6:27a

4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 21-23, 2018 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

ADJUSTING TO CHANGE?
Changes can be difficult especially when they are unexpected. Stephen ministers are trained to help people learn to cope with the changes that have happened in their life. If you have experienced great changes or know someone who has and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry call either Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413 or Kenny Carvalho at 408-772-7600.

ATTENTION:
We thank the advertisers on our bulletin. It is their support that allows us to receive our bulletin from JS Paluch at no cost. If you have a business and would like to advertise please call 1-800-231-0805.

NO HARSNESS
Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.
—St. John Kanty

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL
The Gym is open for drop-in play on Sundays from 7-9pm.
This is primarily for age 30 and older. Youth who are in middle school or high school under 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. All players must wear T-shirts or tank tops.

Fair play and sportsmanship are required on the court. Come out get some exercise by playing basketball. For more information, please contact Richard Sias at ric-web3.0@gmail.com

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When has your faith helped you believe without “seeing signs” form God?”
Child: “Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?”
TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

On July 1st we started a new Fiscal Year, one which will produce a new set of challenges. Fr. Sergio and I have been meeting with the Finance Council to establish the budget for this year. Our goal is to achieve a 2% increase in the weekly collection. We will provide an update later this summer showing the results of the past fiscal year. As always, thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Bright Beginnings Nursery is open Sundays during the 8:45am and 10:30am Masses. There are toys and activities for children ages 1 to 4 years old. Heidi Betancourt is the Nursery Supervisor, she has led the Nursery for years. Enter the Parish Center and the Nursery is off to the left. We are open when you see the Bright Beginnings sign in the front of the Parish Center.
St. Catherine School News

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019

Application packets are available on our website for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes are currently full for most grades next year; however, there are spots left for second, third and seventh grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

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/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.

Handwriting was also offered to allow students who have difficulty with fine motor skills to practice and even have fun with handwriting.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Kinder Kick Off is Monday, August 13. Kinder families visit the classroom, participate in a craft, enjoy a snack and get to know other school families.

The first day of school for St. Catherine students is Thursday, August 16. Kindergartners are in session from 7:55-10:30. The first bell for all other students is at 7:50 with a 12:30 dismissal. The Back to School Coffee is the in O’Donnell Center at 8:10.

HAPPY AUGUST!

SUMMER FUN IN THE GARDEN

As the summer progresses, the garden gets greener. During the summer months, our Garden Coordinator works with students to care for the garden. They water, weed and harvest as needed.

Families have reported that they enjoyed the fresh vegetables. Students helping in the garden are delighted to find that they actually like fresh beans, squash, cucumbers and more.

Our pumpkin and gourd patch is growing like crazy. Melons are getting bigger and, of course, we have tons of green beans, peppers and tomatoes and even peanuts. Classes have activities planned to use produce from the garden when school resumes later this month.

Our 55 year old building needs regular maintenance and upgrades to keep it at its peak. This summer we began the process of replacing the old ceiling tiles and adding insulation. Rooms will be more energy efficient and have improved acoustics.

ST. CATHERINE, PRAY FOR US.