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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.)

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Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / DECIMONOVENODOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

From the Desk of Msgr. Francisco Rios, Parochial Vicar….

I received my First Holy Communion when I was nine years old. At that time I was more interested in the cake and the hot cocoa after the Mass and also in the holy cards that we made as a souvenir of our First Holy Communion. When you gave a holy card to your family and friends they would give you money.

I just believed that I received the Body of Christ not knowing the real meaning of it.

As I grew older other things came in life like sports, music, dancing and the Eucharist was out of my life. I did not go to Mass for a while and other worldly things occupied my life. I thought I had a life but I didn’t have the life of God in me, which is the Grace of God.

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Desde el escritorio del Msgr. Francisco Rios, Vicario Parroquial…..

Yo recibí mi Primera Comunión cuando tenía nueve años. En ese momento yo estaba más interesado en el pastel y el chocolate que compartiríamos después de la Misa; también estaba interesado en las estampitas que repartiría después, porque por cada estampita me darían dinero.

Yo sabía que recibía el Cuerpo de Cristo pero no sabía el significado de eso.

A medida que fui creciendo me fui involucrando en deportes, bailes, música, la novia, etc. Así la Eucaristía quedo fuera de mi vida. Deje de ir a Misa porque otras cosas ocupaban mi vida.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 6:00pm
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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).
Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).
Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, August 12
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band and singers
Monday/Lunes, August 13
8:30-12:30pm CR-4 Stitched Together Sewing Club
6:00-7:00pm CR4,Kit Community Supper
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm,8,10 JPC - Junta de Equipo
7:30-9:00pm MC English - Pre-Baptismal class
Tuesday/Martes, August 14
8:30-12:30pm CR-4 Stitched Together Sewing club
6:30-9:00pm MC Español - Pláticas Pre-bautismales
7:00-8:30pm LR Reunion Liturgica
7:00-9:00pm CR4,Kit KOC - Council meeting
7:00-9:00pm Rm,11 JPC Coro
Wednesday/Miércoles, August 15
6:15-7:15am CH Assumption of Mary - Mass
8:30-12:30pm CR-4 Stitched Together Sewing Club
5:30-6:30pm CH Assumption of Mary - Mass
6:00-7:30pm Rm,8,10,11 UPDE Meeting
6:30-7:30pm DC Edge Youth Group
6:30-7:45pm Rm,8 Jesus to Man Kind Prayer Group
7:00-8:00pm CH La Asunción de María - Misa en Español
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
Thursday/Jueves, August 16
8:00-12:00pm CR1-4,Kit Back to School Coffee
12:00-12:30pm CH School Prayer Service
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
6:00-9:00pme CR1,4,Kit ICF Branch Dinner Meeting
7:00-8:30pm Rm,11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.
Friday/Viernes, August 17
9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Youth Group
7:00-9:00pm Rm,10,11 JPC Reunión Semanal
Saturday/Sábado, August 18
9:00-3:00pm CR1-4,Kit Blood Drive

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MC = Milani Center CR1-4 = Parish Center Conference Rooms
CH = Church Sci = Science Room LR = Living Room
DC = Daycare PR = Presentation Center Nur. = Nursery

8:15am Mass Intentions
Monday, August 13 † John Hays
† Alvin Yeggy
Tuesday, August 14 † Eddie Paradela
† Frances Lamantia
Wednesday, August 15 † Mary Hays
† Joe Mariani
Thursday, August 16 † Zenaida Lardizabal
† Howard Schnoebelen
† Sara Lua
† Lucrecia Madrigal
Friday, August 17 † Sergio Madrigal
† Don Smith
We have heard it said that we suffer from, or need to, ‘take things at face value.’ The need applies easily to the physical lives we live. If the light is red, we stop; if a person smiles, we assume they are happy; if it is raining, we need an umbrella; and so it goes. However, it is often a mistake to fail to look beneath the surface in matters of the spiritual life. It isn’t that one way is right and the other wrong. It’s more a case that we can miss the truth that doesn’t provide physical evidence. As we continue our journey through the Bread of Life discourse in John’s Gospel, we really need to take in the difficulty people had in understanding who Jesus was and how important his message was and still is. Last week the crowd wanted more bread and fish to satisfy their bodily hunger. This week, having heard Jesus say that he is “the bread come down from heaven,” they take things at face value and see only the man and his family that they have long known. Jesus, hearing their grumbling, invites them to see that the Father is the source of his mission. It is not any personal pride in himself but rather an understanding of his mission to bring the Jewish people back to believing and living their covenant relationship with God. In retrospect, we see the truth of Jesus’ message, one meant not just for his time but for all times. Think also of Thomas’ need, “unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands...” in order to believe that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to his disciples. Ok, Thomas, like us, needed to have visual confirmation of the truth he heard. It’s isn’t just a failure we share with Thomas, but more a need for demonstrated certainty. The words, unless I see it I won’t believe it, are all too easily a first reaction. Jesus, our bread of life, is food that permeates our very being. It is not our appetite that is sated, it is the yearning for connection to the God of all. When we rest, filled by the Jesus who walks beside us, we are strengthened to bring with us those who seek what they cannot see. Jesus, the bread of life, truly is bread for the world.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK
Summer is grilling time. Consider replacing a charcoal grill with a gas one. It generates fewer pollutants. If you have to use charcoal, use a chimney starter instead of lighter fluid.
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 Ministry and Contact Information

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Liturgical Ministers Needed

**Sacristans** - Sacristans are needed for 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 for 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. Help is needed throughout the day and evening. Small candles need to be changed every four hours. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphnndebbie@icloud.com

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, August 15th
Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass Schedule**
6:15am; 8:15am; 5:30pm in English
7:00pm in Spanish

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, pacificators, dish and baptism towels)
- Sanctuary Care (altar candles, burners, candle sticks)
- Church Care volunteers (straight books and remove trash in the pews)
- Plants/Flower Care Volunteers
- Environment change volunteers for the Church Seasons

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

The parish needs your help to support Liturgy. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator 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!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Después de descansar y alimentarse nuevamente dos veces, Elías se fortalece para caminar a la montaña de Dios, el monte Horeb (1 Reyes 19:4-8).

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Han sido marcados por el Espíritu Santo de Dios para que imiten a Dios y vivan en amor (Efesios 4:30-5:2).

Evangelio — Jesús profesa que él es el pan de vida y todo el que coma ese pan vivirá para siempre (Juan 6:41-51).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:   Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Martes:  Ez 2:8  3:4; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Miércoles: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 Dia:  Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45(44):10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56
Viernes: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Sábado:  Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Domingo: Prov 9:1-6; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Ef 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Cuándo te ha dado el pan de la vida la fortaleza que necesitabas para enfrentarte a una situación difícil en tu vida?"

Niño: "¿Qué le pedirás a Jesús que te ayude cuando recibas la Sagrada Comunión esta semana?"
La oficina de Catequesis da las gracias a las familias que participaron en el campamento Bíblico de verano en el mes 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

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

Hoy retomamos el discurso sobre el “Pan de Vida” del Evangelio según san Juan que comenzó hace dos semanas. Juan alude a los ancestros de los judíos que comieron el maná en el desierto. Hoy pensaremos sobre todo en el pueblo de Israel caminando por el desierto, pero los judíos fieles también conocían el relato de Elías que escuchamos hoy. Elías comió y bebió en el desierto, y con la fuerza de aquel alimento, el ángel del Señor lo envió en su viaje de cuarenta días y cuarenta noches (la cifra bíblica que simboliza un tiempo de preparación). De la misma manera que el alimento que recibió Elías en el desierto, Jesús le dice a su público que él es pan para la vida del mundo. Es muy importante que sigamos escuchando a Jesús después de su promesa de vida eterna, sin duda es una promesa maravillosa, pero esta “recompensa” no es la única razón para darnos un festín con el Pan de Vida. También vamos a la mesa con el fin de recibir fuerzas para el camino de la misión, de manera que el mundo entero pueda tener vida en la plenitud de Cristo. Si hemos comido el pan de vida, estamos obligados a servir a todos.

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE
El programa de Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana adaptó para niños están teniendo sus reuniones mensuales. Agradecemos a los padres de familia y niños que siguen trabajando en unión en la jornada de preparación Sacramental. Invitamos a las personas a que pasen a la oficina si tienen alguna pregunta acerca de este programa.
Madre en el cielo, tú eres esplendor que no ensombrece la luz de Cristo, porque vives en él y para él. Tú eres la inmaculada, eres transparencia y plenitud de la gracia.

Aquer estamos, pues, tus hijos, para buscar amparo bajo tu materna protección e implorar confiados tu intercesión ante los desafíos ocultos del futuro.

Te encomendamos a todos los hombres, comenzando por los más débiles; A los niños que aún no han visto la luz y a los que han nacido en medio de la pobreza y el sufrimiento; a los adolescentes rebeldes; a los jóvenes en busca de sentido, a las personas adultas que no tienen empleo y a las que padecen hambre, olvido, violencia y enfermedad.

Te encomendamos a las familias rotas, a los ancianos que carecen de asistencia y a cuantos están solos y sin esperanza.

Abre nuestros corazon a la justicia y al amor, y guíanos hacia una comprensión recíproca y hacia un firme deseo de paz.

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!

**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.
Eighteen (18) Faith-Centered Resolutions

Each day offers new opportunities to take the next best step forward, both in our lives overall and in our walk with the Lord.

As you undertake your other goals for the year — maybe getting in shape, becoming more organized or giving up a bad habit — we challenge you to identify your spiritual goals, too. Here’s your chance to look inward, build your faith, strengthen relationships and tackle familiar challenges. Take on some of these 18 simple resolutions for 2019, inspired by the saints:

1. **Rediscover the heart of prayer.**
   “You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart.” - St. Padre Pio

2. **Learn something new about the faith each week.**
   “If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.” - St. Bonaventure

3. **Get to know your parish priest better.**
   “The priest is not a priest for himself; he is a priest for you.” - St. John Vianney

4. **Read and ruminate on Scripture.**
   “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” - St. Jerome

5. **Give whenever the opportunity presents itself.**
   “Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.” - St. Gregory Nazianzen

6. **Explore God’s creation.**
   “Some people, to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink.” - St. Augustine

7. **Dedicate each small task to the Lord.**
   “I can’t do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God.” - St. Dominic Savio

8. **Pray more to the Holy Spirit.**
   “He pours light into our minds, arouses our desire and gives us strength…As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls.” - St. Peter Damian

9. **Offer it up.**
   “If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you, and certainly wants to make you a saint.” - St. Ignatius of Loyola

10. **Spend more time sharing faith with your friends.**
    “True friendship consists in mutually perfecting one another and drawing closer to God.” - St. Teresita of the Andes

11. **Build your trust in the Lord.**
    “Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.” - St. Francis de Sales

12. **Volunteer for a ministry in need at your parish.**
    “Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received, and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.” - St. Teresa

13. **Behold the beauty of the Eucharist whenever you can.**
    “The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.” - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

14. **Renew your devotion to the Blessed Mother.**
    “Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Mother too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” - St. Maximilian Kolbe

15. **Nurture your creative side.**
    “Through his artistic creativity man appears more than ever in the image of God.” - Pope St. John Paul II

16. **Take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation more often.**
    “Do not doubt, do not hesitate, never despair of the mercy of God. Hope and have confidence in confession.” - St. Isidore of Seville

17. **Embrace humility.**
    “What will be the crown of those who, humble within and humiliated without, have imitated the humility of our Savior in all its fullness!” - St. Bernadette

18. **Live with joy.**
    “The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.” - St. Gianna Beretta Molla
Before I started taking my faith seriously, being a Catholic was easy. I learned what I needed to about the Church in order to present it to the teens. I prayed with the teens. I read Scripture with the teens. I served the teens. But I didn't learn about the Church on my own time, for my own growth. I didn't pray much on my own, for my own relationship with Jesus. I didn't read Scripture on my own, to understand God better. I didn't serve anyone but myself most of the time. I would help my friends if they asked, whether it was giving a ride to the airport, helping move stuff, or whatever it was. I was really good at helping my friends. I was also really good at keeping up the relationships that came easy - those people that I got along with, that I saw on a regular basis. It was easy to forgive my friends, to be kind to them, and to just spend time with them. I was really good at praying when I needed something, when it benefited me. But that's not what being a Catholic is about. I should of course have my friends and keep those relationships - but almost everyone does that. Where I should be giving more focus is being kind to those that it's hard to be kind to, like the person who I've had issues with in the past that never got resolved, or the person who parks more than one spot in a parking lot (STOP BEING SELFISH KYLE, OTHER PEOPLE NEED TO PARK HERE TOO!), or the telemarketer on the phone (those phone calls from 408 numbers is getting really frustrating). It's easy to look at this Sunday's 2nd reading and think that I am loving and forgiving. But I most often do those things with the people that it's easy to love and easy to forgive. Paul doesn't say to be kind and forgive only those I like. He says be kind and forgive one another. He says I am to "live in love as Christ loved" - and I know that Jesus didn't just love and die for certain people. He didn't just love and die for the Jews, or all the Christians since His death who believe in Him. Jesus died for every single person - past, present, and future. From Kanye West to Donald Trump to Barack Obama to St. Teresa of Calcutta to Adolf Hitler. One way I've challenged myself to be more conscious of my attitude towards others was to remove the word "hate" from my vocabulary. When I used to use that word, I was giving into my anger, and giving approval to continuing to hold grudges or feel malice towards them. I started using "dislike" instead. Our words are powerful, even if they are just in our thoughts.

PANDA EXPRESS YO!

Attention Young Adult Families & Single Parents: Want to enjoy the beauty of the Mass and be able to focus without your kids distracting you? You deserve some fully engaged time with the Lord. Bring your kids to "For The Kingdom" during 5:30pm Mass.

*We encourage you to have your children attend Mass with you most Sundays so they learn how to pray the Mass, and see the importance of the Mass through you.
Back to School

Back to School Time already? In the hustle and bustle of the mornings, it is easy to get caught up in the craziness of the day ahead. As our kids go back to school this week, we can do small things to integrate our faith every day into all that we do. Here are a couple of them:

- Holy Water Blessings
  Have a bottle of holy water or a home holy water font (if you can) near the front door of the house so that family members and guests can be blessed in your comings and goings to and from your home. As a sacramental, it recalls our baptism and baptismal promises and is a means by which we become more open to receiving God’s grace. Use it everyday!

- Car Chapel
  Each day, we spend a lot of time in the car, bringing the kids to and from school, after school activities and doing our own errands and tasks. Incorporate prayer in the car as a great way to share time together with the kids in praise and thanksgiving. It is also a great time to lift up any concerns—about a new school, finding new friends or an upcoming project or test and ask for God’s peace to fill us instead. For parents, it may be a perfect time for some quiet time with God. Try the 3 Minute Retreat or Prayer On The Go apps before you drive off or get out of the car.

What are some of your faith practices during the school year that have worked for your family?

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR 2018-19!

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

Sunday Sessions
BEGIN September 9 (Orientation)
9:00-10:15am (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)
3:30-4:45pm (Grades 1-5)
Middle School Ministry/EDGE Youth Group
(Time to be confirmed)

See registration forms for specific descriptions. Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory and the Church lobby. Please contact the Family Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 for further information.
ALTAR SERVER MEET AND GREET
Thursday, August 30, 2018
7:00pm
Parish Center

Father Francis Kalaw would like to invite parents of all current Altar servers and those interested in Altar serving to a Meet and Greet meeting. This will be an opportunity to meet Fr. Francis and fellow parents of those in this ministry. Our desire is to empower our current Altar servers and to inspire more teens within our community to be part of this important ministry which enables them to be drawn to Christ. As the Holy Father, Pope Francis told a group of young people at St. Peter’s Basilica in 2015, “to serve at the altar is a privileged way to be closer to Jesus and allows our youth to be open to others in their journey of faith.” May we, as parents and teachers of faith, continue to support our children to make lasting and meaningful contribution in the liturgy.

MARRIED COUPLES: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. 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.

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

THROWING SHADE
BRINGING LIGHT

A gathering day at the ocean for women to reflect on our grace-filled moments and be spiritually energized.

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

ST. CATHERINE GHANA SERVICE TRIP
Be part of St. Catherine mission team to travel to Africa in 2019! Planning is underway for 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 please contact Janet- janet95037@gmail.com or (408) 221 9944.

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
St. Catherine's blood drive is now closed. Thanks to the GREAT response, there are no longer appointments available. Thank you to all who have signed up for the blood drive on Saturday, August 18th from 9am-3pm in the O'Donnell Center. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you again from the American Red Cross.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
We meet weekly from 7-8:30pm - learning about, and sharing our insights on, the Scriptures. Currently reading the Gospel of Matthew. You can join at any time, and come as often as you like. Contact Joe Lillig 408-781-3847 for more info.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for weekend on September 21-23, 2018 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE
Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When has the bread of life given you the strength you needed to face difficult situation in your life?”

Child: “What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?”
TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

On July 1st we started a new Fiscal Year, one which produced a new set of challenges. Fr. Sergio and I met with the Finance Council to establish the budget for this year. Our goal is an increase of 2% 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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Fiscal Year to Date

| This YTD       | $101,217 |
| Goal           | $100,914 |
| Difference     | $303     | 0.3%   |

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.

PARISH FALL FUN FEST

SAVE the DATE

September 14, 15 & 16

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up online at www.stca.org.
St. Catherine School News

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our doors open to over 310 or so students on Thursday, August 16th! Students, parents and faculty will meet on the play yard for morning assembly: prayer, flag salute and announcements. And we’ll be off to a great start.

A big welcome to all the new school families and to our new faculty and staff. Please keep the students, parents, faculty and staff in your prayers that they have a productive year growing in knowledge, love, grace and compassion.

Incoming kinders enjoyed many activities during our summer programs.

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, we still have spots left for 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 national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

August 13  Diocesan Convocation for all teachers and admin—Office Open
August 14  Faculty Retreat—Office Closed
August 15  Faculty/Staff Meetings—Office Open
August 16  First day of school

Kindergartners—7:50-10:30
Grades 1-8—7:50-12:45

August 17  10:30 dismissal for K
12:30 dismissal for 1-5
12:45 dismissal for 6-8

August 20  12:30 Kinder Dismissal
3:00 dismissal for 1-5
3:10 dismissal for 6-8

August 21  12:30 Kinder Dismissal
3:00 dismissal for 1-5
3:10 dismissal for 6-8

August 23  12:30 dismissal for 1-5
12:45 dismissal for 6-8

St. Catherine,
Pray for Us.

Love One Another

Our theme for this school year is Love One Another. This gives us a new opportunity to reenergize ourselves in ways of kindness, inclusion and compassion. Throughout the year, the school community will focus on the idea be that we must find ways to be empathic and supportive of others, even when they do us wrong. God certainly shows each of us great love, even when we fall short of the mark. This pertains not only to our spiritual lives and social issues, but also to having the courage to step up and help others through difficult times, even when they may not be fully deserving. How do we respond to God’s call to follow Him in caring for each other? How do we seek reconciliation when we feel hurt, so we can turn back to love?

For students this may mean learning about and supporting ways to promote fair treatment of all, and serving others in greater need, as well as forgiving and supporting others to be the best they can be. It may mean giving a classmate or even themselves forgiveness and a chance to move ahead. Through love, kindness, compassion and reliance on God, we truly grow in grace each and every day.