

Saint Catherine catholic community
Comunidad católica de santa catalina



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

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, 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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / TRIGÉSIMO TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sábado: 7:00pm
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
5:30pm
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

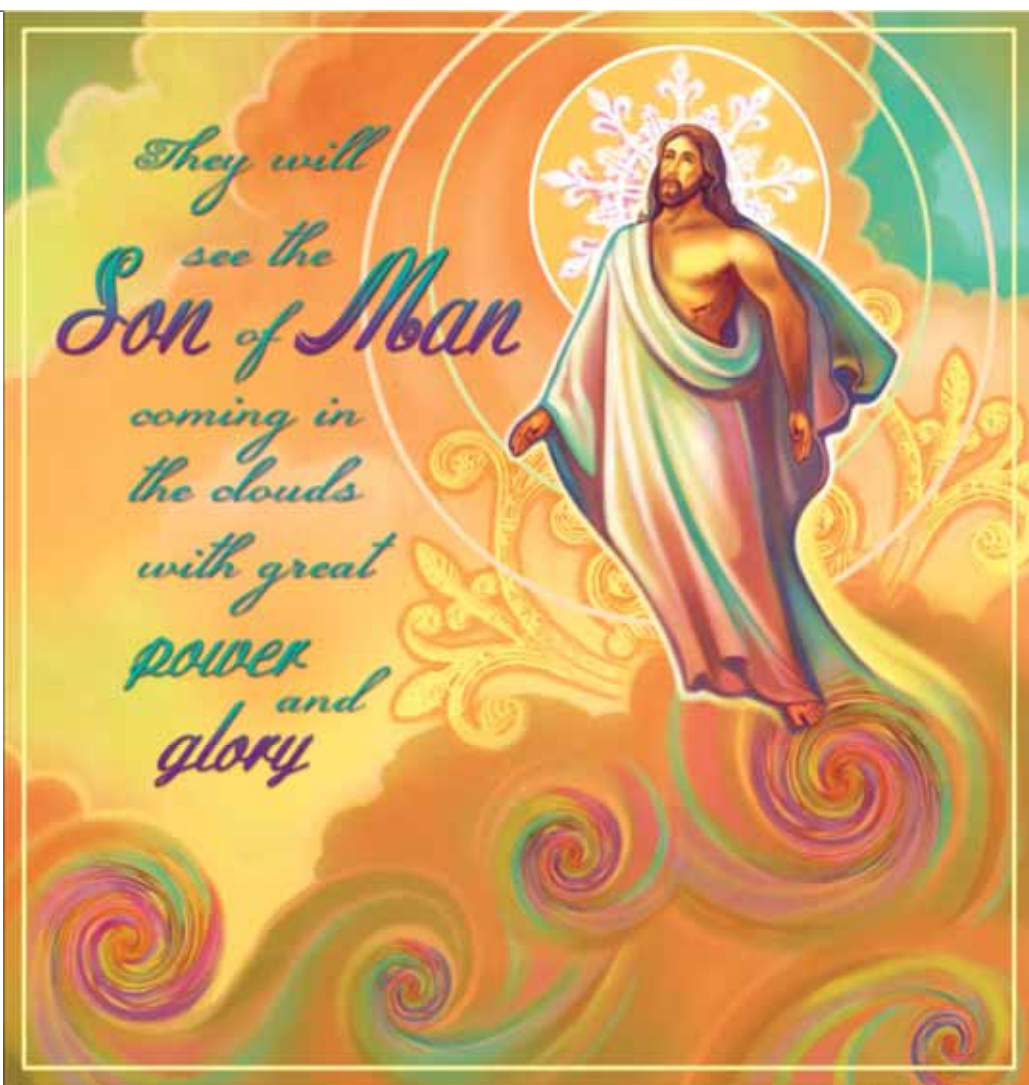
Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 -
5:00pm (Or by appointment /
O hacer una cita.)

ADORACIÓN / ADORATION
Wednesday / Miércoles 7:00pm

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalms — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, November 18

8:00-4:00pm MC Thanksgiving Food Drive
9:00-10:15am DC,Rm8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

Monday/Lunes, November 19

11:00-2:30pm CR1-4,Kit Over 50's Luncheon
6:00-7:00pm CR3-4,Kit Community Super
7:00-9:00pm MC JPC - Reunion de Equipo
6:00-8:00pm Rm.11 UPDE - One on One Meeting
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group
7:00-8:00pm CH Angelica Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday/Martes, November 20

2:30-3:00pm CH School Prayer Service
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC Coro
7:00-9:30pm MC Spanish Catechist Training
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtg.
7:00-9:00pm LR Car Raffle Committee Planning

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 21

4:00-8:30pm NUR Choir Practice/FilAM Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir
6:00-8:00pm CR1-4,Kit Thanksgiving Charity Dinner
6:00-8:00pm MC UPDE Meeting with Teens
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC Coro
7:00-8:00pm CH Hora Santa
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Encuentro Matrimonial
8:00-10:00pm CH Alfa-Omega Grupo de Oración

Thursday/Jueves, November 22

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:30-11:30am CH Bilingual - Thanksgiving Mass

Friday/Viernes, November 23

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday/Sábado, November 24



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

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, November 19 † Benny H. Estrada
† Lawrence Nemeth
Tuesday, November 20 Richard Torres
† John & Lucia Flaherty
Wednesday, November 21 † Sergio Madrigal
† Luisa Salcedo
Thursday, November 22 **Thanksgiving Day**
Friday, November 23 † Vivian Conry
† Ines Zuluaga
Saturday, November 24 † Manuel Garibaldi
† Lowell Sando

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

The Gospel today has a somber tone. Coinciding with the approaching end of the Church year, Jesus again teaches his disciples. He warns that they must be able to read the signs of the time. While there will be an ultimate “end of time” as we experience it, we should not delay in preparing ourselves for a singular event far in the future. Rather, our call is to experience our daily lives in the context of a life which imitates Jesus. It is tempting to put things off, even with the best of intentions of following up “when I have time” or “after this busy time” or “when I’ve finished preparations.” Reading the signs of the times isn’t a platitude, it’s a real and present call. The signs which tend to draw our attention are most often near-term events. We are best served when we can include a longer term view. Jesus mentioned two weeks ago that the greatest commandment asked that we place God first in love and action and love our neighbor as ourselves. So familiar, yet this truth can recede to the back of our minds where there is agreement but no pressing need for immediate action. When we view our need to love only as an abstract idea we miss the point. Jesus asks for our love not as some kind of entrance rite leading to our ultimate unity with him in our next life. No, it’s meant to prod us into what ultimately provides Jesus’ presence to us now and moment by moment. We are invited to become carriers of the message of salvation by real and concrete actions ... actions that point beyond our own personal desires. Not that we aren’t rewarded continually, we are, but the reward is only tangible when love becomes a verb and not just a noun. Today’s message seems stark but it is intended to convey the importance of preparation, of living a life which honors the goodness of every person, without regard to their “value” in our eyes. The image of a “tug of war” comes to mind where two groups try to pull the other over a line between them. The winning group isn’t always the “stronger” one but the one that pulls together. The love we are to live is meant to be one that pulls us all together against the other side which is self-centered. As we reflect and consider our times, what kind of “signs” will we choose? Our time is ultimately no different than any other (in spite of its challenge). Living in community asks that we look beyond only our own needs. The group on the other side of our tug of war is really us too. We struggle to be on the “winning” side not in isolation but in communion with all that God has made...

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Fall is in the air and winter is not far behind. Ease into the heating season when first turning on the furnace. Try setting the thermostat 3 degrees lower than usual, increasing it gradually. Not only will you save energy, you’ll re-discover sweaters and warm clothes.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SERGIO OVANDO, PASTOR....

This week, some of you will leave town and travel to other places, there to share Thanksgiving with your families and friends. For this reason I would like to take the opportunity now to wish you a happy Thanksgiving Day. I believe the best way to do so, is to give you thanks for all that each one of you has done and continues to do for our Parish.

At the same time, I would like to invite you to pause and think of every gift you have received from God and from each other, and to ponder about how blessed each of us is.

Sometimes we cannot repay what we have received, because those gifts were given freely, without hope of repayment, or because it might be impossible to pay for the gifts of life and love. However, we can be grateful to everyone for all that we have received, as G. K. Chesterton wrote: *“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”*

We can even be grateful for the things that we do not like, because sometimes do we not learn from them and become better persons, able to understand and appreciate those around us?

Personally, when I consider my life, I believe that everything is a gift; I can never be grateful enough to my family, to my friends, and indeed to each one of you that the good Lord has put along my path. You remind me that we are never alone, and that we are surrounded by people that show us the face of God present to us, and who continue to give to me - to us - His gifts each day.

For every gift we have received, we should be grateful. Often there are words of gratitude that we need to express, and other times we give thanks by our actions and by the way we use our gifts. The only way to be grateful for the gift of life is to live a life that will make our parents proud, and to make proud every person that in one way or another has contributed to our lives. For this reason, I encourage you to *“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever!”* (1 Chronicles 16:34).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — En aquel tiempo se levantará el guardián de tu pueblo. Entonces serán salvados cada uno de los que estén inscritos en el libro. (Daniel 12:1-3).

Salmo — Protégeme, Dios mío, que me refugio en ti (Salmo 16 [15]).

Segunda lectura — Ahora, el que ofreció un único sacrificio por los pecados y está sentado a la derecha de Dios, espera que sus enemigos sean colocados como tarima de sus pies (Hebreos 10:11-14, 18).

Evangelio — Nadie sabe cuándo será el día ni la hora (Marcos 13:24-32).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 18:35-43
Martes: Ap 3:1-6, 14-22; Sal 15 (16):2-5; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: Ap 4:1-11; Sal 150:1b-6; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lc 19:41-44
Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19
Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 144 (145):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Apo 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

¡BIENVENIDO!

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

Nombre (s): _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____

Código postal: _____

Numero teléfono: _____

Email: _____

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

_____ Yes _____ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

_____ Yes _____ No

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE SERGIO OVANDO, PARROCO

Esta semana, algunos de ustedes saldrán de la ciudad y viajarán a otros lugares, para allí compartir el Día de Acción de Gracias con sus familiares y amigos. Por esta razón, me gustaría aprovechar la oportunidad para desearles un feliz día de Acción de Gracias. Creo que la mejor manera de hacerlo es de darles las gracias por todo lo que cada uno de ustedes ha hecho y continúa haciendo por nuestra Parroquia.

Al mismo tiempo, me gustaría invitarlos a hacer una pausa y pensar en cada regalo que han recibido de Dios y unos de otros, y reflexionar como estamos bendecidos cada uno de nosotros.

A veces no podemos pagar lo que hemos recibido, porque esos regalos se dieron libremente, sin esperanza de reembolso, o porque sería imposible pagar por los regalos de la vida y el amor. Sin embargo, podemos estar agradecidos a todos por todo lo que hemos recibido, como escribió G. K. Chesterton: "*Mantendría que las gracias son la forma más elevada de pensamiento y que la gratitud es la felicidad duplicada por la maravilla*".

¿Incluso podemos estar agradecidos por las cosas que no nos gustan, porque a veces, no aprendemos de ellas y nos convertimos en mejores personas, capaces de entender y apreciar a quienes nos rodean?

Personalmente, cuando considero mi vida, creo que todo es un regalo; Nunca puedo estar lo suficientemente agradecido a mi familia, a mis amigos y, de hecho, a cada uno de ustedes que el buen Señor ha puesto en mi camino. Me recuerdan que nunca estamos solos, y que estamos rodeados de personas que nos muestran el rostro de Dios presente para nosotros, y que continúan dándonos a nosotros sus dones cada día.

Por cada regalo que hemos recibido, debemos estar agradecidos. A menudo hay palabras de gratitud que debemos expresar, y otras veces damos gracias por nuestras acciones y por la forma en que usamos nuestros dones. La única manera de estar agradecido por el regalo de la vida es vivir una vida que haga sentir orgullosos a nuestros padres, y hacer que cada persona se sienta orgullosa de que de una u otra manera haya contribuido a nuestras vidas. Por esta razón, los aliento a "*Dar gracias al SEÑOR, porque él es bueno; ¡Su amor perdura para siempre!*" (1 Crónicas 16:34).

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FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

En las últimas semanas, el programa de catequesis ha tenido diferentes clases. En estas clases todos aprendemos algo nuevo para seguir creciendo en nuestra Fe. Invitamos a los padres de familia a que pasen a los temas semanales los sábados a las 9:15am en el centro Milani.



Clase de Ambiente Seguro para los niños.



Tema para padres: Amor que se Vuelve Fecundo con la Sra. Dolores Moreno.



Grupo *Mujer de Fe* sigue creciendo Construyendo lazos de Fe, Amor y Esperanza.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 19 de noviembre del 1969 (Día del Descubrimiento de Puerto Rico), el Papa Pablo VI declaró a Nuestra Señora Madre de la Divina Providencia, como patrona de la Isla del Encanto. Este acto fue el culmen de un largo proceso devocional hacia la Madre de la Divina Providencia empezado por el obispo Catalán Gil Esteve y Tomás quien trajo la primera imagen de la Virgen a la isla Boricua.

La imagen actual es de María sentada con su Hijo (la Divina Providencia) dormido sobre su regazo. Ella sostiene la manita izquierda del niño en sus manos mientras lo mira cariñosamente. La imagen inspira ternura y muestra la confianza de María en la Divina Providencia de su Hijo, que aunque este dormido, no se descuida de ella ni de los fieles.

Esta imagen recuerda el pasaje bíblico en el cual Jesús dormía en la barca de Pedro, despertando a tiempo para calmar los mares y los vientos que la amenazaban. He aquí que la devoción a la Madre de la Divina Providencia es confiar que Dios siempre llega a nuestro amparo cuando lo invocamos.

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

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Miércoles: La Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María

Jueves: Santa Cecilia; Día de Acción de Gracias

Viernes: San Clemente I; San Columbano; Beato Miguel Agustín Pro

Sábado: San Andrés Dũng-Lac y compañeros

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

OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIADO

¿Está interesado en ser voluntario? Visite nuestro sitio web en www.stca.org, haga clic en OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIO a la derecha para ver e inscribirse en varias opciones de voluntario.

Muchas manos hacen el trabajo menos.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Qué estarías haciendo diferente en tu vida si realmente creyeras que te reunirías con Cristo pronto?"

Niño: "¿Qué harías por los demás hoy si pensaras que no tendrías otro?"

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OBRANDO EN LAS ESCRITURAS
Por el Diácono Rick Haeckel

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

El evangelio de hoy tiene un tono sombrío. Coincidiendo con el fin del año litúrgico de la Iglesia, Jesús nuevamente enseña a sus discípulos. Advierte que deben ser capaces de leer los signos de los tiempos. Si bien habrá un "fin del tiempo" definitivo a medida que lo experimentemos, no debemos demorarnos en prepararnos para un evento singular en el futuro. Más bien, nuestro llamado es experimentar nuestra vida diaria en el contexto de una vida que imita a Jesús. Es tentador posponer las cosas, incluso con las mejores intenciones de hacer un seguimiento "cuando tengo tiempo" o "después de este tiempo ocupado" o "cuando haya terminado los preparativos". Leer los signos de los tiempos no es un problema, es una llamada real y presente. Los signos que tienden a llamar nuestra atención son, en la mayoría de los casos, eventos a corto plazo. Estamos más cómodos cuando podemos tener una visión a largo plazo. Jesús mencionó en el evangelio de hace dos semanas que el mayor mandamiento nos pide que pongamos a Dios primero en amor y acción y que amemos a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Tan familiar, sin embargo, esta verdad puede esconderse en el fondo de nuestras mentes donde estamos de acuerdo, pero no hay una necesidad apremiante de acción inmediata. Cuando vemos nuestra necesidad de amar solo como una idea abstracta, no entendemos el punto. Jesús pide nuestro amor, no como una especie de rito de entrada que conduzca a nuestra máxima unidad con él en nuestra próxima vida. No, está destinado a empujarnos hacia lo que finalmente nos brinda la presencia de Jesús ahora y momento a momento. Estamos invitados a convertirnos en portadores del mensaje de salvación mediante acciones reales y concretas... acciones que apuntan más allá de nuestros deseos personales. No es que no seamos recompensados continuamente, lo somos, pero la recompensa es solo tangible cuando el amor se convierte en un verbo y no solo en un sustantivo. El mensaje de hoy parece austero, pero pretende transmitir la importancia de la preparación, de vivir una vida que honre la bondad de cada persona, sin importar su "valor" a nuestros ojos. La imagen de un "jala y afloja" viene a la mente cuando dos grupos intentan jalar al otro sobre una línea entre ellos. El grupo ganador no siempre es el "más fuerte", sino el que se une. El amor que debemos vivir se supone que es uno que nos une a todos contra el otro lado, que es egocéntrico. Al reflexionar y considerar nuestros tiempos, ¿qué tipo de "signos" elegiremos? Nuestro tiempo no es, en última instancia, diferente de cualquier otro (a pesar de su desafío). Vivir en comunidad nos pide que miremos más allá de nuestras propias necesidades. El grupo al otro lado de nuestra batalla es realmente nosotros mismos también. Luchamos por estar en el lado "ganador" no en aislamiento sino en comunión con todo lo que Dios ha hecho.

Cantemos al
Amor de los amores,
cantemos al Señor.
¡Dios está aquí!
Venid, adoradores;
adoremos a
Cristo Redentor.

¡Gloria a Cristo Jesús!
Cielos y tierra,
benedicid al Señor.
¡Honor y gloria a ti,
Rey de la gloria;
amor por siempre a ti,
Dios del amor!



SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El ministerio parroquial de San Vicente de Paul está disponible para cualquier persona que lo necesite en nuestra comunidad. Los feligreses donan dinero generosamente para que otros puedan obtener ayuda para pagar la renta, las facturas de PGE, o recibir una tarjeta de regalo para comida, gasolina o cualquier artículo necesario. Llame a nuestra línea de ayuda SVdP al 408-778-2928 y deje un mensaje en inglés o español.



Ahora que se acerca la festividad del día de acción de gracias, quiero aprovechar para agradecer a los ministros que apoyan en liturgia, a los líderes de los grupos parroquiales y a todas las personas que en cualquier forma que pueden dan un servicio a nuestra comunidad. Todo el trabajo, apoyo y amor que dan a nuestra comunidad es lo que la hace ser tan especial. Muchas gracias de parte de nuestro equipo de empleados parroquiales.

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Equipping Families to Pass On the Faith

Catechists & Us
(all of us!)



Eucharist Means Thanksgiving

Family. Food. Celebration. Much of our lives is centered around food. Who we eat with. What we eat. The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday is no exception. It reminds us of the importance of family and relationships. Gathering together, sharing a meal and table fellowship are all hallmarks of this very special time.

Eucharist means Thanksgiving. When we celebrate Eucharist, it is our public prayer giving praise and thanksgiving to God. During the upcoming Thanksgiving week, let us help family members stay focused on being thankful. Each day, family members can take turns naming...

- One gift we've received this year for which we are thankful.
- Two things we've learned about God this year that have changed our lives.
- Three things we're thankful for about our family's faith.
- Four things we're thankful for about our family.
- Five experiences our family had this year that made us happy.
- Six things in creation our family cannot live without.
- Seven people outside our family who have blessed us in some way.

***Remember to turn in your family's
Mass Transit Cards this week!***



Gobble Gobble

This Sunday is our annual Drive. We collect (mostly fresh) foods to deliver that day to homes of low-income families. Please consider donating – you can bring your food before or after Mass, and ask that the last donations be brought by 2pm. If it's later than that, please call or text my number below to see what we are still in need of.

We are always looking for people (great family time) to drive and deliver these baskets to the homes of these families. We will start delivery around noon and go until they're done (hopefully the last driver will leave the church no later than 4pm). You can do as many (or as few) deliveries as you have time to spare. If anyone is wondering why we do not do turkeys anymore, it's because some families do not have the means within their homes of cooking something as large as a turkey.

Thank you for your generosity.

Questions to Deepu at deepuk@dsj.org or 408-874-6742

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sunday, November 18th

looking for

donations of (mostly) fresh food
sorting of (mostly) fresh food
delivering of (mostly) fresh food

(mostly) fresh food includes:

smoked hams	stuffing
potatoes	gravy mix
veggies	cranberry sauce
fruits	pies
bread rolls	whipped cream
	apple cider



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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Have you noticed ladies and gentlemen going up to the Altar at the end of Mass and the Presider handing them something? Have you wondered who they are? What they are being given? These parishioners are called "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound". These devoted Ministers bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are sick or homebound and unable to come to Mass. St. Catherine Church is very fortunate to have many trained ministers. If you have a family member or know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Communion at home, please let them know that they, or a family member, can call the Rectory and make a request for visits. A Minister will be assigned to bring Eucharist to them once a week. Please keep these Ministers and the sick of our parish in your prayers.

ST. CATHERINE'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

The annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is upcoming on Wednesday, November 21st. Each year a scrumptious dinner is provided to almost 250 of our neighbors through the support of our generous community members. Donations and volunteer opportunities for this year's dinner are gratefully accepted on the parish website: www.stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/dinner2018

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity! Contact: janet95037@gmail.com

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

Congratulations to our new Stephen Ministers, Santa Alvarez, Elsie Carrillo and Norma Lopez! They are ready to serve in the parish as they have completed 50 hours of training. If you or someone you love is going through a difficult time or carrying a heavy burden, they are ready to listen and care. COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL, NO JUDGMENTS! For more information call/text Kenny at 408-772-7600 or Claranne at 408-710-2890.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: "What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?"

Child: "What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another?"



PARISH GIVING TREE/ ADOPT A FAMILY CHRIST- MAS PROGRAM

Doing without things that most of us take for granted is a way of life for some families in our community. Some children cannot go to social events, expect certain toys for Christmas or their birthday, or even have a Christmas tree because their families cannot afford these expenses. Fortunately, the families of St. Catherine Parish have the **Parish Giving Tree / Adopt A**

Family Christmas Program to help make the dreams of their children come true...

This program is more than just giving and receiving. It is mainly about sharing one's love and strength with someone else who feels tired and run down. By participating in this type of program, "... the strength of our ever loving Christ child becomes present and joy fills the air."

If you, your family, coworkers or a group of families would like to **adopt a family**, please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org.

Of course you may choose to take a **star** from the Giving Tree as you do every year. On your star there will be information about an Adult or Child, Female/Girl or Male/Boy, clothing size, and or toys.

Please return gifts by **Sunday, December 9th**; all gifts should be taken to the Parish Rectory Office during M-F 8AM-6PM. On **Sunday, December 16th at 10:00am** in the Milani Center, we will begin sorting, preparing and delivering gifts to our families. You can volunteer to help on volunteer at www.stca.org

If you would like to participate by donating money or gift cards all gifts are appreciated. Please make your check payable to "St. Catherine Church - Parish Giving Tree" and deliver it to the Parish Rectory Office.

Your generosity is truly appreciated by all in the community. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Anna Quinones
Office of Development & Evangelization

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**It's Early Bird Weekend!
Buy Your Tickets Now!**

St. Catherine's 36th Annual Sweepstakes

This is your last chance to purchase tickets and automatically be entered into the **Early Bird Drawing** which provides an additional opportunity to win more cash prizes as a reward for buying early. Last day to take advantage of getting in the Early Bird drawing is Sunday, November 18th.

NEW NEWS: Through a generous donation from an anonymous parishioner, the Sweepstakes is the beneficiary of TWO PREMIUM WARRIORS Tickets and MVP Parking. This is our new Early Bird Grand Prize. Last chance to be entered into this drawing and have a chance for these once in a lifetime seats! Other prizes in the Early Bird remain.

Remember, your purchase of a \$60 **Vehicle Sweepstakes** ticket may put you behind the wheel of a brand new car with a sticker price up to **\$40,000**. As an alternative to the car prize, the lucky winner can choose to receive **\$30,000 in cash**.

The \$20 **Vacation Sweepstakes Ticket** offers a Trip of a Lifetime! The possibilities are endless if you win first prize. You name the place and your winning ticket will fund it up to **\$7,500**. Alternatively the lucky winner can choose to receive \$5,000 in Cash. This ticket has 5 great prizes to win, including a new **Drone**, Cash and a trip to **Disneyland!**

Who benefits from this, our largest fundraiser of the year? Your community. As the Ministry that supports other Ministries, every dollar raised through the Annual Sweepstakes supports our Parish and School programs such as sacramental preparation and faith formation, our liturgical and pastoral care ministries; our computer labs and drama program. But really the children, young adults and families that make up our Parish and School community are the real beneficiaries.

Try your luck and have some fun. Everyone wins!

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today.

We accept **Cash, Check, Visa, Master Card and AmEx.**

ST. CATHERINE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: November selection And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer: A Novella by Fredrick Backman. Meets Tuesday, November 27th at 7pm at Peet's on Cochrane. Questions? Contact Paula paulacbarbara@gmail.com

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

WANT AN UNFORGETTABLE "BREAK" FOR YOUR MARRIAGE? Want something more long-lasting than a vacation in at the ocean or the mountains? Give your marriage the best vacation break possible by making the unique **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Feb 15-17, 2019 in San Jose, CA and May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact **Ken & Claranne** at applications@sanjosewwme.org or **408-782-1413**.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Join us for our bilingual Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 22nd at 10:30am.

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

Business Office Update

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



Facing a Life Challenge?

A Stephen Minister may be able to offer a new perspective and encouragement.

Call Claranne @ 408-782-1413 or Kenny @ 408-722-6700

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Catherine Parish.

	Sunday	
	11/11/18	
This Week	\$23,549	
Goal	\$23,000	
Difference	\$549	2.4%

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?

This is also a great opportunity for your ministry to serve the Parish and speak with parishioners about who you are and what you do. Check out the groups who have taken advantage of this: Knights of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, Cub Scouts, Community Closet, and others.

For more information, email me at lvillano@dsj.org

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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!

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.

ST. CATHERINE'S FINANCE COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

St Catherine's Finance Council currently has five members, and the Diocese recommends up to nine. If you have a business background, please consider volunteering your time and talent to join the Council in its important mission of overseeing the financial well being of the Parish. Please email lvillano@dsj.org if you are interested. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bright Beginnings Nursery is open on Sundays for the 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses. We have toys and activities for children from ages 1 to 4 years old. Hiedi Betancourt is our Nursery Supervisor and 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

NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT — FOOD DRIVE



Each month the students of St. Catherine School participate in a service project. For the month of November, students will be collecting non-perishable food items which will be sent to Reach Out for distribution.

Each class started collecting at the beginning of the month. During our Thanksgiving Prayer Service on November 20, classes will bring the food as their offering.



APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available on the school website, www.stcatherinemh.org, under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 19, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 6. Kinder testing will take place in January with testing for grades 1-8 being held in March.

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.



ART IN ACTION



For the past nine years, St. Catherine School has used a fabulous art program, *Art in Action*. *Art in Action* focuses on art concepts in conjunction with their correlation to common core standards. This program is both teacher and student friendly. Students learn about art concepts such as color, lines, and perspective in an historical context. Teachers have online training available for each project that provides information on a particular artist, his/her style and artwork, as well as a step by step process for a hands on creative experience for the students. Student art is displayed regularly in the school hallways and classrooms.