

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/VIGESIMO SEGUNDO 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 Anna Quiñones, Development Director.....

Sharing our gift of Time, Talent and Prayer with our Parish
and Community

"Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts you have given me?" Quite simply, without this simple communication with God, we might be great volunteers and we might be great donors but we are not necessarily stewards if we are sharing our gifts in a way that meets our own wants and needs rather than fulfilling the plans that God has for us. When we volunteer and work to make our parish community the best it can be it is especially important to pray and discern what Gods plan may be for us. One priest used to say that we should not ask, "What do you think I should be doing as a volunteer to make the community better for us (me and my family)?" ...*(Continued Page 3...)*

Desde el Escritorio de Anna Quiñones, Directora de Desarrollo.....

Compartiendo nuestros regalos de Tiempo, Talento y Oración con
nuestra Parroquia y Comunidad

"Señor, ¿qué quieres que haga con todos los dones que me has dado?"

En pocas palabras, sin esta sencilla comunicación con Dios, podríamos ser grandes voluntarios y podríamos ser grandes donantes pero no somos necesariamente Stewards si estamos compartiendo nuestros dones de una manera que cumpla con nuestros propios deseos y necesidades en lugar de cumplir los planes que Dios tiene para nosotros. Cuando somos voluntarios y trabajamos para que nuestra comunidad parroquial sea lo mejor que pueda ser,

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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: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).
Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).
Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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THE VALUE OF LABOR

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, August 30

8:00-3:00pm CR1-4&Kit Hospitality- SVDP
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:30-10:30am LR RCIA Dismissal
9:00-10:15pm MC RCIC General Info Mtg
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, August 31

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.
6:45-8:45pm Rm. 12 Los Pies de Cristo Prayer Group

Tuesday/Martes, September 1

6:00-10:00pm CR3-4&Kit KOC Board Meeting
7:00-9:00pm LR Car Raffle Mtg
7:00-9:00pm CR1 FFF Mtg
6:30-9:30pm GYM Danza Liturgica

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 2

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 Training Session
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind
7:00-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Grupo Carismático
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Comm. Mtg.

Thursday/Jueves, September 3

6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir Rehearsal
1:00-7:00pm NUR Parish Counselor
6:30-8:00pm GYM Danza Liturgica
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum

Friday/Viernes, September 4

9:30-10:30am MC Bible Study
6:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Play Practice
7:00-9:30pm CR1-4 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:00-9:00pm LR Consejo Hispano

Saturday/Sabado, September 5

9:00-10:00am LR Men's Group
8:30-10:00pm CR1-4, Kit MESST Celebration

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 31	† Arthur Duffy † Ed Grisetti
Tuesday, September 1	† Margaret Drake † Maria Leyva
Wednesday, September 2	† Ed Grisetti † Manuel Zapien
Thursday, September 3	† Thomas Thompson † Maria de Jesus Bieyra
Friday, September 4	† Bill Young † Luigi D'Ambrosio
Saturday, September 5	† Catatrino Macias † Norberto Macias

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: "Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?"

Child: "How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?"

TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

It can be harder to live by the intent of the law rather than just the letter of the law. Jesus isn't as much troubled by the Jewish purity laws as he is by the "holier than thou" attitude of those who chastise Jesus' disciples who haven't cleansed their hands before eating. Cleanliness has its root in avoiding contamination from dirt etc. That is a good thing (to this day moms tell their children to wash before eating :-). It wasn't hygiene being questioned but ritual observance without regard to the circumstance. Feeding the hungry trumps mere literal observance of a law. True, one can go too far and disregard laws that have a need to be followed, love your neighbor comes to mind. We might well take stock of our own tenacity in following strict legal interpretation of our "traditions." Admittedly blind observance requires no thought or judgment as to how another is complying with a moral law. But living in a relationship of love with another isn't always easy. Extenuating circumstances allow prudent judgment to see the underlying purpose of the reason for the law (or tenet or ...). In short, seeing with one's heart as well as one's eyes allows us to be followers of Jesus, allowing mercy and compassion to adapt the stricture of absolute obedience... (We're talking about daily living here, not Church dogma.) Start with giving others (and ourselves) the benefit of the doubt, looking at the choice in question with eyes of grace, striving to follow what Jesus asks of us... love.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Try putting discarded items in or around the church in the recycling containers in the vestibule and outside the front doors if appropriate before just using the trash containers.

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 ANNA CONTINUED.....

Rather we should be asking, "What do you think God wants us to be doing as volunteers to make our community the best it can be for everyone (you and your family)?"

I love spending time sharing my gifts of time and helping in parish ministries and working with others by lending a hand, it brings me GREAT joy. There is such satisfaction working side by side with a complete stranger and within days or weeks this individual has become a friend. You are working together toward one common goal, the mission of the parish, serving God and the people of our community. There are so many people who are just like that ... committed to making St. Catherine's the best it can be.

Of course we can always use more volunteers, sharing their time, talent and prayers to help us be an even better parish for our families, children, elderly, the poor, you and me. I invite you to say a prayer and ask "Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts you have given me?" Then go to our website and sign up to help out wherever you feel you can make a difference. I promise you too will feel GREAT joy working side by side with a stranger and making a friend, but most of all because you made a difference in our community.

God bless and thank you for sharing your time, talent and your prayers...

Anna Quinones

Office of Development & Evangelization

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 can 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...

go to
www.masstimes.org



LITURGY WORSHIP

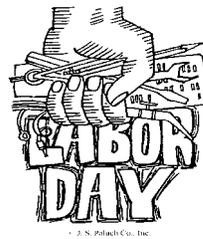
REFLECTION:

Today we are told to respect the law of God without twisting it to our own advantage. Jesus, in today’s



This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me

Gospel, **Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**, challenges the Scribes and Pharisees to respect the law of God as sacred; so that through observance of the law of God we experience the fullness of life, the first reading, **Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8**. Thus, St. James in the second reading, **Jas. 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**, tells us “We must be doers of God’s will, not just nice talkers.”



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week, September 7th, gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church’s social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notion as a fair day’s pay for a fair human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teaching on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church’s social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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VIGESIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Moisés ordena al pueblo guardar los mandamientos de Yavé porque así serán conocidos como pueblo sabio e inteligente (Deuteronomio 4:1-2, 6-8).

Salmo — ¿Quién será grato a tus ojos, Señor? (Salmo 15 [14]).

Segunda lectura — Reciban la palabra sembrada entre ustedes, y pongan por obra lo que dice la palabra y no se conformen con oírla (Santiago 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Evangelio — Lo que nos hace impuros son las maldades que salen de dentro, de nuestro propio corazón, no las cosas de afuera (Marcos 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 4:13-18; Sal 96 (95):1, 3-5, 11-13; Lc 4:16-30

Martes: 1 Tes 5:1-6, 9-11; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Lc 4:31-37

Miércoles: Col 1:1-8; Sal 52 (51):10-11; Lc 4:38-44

Jueves: Col 1:9-14; Sal 98 (97):2-6; Lc 5:1-11

Viernes: Col 1:15-20; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 5:33-39

Sábado: Col 1:21-23; Sal 54 (53):3-4, 6, 8; Lc 6:1-5

Domingo: Is 35:4-7a; Sal 146:7-10; Stgo 2:1-5; Mc 7:31-37

SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

De la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de Santa Catalina tiene una tiendita comunitaria, que estará abierta todos los martes y Jueves de 10:00am a 12:00pm para personas que necesitan ropa para hombres y mujeres GRATIS. Al igual hay ropa de niños, bebés, y algunos artículos para el hogar y muebles. El domicilio de la tiendita es - 13570 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046.

PREPARACIÓN A LOS SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

A las personas de 18 años en adelante que les falte alguno de los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación, pueden pasar a la Rectoría a registrarse para RICA. Las clases inician el 10 de Septiembre en el Salón 12, todos los Jueves a las 7:00pm. Les pedimos traer Biblia y Cuaderno.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ANNA CONTINUADO...

es especialmente importante orar y discernir cuál es el plan de Dios para nosotros. Un sacerdote decía que no debemos preguntar: "¿Qué crees que debería hacer como voluntario para hacer la comunidad mejor para nosotros (yo y mi familia)?" Más bien deberíamos preguntarnos: "¿Qué crees que Dios quiere que estemos haciendo como voluntarios para hacer de nuestra comunidad lo mejor que puede ser para todos (usted y su familia)?"

Me encanta compartir mis dones de tiempo y ayudar en los ministerios parroquiales y trabajar con otros, me da muchísima alegría. Hay tal satisfacción de trabajar codo a codo con un completo desconocido que en cuestión de semanas o días este individuo se convierte en un amigo. Están trabajando juntos hacia un objetivo común, la misión de la parroquia, sirviendo a Dios y a nuestra comunidad. Hay tantas personas que son así, comprometidas en hacer a Santa Catalina lo mejor que puede ser.

Por supuesto, siempre podemos usar más voluntarios, compartiendo su tiempo, talento y oraciones para ayudarnos a ser una mejor parroquia para nuestras familias, niños, ancianos, los pobres, usted y yo. Los invito a rezar una oración y pedir "¿Señor, qué quieres que haga con todos los dones que me hace dado?". Después visiten nuestra página de web (www.stca.org) y registrarse para ayudar en cualquier lugar al que siente que puede hacer una diferencia. Les prometo que también usted sentirá gran alegría trabajando codo con codo con un extraño y hacer un amigo, pero sobre todo el hacer una diferencia en nuestra comunidad.

Dios los bendiga y gracias por compartir su tiempo, talento y sus oraciones...

Anna Quiñones

Oficina de Desarrollo y Evangelización

OFICINA DE CATECISMO

Registros 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 SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

UNA BOMBA CONVERTIDA EN MONUMENTO

El poeta tendrá que andarse con cuidado, porque basta que desempolva un poco el suvenir y le estallará entre las manos. Prueben si lo que digo es o no es cierto: desempolven el discurso del Pan de Vida, desenvuelvan todo su realismo, y verán a muchos hombres revolverse de nuevo contra él y abandonar el templo llenos de ira, diciendo: "Este modo de hablar es duro, ¿quién puede hacerle caso?".

La frase central del discurso, la que sirvió de "percutor", fue ésta: "Si no comen la carne del Hijo del Hombre y no beben su sangre, no tienen vida en ustedes". Ante aquellos judíos que pretendían obtener la salvación cumpliendo con las obras de la Ley, Jesús estaba asegurando que de nada servía a un hombre cumplir la Ley entera si no comía la carne del Mesías y no bebía su sangre... ¿Cómo no entender que molestase?... Era demasiado.

Vengamos al siglo XXI: toma el discurso en toda su fuerza, enuncia claramente el Tercer Mandamiento, según aparece en el Catecismo, y grita que faltar a Misa un domingo o fiesta de guardar culpablemente supone un pecado mortal. Grita que, por tanto, ese pecado hace al hombre merecedor del Infierno. Grita que, si un cristiano falta culpablemente a Misa un domingo y al domingo siguiente acude al templo, no puede acercarse a comulgar sin cometer sacrilegio a menos que se confiese antes. Grita que una persona que ha dejado de ir a Misa no puede salvarse, por muchas obras buenas que haga, a menos que vuelva a los sacramentos. Grita todo eso... Y verás cómo el discurso del Pan de Vida te estalla en las manos. Verás renovado el escándalo de los judíos, verás de nuevo el alboroto y la "espantada", recibirás insultos e incomprendimientos... Sin embargo, lo único que has hecho es leer el Evangelio y el Catecismo. Nada más.

La Iglesia nos recuerda que Eucaristía y salvación son la misma cosa. Pidámosle a María que congregue a todos sus hijos en torno al altar. Eso supondría estar salvados.

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

¡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: _____

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.

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!

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE SEPTIEMBRE

Domingo, 6 de Septiembre

Betty Guevara

Jose Jimenez

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que compartan su tiempo y talento en nuestra Parroquia. Pedimos al Señor los haga crecer en su fe y les recompense su generosidad.

VIGESIMO SEGUNDO 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.

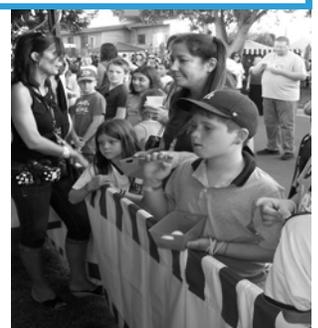
Felicidades a **Kaitlyn Weigel** por ser la ganadora del concurso de diseño de las playeras. Gracias a todos los participantes. Compre su playera hoy - \$15, www.stca.org.



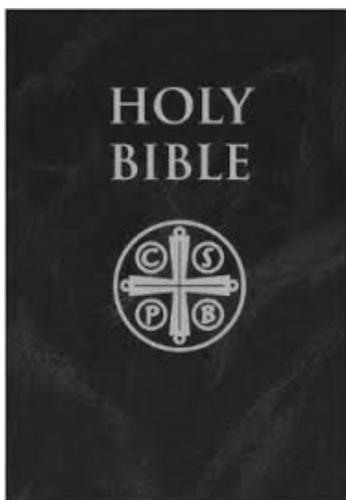
Oportunidades de Voluntario

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.
- Inscríbase con tu familia o con un amigo, hay algo para todos!



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



The New American Bible, Revised Edition — 2011, authorized by US Catholic Bishops

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Please consider attending these classes. They are held twice a month: the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. In nine months they cover all the topics of the Catholic Catechism, the Creed, the Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer. Each class has a presentation, hospitality, discussion groups, and prayer time. They are intended for all adult Catholic Christians or those who wish to become Catholic.

Next Wednesday Night Class: **Sept 16:** Old Testament 7:30pm-9:30pm in Milani Center



Adult Faith Formation for the parish of St Catherine

Canon of the Old Testament

If you ask Google, "How many books are in the Old Testament?" you will be told that the Protestants have 39 books, while the Catholics have 46. Why the difference? What is the official canon of the Bible, and why?

Old Testament	#	Removed by Protestants
Pentateuch (plus "the three")	8	
Historical Books	13	Tobit, Judith, 1st and 2nd Maccabees
Wisdom Books	7	Wisdom, Sirach
Prophetic Books	18	Baruch
Total	46	

First, the word "canon" is from a Greek word that means "ruler" or "measuring stick." The early Christians used the word to refer to the "rule" or "norm" of the list of books judged to be sacred and inspired. In the 3rd century BC, Greek scholars started translating the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek; this translation was known as the Septuagint, and it was the translation with its final total of 46 books that was used by the early Christians. When the New Testament authors quote the Old Testament, they are usually using the Septuagint translation. Thus the Christian Bible in the 2nd century AD consisted of an Old Testament (46 books) and the New Testament.

Around this time the Jewish community created their Bible, settling on a canon divided among books of the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings; this canon left out seven books of the Septuagint, and organized them in a different way.

In the 16th century, the Protestant reformers looked at the Christian Bible and decided to follow the Jewish Bible (39 books) for the Old Testament. They reasoned that the seven books eliminated were not proper because they were not written in Hebrew. In addition they disapproved of some of the books because they supported theology that the Protestants rejected, like the concept of purgatory and praying for the dead (in Maccabees). Interestingly Hebrew versions of some of the books they eliminated from their canon because of the language were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. But the decision of the Protestants has persisted and their Bible is still missing the seven books.

YaYa

BACON

Ah, bacon. I love bacon. The smell, the crunchy parts blended with the soft parts. The juices...and how it can be put with so many things.

Now, don't get me wrong, I've had bad bacon. And turkey bacon? Get out. Stop calling yourself bacon. You're turkey—come back in November. And I don't think bacon can go with everything—chocolate? No. Some people love it, but no. The tastes conflict. Bacon wrapped hot dogs? Oh yeah. Bacon wrapped water chestnuts with a marinade of garlic chili sauce, brown sugar, and mayonnaise drizzled over it? You betcha.

Why am I talking about bacon? Because that's at the core of the Gospel today. Jesus says, "Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Basically, Jesus said, "Eating pigs aren't a sin, so someone make me some bacon."

I know, I know...some of you are thinking, "Deepu, you are totally wrong. Jesus was actually telling the Pharisees (and all people) to focus on how we treat others, by what we say and what we do, instead of focusing on doing certain traditions."

Fine. But still. Bacon.

Seriously though, some people will look at the Gospel and say, "See, I don't have to go to church every weekend. As long as I'm a good person then that's enough."

And others will say, "See, I go to church every Sunday, so I'm good to go."

Sorry to burst your bubbles, but you're all wrong. We need to do BOTH. Being a good person isn't enough, because Jesus says to follow Him and God's commandments. In it, it says to keep the

Sabbath holy. How do we do that? Partially by going to Mass.

And Jesus is already giving it to the Pharisees because they only observe the teachings, but they don't actually follow them. They keep themselves clean for appearances, but they're not nice people. They judge EVERYBODY.

We're supposed to be like Jesus. Jesus did both. He was a really really good person (after all, he OK'd bacon!), AND He observed the traditions of His faith. So follow Him. Be like Him. Go to Mass. Get your friends to go to Mass. Be a good person. Be kind. Generous. Be humble. Be forgiving. Loving. Compassionate.

Now, it would be very difficult to just flip a switch and start doing all those things. So start small. Pick one thing—one challenge, and work on it. Then, after you've mastered it, add on something else. Baby steps. Sweet Baby Jesus steps.

But first, go eat bacon. You know you've been wanting some since you started reading this page. And if you don't like bacon, that's ok too.

COMING UP

BBQ at Sandra's for Life Teen! After the 5:30 Mass on Sunday.

OPEN GYM for Young Adults next Monday (Labor Day).

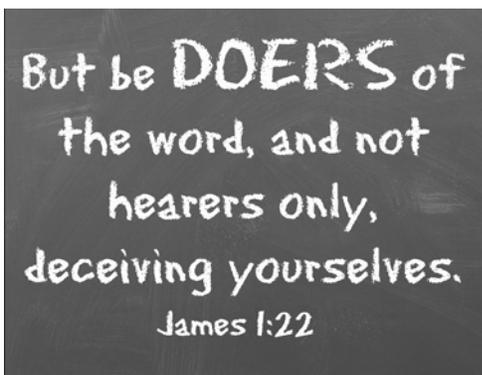
CONFIRMATION for those continuing in the program is Sep. 13th at 1:30pm. Bring a parent.

CONFIRMATION for those new to the program is Sep. 13th at 3:30pm. Bring a parent. Register online at stca.org/passport

FOOD FUNDRAISER is next Tuesday, Sep. 8th at BEACH HUT DELI (next to Cinelux). Go anytime between 2-9pm. PLEASE.

Passing on the Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church



In today's second reading we are called to "Be doers of the word" and not just "hearers of the word". This reading is a wonderful prelude to this year's Catechetical Sunday theme, "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Being "doers of the word" is part of our call to discipleship, part of following Jesus.

What does this mean in our families? What makes it hard for us be "doers"? God wants us to do something. One of the ways we can do something is to think of other's needs first—to care for the poor, the tired and the hungry.

On the way home from Mass, talk about your favorite Bible stories that share how Jesus and his disciples helped others. Examples are the Good Samaritan and the loaves and fishes.

Decide as a family who you can help this week and develop a plan on how to be "doers of the Word."



In the Spotlight:

"I got nudged by the Holy Spirit and I am going with it. I want to share my faith and set a good example for my kids." ~ a 1st year catechist

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Start dates:

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

Sunday classes: September 13
9:00-10:15 am

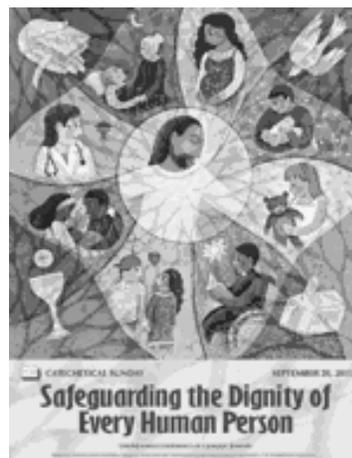
8:45 & 10:30 Masses-Early Childhood Education (ECE, children aged 3-5) and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Wednesday 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 still be turned in at the Faith Formation Office or the Rectory. If your child is 7 years old or older and has not yet been baptized, please contact Rose at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org for further information on Sacramental Preparation.

Coming September 20-21

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



TWENTY-SECOND 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

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!

COME FOR A FUN AUTUMN AFTERNOON DELIGHT!

Awaso Academy International LIBRARY
Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Sunday, October 4, 2015

Wine tasting, snacks, Ghana music & dancing!
Guglielmo Winery, 1480 E. Main St, Morgan Hill
Tickets \$30 advance, \$40 at the door
Contact Mary Barber 408-836-9843 or bookladylibro8@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Time Together!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is November 13-15 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website:

sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

DISCERNMENT DAY

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a nun? Are you drawn to a life of prayer and have a deep desire for love and service? The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA will host a Discernment Day for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on October 10, 2015. RSVP by October 3rd, or for more information contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at: <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>. The day begins with mass at 8:00am followed by Divine Office, Adoration, Rosary, Conferences and Vocation stories given by our Dominican nuns and friars.



ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 18, 19 & 20

All information is 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 online at www.stca.org, after the weekend masses, after School or in the Parish Office during business hours.

Carnival Rides

Unlimited Ride Coupon - \$15.00

Use once any day of the Fun Fest.

Sheet of 24 Ride Tickets - \$15.00

Use any time during the Fun Fest

Food and Games

Red Food and Game Tickets - 10 for \$9.00

Ticket value is \$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

CAR SHOW



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-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

"It is not enough for Catholics to receive the Eucharist. One must also contemplate it."

Saint John Paul the Great

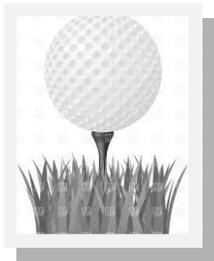
"COME LET US ADORE HIM!"

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. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Catherine Church maintains a Community Closet with free clothing and household items for anyone in need. The shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am – noon. 13570 Depot St. in San Martin.



ST. CATHERINE GOLF CLASSIC

Coyote Creek Golf Club
Friday, October 16, 2015

Are you ready to tee it up for St. Catherine's? Our website has all the information and

forms. You may register and/or sponsor and use PayPal for payment by going to our website www.stca.org. Gather your foursome and register today!



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.



ETHICSPPOINT DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

Those responsible for the spiritual and material goods of the Church are entrusted with the stewardship of others' gifts, and are ultimately responsible to the Lord. As a faithful steward, the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Jose is committed to maintaining the highest standards of conduct and ethics. The mission of the Church requires no less.

To this end, the Diocese of San Jose has partnered with **EthicsPoint** to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct.

The **EthicsPoint Hotline** (1-888-325-7863) allows parishioners, volunteers, employees, vendors and others to make confidential reports regarding the mismanagement of parish or school property, cash and all other assets. Reportable are also issues of apparent disregard of policies pertaining to the proper management of these assets. Suspected unethical behavior by employees, volunteers, staff, trustees, officers, directors, agents or contractors of the Diocese should also be reported to **EthicsPoint**. All reports may be made anonymously.

It is the hope of the Diocese that **EthicsPoint** will assist in the protection of all who interact with the parishes, schools, chancery and other diocesan agencies.

EthicsPoint accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1- 888 -325-7863. A complete report will be made to diocesan leadership, so that leadership may review and provide feedback and resolution for the issues that are reported.

Please direct any questions that you may have about **EthicsPoint** or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.

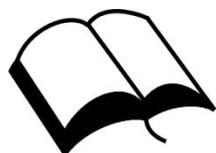
FACEBOOK

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>

St. Catherine School News



*Lots of happy faces on the first day of school!
Students, teacher and parents were
Delighted to be back to school.*



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.



CATHOLIC TELEMEDIA NETWORK (CTN)

The Catholic Telemedia Network provides an array of services to the Catholic schools of the dioceses of San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. CTN streams educational programming from its studios in Menlo Park and provides online access to a range of educational games and websites.

Teachers, students and parents are able to access CTN's online programs which include web quests, games, video streaming, and online labs just to name a few. Additionally, they offer many Religion resources for Catholic school teachers.



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; however, we still have spots left. 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.