

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church Martinez, California

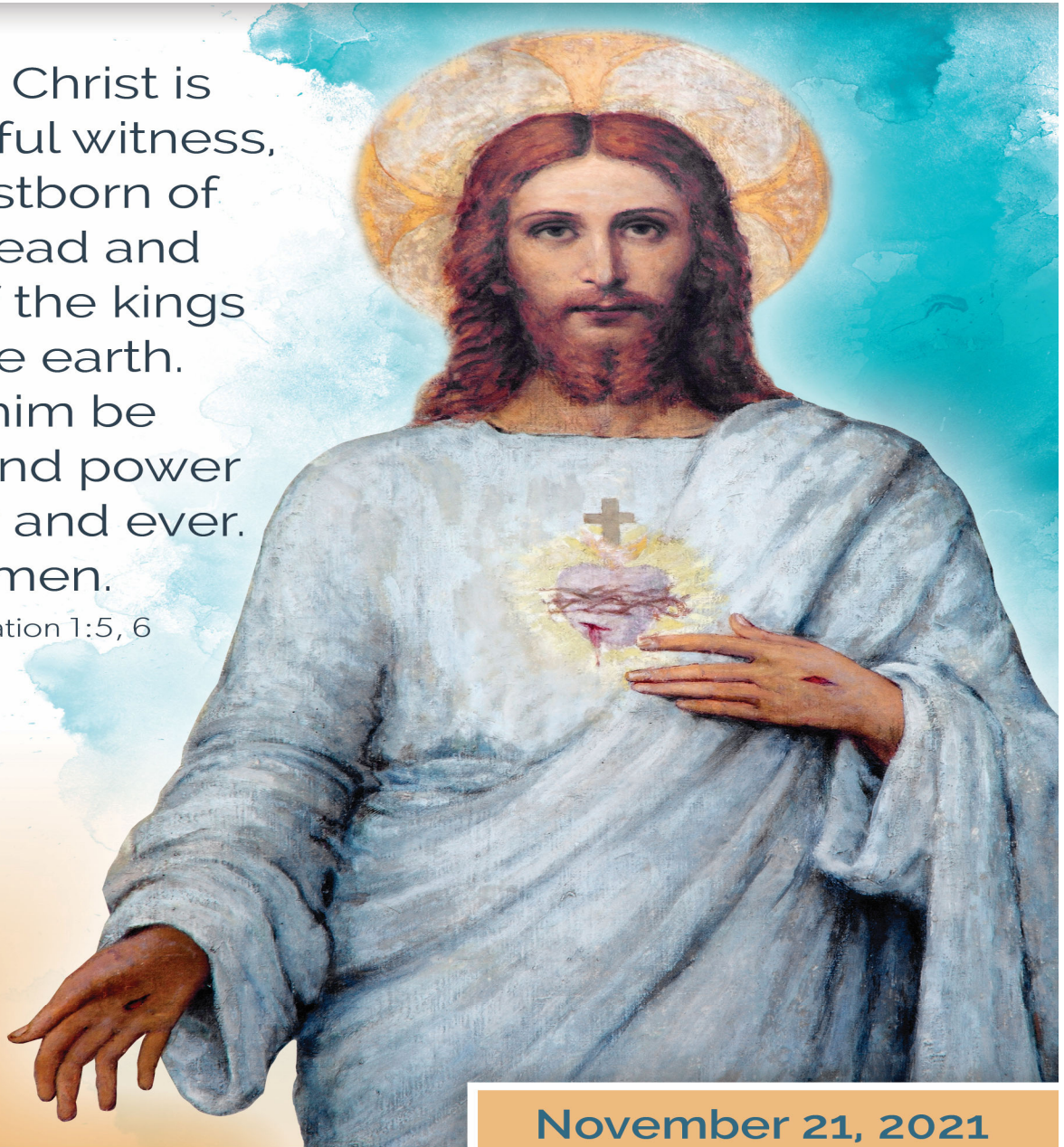
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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To him be
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forever and ever.

Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



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November 21, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM

SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED) 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (SPANISH MASS)

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 8:30 AM

ADORATION: Thursday's 4-7 PM

RECONCILIATION: 7:15- 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)

Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM ; Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Before serving or continuing in your ministry or organization, please complete the Diocesan required Safe Environment for Children Project Training @ www.virtusonline.org
All Volunteers must have form on file in the Parish Office

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you Registered with our Parish? Has your family status changed? If you would like to register or update your current family information with the Parish, you may do so with our new on-line form located on our website, www.stcmtz.org or call the office, and we can help you with any update.

Top Reasons to Register at a Parish

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Registered active members are sometimes eligible to rent parish facilities.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled

“Let’s stay connected” via one of our many social media platforms:

Parish Website: www.stcmtz.org



Bulletin Submission email:

stcathmtz@yahoo.com

Submissions are due no later than 12PM every Friday for the following Sunday.
Exception: Early Holiday Deadlines



Facebook:

<https://OfficialStCatherineofSienaChurch>



MyParishApp:

Please download: **myparishapp** to your phones.

Step 1. Text App to number 88202.

Step 2. Download the app via the link.

Step 3. Search for St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Martinez.

Step 4. Now stay connected!

Step 5. Share with others, you know.

Go to the **menu**, click **share**, and choose who you want to share!



**"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"
says the Lord God,
"the one who is and who was
and who is to come,
the almighty."**

REVELATION 1:8

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 21, 2021

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Entrance: Three Days
THAXTED / M.D. Ridge

1. Three days our world was broken; the Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he told us who followed where he led. Would we now hang in torment with thieves on ev'ry side, our Passover shattered, our hope crucified? Three days we hid in silence, in bitter fear and grief. Three days we clung together where he had washed our feet.

2. Three days— and on the third day, the women came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was empty, his broken body gone. Who could believe their story? The dead do not arise, yet he walks among us, and with our own eyes we've seen him at this table; we've shared his bread and wine. Hearts burning bright within us, we've seen his glory shine.

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GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
we praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

First Reading:

Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued,
I saw one like a Son of man coming,
on the clouds of heaven;
when he reached the Ancient One
and was presented before him,
the one like a Son of man received dominion,
glory, and kingship;
all peoples, nations, and languages
serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm:

PS 93:1-5

R. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him.
All the peoples of the earth will lament him.
Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! **R.**

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including "and be-
came man," all bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Presentation of the Gifts Jesus, Remember Me
Jacques Berthier / Taizé Community

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are Full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.*

GREAT AMEN

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer / Sign of Peace / Lamb of God,

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All respond:
*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.*

Communion: Worthy Is the Lamb
Ricky Manalo CSP

Refrain
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive honor and glory.
Worthy are the ones who believe
to receive the goodness of God.

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.
Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
You laid down your life and died upon the cross: we've
become a people of hope.

2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.
Salvation and joy belong now to us.
By conquering death and rising to new life,
we've become a people of praise.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
we've become your light for the world.

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Sending Forth: Christ Before Us
SUO GAN / Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

1. Christ before us, Christ beside us,
Christ to guide us all our days.
He to carry all our sorrows,
he to bear us perfect grace.
Jesus, Savior, Friend and Brother,
Intercessor, Son of God,
save your people in your dying,
and in rising, conquer death.

2. May we be for one another
all that you would have us be.
May we live your law of kindness,
love, compassion, charity.
May we climb your holy mountain;
may we see your holy face!
Visit now this humble dwelling;
dwell within this holy place.

3. God before us through the ages;
Christ beside us here today.
Spirit, lead us forth forever;
guide and help us all our days.
Christ the Savior, God the Living,
Great Creator, Spirit blest!
Holy Three-in-One Immortal,
come and be our welcome guest.

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Thanksgiving Mass
November 25th at 9 AM
You are welcome to bring your bread
and/or wine to be blessed.

The Parish office will be closed
Nov. 25th & 26th
NO ADORATION on Thursday 25th.

“LAST CHANCE”

MAP Mission: To align our diocese for
missionary fruition and lead in this
age of change.



"Don't forget to share
your feedback on the
Disciple Maker Index!"

The Survey is **LIVE** and will be open
until **Nov. 22, 2021**.

Please visit:

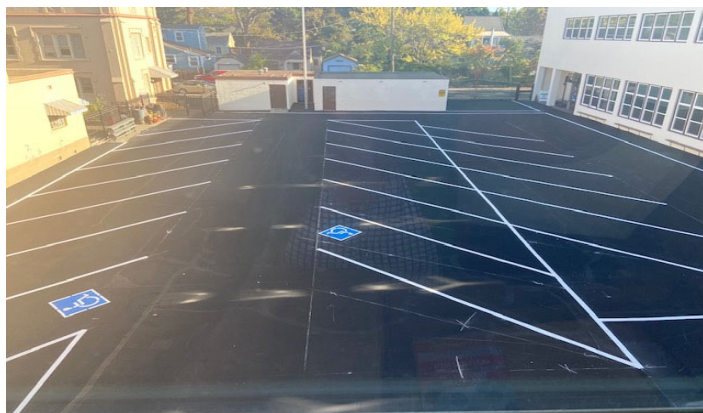
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/kg14p2>.

We really need your help in making this a
success, please participate!"

Currently, our Parish participation is 23% .



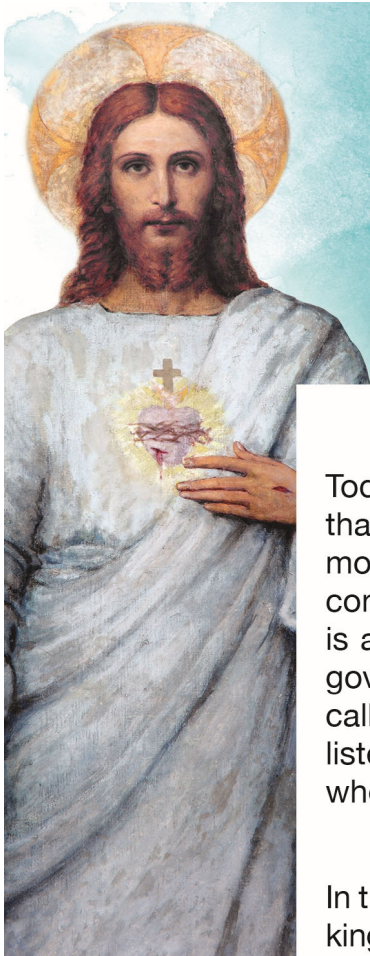
**LAST
WEEKEND TO
COMPLETE
AND SUBMIT**



November 28th, 2021
Parish Lower Parking Lot
(between school and church)

Open and available for parishioners to park before
all masses beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

All faith formation children must enter the school
through the front doors only. After class, K – 2 will
be exiting through the Kindergarten side door and all
remaining classes will dismiss through the school
front doors **only**.



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Revelation 1:5, 6

A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ’s command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be “alter Christus,” “other Christs.” Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God’s love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God’s love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God’s love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ’s eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

CALLED TO LISTEN AND SERVE

Jesus said to Pilate, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ’s love. We hear and follow Jesus’ command to wash others’ feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ’s command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us. How will you listen to and serve the Lord? How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Daniel 7:13–14
Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5
Revelation 1:5–8
John 18:33b–37

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

November 21, 2021



WORSHIP

To facilitate a transforming encounter with God as we come together in worship.



Vatican, Catholic News, Plenary Indulgences, November 2021

Did you know that you can get a plenary indulgence any day this November? It's true. The Vatican has decided to grant Catholics who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead on any day in the month of November a plenary indulgence.

Usually, the Catholic Church only grants this plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory to those who pray in a cemetery on Nov. 1-8, which is the week of the Solemnity of All Souls' Day.

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree that extended the availability of some plenary indulgences because of concerns about avoiding large gatherings of people in churches or cemeteries. The Vatican has issued the same decree this year during the month of November.

The specific Nov. 2 plenary indulgence one can obtain for the souls in Purgatory by visiting a church or an oratory and reciting an Our Father and the Creed, can now also be done on any day in November.

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

Detachment from all sin, even venial.

Sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences.

However for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

The Vatican decree issued due to the pandemic allows Catholics who are unable to leave their home, such as the sick or elderly, to still obtain a plenary indulgence by reciting prayers for the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Mother. Examples of prayers homebound Catholics can pray include the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, lauds or vespers of the Office for the Dead, or by performing a work of mercy by offering their pain to God.



STEWARDSHIP

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

November 7, 2021

Weekly Offering: \$5,500.00 **ONLINE** \$ 2,158.00

World Mission: \$ 50.00

School Support: \$ 80.00

Parish Maintenance: \$ 80.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 165.00

Thank you for your continued support both spiritual and financial.

Support your parish



Pass a virtual collection basket

If you are looking for a ways to help our parish, here are a few options and/or envelopes:

- 1) **On-line Giving:** www.stcmtz.org
- 2) **My parish App:**
CLICK on the "giving icon"

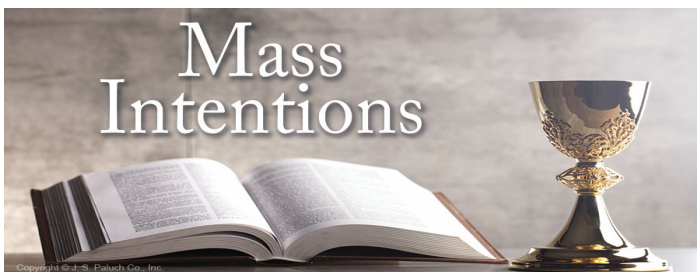
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS



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Catholic Campaign for Human Development at: Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at: www.CCHDEastBay.org

Mass Intentions



SAT	11/20	8:00	Jose Nano†
		4:30	Int. Zaguirre Family†
SUN	11/21	7:00	Elizabeth M. Ramost†
		8:30	Young Ladies Institute†
		11:00	Walter Hall†
		1:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners
MON	11/22	8:00	Legion of Mary†
TUES	11/23	8:00	Souls in Purgatory†
WED	11/24	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School & Families
THUR	11/25	8:00	Trinidad & Gustavo Cardenas†
FRI	11/26	8:00	Josefina Rivera†
SAT	11/27	8:00	Adam J. Glent†
		4:30	Int. Joy Belleza - Birthday
SUN	11/28	7:00	Int. Yolly Dizon - Birthday
		8:30	McLoughlin & Curtin Families†
		11:00	Int. Irene del Rosario
		1:00	Int. St. Catherine Parishioners



St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers deepest sympathy and prayers for the families and, the repose of the soul of all who entered into eternal life.

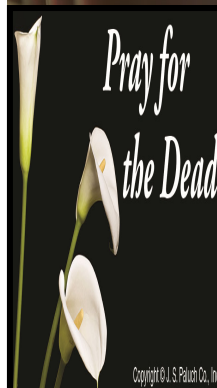
All Victims of the Coronavirus,
All names listed in the
Book of the Deceased

2022 Memorial Votive Candles

Available to honor the deceased. They are located in the Sacred Heart of Jesus alcove inside the church and can be reserved for one year, renewable thereafter. Forms are available on the website and at the parish office. Please contact Sylvia at (925) 228-2230 Ext 1.

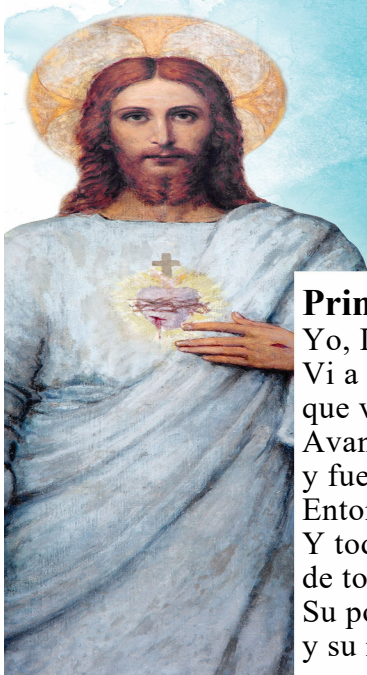


Pray for
the Dead



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**Your invited to
St. Catherine of Siena
Parish
Memorial Mass
November 22nd, 2021
at 7 PM**



Jesucristo, el testigo fiel,
es el primogénito de los muertos
y el soberano de los reyes de la tierra.
A él la gloria y el poder por
los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Apocalipsis 1:5, 6

Primera Lectura

Dn 7, 13-14

Yo, Daniel, tuve una visión nocturna:
Vi a alguien semejante a un hijo de hombre,
que venía entre las nubes del cielo.
Avanzó hacia el anciano de muchos siglos
y fue introducido a su presencia.
Entonces recibió la soberanía, la gloria y el reino.
Y todos los pueblos y naciones
de todas las lenguas lo servían.
Su poder nunca se acabará, porque es un poder eterno,
y su reino jamás será destruido.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5

R. (1a) Señor, tú eres nuestro rey.

Segunda Lectura

Apoc 1, 5-8

Hermanos míos: Gracia y paz a ustedes, de parte de Jesucristo, el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos, el soberano de los reyes de la tierra; aquel que nos amó y nos purificó de nuestros pecados con su sangre y ha hecho de nosotros un reino de sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre. A él la gloria y el poder por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.
Miren: él viene entre las nubes, y todos lo verán, aun aquellos que lo traspasaron. Todos los pueblos de la tierra harán duelo por su causa.
“Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, dice el Señor Dios, el que es, el que era y el que ha de venir, el todopoderoso”.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio

Mc 11, 9. 10

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor!

¡Bendito el reino que llega, el reino de nuestro padre David!

Evangelio

Jn 18, 33-37

En aquel tiempo, preguntó Pilato a Jesús: “¿Eres tú el rey de los judíos?” Jesús le contestó: “¿Eso lo preguntas por tu cuenta o te lo han dicho otros?” Pilato le respondió: “¿Acaso soy yo judío? Tu pueblo y los sumos sacerdotes te han entregado a mí. ¿Qué es lo que has hecho?” Jesús le contestó: “Mi Reino no es de este mundo. Si mi Reino fuera de este mundo, mis servidores habrían luchado para que no cayera yo en manos de los judíos. Pero mi Reino no es de aquí”.
Pilato le dijo: “¿Conque tú eres rey?” Jesús le contestó: “Tú lo has dicho. Soy rey. Yo nací y vine al mundo para ser testigo de la verdad. Todo el que es de la verdad, escucha mi voz”.

Por favor, esta semana sean generosos en nuestra colecta especial para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos, una de cada ocho personas vive en pobreza. Con esta colecta, ustedes apoyan los programas que tratan con las causas raíz de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a aquellos que luchan por salir adelante en todo el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales antipobreza. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y apoyar a aquellos que trabajan desde la periferia. Pueden encontrar más información sobre la Campana Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en: www.CCHDEastBay.org.

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
Rey del Universo
21 de noviembre de 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Come and pray the rosary.
All are invited by the Hispanic Community.

November 26th 2021

Rosary begins at 6 PM
in front of the

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine.
(every last Friday of the month)

Ultimo Viernes del mes a las 6 del noche.

December 8th, 2021

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary



**Holy Day of
Obligation Masses:**

**8:00 AM,
12:10 PM,
7:00 PM (Bilingual)**



All are welcome!

**Virgen de Guadalupe
Novena**

December 3rd - 10th
6 PM - 7 PM
(in the church)

Vigilia: Dec. 11th
8 PM - 10 PM
Special celebration and
rosary

Save the Date:

December 12, 2021
12:15 Rosary
2: 15 PM Dedication

**Plaque dedication and celebration of the
Virgen de Guadalupe in the
Siena Community Prayer Garden.**



ADVENT / CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING OUTREACH

This season you are invited to donate gift cards to our neighbors served by ST. VINCENT DE PAUL and to the resident families at MOUNTAIN VIEW SHELTER. Although it feels a bit different to give a gift card vs a gift, our giving will still be with heartfelt sentiments for individuals and families who are in need this Christmas.

Donations are requested from Saturday, Dec 4th through Sunday Dec. 12th. Please visit the Angel Tree in the church to pick up the Angel ornament for your tree.

- *We ask that each of the cards you donate be in \$10 INCREMENTS from Target, Wal-Mart, etc. You are not limited to the number of cards you give.
 - *Please WRITE the dollar amount of the gift on the card before placing it inside a holiday greeting card, in an UNSEALED envelope.
 - *Multiple gift cards will be distributed with consideration of the number of family members in each household.
 - *Please bring your donations to the parish office on or before Thursday, December 16, 2021.
 - *For an ONLINE Christmas gift for SVdP or Mtn View, use the gift button on the parish website **Online giving**
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/497>
- Distribution to our neighbors: individuals and families takes place on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for participating in this outreach of bringing Christmas to our neighbors in need. **Any questions, please contact SVdP President, Anne Crisp: (925)787-0857 or annecrisp@yahoo.com**



**St. Catherine of Siena
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6 AM - 7 AM**

READINGS & REFLECTIONS



**Join in the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy
Tuesdays (via ZOOM) 7– 8:15 PM
Please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 4 or Ext 7
to be connected to the link.**

Sunday, Nov 21, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

A game of 20 questions

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161).
"Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"

Monday, Nov 22, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

Sing out your life

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT

Take the gospel everywhere

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."

Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Make me an instrument of your peace

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion."

Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

Thursday, Nov 25, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY

Attitude of gratitude

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Friday, Nov 26, 2021 NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The source of our "inspo"

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God inspires—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

Saturday, Nov 27, 2021 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Every day a new challenge

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.'"



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