

SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA



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

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS

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

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

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

ADORACIÓN / ADORATION
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm
1st Friday - 24 Hours

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From the Desk of Deepu Kochuparambil, Youth Director...

At Mass on the 5th of July, Fr. Jeronimo read from a poem (dedicated to a bishop, which one I can't remember) and then he said this: I will water the seeds that Fr. Mark planted. And I will plant seeds myself - not my own but the Kingdom of God's.

What a beautiful message to us, and a very needed reminder. Many of us have struggled with this transition - Fr. Mark has been an amazing pastor and priest. We were fearful and anxious of what our new pastor would be like.

But his words brought me comfort - and I hope they did for you as well.

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Desde el Escritorio del Deepu Kochuparambil, Director de Jóvenes.....

En la Misa, el 5 de julio de Padre Jerónimo leyó de un poema (dedicada a un obispo, que aún no recuerdo), y luego dijo esto:

Voy a regar las semillas que el Padre Marcos plantó. Y voy a plantar yo mismo semillas - no la mías, sino del Reino de Dios.

¡Qué hermoso mensaje, y un recordatorio muy necesario. Muchos de nosotros hemos luchado con esta transición - Padre Mark ha sido un pastor y sacerdote increíble. Estábamos temerosos y ansiosos de cómo sería nuestro nuevo pastor. Pero sus palabras me trajeron tranquilidad - y espero que para ustedes también.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (*Sábado*)
Closed/*Cerrado*
Sunday (*Domingo*)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).
Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).
Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: "What do you do to rest so that you can return to work refreshed?"
Child: "When will you take time to stop and pray this week?"

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, July 19

8:00-12:00pm CR1-4, Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
1:00-5:00pm CR3-4 Fil/Am—Band Practice
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
7:00-10:00pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, July 20

6:00-7:00pm CR3-4, Kit Community Supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women's Stitching Group

Tuesday/Martes, July 21

5:00-9:00pm FLD Jr. Giants—practice

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 22

12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir
6:00-9:00pm CR3-4 Development Event
6:30-7:30pm CH *Hora Santa*
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:30-9:30pm CH *Grupo Carismático*

Thursday/Jueves, July 23

6:00-9:00pm CH *Spanish Choir Rehearsal*
7:00-8:30pm Rm.12 *RICA*
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, July 24

9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:30-10:00pm Rm.10&11 *Jóvenes Para Cristo*
7:00-10:00pm MC *Grupo Amigos*

Saturday/Sabado, July 25

All Day MC *Jovenes Para Cristo—Retiro*

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

MISSION

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.—John Henry Newman

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20	† Raul Rojas
	† Martin Ngo
Tuesday, July 21	† Margret Heeter
	† Francisco Jose Inclan
Wednesday, July 22	† Francisco Jose Inclan
	† Diana Cronia
Thursday, July 23	† Francisco Jose Inclan
	† Gabriel Hannon
Friday, July 24	† Antonio Cunha
	† Maria Lourdes Cunha
Saturday, July 25	† Rodolfo Reyes
	† Francisco Jose Inclan

2016 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The new 2016 Mass Intention book has arrived. Stop by the Parish Office to request your masses for your loved ones.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today's readings center on sheep and shepherds. Jeremiah, as did many prophets, leads with a warning and ends with a promise. It's still a message we benefit from hearing. We are both shepherds and we are sheep as well. Sometimes we lead and other times we follow. Both positions provide insight into living as a disciple of Jesus; following asks that we hear his shepherd's call knowing that he leads us to safe pasture and guards us from harm. Leading asks a bit more as we become emulators of Jesus, seeking out any and all who need to hear his saving message. We are to become those who protect the innocent from harm, knowing that in Jesus' eyes there is no one unworthy of care and protection. We are to be those who seek peace in place of conflict, who provide shelter for the traveler, solace for the weary. The list goes on and on, so much so that we can wish to avoid the shepherd role and be a sheep following a beguiling voice ... without discerning that voice's intent. So, back to Jeremiah, we are warned, "woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter my flock." We may not realize the effect that our actions have on others. Especially the innocent who don't have the experience to evaluate where they are being led. Jeremiah promised a "righteous shoot to David" who would do what was just and right. Jesus lived that promise so well that he gave himself totally in order that we might be led to safe pasture. That promise, lived by Jesus, asks that we too become good shepherds, leading by example.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Remember that in Morgan Hill we can recycle food and paper with food on it in our bi-weekly yard waste container. It become compost re-used in growing new plants.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don't miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF DEEPU CONTINUED.....

We need to remember that even though the Pastor is the person in charge and is called to lead our community, we are the community. And as Pastor, as a priest, as a disciple of Christ, to lead is to serve. Jesus taught us this when He washed the feet of His disciples. Now does this mean that Fr. Jeronimo has to listen and do everything that we ask or say? Of course not. But we can be confident in knowing that he will have our best interests - as followers of Christ - at heart.

Fr. Allen, our new priest mentioned in his homily how his fellow priests told him how great a community we have here at St. Catherine's, and that he was very blessed to be coming to Morgan Hill. And I couldn't agree more. We have so many ministries and groups that serve those in need, we have amazing liturgies, and a wonderful school. But we also have great community events - times to get together, build fellowship with one another, and have a great time. One such time is coming up this Wednesday, July 22nd, from 6-9pm, we will be holding our 2nd night in our Summer Music Series. On the field behind the church, we will have live music, taco trucks (and churros!), beer and wine. Come with your family, invite your friends, and bring your blankets and chairs and spend the evening with our community. You'll need to pay for the food and drinks, but all the vendors are St. Catherine's parishioners, so you'll be helping our community out!

We are very blessed to have both Fr. Jeronimo and Fr. Allen at our parish. I look forward to working with both of them and seeing how our parish community will grow because of them.

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Stewardship & MISSION ADVANCEMENT



ST. CATHERINE WOMEN'S GROUP

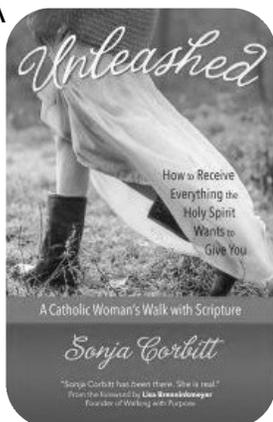
Our women's group meets Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the O'Donnell Parish Center. We select books or DVD's as a group and meet each week to discuss, share and pray together. Our ministry's mission is to be a loving, supportive and trustworthy place for the sharing of our lives, and to help each other grow in their own personal faith journey.

All women are invited!

We are on a summer break until Wednesday August 12th. Our book for the fall is "Unleashed". How to get everything the Holy Spirit wants to give you. A Catholic Woman's walk with Scripture by Sonja Corbitt. For more information contact

Ann Poirier or

Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or 408.779.3959



LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: When Jesus and the Apostles arrive at the deserted place, the crowd is there already. Frustrated in their attempt to seek a deserted place to rest, Jesus looks at the crowd and is moved with pity for them, for "they were like sheep with out a shepherd." Today Jesus has chosen us and calls us from the crowd to listen to his voice, because in Christ we are united and formed his Church. We hear from today's first reading, Jer. 23:1-6, the Lord will appoint shepherds for his people. This prophecy Jesus in today's Gospel, Mk. 6:30-34, fulfills by being the Good Shepherds and by training the Apostles as shepherds. Indeed, St. Paul tells us in the second reading, Eph. 2:13-18, that Jesus Christ gathers all nations, Jews and Gentiles, shedding his blood for them; he tears down the wall of separation between them.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" must have been chosen for this summer season by a committee eager for a vacation. For the Apostles, the promise of rest was foiled by the needs of the people who discovered their hideaway and pressed them into ministry. Some people do indeed use their vacation for ministry and mission, giving an intensity of service otherwise not possible. For most of us, vacation is a time when we can grow more aware of God's plan, and can renew the bonds of love with family and friends in times of play and leisure.

The disciples learn today that there is no place so out of the way that the life of worship and ministry is disengaged. Giving yourself to summer worship will enrich you, delight you, and give you a sense of the Word of God's progress in your heart. In today's world, summer is the time when we are most acutely aware of the beauty of the world. Gratitude and wonder are fertile soils for God's Word to take root and prosper. Welcome the visitor today, and resolve that when you travel, you will be faithful to Sunday worship.

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DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor reunirá el resto del rebaño y asignará nuevos pastores (Jeremías 23:1-6).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — En Cristo, tanto los judíos como los no judíos tienen acceso en un sólo Espíritu (Efesios 2:13-18).

Evangelio — Cansados, Jesús y los apóstoles tratan de irse hacia un lugar retirado para descansar (Marcos 6:30-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Martes: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Miércoles: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Sal 78 (77):18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Jueves: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Viernes: Ex 20:1-17; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sábado: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126 (125):1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Domingo: 2 Re 4:42-44; Sal 145 (144):10-11, 15-18; Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

Los invitamos a la Adoración del santísimo y a un tiempo para reflexión personal, todos los Miércoles a las 6:30pm en la Iglesia.

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los muchachos y muchachas que estén en la high school para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un lugar para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

REUNION DE CONSEJO HISPANO

Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de Consejo Hispano el Viernes 7 de Agosto al las 7:00pm en la Rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los Esperamos.

ROSARIO 2DO. SABADO DEL MES

El Comité Guadalupano les hace la atenta invitación a rezar el Santo Rosario en la Iglesia el sábado, Julio 11 a las 7:00 de la mañana.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE DEEPU CONTINUADO...

Tenemos que recordar que aunque el pastor es la persona a cargo y esta para dirigir nuestra comunidad, nosotros somos la comunidad. Y como pastor, como sacerdote, como discípulo de Cristo, y liderar es servir. Jesús nos enseñó esto cuando lavó los pies de sus discípulos. Ahora bien, ¿significa esto que el Padre Jerónimo tiene que escuchar y hacer todo lo que le pedimos? Por supuesto que no. Pero podemos estar seguros al saber que va a tener buenos intereses para nosotros - como seguidores de Cristo.

Padre Allen, nuestro nuevo sacerdote, mencionó en su homilía cómo sus compañeros sacerdotes le dijo lo grande que es la comunidad que tenemos aquí en Santa Catalina, y que él está muy bendecido de llegar a Morgan Hill. No podía estar más de acuerdo. Tenemos muchos ministerios y grupos que servir a los necesitados, tenemos liturgias increíbles, y una escuela maravillosa. Pero también tenemos grandes eventos de la comunidad - tiempo para reunirnos, construir amistades unos con otros, y pasar un buen rato. Uno de esos eventos se acerca este miércoles, 22 de julio de 6-9pm, vamos a celebrar nuestra segunda noche en nuestro Ciclo de Música de Verano. En el campo detrás de la iglesia, tendremos música en vivo, camiones de tacos (y ¡churros!), cerveza y vino. Ven con tu familia, tus amigos, y traigan sus sillas y cobijas para pasar la noche con nuestra comunidad. Tendrán que pagar por la comida y bebidas, pero todos los vendedores son feligreses de St. Catherine, ¡por lo que estará ayudando a nuestra comunidad!

Estamos muy bendecidos por tener el Padre Jerónimo y el Padre Allen en nuestra parroquia. Espero poder trabajar con ambos y ver cómo nuestra comunidad parroquial crecerá con ellos.

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

A las personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación, pueden pasar a la Rectoría a registrarse, las clases inician en el Salón 12 todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Biblia y Cuaderno.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS

Las personas que tengan un familiar enfermo que no pueda asistir a la misa, puede dar sus datos en la Rectoría al Tele. 408-779-3959 para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y llevarles la comunión.

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SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

REGALAR ROPA PARA NIÑOS

El Sábado, Agosto 1, 2015

9am-4pm

Donde: Edificio de San Vicente de Paul esta localizada en el 13570 Depot, San Martin, CA.

Si tiene Ropa de niños y niñas para donar, favor de llevarla a la oficina de la parroquia de Santa Catalina a horas de oficina.



Si tiene preguntas, favor de comunicarse con Debbie al (408) 500-5659.

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

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Código postal: _____

Numero teléfono: _____

Email: _____

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

CENA GRATIS

Ahora en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina hay una cena para la Comunidad cada lunes de 6:00-7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial. Comida caliente gratuita también está disponible en cada martes en la Iglesia Luterana de 5-6 pm, todos los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6-7pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6-7pm. Los esperamos!

OFERTORIO VIA ELECTRONICA

Considere la posibilidad de hacer una donación de ofertorio para la parroquia por vía electrónica. En lugar de su oferta semanal entregado por sobre puede procesar las contribuciones de su cuenta de cheques, de ahorros o cuenta de tarjeta de crédito por vía electrónica a Santa Catalina.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios?

- Le permite configurar y programar la cantidad de su donación mensual de la misma manera que usted piensa de otros compromisos financieros.
- Continuar apoyando a su parroquia durante el viaje, de vacaciones, enfermedad, etc.
- Fácil de ajustar el monto de su contribución automatizado.
- No hay más que escribir un cheque cada semana.

Maneras como poder dar:

A) Utilice la opción su pagador de banco de la factura opción de la función, teniendo en cuenta el número de sobre, tal como será su número de cuenta.

B) Regístrate para utilizar la línea segura ParishPay. Ir al www.stca.org y haga clic en "Give A través de Parish Pay".

C) Dando por medio de PayPal. Vaya a www.stca.org y haga clic en "Give Via PayPal"

Apreciamos su generosidad si contribuyen con un cheque o dinero en efectivo, utilizando los sobres o por vía electrónica. Gracias.

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ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL **FALL FUN FEST**

Septiembre 18, 19 & 20

Un vistazo a lo que está por venir!

- Cupón de Paseo ilimitado, para ser utilizado en cualquier día del evento: \$15
- Hojas de Boletos, también estarán disponibles, 24 boletos por: \$15
- Santa Catalina boletos de comida y juegos: 10 por \$ 9



DOGMAS Y OPINIONES—PARTE 1

Los cristianos no tenemos “derecho a la vergüenza” cuando hablamos sobre las verdades de la Fe. Esas verdades no son nuestras, ni han surgido en el pensamiento como fruto de reflexiones personales, siempre sujetas a examen. Son un depósito recibido del mismo Dios a través de Jesucristo y de su Iglesia, y debemos proclamarlas con un “santo orgullo” que no esté reñido -¡jamás!- con la caridad. Proclamar las verdades de la Fe como si uno pidiera perdón por creer, o precedidas de fórmulas timoratas al estilo del “yo pienso...”, “a mí me parece...”, “en mi opinión...” es humillar a Cristo. En lo tocante a esas verdades, debo dejar claro que ni las pienso yo, ni me parece a mí, ni es mi opinión; las piensa Dios y las proclama la Iglesia. Y no soy yo quién para tamizarlas con mis complejos o mis temores. Debo proclamarlas con la frente muy alta. “¿Qué sabiduría es esta que le han enseñado?”. Esa misma autoridad con que Jesús hablaba de su Padre ha sido entregada a nosotros en el sacramento del Bautismo, por el que hemos sido instituidos profetas. Por eso, cuando escucho o leo a alguien que habla sobre las verdades de la Fe con seguridad y aplomo, consciente de que no proclama una opinión propia, sino de que transmite un legado del que se siente orgulloso, me doy cuenta de que estoy ante un hijo de Dios.

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

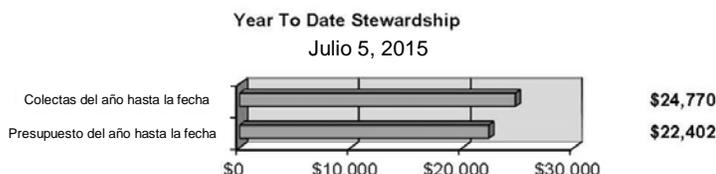
Parish Giving

**Colecta Especial
Peter's Pence \$5,217**

Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La Corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La “Meta Semanal” es el número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

Ofrenda Semanal de la Corresponsabilidad

	<u>5 de Julio</u>	<u>12 de Julio</u>	<u>19 de Julio</u>	<u>26 de Julio</u>
Ofrenda Total	\$24,770	\$0	\$0	\$0
Meta Semanal	<u>\$22,402</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Exceso (Faltante) del Presupuesto	\$2,368	\$0	\$0	\$0
Colectas del año hasta la fecha	\$24,770	\$24,770	\$24,770	\$24,770



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Queen Esther before King Ahasuerus; mosaic by Lillian Broca



Adult Faith Formation for the parish of St Catherine

Women of the Old Testament: Esther

The book of Esther takes place at the Persian court of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) who chooses the Jewess Esther as his queen. But Mordecai, the foster father of Esther, refuses to bow down to Haman the chief deputy to the king. Haman tells the king that the Jews who are living among the Persians have “laws differing from those of every other people. They do not obey the laws of the king, and so it is not proper for the king to tolerate them.” (Esth. 3:8). The king gives Mordecai permission to write a royal decree to all the governors of the provinces of the empire telling them to destroy all the Jews on a certain day.

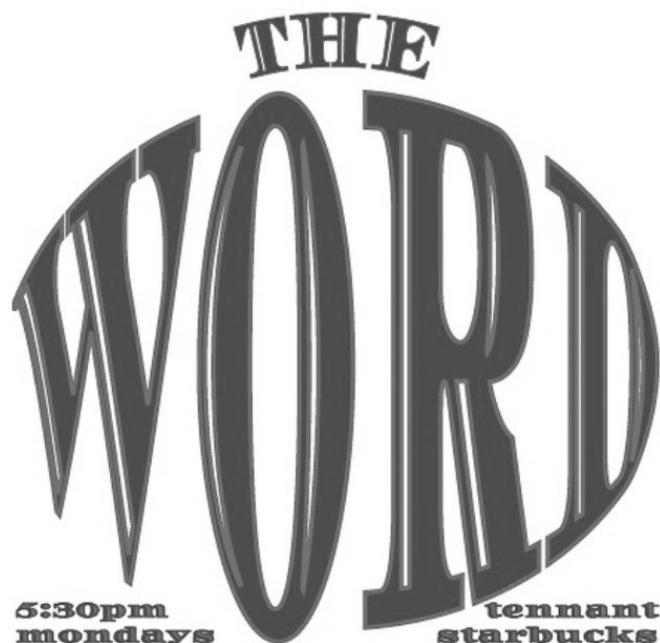
Mordecai advises Esther to go to the king to plead on behalf of her people. Esther at first refuses because she is supposed to wait for the king to summon her but Mordecai reminds her that she is in just as much danger as any other Jew from the decree. He says to her, “Who knows but that it was for a time like this that you obtained the royal dignity?” (Esth. 4:14) So Esther dresses herself carefully and stands at the inner court of the king where he sees her and invites her in. He asks what she wants and she invites him and Haman to a banquet. At that banquet she further invites the two to another banquet. Haman, seeing himself in favor with the king and queen, plots to kill Mordecai. Meanwhile the king remembers a time when Mordecai saved him from assassination. At the second banquet, Esther pleads for the lives of the Jews and tells the king that it is Haman who is oppressing them. When the king learns that Haman has prepared a gibbet to hang Mordecai he declares that it is Haman who should be hanged. Mordecai becomes the chief deputy and sends out a new edict giving the Jews orders to defend themselves against anyone who tries to oppress them. They defeat their enemies and Mordecai orders them to celebrate the victory each year at a feast called Purim.

Like so many women in the Bible, Esther is essentially powerless and yet she is able to save her people from destruction. God is not mentioned by name in the Book of Esther (the only Biblical book thus); yet God’s presence in the person of Esther is evident in both her wisdom and her courage.

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Come out on Wednesday!

It's going to be a grand old time! Our Summer Music Series is a great time for all ages. In June I saw so many families there enjoying themselves. Parents were able to relax with a drink and listen to the music. Their kids were able to eat food and run around the field and play with the other kids. It is such a blessing to see our community come together and have fun! Come on down this Wednesday (the 22nd), anytime between 6 and 9pm.



This prayer group that we started is only the beginning. We want to have all kinds of things going on for you teens so that you find something that you find fulfillment in.

Why yes, this is the same image I used last week. I've got a baby and on paternity leave. Deal with it.

Mini-Golf is this Thursday—and we're dressing up! Get your best golf clothes on and join us this evening. Best outfit wins Fro-Yo! Permission Slips are linked on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The Lord is my Swineherd.

Wouldn't it have been weird for this to be our image of Jesus Christ? I was in Daily Mass a few weeks ago (yeah, there's Mass everyday!), and it was the story of Jesus and His encounter with two demoniacs (the Bible's word, not mine) who Jesus sent into the swine which ran off the cliff and drowned in the sea. The swineherd freaked out and wanted Jesus to get out of town.

As I was in my very prayerful state of mind, going deep into the meaning of the Word, this is where my thoughts went:

Huh, I didn't know that someone who took care of swine was called a swineherd.

But sheep have a shepherd. Oh, it's a shepherd without an 'e'.

Wow, how have I never made that connection? What if Jesus used swine and a swineherd for His analogy between His disciples and Himself? Songs would sound so weird..."The Lord, is my swineherd, I shall not want..."

That Jesus knew what He was doing.

end thought process as Joshua wants to take his shoes off

Do I have a point to this? Not really. But I thought I'd share my revelation of where we got the term shepherd from.

Also, it's always fun to realize how clever Jesus was in new ways. He outsmarted so many people—people who were supposed to be the smartest of the smart, the most learned, the most holy—to the point where they decided that the best decision to make was to kill Him.

Kinda shows how important it is not only to know stuff, but how to use that knowledge too.

Like knowing that a shepherd herds sheep.

Companions In Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church

St. Catherine at Faith and Family Day with the Oakland A's



We had a great time watching the ball game, then listening to several players and coaches (including Billy Burns and Ben Zobrist) share their faith stories!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES!

Early Registration Deadline is August 21st. Classes begin in mid-September.

Faith formation classes offer basic and continuing faith formation for children Pre-K to 8th grade. Sacramental preparation for the sacraments of initiation (for children over age 7 who have not yet been baptized) and first communion and first reconciliation (for children who have been baptized) are also part of the classes.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory and the Church lobby.

Please contact Rose at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org for further information about classes and volunteer opportunities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR VBS SERVICE PROJECTS!

 **Faith. Action. Results.**

- We collected **\$276.06** through the Everest VBS Penny Well to benefit families affected by the Nepal earthquake. Monies will be sent through Catholic Relief Services.



- We gathered **150+** old towels to donate to the local animal shelter to wrap "new arrivals", make cozy beds, and dry animals off after baths or in the vet clinics.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

RETRouvaille...

A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The Retrouvaille program begins with an initial weekend: Friday, August 14, 7:00pm to Sunday, August 16, 5:00pm. There are 12 follow up sessions: Saturdays, August 22, 29, September 12, 26, October 10, 24 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Antonio and Claudia Flores at (408) 605-4998. Retrouvaille provides marriage help!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"Personal Shoppers" are needed for the Children's Clothing Giveaway Day on Saturday, August 1st to accompany the children as they shop and to help them choose their outfits.

Spanish speakers are especially needed. Choose a morning shift (8am-noon) or afternoon (noon-5pm) Great opportunity for a family project. Contact Carol Lillig to sign up (408-857-4516).

Are you a student or teen that needs Community Service hours for your school or church? Consider helping us sort our clothing donations and get them done this summer! We're at the shop (13570 Depot St., San Martin) every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-noon. You can also volunteer on Friday, July 31st (10am-2pm) when we set out on racks and tables all the clothes, books, toys, and backpacks for the families who will come August 1st. Teens are also encouraged to help as personal shoppers on Saturday, August 1st - morning shift 8am-noon, afternoon shift noon-5pm, or stay for the day! Contact Carol Lillig to sign up (408-857-4516).

FACEBOOK

Join us on Facebook and keep up to date on what the parish is doing. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/293047417474856>

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Teens, families, adults, young and old: the parish could use a few more people on some of our Community Supper teams. The commitment is once every 7 weeks from 5-7:30pm. Contact Joe or Carol Lillig if you'd like to help provide good food and good company for our weekly dinner for the community. (For bulletin and email announcement, add: lillig@garlic.com or 408-857-4516)

KNITTING GROUP

Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others here at St Catherine's? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us!

The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Do you want to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up to receive them by signing up at www.alertssc.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Catherine Parish has an opening for a part-time evening (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday to Friday) administrative assistant. The administrative assistant is the first contact that many have with the Parish and therefore must be hospitable and welcoming to all who phone or come to the Parish office.

The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with excellent written and verbal communications skills, and has a professional demeanor. The ideal candidate must be bi-lingual and bi-literate (able to read and write) in English and Spanish, knowledgeable in Microsoft Office and database applications, organized and detail oriented.

Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (www.dsj.org) or at the parish office.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO HOLD A FREE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

When - Saturday, August 1, 2015
9:00am - 4:00pm

Where - St. Vincent de Paul's Community Closet
13570 Depot Street, San Martin,
CA 95046



Children's clothes for pre-schoolers through high-schoolers! All on the first come, first serve basis. Children **MUST** accompany parent to the shop.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Catherine's St. Vincent de Paul's Community Closet in San Martin is in desperate need of 2 storage sheds (8'x12') or an 8'x20' used shipping container that we can use to store our boxes of donated clothes and other items. Thanks to the generous donations of our parishioners, we have lots of clothes, household items, furniture and appliances that we keep on hand in case anyone is in need. These items are all provided free of charge but we need the storage space! If you can help, contact Carol Lillig at 408-857-4516.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent De Paul Helpline has received a request for a wheelchair. If you have one that you no longer use consider offering it to a family in need. Contact Carol Lillig at (408)857-4516

FLOWER POWER

The Fil/Am is hosting a Dinner/Dance on August 15th. The dance theme is FLOWER POWER. The (optional) attire is: back in the 70'ties, "Flower child or Hippies". Music by the "Giks". Tickets are \$40 per person. Save this date on your calendar. For tickets see any of our Fil/Am friends Tom Rhodes, Flor Cortez, Gerry Achanzar and Yoly Merritt. See more details on our flyer.

SPORTS CAMP

Summer is HERE and so is our wonderful Sports Camp!

July 20 - Soccer 9am-12pm
and Basketball 1pm-4pm
July 27 - All Sports Leadership Camp
9am-3:30pm
August 3 - All Sports Camp 3
9am-3:30pm

Registration forms are available in the Parish & School offices and on our website -

www.stca.org.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY

Our nursery is open every Sunday from 8:30am to 11:45am for children ages 1 to 4. Drop in to meet our caretakers and see our toys. Just drop in, there is no fee.

STEPHEN MINISTERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy being with people? Are you caring and compassionate, a good listener? Perhaps you are being called to share your gifts as a Stephen minister. This is a one to one Christian caregiving ministry in which you journey with others going through a difficult time in their lives. All ministers receive intensive training and on-going support. For more information on becoming a Stephen Minister please call **Claranne** at **408-782-1413** or e-mail kenandclaranne@yahoo.com.

EVERGIVE

Have you joined St. Catherine's on Evergive? Download the Evergive app today! The community code is **STCA**.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

Open Invitation to all men.

Come and join us as we discuss, share and grow our faith. We meet Monday mornings in the O'Donnell Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30am to discuss our faith and relationship with God through discussions of Catholic books. *Coffee and refreshments are provided.*

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 18, 19 & 20



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Become a Sponsor
Volunteer to work:
Game booth
Food booth



Ticket sales after Mass
Setting up before the Fall Fun Fest
Taking down at the end.

See our website: www.stca.org



The start of a new fiscal year. Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Total Stewardship Offering	\$24,770	\$0	\$0	\$0
Weekly Goal	\$22,402	\$0	\$0	\$0
Weekly Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$2,368	\$0	\$0	\$0
Year To Date Collections	\$24,770	\$24,770	\$24,770	\$24,770

Stewardship Notes: Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter. The "Weekly Goal" number reflects the amount that would need to be collected each Week to meet our yearly budget.

Year To Date Stewardship July 5, 2015



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

St. Catherine School News



*The Lord is my shepherd.
I shall not want.*



Students attending our Summer Math Camp had a great time applying math concepts to real life experiences. Students enjoyed measuring, sawing, and sanding as they made flower presses. They used concepts of perimeter, area and volume in the garden. They discovered that by using the right lines & shapes, they could produce optical illusions, and they used math for a variety of cooking activities.



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2015-2016

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2015-2016 school year. Most classes are currently full for next year; however, we still have spots left for kindergarten, first and second grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.



Trust in the Lord

