St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
Martinez, California

SECOND SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

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Matthew 17:5

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30 PM
SUNDAY HOLY MASS:
8:30 AM (LIVESTREAMED), 11:00 AM
1:00 PM (SPANISH MASS)

RECONCILIATION: 7:15– 7:45 AM Daily (M-F)
Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

DAILY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
DAILY MASS: Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Mon-Sat: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

ADORATION: Thursday's 3-7 PM
EMERGENCY ONLY : Anointing of the Sick

Join in on the Weekly Scripture Reflection with the Clergy every Tuesday (via ZOOM) 7– 8:15 PM
Please call the office (925) 228-2230 Ext 7 to be connected to the link or email dcnalbertd@stcmtz.org to have your name added to the weekly Zoom invite.

Sunday, Mar 05, 2023

Honor the unnamed

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. While seven blessings promote the name of Abraham, it's the rare woman like Mary who's called blessed "for generations" in her canticle. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

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TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

Monday, Mar 06, 2023

Read up!

Could your Catholic school library need some new picks? How about your book club for the adults? This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman. She also wrote biographies for youth and adult readers of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres and the Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You might bereading Tarry beyond March!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). “Give and gifts will be given to you.”

Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023

Beyond distinctions

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn’t renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua’s slave—wouldn’t be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua’s final words to heart: “Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you.”

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). "Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."

Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023

A brother called to heal

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God eto repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later ngaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John’s holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). “'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothersof mine, you did for me.'"

Thursday, Mar 09, 2023

Priceless service

It’s entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). “Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores.”

Friday, Mar 10, 2023

Celebrate sisters

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to VISION VocationNetwork.org. But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: “Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). “The Kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Saturday, Mar 11, 2023

Confession heals the soul

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess “We have sinned” in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu Prāyaścitta. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called Istighfar. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235).

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Matthew 17:5

LISTEN

Listen. Abram listened and, certain of God's blessing, set out for an unknown future in response to God's call. Awestruck Peter, James, and John heard a voice from a cloud tell them to listen to Jesus. When we listen to the Lord, we are assured of and find strength in God's presence. Listening deeply, we perceive the Lord's call and find the grace to respond to it, finding the assurance we need to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, even when it is challenging to do so. When we listen, we hear Jesus say to us as he did to the disciples on the mountain, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b–10
Matthew 17:1–9

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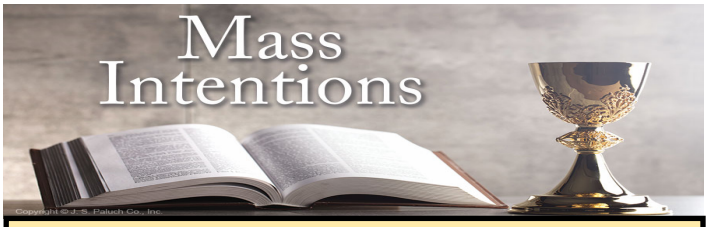


SAT	3/04	8:00	Int. Case & Downing Families
		4:30	Int. Cure for ALS
SUN	3/05	8:30	John De Vito†
		11:00	**People of the Parish**
		1:00	Michelle Ochoa†
MON	3/06	8:00	Tom & Ann Thompson†
TUES	3/07	8:00	Int. Marilyn Barbour†
WED	3/08	8:00	Int. St. Catherine School Families
THUR	3/09	8:00	Jose T. Belleza†
FRI	3/10	8:00	Int. Joey Belleza - Birthday
SAT	3/11	8:00	Int. Gyongyi Szirom
		4:30	Int. YLI Members
SUN	3/12	8:30	Int. Alan & Joy Belleza - Anniversary
		11:00	**People of the Parish**
		1:00	Catalina Torres†

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shannon Farley Pera
Barbara Chambers,
Maria Lourdes Carpio-Rigo

Pray for the sick offer's prayers for parishioners, families, and friends who are sick (long-term) or have special needs. Please call the parish office at (925) 228-2230 Ext 1. Names will be removed after three weeks or at the end of each month.

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.

Victims of Ukraine
Victims of Natural Disasters
Catalina Loza
Otoniel Dona
Andrew Poage
Doris Buvelot
Don Bergamini
Jim McLaughlin

For Emergency Only Anointing of the Sick
(Only for those who are experiencing an imminent death)
Please Call (925) 228-2230 Ext 6
Please leave your name, phone # , address.

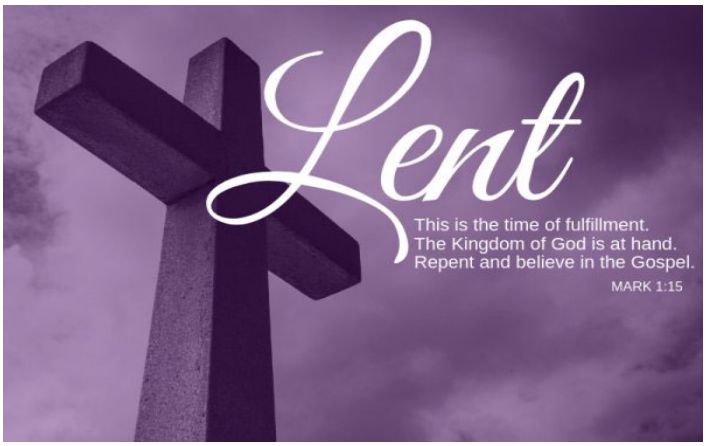
Stations of the Cross
Every Friday through March 31st

Friday's
6 PM - Spanish
7 PM - English

Soup Supper 6-7 PM

Penance Service
Monday, March 6th at 7 PM and Saturday, March 11th at 10 AM

Several Priest will be available.



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Act of Contrition

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you.
I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment,
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all-good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen.

We are happy to share that the parish offers **ONLINE GIVING**. As you consider making an offering, please visit either, **Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving**

We thank you for your continued generosity through which we continue God's works among us.
What are your fellow parishioners saying about Online Giving?

I appreciate the opportunity to donate online; it avoids rushing around Sunday morning before mass looking for the checkbook or cash, and allows us to support the Parish even when we are out of town ~ Carlos Melendez

It is easy for me to manage my giving and to print a report of my donations anytime I want. OSV allows personal accounts to safeguard my offerings ~Karen Glen

SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR

In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. Howe can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams?
Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday: St. John of God
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

STEWARDSHIP

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

March 5 , 2023		ONLINE
Weekly Offering:	$ 5,920.00	$ 3,565.50
Dioc. 2nd Collection:		$ 75.00
Ash Wednesday:	$ 150.00	
SCS Scholarship:		$ 188.00
St. Vincent de Paul:		$ 360.00
Parish Maintenance:		$ 76.50
Easter Flowers:	$ 169.00	
Soup Supper:	$ 27.00	

Thank you for your continued support, both Spiritual and Financial.

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"
3) **"NEW" Scan the QR Code:**

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

Kick-off begins
March 11th & 12th

2023 Memorial 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. For more information: (925) 228-2230 Ext 1.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th
"DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS"

Hospitality Calendar

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

Knights of Columbus
Canned Food Drive
Be-A-Part Of

Food can be dropped off at the Church entrance at all Masses during Lent

Contact : David Gabellini at 925-324-2037 for more information

You C n Do It!

We can accept Canned Food, Dry Beans, Rice, and Pasta.
NO FROZEN FOOD!

Dear Parish Community,

The Parish is now offering Hospitality on Sunday mornings. The Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation groups are in the hall, and hospitality is prepared for them as they meet. On other Sundays, alternating Parish groups are offering hospitality to the Parish community. We realize that this can be somewhat confusing but ask for your understanding as we utilize shared space for everyone.

We are currently preparing the Hospitality Calendar for the first six months of 2023. Ministry and Organizations are invited to offer hospitality to our community.

Hospitality/Soup Supper Dates: Host's

3/3	**6pm-7pm "Soup Supper"**	**Maria Brennan**
3/10	**6pm-7pm "Soup Supper"**	**Confirmation**
3/12	**9:30 am - 3pm**	**SLRC**
3/17	**6pm-7pm "Soup Supper"**	**K of C**
3/24	**6pm-7pm "Soup Supper"**	**Brennan Family**
3/31	**6pm-7pm "Soup Supper"**	**SLRC**
4/2	**9:30 am - 3pm**	**OPEN**

Help is needed to offer this ongoing ministry and if you are interested in more information, please contact Karen Glen at kareng@stcmtz.org or (925) 228-2230 Ext 4

St. Catherine of Siena
Parish Mission
April 17th, 18th, 19th ~ 6:30 PM

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called "elect" during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism.

It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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Upcoming Events

St Patrick's Day Dinner
Sponsored by Martinez Council Knights Of Columbus #6039

Saturday March 18

"**To-go**" Dinners are picked up between 3:30 PM & 4:30 PM
"**Dine-in**" Doors open at 5:30 PM, food served at 6:00 PM

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall
600 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA

The dinner includes:

Corned Beef, Potatoes,
Cabbage and more

Tickets must be purchased before **March 14**,
The price is **$25 per Adult**, **$10 for youth** 14 and under.
Call Paul Bailey-Gates @ 510-410-5575 for information and credit card purchases.
Tickets will be sold at Sunday masses

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

One hour may save a human life!

All Diocesan faithful are invited to join in the upcoming Lenten 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil! The 40 Days for Life vigil consists of forty days of prayer for an end to abortion, from **Wednesday February 22 through April 1**, where we will PEACEFULLY AND PRAYERFULLY witness for the dignity and sanctity of life AND empower women to know that there are other life-affirming choices than abortion.

Vigil participants stand and pray (in hour shifts) during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of two local abortion facilities in Walnut Creek and Concord, CA. Vigil hours are from 7am-7pm, and you are encouraged to join for an hour a day, an hour a week, OR even an hour in total! This is an impactful, life-affirming way to make a sacrifice of time and prayer during this Lenten season. Your prayerful presence may potentially save a human life and offer support to a mother in need.
To sign up, or to get more information, please contact: friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com 925-322-0544 (Walnut Creek, or friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com 925-405-6286 (Concord)

www.saintjosephmsj.org/conference or
call the parish office 510-656-2364

THE LENTEN SEASON

"Fast" in liturgy, too

THE LITURGY OF LENT offers several opportunities to "fast" in worship. In recognition of this season of renewal, repentance, and preparation, we omit praying the Gloria during Mass and do not utter the word Alleluia.

PASSION IS THE THEME for this month, not for merely one Sunday of it. We may be forgiven for wincing at the lurching emotions through which we are summoned week by week; we can imagine it was no different for the original disciples who actually endured these events firsthand. In Jerusalem at last, Jesus does wonderful, dreadful things: curing a man born blind and throwing the act almost dispassionately into the flushed faces of powerful enemies. If the disciples quavered at the result, their fears were well founded. Next comes an even more flagrant act, the raising up of a dead man just outside of town in Bethany, coupled with the seemingly blasphemous claim: I AM the resurrection. It is no wonder that the net is lowered hastily after that and Jesus is caught up in the trap of those who hate him. Caught, that is, but never owned. Imprisoned, but always free. Murdered, but hardly finished, not by a long shot. The one who is resurrection cannot be dismissed so lightly.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Celebrating 150 years

Feast Day Celebration

April 29th 2023

Mass and Luncheon

1873 - 2023

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE Cuaresma

5 DE MARZO DE 2023

Una nube luminosa los cubrió y de ella salió una voz que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; escúchenlo". Matthew 17:5

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ESCUCHA

Escucha. Abram escuchó y, seguro de la bendición de Dios, partió hacia un futuro desconocido en respuesta a la llamada de Dios. Pedro, Santiago y Juan, asombrados, oyeron una voz desde una nube que les decía que escucharan a Jesús. Cuando escuchamos al Señor, tenemos la seguridad y la fuerza de la presencia de Dios. Escuchando profundamente, percibimos la llamada del Señor y encontramos la gracia para responder a ella, encontrando la seguridad que necesitamos para vivir y compartir el evangelio de Jesucristo, incluso cuando es un reto hacerlo. Cuando escuchamos, oímos a Jesús decirnos como a los discípulos en la montaña: "Levántense, no tengan miedo".

ESCUCHAR DURANTE EL VIAJE

¿Has hecho alguna vez un viaje largo con un familiar o un amigo y se ha encontrado hablando de las cosas más profundas de la vida? Con el tiempo, lo mundano puede dar paso a temas de significado y propósito. A veces hablamos de nuestro paso por la vida y la fe como de un viaje. La metáfora del viaje es adecuada, ya que no se trata sólo de ir de un punto a otro de la misma manera que hacemos un viaje rápido o damos una vuelta a la manzana: el proceso de vivir en la fe es un proceso de crecimiento y cambio a lo largo del tiempo. En el viaje de la vida y de la fe, podemos encontrar la gracia de hablar profundamente con el Señor y escuchar la voz de Dios, que nos fortalece para afrontar los retos de vivir como seguidores de Cristo.

DIOS ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS

Puede resultar difícil comprender que el Dios de la gloria, del poder y del amor eterno está siempre con nosotros. Verdaderamente, éste es uno de los grandes misterios de nuestra fe cristiana. Cada vez que hacemos la señal de la cruz, recordamos la vida que sale a la luz en Cristo. La vida misma, la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús son la prueba de la determinación de Dios de amarnos a través de todo. Jesús no sólo es la prueba del amor de Dios, sino que su misma presencia con nosotros y dentro de nosotros es una efusión de ese amor. Esta Cuaresma, dedica tiempo a escuchar al Señor y deja que lo que oigas te ayude a alejarte del pecado y a acercarte a la vida y la inmortalidad del discípulo cristiano.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Génesis 12:1–4a
Salmo 33 (32):4–5, 18–19, 20, 22
Timoteo 1:8b–10
Mateo 17:1–9

Vía Crucis todos los viernes a las 6 PM

6 de marzo a las 7 PM y 10 de Marzo a las 10 AM

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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

"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

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https://OfficialStCatherineofSienaChurch

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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

If you would like to request a copy of a Sacrament certificate or Mass Intention request, please fill out the form located on our website: WWW.STCMTZ.ORG

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

Please note:
Registering for St. Catherine of Siena School, Faith Formation and/or Confirmation programs does not register you for the Parish.

Thank you for your understanding as we transition to a new bulletin provider.