

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/VIGESIMO PRIMER 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 Phil Flowers, Deacon.....

"What does a deacon do all day?" My questioner had seen me only as a vested assistant at Sunday Eucharist. I fumbled some sort of answer about a deacon's role in the Church being a lot less demanding than a priest's or bishop's. But the question deserves a better answer.

My primary ministry as a deacon is to serve the diocese in the Deacon Formation office. This ministry fulfills my diaconal obligation to Charity and Justice by helping to form new deacons. I go to the diocesan Chancery twice a week to handle interviews, appointments, email, planning, and so on.

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Desde el Escritorio de Phil Flowers, Diacono.....

"¿Qué hace un diácono todo el día?" La persona que me entrevisto, solamente me había visto como un asistente en la Eucaristía dominical. Busqué algún tipo de respuesta sobre el papel del diácono en la Iglesia, que es mucho menos exigente que el del sacerdote u obispo. Pero la pregunta merece una respuesta mejor.

Mi ministerio primordial como diácono es servir a la diócesis en la oficina de formación de diáconos. Este ministerio cumple mi obligación diaconal a la caridad y la justicia, ayudando a formar nuevos diáconos. Voy a la cancillería diocesana dos veces por semana para hacer entrevistas, citas, correos electrónicos, planificación, y así sucesivamente.

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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: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt
23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14,
17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-
12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, August 23

8:00-3:00pm CR1-4&Kit Hospitality— Ministry Fair
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
2:00-3:00pm CH English Baptisms
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, August 24

6:00-7:00pm CR3-4 Community Supper
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alfa & Omega Planning Mtg
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women's Stitching Group
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo Mtg.
7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptismal Class

Tuesday/Martes, August 25

6:00-10:00pm CR1-4&Kit KOC Assembly Meeting
7:00-9:00pm LR FFF Mtg

Wednesday/Miércoles, August 26

12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:00-8:00pm Rm. 8 Catechist Welcome & Orientation
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 10 Encuentro Matrimonial
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático

Thursday/Jueves, August 27

6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal
1:00-7:00pm NUR Parish Counselor
6:30-9:00pm Rm. 12 RICA
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, August 28

9:30-10:30am MC Bible Study
6:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, August 29

9:00-10:00am LR Men's Group
12:00-5:00pm CR1-4&Kit KOC Assembly Meeting

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

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 24	† Luigi D' Ambrosio
	† Sandra Craven
Tuesday, August 25	† Edward Aiken
	† Hermann Scharfe
Wednesday, August 26	† Christina Martinez
	† Eduardo Grisetti
Thursday, August 27	† Rita Thatcher
	† Zachary Jensen
Friday, August 28	† Cynthia Duffy
	† Alfredo Rodriguez
Saturday, August 29	† J. Concepcion Cid
	† Catalina Rodriguez

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: "In what way has the example of Christian marriage helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?"

Child: "What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?"

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Today's readings speak of relationships, with God and with one another. When we are in a "good place" we cherish the relationships we have with God and with family and friends. Sometimes though we focus on ourselves and forget the gift that connecting with God and those close to us brings. We are always in need of reminders to prevent us from turning inward and thinking only of ourselves. Though we know we are gifted and saved by God, sometimes our focus is on "me" when we don't attend to our relationships. Even "*many of his disciples*" could not avoid relying on their own interpretation of Jesus' message. How could they "eat his flesh" for heavens sake. It's almost as if Jesus needed to hold up a sign saying this is the depth of our relationship... I will be an integral part of you, so much so that we will be one. Even that may not have helped those who did not recognize Jesus as the one sent by God. In a similar way we need to see our personal relationships as committing ourselves to the other, be they intimate family or even strangers. We need prayer to strengthen this sense of interdependence. We need help to move beyond focusing only on "number one." That doesn't mean we don't care for ourselves but rather that we live most fully as disciples of Jesus when we live what "love one another as I have loved you" means. Peter, despite his sometimes obtuseness, knew Jesus as Lord. We have that same gifted insight... and we are called to live that knowledge in our relationships.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

It's hard to be green when we see so much brown. But brown is beautiful too, just not what we're used to. Changing habits to conserve is colorblind... try it.

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 PHIL CONTINUED.....

Once a month we have a Saturday session for the deacon aspirants and candidates (prayer, discussions, and presentations on topics like presiding or workshops like homiletics), plus there is an annual Retreat and occasional other gatherings. I also teach at the diocesan Institute for Leadership in Ministry (ILM) which is a prerequisite for Deacon formation.

My parish ministry fulfills my diaconal obligation to Word and Liturgy. I assist at Sunday Eucharist, proclaiming the Gospel and helping the altar servers, and am available once a month for preaching. My other parish duties are mostly focused around Baptism: administering Children's Baptisms, teaching a Children's Baptism preparation class, teaching an Adult Baptism (RCIA) preparation class, and helping with the RCIA rites, such as Dismissals. I also serve as a Church Advocate for people who wish to seek a marriage annulment from the Bishop.

If you have been counting, my list of diaconal duties is long, but the total hours are short – less than a part-time job. This is by design. The Church's intention is that marriage and family take precedence over the diaconate. Sarah and I are both retired from our careers, respectively IBM and Santa Clara County Library. We have lots of interests like good food, good movies and good books, but our greatest interest is our three sons and four grandchildren. Currently we are learning Italian and planning our first trip to Rome in order to visit with our third son Thomas who is a Jesuit studying for the priesthood there.

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

"Summertime and the living is easy."



That's what the favorite old song says.

The living may be easy, but often the giving is not. Summer collections often drop significantly in our parish because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend mass in other parishes. Our budget has been impacted. Of course we are always grateful for your gifts, but if you were unable to make a gift while you were away, please consider making it now. We appreciate all you do to make it up. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent please consider our electronic giving option. Currently many of our parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. If you would like to learn more please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org or check our website at www.stca.org and click on **give via parish pay**.

Don't want to miss Mass!

Looking for a parish while on vacationing during Labor Day...

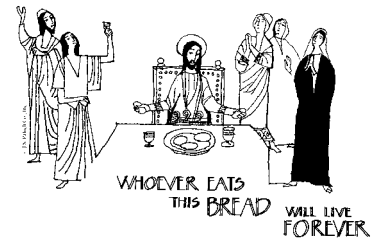
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www.masstimes.org



LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION:

This is the last of five Sundays which take the Gospel from John 6, speaking about Christ as the bread of life.



The disciples (and probably even more the people) are scandalized that Christ claims to be the bread of life come down from heaven and that he states that nobody has life unless he eats Christ's flesh. But everybody has to take a stand and the Apostles do so through Peter, saying in today's Gospel, **Jn. 6:60-69**: "To whom shall we go to? You have the words of eternal life." In a similar way once the Israelites at Shechem, in today's first reading, **Jos. 24:1-2, 15-17, 18b**, took their stand in following God faithfully. St. Paul in the second reading, **Eph. 5:21-32**, reminds us that Christ is faithful to us, the Church, so must we be faithful to Christ, like the married relationship.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



The Eucharist was never meant to be only "comfort food," something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us.

Thus it is no surprising to see some walk away in today's Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one's life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week (Aug. 28th), once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflection of John's Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?

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VIGESIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Josué urge a los israelitas a que sirvan a Dios o a los otros dioses (Josué 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo reflexiona cómo los esposos y esposas deberán darse amor y reverencia mutua (Efesios 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Evangelio — Después de hablar de dar su carne a comer, muchos de los discípulos de Jesús se alejaron. Los Doce escogieron permanecer con él: "Maestro, ¿a quién acudiremos?" (Juan 6:60-69).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Martes: 1 Tes 2:1-8; Sal 139 (138):1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles: 1 Tes 2:9-13; Sal 139 (138):7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Jueves: 1 Tes 3:7-13; Sal 90 (89):3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Tes 4:1-8; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Tes 4:9-11; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Mc 6:17-29

Domingo: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Sal 15 (14):2-5; Stgo 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mc 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

UNA BOMBA CONVERTIDA EN MONUMENTO

"Desde entonces, muchos discípulos suyos se echaron atrás y no volvieron a ir con él"... La "espantada" que tuvo lugar en Cafarnaúm, tras el discurso del Pan de Vida, puede parecernos chocante. Hoy día, podemos leer ese discurso entero sin pestañear; no nos escandaliza más que cualquier otro discurso de Jesús. Y -digámoslo claro-quizá eso es lo peor que ha podido sucedernos: hemos perdido toda capacidad de escándalo en lo que al Evangelio se refiere. A fuerza de interpretarlo a nuestro antojo y de quitarle su fuerza convulsiva, hemos convertido el Evangelio en algo semejante a una de esas bombas que quedaron sin estallar en algún sitio durante la Guerra Civil española. Hemos hecho con él un monumento, lo hemos subido a un pedestal, y lo admiramos sonrientes como se admira un cuadro hermoso e inofensivo. Ahora bien: la bomba todavía tiene metralla y el percutor está intacto. *(Sera continuado en el boletín de la semana que entra)*

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSE CONTINUADO...

Una vez al mes tenemos una sesión en sábado para candidatos y los aspirantes al diaconado (oración, debates y presentaciones sobre temas como presidir o talleres como Homotéticas), además de que hay un retiro anual y otros eventos ocasionales. También, enseño en el Instituto Diocesano de Liderazgo Ministerial (ILM), que es un requisito previo para la Formación de Diáconos.

Mi ministerio parroquial cumple mi obligación diaconal de la Palabra y Liturgia. Ayudo en la Eucaristía dominical, predico el Evangelio y ayudo a los monaguillos, y estoy disponible una vez al mes para predicar. Mis otros deberes parroquiales se centran principalmente en torno al Bautismo: celebrando bautismos de niños, enseñando las clases de preparación, enseñando las clases para bautismo de adulto (RCIA) y ayudando con los ritos del RICA. También, apoyo como Abogado de Iglesia para las personas que deseen obtener una anulación del matrimonio del Obispo.

Si usted ha estado contando, mi lista de tareas diaconales es larga, pero el total de horas son cortos - menos de un trabajo de tiempo parcial. Esto es por diseño. La intención de la Iglesia es que el matrimonio y la familia tengan prioridad sobre el diaconado. Sarah y yo estamos retirados de nuestras carreras, respectivamente IBM y la biblioteca del condado de Santa Clara. Tenemos varios intereses como la buena comida, buen cine y los buenos libros, pero nuestro mayor interés es nuestros tres hijos y cuatro nietos. Actualmente estamos aprendiendo italiano y preparando nuestro primer viaje a Roma con el fin de visitar a nuestro tercer hijo Thomas, que es un jesuita estudiando para el sacerdocio allí.

OFICINA DE CATECISMO

Registraciones para catecismo ya están disponibles, en las oficinas de la parroquia, de Catecismo o en nuestra página del web (www.stca.org). Para más información, favor de llamar al (408) 779-9604 o por correo electrónico: ro-sepm@dsj.org.

VIGESIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CLASE PREBAUTISMALES

Esta platica es diseñada para preparar a los padres y padrinos del niño/a que recibirá el sacramento del Bautismo. La clase es requerido antes del Bautismo y se llevaran acabo **en la iglesia a las 6:30pm** durante esta fecha: **Septiembre 1, 2015** ***Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha** a la oficina Parroquial al (408) 779-3959.

GUARDANDO NUESTROS COMPROMISOS

En la obra musical *El violinista en el tejado*, el esposo, Tevye, cuyo matrimonio había sido planificado por otros muchos años atrás, quiere saber si su esposa de veras lo ama. ¿Fue su matrimonio solamente un arreglo, un contrato? Después de tantos años, ¿llegó su mujer a quererlo? ¿Lo quiere todavía?

Necesitamos saber si nuestros compromisos son duraderos. Necesitamos que nos lo recuerden y reafirmen. En la primera lectura, Josué, el sucesor de Moisés, necesitaba saber si el pueblo iba a mantenerse fiel a su alianza con el Señor. Josué iba a llevarlos a una nueva vida – una vida estable. ¿Serían fieles?

Jesús, habiéndose identificado como la fuente de vida de sus discípulos, necesitaba saber. ¿Ustedes van a irse también o van a quedarse? Pocas veces vemos a Jesús tan vulnerable. Pedro y los apóstoles escogieron quedarse. ¿Qué vamos a hacer nosotros?

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¡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: _____

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para asistir al Grupo Amigos. Es un grupo 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.

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!

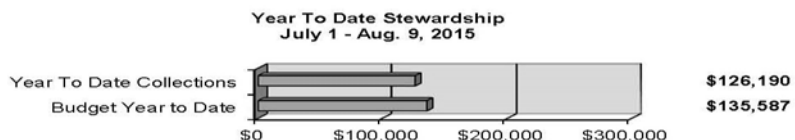


**Gracias por su
Generosidad**

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

	19 de Julio	26 de Julio	2 de Agosto	9 de Agosto
Ofrenda Total	\$18,135	\$16,068	\$23,330	\$19,101
Meta Semanal	<u>\$22,402</u>	<u>\$22,402</u>	<u>\$22,990</u>	<u>\$22,990</u>
Exceso (Faltante) del Presupuesto	(\$4,267)	(\$6,334)	\$340	(\$3,889)
Colectas del año hasta la fecha	\$67,691	\$83,759	\$107,089	\$126,190



VIGESIMO PRIMER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

Septiembre 18, 19 & 20

Boletos Descontados

Están a la venta únicamente hasta el viernes, 18 de septiembre a las 3:00pm. Los puede comprar en la pagina de web: www.stca.org, después de las misas de fin de semana y en la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario de oficina.

Juegos Mecánicos

Copón Ilimitados - \$15.00

Se puede utilizar una vez en cualquier día del festival.

Hoja de 24 boletos - \$15.00

Estos boletos individuales pueden ser utilizados en cualquier momento durante el Festival.

Comida y Juegos

Boletos rojos para comida y juegos - 10 por \$9.00

Estos boletos tienen un valor de \$1.00. Pueden usarlos en cualquier puesto de comida o puesto de juegos de Santa Catalina.

Cena el Sábado por la Noche

Estos boletos se venderán hasta el Martes, 15 de Septiembre. No se venderán en el festival.

Cena de pollo - 1/2 pollo - \$9.00

Cena de costillas - 4 costillas estilo St. Louis- \$9.00



El show de coches estará en el estacionamiento de la escuela el sábado, de 11 a 4pm. Solamente carros de 1975 y mas antiguos podrán entrar al show. El espacio es limitado, regístrese hoy. El costo es \$20 por carro.

Oportunidades para Patrocinar

Promocione el nombre de su negocio o de su familia durante el festival.

Todos los patrocinadores, reciben reconocimiento antes y después del festival - en el boletín, los correos electrónicos semanales y en nuestra página de web (www.stca.org).

Gracias a Johanna Tacci por ser la primera patrocinadora.

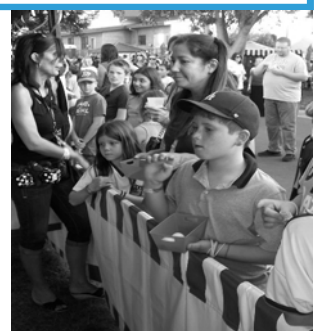
Felicidades a **Kaitlyn Weigel** por ser la ganadora del concurso de diseño de las playeras. Gracias a todos los participantes. Compre su playera hoy - \$15, www.stca.org.

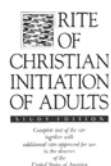


Oportunidades de Voluntario

Formas de ser voluntario:

- Venta de boletos después de las misas
- "Set-up" - preparar la zona en el día y por la mañana antes del Festival
- Puesto de juegos - Padres e hijos pueden trabajar juntos
- Todos los Puestos - 16 años o más pueden trabajar en cualquier puesto, excepto el puesto de cerveza y vino.
- Ayuda para la Cocina - Picar, cortar, mezclar, etc. para preparar la comida para cocinar.
- Los corredores - moviendo comida y material entre el área de la cocina o el almacenamiento hacia los puestos.
- La limpieza de la noche del domingo y en los días siguientes del festival.
- Seleccione un puesto adonde se puede sentar o estar de pie.
- Inscribese con tu familia o con un amigo, hay algo para todos!





Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion at St Catherine Church



Leah Jones becomes a Catholic with her fellow candidate, Nancy Bettencourt, as others support them, May 2012.

Are you an adult who wants to become a Catholic Christian?

We welcome you!

Contact

Rose Pucan-Meagor
Director of Family Faith For-
mation & Evangelization
rosepm@dsj.org
408-779-9604

Already baptized?

- The Catholic Church honors a non-Catholic baptism that follows our common Christian tradition. Instead of re-baptizing, there is a process to become one with us in the Catholic Church by embracing the Catholic understanding of Christianity.

Not baptized?

- Initiation in the Catholic Church (sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) requires a desire for a life conversion to God's love as seen in the Lord Jesus and proclaimed in the Catholic Church. There is a process to express this conversion.

Process?

- The process to become a Catholic is completed when both the candidate and the Church are ready. Timing for completion is both an individual's and the Church's decision.
- The essential elements in the process are **Word** (accepting Christ Jesus and his message), **Worship** (praying publically & privately), **Community** (participating in activities with other Catholics), and **Service** (witnessing to Christ in word and deed, especially to those in need).

Time Commitments!

- Sunday Eucharist — every week
- Wednesday night classes — as scheduled, 2 times a month
- A few other scheduled events

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Wow...this passage is just all kinds of awesomeness. Joshua is such a baddonkey (if you catch my drift).

I might've written about this passage before because we have a version of this verse hanging on a wall in our house, but it's worth writing about again (mostly because no one remembers what I wrote...including me).

I love how it sounds. There's boldness. There's confidence. And I just imagine Joshua saying it like he doesn't give a flying hoot which way the people decide, just as long as they decide.

He says it like, "You do what you want, but I know the truth and that's what I'm gonna do. But stop going back and forth and decide already!"

And although it might not be the most pastoral way to approach other people's beliefs, there is something about it that just resonates with me. Joshua has this confidence in God that he is willing to speak loudly about. But at the same time, he's not forcing anyone to choose the same as he does. Sometimes I think we need more of this. We need to stop trying to force people to believe what we believe. BUT, that means also being confident enough to speak up about our faith (and I include myself in this). If

people don't follow Christ because they just don't believe, that's their choice - but their reason shouldn't be because of us. It shouldn't be because they think we don't know what we believe. Or because we were never willing to talk about it. It shouldn't be because they saw us as hypocrites - saying we follow Christ but we treat people horribly, are unforgiving, and thinking that we're better than them.

When we choose not to share our faith by our actions and our words, we're choosing something other than God. We're choosing our status, or how others see us. We're choosing ourselves. We're choosing anger, lust, hatred, jealousy, pride - everything that God isn't. To be disciples of Christ, there are two things we must do: love God **above** all other things, and love our enemies. And that doesn't mean we just say it, but we actually live it. Think about how many Christians you know who hate someone else, or are holding grudges against someone else. Are you one of them?

We need to live for Christ. And in order to do that, we need to live like Christ.

Let our church be the house that serves the Lord.

Passing on the Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church



Catechists are still needed to be part of the Sunday Morning Faith Formation Team:

- 1) Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Ministers - Help make the Word of God come alive for the kids in our community!
- 2) Early Early Childhood Education (ECE) Catechists - Share the gospel with young disciples, our 3-5 year olds in the parish!

Commitment is one (1) Sunday a month, during the 8:45am or 10:30am masses. Training and resources are provided. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES!

Start dates:

Sat classes (SPANISH): September 12
9:00-10:15 am

Sun classes: September 13

9:00-10:15 am

8:45 & 10:30 masses-Early Childhood Education (ECE, children aged 3-5) and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Wed classes: September 16

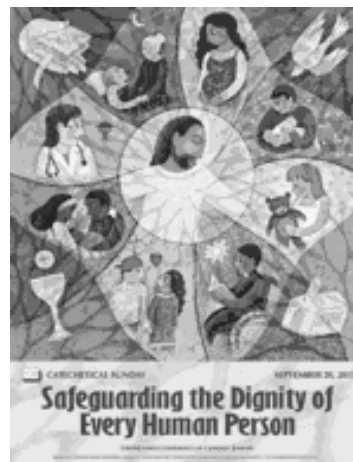
3:15-4:30 pm and 4:45-6:00 pm

5:30 - 6:30 pm (Middle School Ministry)

Registration forms can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory and the Church lobby. Contact Rose at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org for further information.

Coming September 20-21

Catechetical Sunday: "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person"



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LEARNING LOVING CENTER NEWS

Celebrate "Oktoberfest" with the Learning and Loving Education Center of Morgan Hill on Sunday, October 4th from 2-6pm! There will be tours of the Center, traditional German food, wine tasting, great entertainment, a Silent Auction, and chances to win an exciting "Wine Heist." Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by calling the Center at 408.776.1196 or at edctr@earthlink.net.

The Learning and Loving Education Center is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Presentation. This women-focused nonprofit organization provides education, outreach and resources to low income immigrant women and their children. Programs teach skills that assist underserved populations in overcoming the multiple barriers to education, literacy, employment and self-reliance. Your participation and support of this event is greatly appreciated.

COMPASSION CENTER

The Compassion Center serves the homeless in the South County and is in dire need of funds. You can help by attending a fundraiser on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Fortino Winery in Gilroy. The dinner dance tickets are \$50 per person. For tickets or more information, please call Maria Skoczylas at (408) 779-1290. www.gilroycompassioncenter.org

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still?

We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life—a settled life. Would they be faithful?

Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are making an effort to update the list of Eucharistic Ministers to the sick and homebound. If you take Communion to individual(s), a nursing home or a retirement center please call Judy Gillingham at (408) 778-8904 or email at jdygarden@aol.com. Please give your name, phone number and email address and who you visit each week.

If you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound or you know someone who is unable to attend Mass and who would like to receive Communion please contact Fr. Allen at (408) 779-3959 or email anavarro@dsj.org.

MEN'S GROUP

The men's Spiritual Group meets weekly to discuss the book, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* by James Martin SJ at 9:00am in the Parish Rectory Living Room. All men are welcome!

MARRIED COUPLES

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is November 13-15 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or [408-782-1413](tel:408-782-1413).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous



ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 18, 19 & 20

All information on our
website
www.stca.org

Discounted and pre-Event Tickets

Please note these Tickets are available for purchase up through 3pm Friday Sept. 18th.

Purchase them online at www.stca.org, after weekend Masses beginning, after School or in the Parish Office during business hours.

Carnival Rides

Unlimited Ride Coupon - \$15.00

Use once on any day of the *Fun Fest*.

Sheet of 24 Ride Tickets—\$15.00

Use any time during the *Fun Fest*

Food and Game

Red Food and Game Tickets—10 for \$9.00

Tickets value of \$1.00. Use at any St. Catherine food, beverage, or game booth.

Saturday Night Chicken or Rib Dinner

Tickets on sale until Tuesday Sept. 15th. They will not be sold at the Fun Fest.

Chicken Dinner - 1/2 chicken - \$9.00

Rib Dinner - 4 St. Louis Style Port Ribs - \$9.00

Fall Fun Fest T-Shirt

T-Shirts—\$15.00 each

Sponsorship Opportunities

Put your business or family name in front of everyone attending the Fall Fun Fest.

All Sponsors receive recognition before and after the Fall Fun Fest:

Thank you Johanna Tacci for being our first Sponsor.

This year's winner of our T-shirt art contest is **Kaitlyn Weigel**. Thank you all artists who submitted entries. Buy this one of a kind T-shirt today - \$15 at www.stca.org



Volunteer Opportunities

Ways to volunteer:

- Game Booths - Parent and child can work together
- Other Booths - 16 and older can work in any booth except the beer and wine booth
- Kitchen Help and Runners
- Cleaning up on Sunday evening and in the days following the *Fun Fest*
- Select a volunteer spot that you can do sitting down or moving around.
- Sign up as a family or with a friend

We have something for everyone!

1st Annual St. Catherine's Fall Fun Fest



The car show will be held in the School parking lot on Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Only 1975 and older vehicles may be entered. Entry fee is \$20.00 per car. Spaces are limited so register early. See our website.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE "COME LET US ADORE HIM!"

Our 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins on First Friday, September 4th, immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the mass and concludes on First Saturday, September 5th with Benediction at 8am.

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" MT 26:40

ST. CATHERINE MINISTRY FAIR Sunday, August 23 7:30am - Noon Parish Center

Stop in and learn about our Parish programs and ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk with ministers and group leaders about the service they perform and how you can become more involved in our Parish community.



2016 MASS INTENTION BOOK

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

St. Catherine Golf Classic

Returns to
Coyote Creek Golf Club
Friday, October 16, 2015

SAVE THE DATE
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.

EVERGIVE

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



**See our website
www.stca.org for online
donation options.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

	July 19	July 26	Aug. 2	Aug. 9
Total Stewardship Offering	\$18,115	\$16,068	\$23,330	\$19,101
Weekly Goal	\$22,402	\$22,402	\$22,990	\$22,990
Weekly Budget Excess (Shortfall)	(\$4,287)	(\$6,334)	\$340	(\$3,889)
Year To Date Collections	\$67,691	\$83,759	\$107,089	\$126,190

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.



St. Catherine School News

WELCOME NEW COUGARS!

A huge welcome to our new Cougars! We have a number of new families with kindergartners as well as a few new families in other grades. We are delighted to have them as members of the St. Catherine School community!

A special welcome to our new staff members: 7th Grade/Science—Tad Christopher, 3rd Grade Teacher—Malissa Etie, Resource Teacher—Mary Kelly, Kindergarten Aide—Kelly Guild, 1st Grade Aide—Veronica Aldana, Math Support—Dawn Tate, and Music Teacher—John Kellett! We know you will love St. Catherine School. Welcome aboard!



As of submission date, the new bathrooms are well on their way to being ready for our students.



LENDING LIBRARY FOR PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS

A small lending library of faith based and spiritual books is now available in the school lobby. If you are looking for special information about our Catholic faith or a book to inspire you to seek a closer relationship with Jesus, stop by and check out the selection. Just take the book with you and return it when you finish. After you finish a book, you are encouraged (certainly not required) to jot a few notes about its impact on the sheet in the front cover. If you have books about our faith and developing a relationship with Christ that you would like to share with others, just drop it off at the school office. We'll put it on our list, include a note sheet and get it on the shelf.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Back to School Night for grades K-5 is Tuesday, August 25. Parents meet in the church at 6:30, then attend presentations by teachers. Our Jr. High Back to School Night is Thursday, August 27. Again, parents meet in church at 6:30, then walk their child's schedule and hear about policies and expectations from each teacher. Each school family is expected to have at least one parent attend the night for their child's grade. This is a fabulous way to meet your child's new teacher and see what your child will be learning this year.



Our new kindergarten team!

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 the coming 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.