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

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

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

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

Being a follower of Jesus, to live one’s faith fully, is not an easy accomplishment. This is precisely because it means to become more and more like Christ and, if we pay attention to the gospel, His life was not easy, His gospel is not a message that does not require sacrifice on our part.

In the middle of the gospel passage today, we are surprised that some of the followers of Jesus find his teachings difficult to accept, and they abandon him.

In the history of the Christianity, people have left the Church for different reasons, such as scandals like those we are experiencing now. Yet in the gospel reading, many people left Jesus ... (Continued on Page 3...)

**Desde el escritorio del Fr. Sergio Ovando, Párroco.....**

**Señor ¿a quién iremos?**

Ser discípulo de Jesús y vivir nuestra fe en plenitud no es algo fácil. Es difícil, porque significa ser semejante más y más a Cristo y si leemos el evangelio con atención, podemos ver que su vida, no fue una vida fácil, como tampoco su evangelio, el mismo es un mensaje que requiere sacrificios.

En el Evangelio de este domingo tenemos la sorpresa de que algunos de los seguidores de Jesús, encuentran sus enseñanzas duras, difíciles y lo abandonan.

En la historia del cristianismo han existido personas que han dejado la Iglesia por distintas razones, como los escándalos que estamos viviendo en estos días, pero lo que sucede en el evangelio es debido a las enseñanzas de Jesús, .........
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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).


### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

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**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

**Sunday/Domingo, August 26**
- 3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
- 7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

**Monday/Lunes, August 27**
- 6:00-7:00pm CR3,4,Kit Community Supper
- 6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10 JPC - Junta de Equipo
- 7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptismal Class

**Tuesday/Martes, August 28**
- 6:30-9:00pm MC Español - Platica Prebautismal
- 6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC Coro
- 7:00-8:45pm CR3,4,Kit KOC - Assembly
- 7:00-8:30pm CH Reunion Liturgica

**Wednesday/Miércoles, August 29**
- 9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group - Study
- 4:00-8:00pm NUR Choir Practice / Fill/Am Choir
- 5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
- 6:00-9:00pm MC New Catechist Training
- 6:00-7:30pm Rm.11,CR13 UPDE Meeting
- 7:00-8:00pm CH Hora Santa
- 6:30-7:30pm DC EDGE Youth Group
- 6:30-8:00pm Gym Danza Liturgica
- 6:30-9:30pm Rm.8 Spanish Catechist FF Training
- 7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial
- 8:00-10:00pm CH Alfa-Omega Grupo de Oracion

**Thursday/Jueves, August 30**
- 6:30-7:30pm MC Cub Scouts Meeting
- 7:00-8:00pm CR1,4,Kit Altar Servers Meet & Greet
- 7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.

**Friday/Viernes, August 31**
- 9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study
- 7:00-9:00pm CR1-2,Kit Grupo Amigos Youth Group
- 7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 JPC Reunión Semanal

**Saturday/Sábado, September 1**
- 6:00-9:00pm CR1,4,Kit JPC - Retiro Evangelizadores

**Monday, August 27**
† Rita Thatcher
† Barry Hughes
† Fred Hyndman
† Robert Hyndman
† Charles (Chuck) Martin
† Mary McAreavey
† Sara Lua
† Jose Concepcion Cid
† Lucrecia Madrigal
† Rachel Meek
† Jose Luis Garcia
† Jose Muñoz
because of the Lord’s teachings themselves, not because of someone else’s interpretation of those teachings. We can see that the best Teacher and His best teaching are abandoned. The reason? Because the Lord’s words were hard.

A closer look at the dialogue reveals that no one contradicted the truthfulness of Jesus’ teaching, or His authority to be a teacher. It was just that His words were difficult, even demanding. He was speaking about the Living Bread, and what he offers to those who accept Him. And for us, we cannot veer away from the demand of the gospel simply because it is difficult to follow.

The key that unlocks the meaning of this passage is given to us by Peter: Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

It is only in Him that we find the message of eternal life, which our souls desire, and in Him is the only way to fulfill it. As Pope Francis has said: “All that we have in the world does not satiate our hunger for the infinite. We need Jesus, to be with Him, to be nourished at His table, with His words of eternal life! To believe in Jesus means to put Him at the center, the sense of our life.”

From Peter’s answer-question we understand that following Jesus is a free choice, and we also comprehend that even though His message is strong, and difficult, it is solely through him that we inherit eternal life. Our commitment is about more than His message or gospel: it is also fidelity to a person, faithfulness to Jesus.

As we meditate on this Sunday’s gospel from the sixth chapter of Saint John, I ask you to understand that if the demands of the gospel are sometimes difficult to live, it is because no disciple is greater than the Master and because the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Rm 8:18). And no matter what, we will follow Him always, just as the Lord is ever at our side.
Liturgists aren'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.

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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 ralphndebbie@icloud.com

**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
(alternate 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.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**
Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Monica
Tuesday: St. Augustine
Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**TRUST**
I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him too much. —Anonymous
¡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

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses. Ellos escogieron al Señor (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los doce escogieron permanecer con él; “Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?” (Juan 6:60-69)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:  2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Martes:  2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles:  2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 128 (127):1-2, 4-5; Mc 6:17-29

Jueves:  1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes:  1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Sábado:  1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Domingo:  Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Sant 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿De qué manera el ejemplo del matrimonio cristiano (él tuyo o el de otra pareja) te ayudó a entender la relación entre Cristo y su iglesia?"

Niño: "¿Qué puedes hacer por tu familia para mostrarles el amor y cuidado de Jesús?"
Formación de Familias en la Fe

Los niños han empezado otro año escolar y se han terminado sus vacaciones. Estemos unidos en oración por todos los estudiantes y las familias que están emprendiendo sus ocupaciones regulares. Les recordamos que ya estamos registrando a los niños que necesitan prepararse para El Sacramento de Primera Comunión. Las clases comenzaran el sábado 08 de septiembre. Si tienen alguna pregunta favor de pasar a la oficina o por correo electrónico con María Miranda a mMiranda@dsj.org.

La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el Lunes, 3 de Septiembre en observación del día laborar y el Jueves, 6 de Septiembre por un retiro del Equipo Pastoral.

Declaraciones del Obispo Patrick J. McGrath Diócesis de San José en California

La noticia de esta semana sobre el histórico abuso sexual de menores en seis diócesis de Pennsylvania es realmente horrorosa. La confianza fue lo primero que se traciono a través de estos ataques a inocentes; sin embargo, el encubrimiento sistemático y la reasignación de esos sacerdotes llevada a cavo por sus obispos y superiores religiosos es simplemente imperdonable.

Como he dicho en varias ocasiones, nosotros – la Iglesia y sus ministros – debemos atenernos a un estándar más alto. Estamos llamados a proteger y mantener a salvo los niños, los jóvenes, y todas las personas vulnerables. No puede haber atajos, nada puede excusar estos actos inmorales y pecaminosos.

La Diócesis de San José permanece comprometida a la protección de los hijos e hijas de Dios y a fomentar ambientes más seguros para alabar, aprender y vivir.

Me hago eco de los obispos de Pennsylvania, quienes han pedido perdón. Aunque bien sabemos que el perdón no absuelve a los perpetradores de las consecuencias de estas graves transgresiones contra los indefensos.

Finalmente, les pido rezar por las víctimas y sus familias. Al mismo tiempo les pido también rezar por la vasta mayoría de los sacerdotes – del presente y del pasado – que han sido fieles a su ministerio. Ellos, también se afligen por la terrible mancha de este pecado que a perjudicado a tantos.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

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

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

El programa de Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana adaptado 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.

¡Bienvenidos a la Catequesis Familiar!
VIGÉSIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

SANTA CATALINA DE ALEJANDRIA

Durante los momentos de más 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.

HORA SANTA Y ROSARIO

TODOS LOS MIÉRCOLES DE 7:00 PM A 8:00 PM

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 ayudarán en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

AVISOS A PADRES DE MONAGUILLLOS

El Padre Francis Kalaw desea invitar a los padres de todos los y las Monaguillos actuales y de aquellos interesados en servir de monaguillos a una reunión de Conocer y Saludar el **Jueves 30 de Agosto a las 7pm en el centro parroquial.** Esta será una oportunidad para conocer al padre Francis y otros padres de aquellos en este ministerio. Nuestro deseo es capacitar a nuestros monaguillos actuales e inspirar a más adolescentes dentro de nuestra comunidad a ser parte de este importante ministerio que les permite sentirse atraídos por Cristo. Como el Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco le dijo a un grupo de jóvenes en la Basílica de San Pedro en 2015, "servir en el altar es una manera privilegiada de estar más cerca de Jesús y permite a nuestros jóvenes estar abiertos a los demás en su camino de fe." Que nosotros, como padres y maestros de la fe, sigamos apoyando a nuestros hijos para hacer una contribución duradera y significativa en la liturgia.

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!
OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

The Gym is open for drop-in play on Sundays from 7-9pm. This is primarily for ages 30 and older. Youth 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 ricweb3.0@gmail.com

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There’s still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don’t have a personal castle in the hills!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD”

I love this Scripture passage from the 1st Reading (Joshua 24:15). After our first son (Joshua) was born, my oldest sister gave a wall hanging (not sure if it’s called something else but I’m too lazy to find out) with this quote on it. It just always sounded defiant - like, “I know what I believe in, come at me.” But as the years have gone by, I sometimes look at the quote with trepidation. I’ll be honest, sometimes I let my fears take away the confidence this passage portrays. I have seen so many parents who are dedicated to their faith and raise their children up in the faith, only to see their children leave the Church in one way or another.

As a youth minister, I fear the chances of my children leaving the Church grow, only because they are engulfed in the church and ministry life even more so, that it could be a turn off. Just the other week, we went to Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and my daughter was looking sad, so I asked what was wrong, and she said she didn’t want to be at church.

Dang, failed a 3 year old.

I know I haven’t really failed her yet—but that brief conversation (she did not want to explain to me why), and this passage makes me wonder if I can be filled with such certainty. Does my household serve the Lord? I mean, when people come over, do they feel like they are coming into a house that is focused on serving God? Do my children feel like they live in a house—are a part of a family—that serves God? Sure, we pray before meals and before bedtime, go to Mass weekly, talk about God once in awhile, read Christian children’s books and listen to Christian music, but what about all the time in between (and even during) those things? Do the words I use with my children and my wife, the patience & forgiveness I have for them, and the generosity I show them, reflect a person who serves the Lord? I can say I believe in Jesus Christ til I’m blue in the face, but if all my other words and actions don’t coincide with that, then I’m just a liar. I don’t know what the future holds for my children in their faith journey. What I do know, is that if I truly, sincerely, consistently and constantly try to serve the Lord more and more each day, that my children will have the best example I could possibly give them of what an authentic Christian looks like.

Confirmation

Although the Confirmation process is open year-round, we encourage and invite high school teens to start the process in the Fall. We’re excited for some new things we’re trying out this year, and look forward to supporting the teens who will begin this year as well as those continuing from years past. Mark your calendars:

Parent Info Mtg - either Sep. 9th at 3:30pm or Sep. 17th at 7:30pm
Parent Info Mtg in Spanish - Sep. 17th at 6pm
Teen Intro Session - Sep. 30th at 3:30pm
Fall Session - Oct. 7th at 3:30pm

Any questions, feel free to email me at deepuk@dsj.org (and my name is Deepu, not Deepuk).
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
Are you baptized Catholic but have not received any formal faith formation or received the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation or Eucharist?
Are you baptized in another faith tradition and are seeking initiation into the Catholic faith?

We invite you to explore and discover what it means to follow Jesus as a Catholic Christian, learning with others in a community of faith.

Every year adults and children (7 years of age or older) are welcomed into the Catholic Community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a learning and loving process through which conversion and transformation of the heart brings you to know Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
Begins Thursday, September 20th
7:30 pm in Milani Center

For inquiries for elementary and high school-aged children who are not baptized, please contact Rose at rosepm@dsj.org

**CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR 2018-19!**

**Saturday Sessions (SPANISH)**
BEGIN September 8 (Orientation)

**Sunday Sessions**
BEGIN September 9 (Orientation)

**Wednesday Sessions**
BEGIN September 12 (Orientation)

**EDGE Middle School Youth Group**
7:00 - 8:30 pm on Wednesdays
Begin Sept 5th

Registration forms are available online at the St. Catherine Church website, in the church vestibule and the Faith Formation office. See registration forms for specific descriptions. For further information please call the Family Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

**Special Screening of SCREENAGERS:**
Growing Up In the Digital Age

Friday, August 31, 2018 at 7:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
5111 San Felipe Road
$10 at the door and online screenagersmovie.com
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

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 is 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.

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.

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase – During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. 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.

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 3rd
in Observance of Labor Day.

The Parish Office will also be closed
Thursday, September 6th
for a Staff Retreat.

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

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.

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!
SEWING HELP NEEDED
Our Morgan Hill Safe Car Park ministry has a tiny house with lots of windows and no curtains! The young expectant woman currently staying there could use a little more privacy. If you can sew a simple casing and have some time to help, we’d be grateful. Contact Carol Lillig for more information. 408-857-4516 or Lillig.carol@gmail.com

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD’S SERVICE
In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

STATEMENT OF BISHOP PATRICK J. McGrath
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE
The news this week of the historic sexual abuse of minors in six Pennsylvania dioceses is truly horrific. Trust was first betrayed by these attacks on the innocent; however, the systematic cover-up and reassigning of these priests by their bishops and superiors is just as unforgivable.

As I have stated on many occasions, we – the Church and its ministers – must abide by a higher standard. We are called to protect and keep safe children, the young and all vulnerable persons. There can be no short-cuts, nothing that can excuse immoral and sinful acts.

The Diocese of San Jose remains committed to protecting God’s children and to fostering the safest of environments in which to worship, learn and live.

I echo the bishops in Pennsylvania who have asked for forgiveness. Yet we know that forgiveness does not absolve perpetrators of the consequences of these grave transgressions against the defenseless.

Finally, I ask you to pray for the victims and their families. I would also request that you pray for the vast majority of priests – present and past – who have been faithful in their ministry. They, too, grieve for the terrible stain of this sin that has harmed so many.

May God bless you all.

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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?”
Child: “What can you do for your family to show them Jesus’ love and care?”

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.
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 met 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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Fiscal Year to Date

| This YTD | $168,285 |
| Goal     | $160,542 |
| Difference | $7,743    | 4.8 |

SUNDAY COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

We are looking for more volunteers for Sunday Hospitality. This is our Ministry at St. Catherine’s for parishioners and visitors to enjoy each other’s company with some Coffee and Doughnuts after Sunday morning Mass. It is simple to do, and all we ask is you stay 30 minutes before or after the Mass. Can you commit to once every 2 months? Please email me at lvillano@dsj.org if you are interested.

PARISH FALL FUN FEST

SAVE the DATE
September 14, 15 & 16

Volunteers Needed!
Tickets on sale!

See details on the website www.stca.org

Fall Fun Fest
Car Show
Saturday, September 15
Got that old Mustang you want to show off?
Register on the website now.
St. Catherine School News

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.

Love One Another
School theme 2018-2019

Lots of smiles as the new school year began! Students enjoyed two short days before beginning the regular schedule. The first day of school ended with a prayer service.

Students were excited to return to school. Above, eighth graders, in their new sweatshirts, get to know their teacher, Mrs. Anne Nowell. Below, sixth graders are glad to be in middle school.

CATHOLIC TELEMEDIA NETWORK (CTN)

Catholic Telemedia Network provides an array of services to the Catholic schools of the dioceses of San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. CTN streams educational programming from its studios in Menlo Park and provides online access to a range of educational games and websites.

Teachers, students and parents are able to access CTN’s online programs which include web quests, games, video streaming, and online labs just to name a few.

CTN offers online programs such as Mathletics, BrainPop, Learning 360, and much more. Additionally, they offer many Religion resources for Catholic school teachers.

Here’s to a great school year!