

# St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET,  
INVITE THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED,  
THE LAME, THE BLIND.**

**LUKE 14:13**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY:** 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM

**SUNDAY:** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
1:00 PM (Spanish)

**ADORATION:** Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 PM

**HOLY DAYS:** VIGIL MASS 7:00 PM ; 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Thur. 8:30 AM - 1 PM

2:00 PM - 5 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 1 PM

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ST. CATHERINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOL K-8:** 604 Mellus Street, Martinez, CA

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 9AM - 2 PM

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**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

Before serving or continuing in your ministry, complete the  
Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project  
Training @ [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Thank you.

### RCIA: "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults"

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you need Adult Baptism?

Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Confirmation?

St. Catherine offers a friendly and supportive program. Please  
call the office (925) 228-2230 ext. 4 or Karen for more  
information.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### BAPTISMS:

Registration is mandatory two months prior to  
Baptism month. Please call the office to make an  
appointment once you have your documents ready.  
Parents & Godparents are required to attend a  
mandatory Baptism preparation class one month  
before reception of the Sacrament.

All information regarding requirements and  
schedules, can be found on the website at  
[www.stcmtz.org](http://www.stcmtz.org) or Sylvia at Ext 2

### FIRST EUCHARIST:

The Religious Education Program classes start in  
September. The First Holy Communion program is  
a two year program. All other classes are one year  
(K-8).

[drestcath@yahoo.com](mailto:drestcath@yahoo.com) or Andrea at Ext 5

### CONFIRMATION:

Youth Confirmation Program Registration continues  
in September. It is a one year program for all incom-  
ing Freshmen or above. Please contact: Paul or Jenny  
Holland Ext 8 or at [stcathym@gmail.com](mailto:stcathym@gmail.com) for more  
Information. For Adult Confirmation, please call Ka-  
ren Glen at the parish office Ext 4.

### MARRIAGES:

Arrangements and mandatory preparation need to  
be arranged at **least eight months** prior to the wed-  
ding. No dates can be set prior to an initial meet-  
ing with a priest. No exceptions.

[www.stcmtz.org](http://www.stcmtz.org) or Sylvia at Ext 2

### RECONCILIATION:

Confession times are weekly on Saturday's from  
3:00 - 4:00 PM and by appointment.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the  
continuation of the Lord's compassion for the sick.  
The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one  
of two sacraments which heals and saves the bap-  
tized person from sin. The other sacrament of heal-  
ing is Penance. For an anointing during working  
hours, please call the Parish office.

or Sylvia at Ext 2

### FUNERALS:

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Ser-  
vices at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the par-  
ish office to coordinate your arrangements.

[www.stcmtz.org](http://www.stcmtz.org) or Sylvia at Ext 2



# REFLECTION ON A NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Have you heard that Saint Catherine's is getting a new organ? Our old organ has not worked for several years and is not economically repairable. Without it, something important has been missing in our church. Organs and Catholic churches go together. Why is that? Thinking about it this week, I came up with at least seven different reasons:

## **#1 Tradition.**

As long as I can remember, and long before I was born, our churches have had organs. This tradition goes back to 1430 in Europe. There is more sacred music written for organs than any other instrument. Churches around the world feature organs. The bigger the church, the bigger the organ. In the middle ages, architects had to incorporate multiple small pulpits so the Gospel reading could be relayed to those sitting in the rear of the church. Before microphones, speakers, and electronics, an organ would be the one thing heard throughout the church.

## **#2 An organ can fill a large space physically, visually, and auditorily.**

Organs are physically larger than other instruments. They are grand and awe inspiring. Organs come with two, three, four or more manuals (keyboards). There can have dozens, up to thousands of pipes. There is no other instrument that is larger. For maximum visual impact, these instruments are installed on a raised platform or in a loft for the whole congregation to admire. Surprisingly, the largest pipe organ ever built is not in a church. It was built by the Midmer-Losh Organ Company between 1929 and 1932 and is housed at the Boardwalk Hall Auditorium in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Atlantic City organ contains seven manuals, 1,235 stops, 449 ranks, 337 registers, and 33,114 pipes! It weighs 150 tons. The loudest pipe on this organ is equivalent to a military jet aircraft take-off from an aircraft carrier.

Auditorily, an organ is the only instrument that can swell to fit a huge space. Other instruments like piano, guitar, and trumpet can be electrically amplified but that is not the same. When you look at something using a telescope, it appears larger but distorted. Edges are blurry and imperfections are magnified. The background is out of focus. The same thing happens when you hear an instrument with amplification. The amplified sound is distorted.

An organ needs no amplification. The sound is made by wind rushing through acoustic pipes, just like the human voice. To increase the sound of an organ, you increase the amount of wind and the number of pipes. When the organ is played in church, everyone is immersed. The music comes from all directions at once. What other instrument could play in the huge cathedrals of medieval Europe?

Vivian and I were in Milan last year. On the town square stands the Duomo di Milano, one of the most famous buildings in Europe and one of the largest cathedrals in the world. Construction began in 1386 and took five centuries to complete. The ceiling inside is 150 feet high. The church is 520 feet long with capacity inside for more than 40,000 people. Only an organ can fill this space with music.

## **#3 Organs are rare and expensive.**

The organ coming to Saint Catherine's Church cost \$200,000 when new. The church where it comes from is buying a new organ this year for half a million dollars and selling their current organ to us. A large pipe organ takes a community to purchase, house, and maintain. This is not an instrument that an individual would or could own.

## **#4 Organs are beautiful works of art.**

They are often decorated with rare and precious woods, artistic painting, metalwork, and other embellishments. The pipes are made with highly polished metal that is richly decorated. The Catholic Church is a great patron of the arts. For 2,000 years, we have employed the finest painters, architects, sculptors, musicians, and artisans to create beautiful works of art. Everything in our church should reflect the finest and most beautiful things that we can find as a tribute to the glory and majesty of God.

## **#5 Organs are musically versatile.**

They can sound like trumpets, oboes, tubas, violins, or a hundred other instruments. Stops let air into each set of organ pipes for each instrument. Have you ever heard someone say "pull out all the stops?" That means to pressurize all of the pipes on the organ at the same time. What an overpowering din of sound that would make.

To hear a world-famous organ with hundreds of stops, one need travel no farther than the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. The Spreckels Organ was installed in 1924 as the building was constructed. The manufacturer collaborated with the architect to accommodate 4,526 pipes inside the museum walls. Concerts are every Saturday from 4 to 4:45 pm.

## **#6 An organ can sustain notes indefinitely.**

Every other instrument fades away as the string, bell, or reed stops vibrating. An organist, on the other hand, can keep his or her finger on the key forever and the sound will never diminish or waiver. This floating, "infinite" quality of notes is what makes church music unique and inspiring.

## **#7 Organs are not portable.**

It takes many many weeks or months to construct an organ on site. They are individually created for the space where they will be played. It is very difficult to move an organ. What better place to permanently install one than a church that will stand for hundreds or thousands of years?

For these seven reasons, organs and Catholic churches go together. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said as much in their 2007 publication "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship."

"Among all other instruments which are suitable for divine worship, the organ is accorded pride of place because of its capacity to sustain the singing of a large gathered assembly, due to both its size and its ability to give resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation. Likewise, the manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and magnificence of God."

*Jeff Roubal*



# Can a Catholic be “de-baptized”?

*Baptism has a spiritual potency that can never be wiped away.*

In recent years there has been a small movement in Europe and elsewhere where individuals seek to be “de-baptized” and removed from a church’s baptismal registry. The act is done to formally “renounce” a person’s upbringing, completely severing ties with the Catholic Church.

**Is it possible to be “de-baptized”?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that “Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. **Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark**, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated” (CCC 1272).

This means that even if a person sins against God by renouncing him in an official manner, that act can never erase the spiritual mark left by baptism.

The *Catechism* adds that, “The Holy Spirit has marked us with the seal of the Lord (‘Dominicus character’) ‘for the day of redemption.’ ‘Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life.’ The faithful Christian who has ‘kept the seal’ until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life ‘marked with the sign of faith’” (CCC 1274). The seal of baptism does not guarantee a “ticket” to Heaven, but it does forever mark a person’s soul and they will be judged by God according to that seal.

With this in mind, a pastor is not able to remove a person from their baptismal registry because of the permanent nature of baptism.

This is also why a person can never be baptized a second time. Provided that the first baptism was valid, a Catholic who officially renounced his/her faith does not need to be baptized a second time to be readmitted into the flock. A faithful reception of the sacrament of confession (along with the full satisfaction of any type of penance connected to those sins) has the power to **wipe away all sins and restore that person’s baptismal innocence.**

Atheists and satanists who repent of their sins are gladly welcomed back into the fold of Jesus Christ and do not need to be baptized again.

God is very patient and even when we stray far from our baptismal promises, he never stops pursuing us. He is the “Hound of Heaven” and will seek us out. It is up to us to allow ourselves to be found by God and accept his love into our lives.



## FACILITIES

To assure that our Church and facilities testify to the greater honor and glory of God.



**St. Catherine of Siena Cemetery  
Volunteer Cleanup Day  
Saturday Sept 7, 2019  
8:30am -12:00 pm  
10 Carquinez Scenic Drive, Martinez**

Join in making our cemetery  
a better place.  
Opportunities to sweep, prune, weed,  
paint.

Please bring gloves, drinking water,  
hat, garden tools, sunscreen  
For more information, please contact  
Steve Gallo 510 725-2193

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

### **Sunday, 9/1 Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality—Thank you Tim McLoughlin and John Malmassari

### **Monday, 9/2 Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
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### **Tuesday, 9/3**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
9:00 AM	CH	School Practice
6:00 PM	CH	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	PH	YLI Meeting
7:00 PM	PC	Scripture Reflection with Clergy
7:30 PM	CH	Spanish Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, 9/4**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
2:30 PM	CH	Children's Choir
6:15 PM	CH	Ignite Bible Study
6:30 PM	CH	Legion of Mary
7:00 PM	PC	Baptism Class
7:00 PM	PC	RCIA Class Rm 210

### **Thursday, 9/5**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
12:00 PM	CH	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM	CH	Beneath his Cross
7:00 PM	PC	Baptism Class (Spanish)

### **Friday, 9/6**

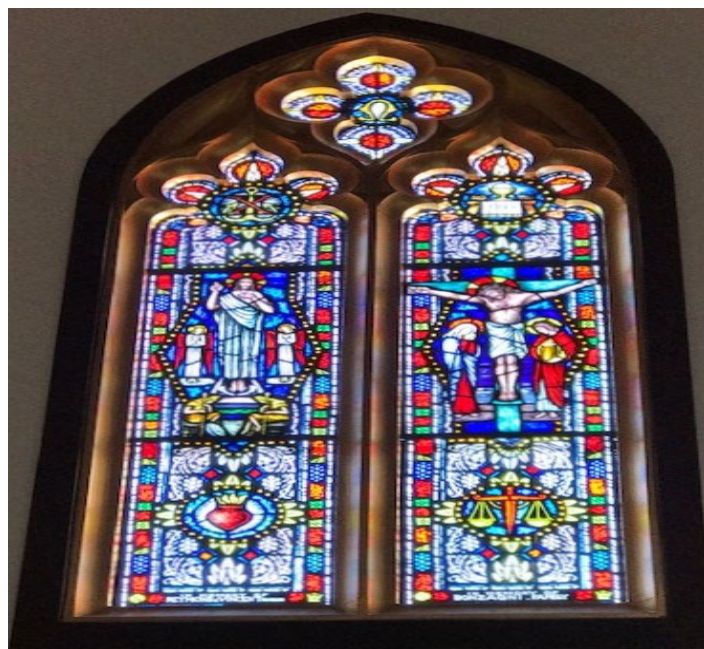
7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
8:30 AM	PC	Parish Office Closed—Staff Mtg
6:00 PM	CH	Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30 PM	CH	Mass (1st Friday)

### **Saturday, 9/7**

7:30 AM	CH	Rosary
12:00 PM	PH	Ignite Bible Study
3:00 PM	CH	Reconciliation

### **Sunday, 9/8**

8:00 AM	PH	Hospitality - St. Vincent de Paul
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The stained glass windows at St. Catherine's Church have always been beautiful but now they are simply gorgeous. The whole place is rising to heaven theologically speaking. Rising with new rugs, new pews, a new marble floor for the Altar area and a spectacular paint job everywhere. It is a must see! Personally as a lifelong parishioner I have never been so proud of St. Catherine's. It has always been a piece of great artwork sitting on the corner of Mellus and Estudillo streets in downtown Martinez but now it is heading into something simply stunning. It is mostly light and the stained glass windows I like best. Especially the stained glass windows from the 1970's which were put in place by the venerable Monsignor Deans. He was the Priest in charge at that time. They tell the story of Christian salvation through holy people who sought the perfection of Christ in their lives. They are the latest of our stained glass. There are two other types of stained glass at St. Catherine's with the oldest ones in the Sanctuary area near the Altar and the Tabernacle. They are very old school and come to us from the original Church which once stood on the corner of Mellus and Castro Sts.' That Church was torn down in 1940 by Contractor Al Rangel to make room for the present Church which is now being renovated and returned to its original glory some eighty years later.

We are so lucky to have Father Anthony Le, leading us in this venture. He has great instincts when it comes to beauty and Church decor. Plus he is a cool customer under fire. We are so lucky to have him guiding us.

My favorite stained glass window is the one donated by the Perez family who lost their Patriarch (Joaquin) out along waterfront road in 1967. Plus a sibling was lost too! This stained glass window which is the first one on the left side of the Church recalls two famous Saints of the Church Universal. They are St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas More the great Lawyer and Martyr from the English law tradition. Both of them died for their faith in defending traditional marriage. Another favorite of mine is the great Stained Glass window in the back of the Church just above the choir loft. It professes glory and depicts Our Blessed Mother in her glory as Queen of Heaven. Our renovation is bringing us at St. Catherine's to new levels of appreciation for what we have been given. I invite all Martinez people to come and see our Church, our masterpiece of art and spirituality. It belongs to all of us in Martinez.

Thomas P Greerty  
Director of the Pope Francis Legal Clinic





**DISCIPLESHIP**  
To empower a community  
of Christian people  
walking together as  
disciples of Jesus in order  
to share His good news.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

*Altar* means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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**"Lift Up Your Voice  
and Sing"**



**Laudate Choir** – This Choir provides the young parishioners of Saint Catherine of Siena a fun atmosphere where they can learn to sing and communicate their faith through music. The Laudate Choir will provide the music at the 8:30 Mass as part of the Sunday Family Faith Formation as well as other special "Feast Days" throughout the year. In some instances, they will sing alone as the Laudate Choir, and other times they will be joined by the Adult Choir. This is open to all children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The only requirement is a desire to sing and share our faith through music. Rehearsals are held Wednesday's in the Church from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have a child or children who are interested in joining the Laudate Choir please contact our music director Troy Kilorn at 925-289-7792 or see him after mass to obtain an information packet.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center, Gabriel Room. If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or has been baptized but not received their other sacraments, this is the program for them. Inquiry is the period to learn more about the Catholic Faith in a comfortable and non-committal environment. The team of Parishioners look forward to walking with you in this journey of faith. If you would like more information please contact:

Karen Glen at (925) 228-2230 ext. 4 or email [scspastoral@gmail.com](mailto:scspastoral@gmail.com).

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions for the 2020 Calendar year will be accepted beginning in September 2019.  
Please fill out the form located on our website  
[WWW.STCMTZ.ORG](http://WWW.STCMTZ.ORG)

<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/31</b>	<b>4:30</b>	Sheila Grilli †
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/1</b>	<b>7:00</b>	Hannibal Mata-Sol †
		<b>8:30</b>	Antonio da Conceicao†
		<b>11:00</b>	Tuillio DeSantist†
		<b>1:00</b>	Int. People of the Parish
<b>MON</b>	<b>9/2</b>	<b>8:00</b>	George Avila Sr.†
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/3</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Paul Delevati†
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/4</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Int. St. Catherine School Children & their Families
<b>THU</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Special Intention
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Int. Randy & Karen Glen
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/7</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Petrus & Hendrika Da Graeff†
		<b>4:30</b>	Jennie Samuels †
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/8</b>	<b>7:00</b>	Int. Sarah Koller
		<b>8:30</b>	Thomas & Eva Hernandez Family†
		<b>11:00</b>	Martha C. Wilk†
		<b>1:00</b>	Int. People of the Parish

**Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services**  
**Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center**  
**FD1959**

Please join Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services as we come together as one community to honor and pray for all our children who have been placed in the loving care of our Catholic Cemeteries. A special Mass dedicated to our children will be held on Saturday, **September 7, 2019, at 11:00 am** Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center, 1965 Reliez Valley Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549. We are blessed to have Fr. Anthony Huong Van Le as our presider for this special Mass. For more information please call Queen of Heaven @ 925 932-0900.



## STEWARDSHIP

To create a culture  
in the parish rooted  
in gratitude and  
generosity.



## HOSPITALITY

To form a joyful  
family community that  
reaches out and receives  
one another as Christ  
reaches out and receives us.

**August 25, 2019**

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday Collection** \$ 4,898.00  
**Divine Renovation** \$ 1,000.00  
**Art in the Park** \$ 343.00

Weekly Offering  


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Dankie Gracias  
Спасибо  
Köszönjük Merci Takk  
Grazie Dziękujemy Terima kasih  
Đakujeme Vielen Dank Paldies  
Kiitos Tänne teid 谢谢  
**Thank You** Tak  
感謝您 Obrigado Teşekkür ederiz  
Σας ευχαριστούμε 감사합니다  
Bedankt Děkujeme vám  
ありがとうございます  
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### 2019 Bishop's Appeal

#### SCS Goal Summary:

**Parish Goal:** \$23,000.00

**Funds Raised:** \$20,628.00

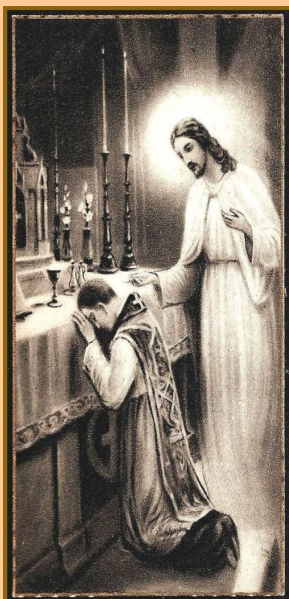
**% of Goal Raised:** 89.67%

**Remaining:** \$ 2,372.00

**REBUILD  
MY CHURCH**  
2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL

### SPECIAL PRIEST COLLECTION 9/7/2019

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is the weekend of September 7-8, 2019. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.



"The host family/ministry/club is responsible for serving at all Sunday Masses. This means setting up the tables and chairs in the hall as well as serving food. The requirement for food is that it must be prepared in our kitchen or store-bought (readymade). No homemade items can be served unless prepared in a commercial kitchen like ours. Gloves should be worn when handling the food. There are color coded cutting mats to help us avoid cross contamination. After the last Mass, the host family/ministry/club is responsible for cleaning the tables and chairs and returning them to the appropriate location. The kitchen should be cleaned. Cleaning products are stocked under the hand-sink. A special cleaner is used on the stainless-steel counters and tables. If the oven or microwave is used, it also must be cleaned. A kitchen handbook will be available in the next week or two and stored in one of the drawers marked "Handbook". The group can refer to the guidelines on such topics as how to handle food and how to operate the commercial oven. Feel free to contact Debbie Pelizzari the Hospitality Team facilitator with any questions: [debpelizzari@comcast.net](mailto:debpelizzari@comcast.net) or 925-286-1207 (cell/text). "

" Our first Hospitality Team meeting was Monday 8.26.19. Ten members were present. **We need YOU!** Please consider joining this welcoming team. Contact **Debbie Pelizzari 925-286-1207** if you would like more information. Thank you."

**Si usted es miembro de al **comunidad hispana** y desea unirse al equipo de hospitalidad, por favor comuníquese con Debbie Pelizzari al 925-286-1207 o [debpelizzari@comcast.net](mailto:debpelizzari@comcast.net). Si es posible, deja un mensaje en ingles. Gracias.**

#### Gluten-Free Hosts now available

Please inform Fr. Anthony or one of the Deacons of your request before the mass so they can prepare for the communion.



# St. Catherine of Siena School Mission Statement

Saint Catherine of Siena School answers the call to nurture each child – spirit, mind and body – in a safe, caring environment by providing Christ-centered, challenging curriculum preparing each child for a future as people of faith, service, respect, and responsibility.

At Saint Catherine of Siena School we are excited to be back in school. We started our week with our families in the church celebrating liturgy together. We had a fun spirit rally led by our Junior High Student Leadership Team. We met our buddies, learned new classmates, and new teachers. We ended the week with a Junior High retreat to ignite and share our faith with others.

This week, we are celebrating students who read this summer and received Accelerated Reading points with a special snack in the library. Our first-third graders who read and worked hard on their summer packets also received a special treat!

Lastly, we carry on the St. Catherine Faith Family tradition and students in different grades spend time together in families to pray and grow in our faith, as well as learn more about each other.

We are #scsproud!

## Celebrating 70 years of Catholic Education!

The sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet opened the doors of St. Catherine of Siena School in the Fall of 1949 under the direction of Monsignor Robert I Flavry. Seventy years later, the school community has seen many changes, but one thing that has held strong over time and the heart of St. Catherine of Siena School is the community and our Catholic Identity.

As our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is approaching, we would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate and connect with friends, classmates, and be a part of what St. Catherine of Siena is today. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we are going back in time to 1949 to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a Sock-Hop. All members of the St. Catherine Community are welcome.



## Community Highlights

Our Parents, Parishioners, and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena School have worked over 275 hours JUST this summer. We have had parents helping with lots of painting, cleaning, preparing for our prayer garden, preparing for our Viking Innovation Lab, cleaning the Parish Hall kitchen, working on our Fourth of July float, preparing for our 70th Anniversary Celebration, and preparing for our new merchandise to go





## READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy Tuesdays 7:00 –8:15 PM

### Sunday, Sep 01, 2019

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### A planet worth praying for

Four years ago, Pope Francis declared today the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He inaugurated a season of praying for our delicate biosphere in peril from the effects of climate change, which lasts until the feast of the patron saint of creation, Francis of Assisi, on October 4. Consider how you might make a special commitment to the earth this month: perhaps abstaining from meat, the production of which consumes 80 percent of agricultural land? Avoiding throwaway plastic bottles and utensils? Supporting earth-friendly companies and causes? Add a daily prayer for Mother Earth.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14 (126). *"The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise."*

### Monday, Sep 02, 2019

#### Labor deserves dignity

As Americans celebrate Labor Day, we do well to recall that Catholic teaching honors work but reminds us that work is to serve humans, not humans to serve work. The human needs of those who labor must never be shunted aside. From the moment he announced his mission—a moment recalled in today's gospel—Jesus expressed concern for those oppressed in any form, be it in employment or otherwise. If your work feels oppressive, know

that Catholic tradition upholds your right to a just and healthy work life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives."*

### Tuesday, Sep 03, 2019

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### Pay it forward

While we know today's saint as Gregory the Great, he could just as well be called Gregory the Good—a man with a good heart and priorities in the right place. He presided at a time when the church was acquiring great wealth through lavish donations but looked upon that wealth as rightly belonging to the poor. He saw the church acting as its steward and strove to create a vast system

of alms. Food was dispensed monthly to the indigent, and to those too ill or infirm to come for it, he dispatched an army of monks to deliver it daily. Strive to imitate the great and good Gregory in your attitude toward all you possess.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"*

### Wednesday, Sep 04, 2019

#### Barging in with a healing

Imagine being at home, sick as a dog, feeling miserable, and your son-in-law (the future Saint Peter) drops in with his friends, who are no doubt hungry and looking for lunch. Then

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and waited on them."*

### Thursday, Sep 05, 2019

#### It's a divine call to dive in

The Lake of Gennesaret, also known as the Sea of Galilee, is a heart-shaped body of water at the heart of Jesus' ministry. Jesus called the first disciples, Luke says, by wowing a few of its fishermen; the huge catch nearly broke their nets. At the end of John's gospel, the miracle is repeated as Jesus—not recognized in resurrected form—again tells his disciples to lower their nets. Both accounts bookend a life of teaching, preaching, and healing, where Jesus wins the trust of his beloved by leading them into deeper waters, delivering improbable results that boggle the mind but stir the soul. Trust where Jesus asks you to go, into the depth of your heart and abilities.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Put out into the deep water."*

### Friday, Sep 06, 2019

#### Be a joyful believer

Pious Jews in Jesus' time were meticulous about following the rules, and there were a lot of rules. Jesus, however, was a rule-breaker, a boundary-crosser. He could be deadly serious but also the life of the party. While the pious felt threatened by his unorthodox behavior, the common folk loved him. Rev. James Martin, author of *Between Heaven and Mirth*, points out, "We feel drawn to religious leaders with a sense of humor. It shows us that they understand their essential poverty of spirit and their own reliance on God. It shows humility, which is also essential in the spiritual life. You take God seriously, Jesus seriously, and the gospel seriously, but you shouldn't take yourself too seriously."

Time to lighten up a bit?

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"Jesus answered them, 'Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?'"*

### Saturday, Sep 07, 2019

#### Soul food

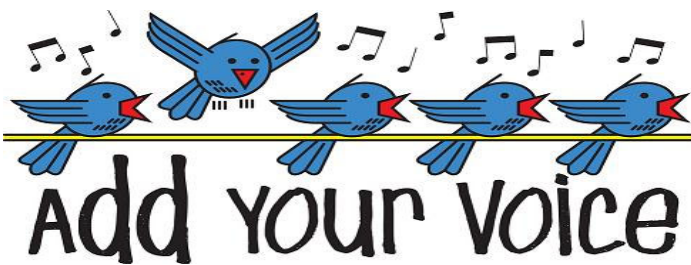
Body and soul both matter to God who chose to take on human form. In fact, Jesus' ministry was dominated by healing and feeding. He even sometimes broke the religious rules of his day to tend to the physical needs of others. In doing so, he modeled how we should take care of our neighbors and gave us a new rulebook: The corporal works of mercy. So feed the

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Monday:	Labor Day
Tuesday:	St. Gregory the Great
Friday:	First Friday (Mass at 7PM)
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Community and School Families

“Go into the World and Proclaim the Gospel to every Creature”

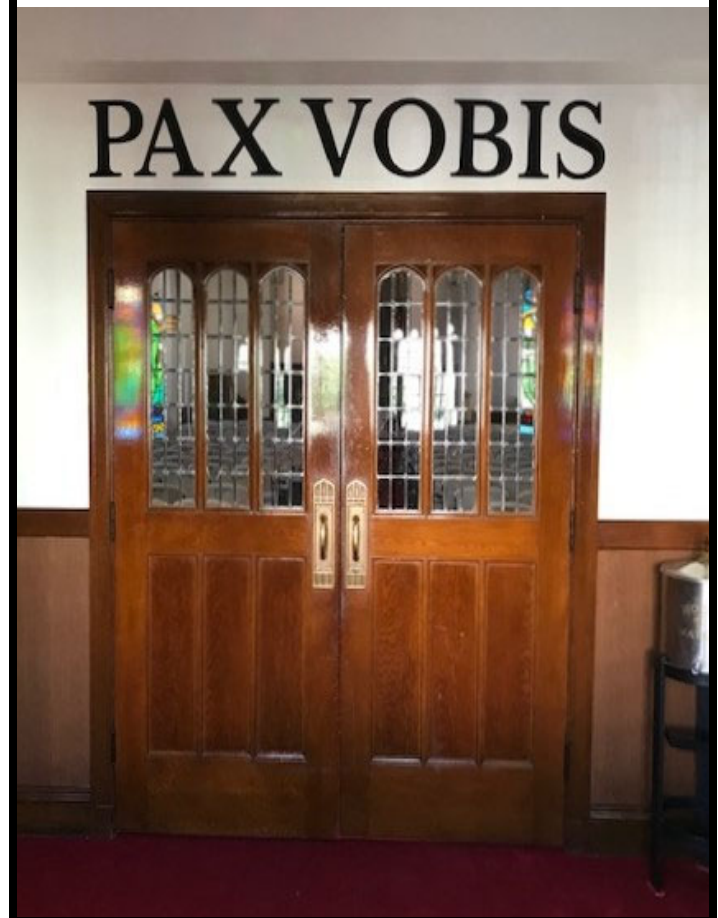


### Sing a New Song Unto the Lord:

Do you love music? Do you find yourself singing along with the radio? Are you looking to deepen your Catholic Faith? If you answered yes to one of these questions, then the Saint Catherine of Siena Choir is for you. Currently the Choir leads the singing at the 8:30 a.m. Liturgies on Sundays as well as Special Feast Days throughout the year. Currently we are recruiting to form a Choir for the 11:00 am Mass. The Choir strives to support and encourage the active participation of the assembly by raising our hearts and voices to God, celebrating our faith through sung prayer with the assembly. The only requirement to join is the desire to sing praises to God and commit to weekly rehearsals held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 (cantors or early birds) 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Church and sing on Sundays. The Choir is open to all. For more information contact our music director Troy Killorn at 925-289-7792 or via email [scsmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:scsmusicdirector@gmail.com) or see him after mass.

*SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Concert  
Saint Catherine of Siena: Songs of the Season  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*

“PEACE TO YOU”





## HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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**Faith Formation Classes (1st—8th)  
begin September 22nd  
8:30 Mass /Class and  
Required Parents Orientation**

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**Confirmation Classes (9th-12th)  
Begin September 29th  
11:00 Mass /Class and  
Required Parent Orientation**

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DEADLINES:

All requests must be submitted no later than September 6th by **noon** for the September 15th, 2019 bulletin.

Please direct your inquiries to: [stcathmtz@yahoo.com](mailto:stcathmtz@yahoo.com)

All submissions must be submitted via email and copy/camera/paste ready. Please reference Bulletin Submission in the subject note. Thank you.

### **"Spirituality and Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in our Retirement Years"**

On September 6-7, join Jim Briggs at San Damiano Retreat as he reflects upon retirement as an opportunity to live life differently and more contemplatively, moving from "doing" to "being." For more information and to make reservations, please visit [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141 x315.



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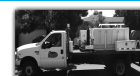
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