

# SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH / LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA & JOSE

### MASSES / MISAS

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

### CONFESION / 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.....**

I love our Church. And I also love our church. What's the difference? Church with a capital 'C' is the larger Catholic Church of the world. Church with a lower case 'c' is our parish - St. Catherine of Alexandria. And I love them both. Of the Church, I love our universality, our diversity, our impact, our service, our deep history, our knowledge, our reasoning, and so many other things. Of the church, I love our community, our Liturgies, our ministers and volunteers, our people, our friends, and much much more. Of course, there are many things that I'm not as in love with about both Church and church.

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### **Desde el escritorio de Deepu Kochuparambil, Director de Jóvenes...**

Me encanta nuestra Iglesia. Y también nuestra iglesia. ¿Cuál es la diferencia?

Iglesia con una 'I' mayúscula es la iglesia católica más grande del mundo. Iglesia con una 'l' minúscula es nuestra Parroquia - Santa Catalina de Alejandría. Y me encantan ambas. De la Iglesia, me encanta nuestra universalidad, nuestra diversidad, nuestro impacto, nuestro servicio, nuestra historia, nuestro conocimiento, nuestro razonamiento y muchas otras cosas. De la iglesia, me encanta nuestra comunidad, nuestras Liturgias, nuestros ministros y voluntarios, nuestra gente, nuestros amigos y mucho más.

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## **IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA SAINT CATHERINE CHURCH**

### **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

### **Pastoral Staff / Equipo Pastoral**

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;  
Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### **READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

**December 26/27 , 2015**

**Diciembre 26/27, 2015**

### **THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

#### **Sunday/Domingo, December 27**

7:00-1:00pm CR 1, PC Foyer & Kit Hospitality  
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery  
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA Dismissal  
1:00-5:00pm Rm 12 FIL/AM Music Band Practice  
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir-Kellet  
5:00-6:00pm Rm 11 Spanish Bible Study

#### **Monday/Lunes, December 28**

6:00-9:00pm CR 3&4 & Kit Community supper  
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell choir/Angelica choir  
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alfa & Omega Planning meeting  
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women's Stitching group  
6:45-8:45pm Rm. 12 Prayer Group - A Los Pies de Cristo  
7:00-8:00pm Rm. 10 Jóvenes Para Cristo/Team Meeting  
7:30-9:30pm MC English Pre-Baptismal Class

#### **Tuesday/Martes, December 29**

#### **Wednesday/Miércoles, December 30**

12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose Choir  
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir rehearsals  
6:00-7:30pm CH Spanish Holy Hour  
6:30-8:00pm Rm.12 Jesus to Mankind  
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish Carismatico Group

#### **Thursday/Jueves, December 31**

**Parish Office CLOSED / Oficina Cerrada**  
7:00-8:30pm CH Mother of God Vigil Mass

#### **Friday/Viernes, January 1**

**Parish Office CLOSED / Oficina Cerrada**  
10:00-11:30pm CH Mother of God Vigil Mass - Bilingual

#### **Saturday/Sabado, January 2**

9:00-10:00am LR Men's Group  
8:30-10:00pm CH Spanish Passion Play

# **Happy New Year!**

### **8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 28	† Dede Mariani Brad & Myra Mountz
Tuesday, December 29	† Geronimo Gonzalez † All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, December 30	† Gilbert Wallis † Dolores Wallis
Thursday, December 31	† Peter Chi Phuoc Nguyen † Felix Flores
Friday, January 1	† All Souls in Purgatory † Gerald Parnin
Saturday, January 2	† Mary Grace Cummings † Brad Spencer

### **FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** "What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?"

**Child:** "Why did Jesus leave the temple? How can Jesus be an example for you?"

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Family is an essential place where foundation is provided to the young and formation as they age. The Holy Family is a particularly excellent example of these truths. But even here, in the best example of families, life's difficulties are present. Jesus at age twelve (take a minute and try to remember what you were, or will be, like at 12. Jesus did not set out to trouble Mary and Joseph, he was engaged in a worthwhile endeavor, but nonetheless they were anxious and worried about him. When found, Jesus "went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." This story is told not just because of Jesus' evident understanding of his relationship with God but also for what is said next, "*and his mother kept all these things in her heart.*" This is the fate of every parent, encountering troubling episodes in raising children; parents hold a wondering love which knows that their child will be and become their own person ... no one more radically than Jesus. We too, like Mary, must be able to overcome expectations and lovingly support our children's journey. The essential is love, given without requirements which might encumber the child. When we realize this in our own families we then can widen our view to the "family of man." In doing so we call on the grace given to parents which allows differences to be understood as individual identities. In our world may we all learn to hold things in our hearts, permitting difference to exist in the fullness of love.

### GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Bringing your own bag when shopping is not just a way to avoid bag disposal. They provide a self limiting amount to buy, saving money and limiting us to what we need ... not what we want :-).

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at [office@stca.org](mailto: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 DEEPUCONTINUED.....

Some of the history isn't all that great, some of the people, some of the Liturgies, some of our leaders (and no, I'm not going to specify whether I'm talking about Church or church).

Some people will focus on those negative things - we all have our own issues with the church (and the Church) - but some will decide to leave, to not believe, or to not practice because of those issues. But we shouldn't leave. We shouldn't quit. The Church is just like a family. Some of us were born into it, and some of us chose to become a part of it. And unfortunately, many of you know what it's like for people to leave a family. And it hurts. It hurts because at some point there was a love there, but for whatever reason, that love was forgotten about, and the family became a burden. The same goes for our Church. Our Church is built upon the foundation of Christ. Christ is Love. The dogma and doctrine of the Catholic Church were set out of that Love. Just like when you love your child, your parent, your sibling, or your friend, you try to keep them from doing the wrong thing. The Church has its rules to help and guide us. And it's not because it wants to be a burden and this annoying list of things we 'have' to do. The Church believes that if we follow these rules, then we will be in heaven. That we will be saints and inspire, help, and love others.

But for whatever reason, we sometimes forget about the Love, and the Church becomes a burden. Let us look at our Church with new eyes - the eyes of a young adult who looks back at all their parents did, and realize that they did those things out of love (even though we might not agree with how they chose to express it). Let us realize that our Church is trying to guide us out of Love and to Love.

Deepu Kochuparambil

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Development & Evangelization  
Word|Worship|Witness

### A Christmas Gift for St. Catherine's

In order to balance our parish budget every year we rely heavily on the generous gifts that come



to us through the Christmas collection. We also rely heavily on the weekly Offertory gifts that are made 52 weeks out of the year. Both your Christmas gifts to St. Catherine's and your weekly Offertory gifts help us manage our operating budget through winter when heating bills are high and unexpected unbudgeted costs. For this reason, we ask you to please be as generous as possible with your Christmas gift to the parish. If possible, use both your weekly envelope/ online giving and your Christmas envelope/online giving this Christmas. We need your support. Thank you for your generosity both throughout the year and at Christmas!



### Parish Website and Electronic Giving Help You Stay Connected

Christmas is a wonderful time for us.

In addition to the very special meaning of the liturgical celebration, we are always happy to see so many parishioners whose schedules may not allow them to attend Mass at our parish on a regular basis. If you are one of those who cannot visit our parish as much as you like, you might want to check out our website at [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org). There you will find our weekly bulletins; information about parish programs and find out who is on our parish staff.

You will also find an Online Giving link on the front page, below Ways to Give. Our online giving program allows parishioners to continue to support the parish even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope, working weekends, or attending Mass at another parish. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Anna Quinones [aquinones@dsj.org](mailto:aquinones@dsj.org) or Jeanette Thatcher [jthatcher@dsj.org](mailto:jthatcher@dsj.org) or follow the simple instructions found on the website.

## LITURGY WORSHIP

**REFLECTION:** Today the Church proposes the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph as model of all family and societal life. As Jesus, so we are born and raised up in a human family. The first reading, [1 Sm. 1:20-22](#),



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[24-28](#), indicates a typical human family, Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord's temple. The second reading, [1 Jn. 3:1-2, 21-24](#), indicates that Jesus returns Nazareth, obedient to his parents. The Gospel, [Lk. 2:41-52](#), tells us the will of God the Father must be the directive of our family and personal life, even if we should not understand it.



### MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR CELEBARTIONS

New Year Eve (Bi-lingual)

Thurs., Dec. 31st, 7:00 p.m.

New Year Day (Bi-lingual)

Fri., Jan. 1st, 10:00 a.m.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temples to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura**—Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló: “Toda su vida, él está cedido a Yavé” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o *Siráclide* 3:2-6, 12-14.

**Salmo** — Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o *Salmo 128*(127).

**Segunda lectura**—Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y nos amamos mutuamente como él nos ordenó (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o *Colosenses* 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Evangelio**—José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros, escuchando y haciendo preguntas (Lucas 2:41-52).

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b -8; Mt 2:13-18
- Martes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40
- Jueves: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Viernes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
- Sábado: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS DEL MES DE DICIEMBRE

### DOMINGO, 27 DE DICIEMBRE

*Beatriz Guevara*

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



## DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE DEEPU KOCHU- PARAMBIL, CONTINUADO....

Por supuesto, hay muchas cosas con las que no estoy encantado con ninguna de las dos Iglesias, por ejemplo, parte de la historia no es tan grande, algunas de las personas, algunas de las liturgias, algunos de nuestros líderes (y no, no voy a especificar de cual de las dos Iglesias estoy hablando). Algunas personas se enfocan en lo negativo-todos tenemos nuestros problemas con la iglesia (y con la Iglesia)- pero algunos deciden irse, deciden dejar de practicar la religión , de dejar de creer, y todo esto es causado por esos problemas que no han sido resueltos. Pero no debemos irnos. No debemos darnos por vencidos. La Iglesia es como la familia. Algunos de nosotros nacimos para ser parte de la Iglesia, y algunos de nosotros decidimos ser parte de la Iglesia. Y desafortunadamente, muchos de ustedes saben lo que es dejar la familia. Y eso duele. Duele porque en algún tiempo, ahí hubo amor, y por cualquiera que haiga sido la razón, ese gran amor fue olvidado, y así, la familia se convirtió en una carga. Así mismo sucede con la iglesia. La Iglesia esta construida con la fundación de Cristo. Cristo es amor. El dogma y la doctrina de la Iglesia Católica fueron echas de eso amor. Así como usted quiere a sus hijos, sus padres, sus hermanos, o sus amigos, usted intenta hacer lo posible para evitar que hagan el mal. La Iglesia tiene sus propias reglas para poder guiarnos y ayudarnos. Y no es porque quiere ser una carga o ser una fastidio con sus reglas sobre las cosas que ‘debemos seguir.’ La Iglesia cree que si nosotros seguimos estas reglas, entonces nosotros estaremos en los cielos. Que entonces seremos santos e inspiraremos, ayudaremos, y amaremos a otros. Pero a veces, nos olvidamos del amor y es así que la Iglesia se convierte en una carga. Hay que ver a la Iglesia con ojos nuevos— los ojos de un adulto joven que ve hacia atrás y recuerda todo lo que sus padres hicieron por el, y es entonces que se da cuenta que sus padres hicieron eso por amor (aunque a veces no estemos de acuerdo en la manera que ellos deciden expresarlo). Debemos realizar que nuestra Iglesia intenta guiarnos con amor y por amor.

Deepu Kochuparambil

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Perdonen mis errores de gramática, así como yo perdono aquellos que escriben en mi contra.

# LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

## LA FAMILIA, PRIMERA IGLESIA; LA IGLESIA, GRAN FAMILIA

1.- En este último domingo del año, la Iglesia nos invita a mirar a la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, a Jesús, José y María. Conviene no perder de vista que Jesús nació en el seno de una familia, que la encarnación de Dios se produjo según unos parámetros naturales. Jesús no fue ningún extraterrestre que cayó del cielo, sino que nació, como todas las personas, fue niño, adolescente, joven, adulto... Dice el evangelio que "Jesús iba creciendo en sabiduría, en estatura y en gracia ante Dios y los hombres".

2.- Y seguramente que también tendría problemas en su familia, viviría situaciones difíciles. De entrada, se quedó sin padre (no sabemos cuándo, pero sabemos que pasó). Y en aquella sociedad tan patriarcal, las mujeres viudas y los niños huérfanos eran la clase social más pobre. Así que imaginamos que se tuvo que espabilar para traer comida a casa y cuidar de su madre. Además, hoy vemos en el evangelio un pasaje que no es nada agradable, que es la sensación de angustia de unos padres que han perdido a un hijo. El final es feliz, lo encontraron a los tres días (como la resurrección) en el Templo, pero la angustia y el dolor de la pérdida no se los quitó nadie. Luego vemos la parte romántica de que "su madre conservaba todo esto en su corazón", pero el sufrimiento fue real.

3.- Por lo tanto, la encarnación de Jesús es total, en las alegrías y en las penas, en todo semejante a nosotros, menos en el pecado. Pero también hay que decir que Jesús recibió una buena formación en su familia, una educación humana y también de fe. Jesús estaba en el Templo "sentado en medio de los maestros, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas". Su formación era buena y "todos los que le oían quedaban asombrados de su talento y de las respuestas que daba". Y eso lo adquirió Jesús de su familia, de sus padres, que eran personas profundamente creyentes y que le transmitieron su experiencia de fe. Eso es lo que nuestras familias han hecho con nosotros, transmitirnos su experiencia de fe, su experiencia de Dios.

4.- Por eso, el grupo de sus seguidores no podría seguir otras claves que las familiares. Porque allí también había una gran experiencia de Dios que transmitir y compartir. Si la familia fue para Jesús su primera "Iglesia", la Iglesia de Jesús habría de ser una gran "familia". Y las claves para esto nos las da el Apóstol San Juan en la segunda lectura. Dios nos ha querido tanto que nos ha hecho hijos suyos y, por tanto, hermanos unos de otros: "Mirad qué amor nos ha tenido el Padre para llamarnos hijos de Dios, pues ¡lo somos!". Es verdad, es así. Y, por tanto, hay que vivir en consecuencia. Por eso dice el Apóstol San Juan a continuación: "Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos en el nombres de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y que nos amemos unos a otros, tal como nos lo mandó".

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## POSADAS



Los invitamos a participar en el novenario de las posadas. Las posadas se llevarán acabo en nuestra parroquia. **Todas las posadas inician a las 6:30 pm. La posada general a las 7:00pm.**

	<u>FECHA</u>	<u>LUGAR</u>
	<u>ENCARGADOS</u>	
Dic. 16	Centro Parroquial	Ministros Extraordinarios De la Comunión
Dic. 17		
Dic. 18	Centro Parroquial	Fam. Resendiz (7:00pm)

	<u>POSADA GENERAL</u>	
Dic. 20	Centro Parroquial	Edo. México (5:00pm)
Dic. 21	Salón Milani	
Dic. 22	Centro Parroquial	Coro de Niños
Dic. 23	Centro Parroquial	Misterio de Lectores (6:30pm)

## SAN VICENTE DE PAUL



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.



## LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El primer domingo después de la Navidad celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Los latinos somos un pueblo muy unido en familia. Para nosotros es más que un pequeño grupo compuesto de padre, madre, hijos e hijas. La familia para nosotros los latinos es un conjunto grande de abuelos, abuelas, tíos, tíos, primos, primas, compadres, comadres, suegros, suegras y otros más además del padre, la madre y los hijos. Para los latinos una fiesta que celebra la familia de Jesús es la cosa más natural del mundo.

Extrañamente esta fiesta no es muy antigua. En realidad es una celebración que data de comienzos de la época moderna en el siglo XVII. Antes de estas fechas la familia de Jesús casi siempre era entendida como compuesta por Jesús, María y Ana (la madre de María). Se daba por hecho que José estaba por allí. Pero en el siglo XVII muchos perdieron sus padres pues tenían que ir a las fábricas a trabajar. Por eso el magisterio instituyó la conmemoración de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José para recordar a los padres cristianos su deber ante sus hijos y su esposa.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

- Domingo: La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José
- Lunes: Los Santos Inocentes
- Martes: Quinto día de la Octava de Navidad; Santo Tomás Becket
- Miércoles: Sexto día de la Octava de Navidad
- Jueves: Séptimo día de la Octava de Navidad; San Silvestre I; Víspera del Año Nuevo
- Viernes: Octava de Navidad; Año Nuevo; Santa María, Madre de Dios; Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz; Primer viernes
- Sábado: Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Naciancenzo; Primer sábado

### EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

Madre es el nombre de Dios en los labios y corazones de los niños pequeños.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

### LA FAMILIA, PRIMERA IGLESIA; LA IGLESIA, GRAN FAMILIA, CONTINUADO...

El amor es la gran experiencia de vida que estamos llamados a transmitir como padres, como hermanos, como hijos de Dios. El amor es lo que verdaderamente nos hace familia y crea esos lazos tan fuertes que nos unen. También en la Iglesia somos familia si cuidamos esos lazos de amor y de fraternidad que Dios ha creado entre nosotros.

5.- Nuestras familias están llamadas a ser pequeñas iglesias donde se transmite la fe a través del amor, el mismo amor con el que Dios nos amó. Y nuestras Iglesias están llamadas a ser grandes familias, donde nos amemos unos a otros como Dios nos ama y donde compartamos la alegría de la fe y demos testimonio de ella con nuestro amor, entre nosotros y hacia los demás hermanos. Por eso reconocían a los primeros cristianos. Decían de ellos: "mirad como se aman". Eran la gran familia de los hijos y las hijas de Dios, la Iglesia de Jesús.

6.- Esta familia también se reúne cada domingo en torno a la mesa. Es una mesa familiar, de hermanos, preparada y presidida por Dios mismo, que alimenta nuestra fe y nuestro amor a través de la entrega de Jesús, muerto y resucitado por nosotros y por nuestra salvación. Esta mesa construye la familia, nos hace más hermanos. También construye la Iglesia. Sin la mesa que es la misa no hay familia, ni comunidad. Por eso al llegar, nos reconciliamos unos con otros, escuchamos la Palabra, celebramos el memorial de Jesús, muerto y resucitado, nos damos la paz y nos alimentamos con su Cuerpo y su Sangre, para ser la gran familia de los hijos y las hijas de Dios, que dan testimonio de ello con su amor.

Fr. Pedro Juan Díaz

### OFICINA DE CATECISMO



Tienen niños entre las edades de 3 a 6 años de edad? Fantástico! La oficina de catecismo ofrecerá clases de formación de fe para estos niños. Se les invita a todos los padres de familia que estén interesados a que pasen a registrarse a la oficina de catecismo. Las clases serán los domingos de las 12:00 a 1:30pm, y empezarán el día domingo 24 de Enero. Tendremos una junta para los que estén interesados el día 17 de enero a la 1:30pm en el centro Milani. Gracias los esperamos!



## Adult Faith Formation for the parish of St Catherine

### Baptism — two forms

In Catholic Christianity there are two forms for the Sacrament of Baptism.

For children under the age of reason, which is usually reached at seven years, there is the *Rite of Baptism for Children (RBC)*. At St. Catherine's, children's baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, at 2 p.m., and occasionally during a regular Sunday Mass. There are two preliminary steps: 1) an interview with a priest or deacon in which the registry form is completed and the date of baptism set; 2) one class on the theology and the practice of Baptism which can be taken in the evening on the second or fourth Monday of the month.

For older children and adults, there is the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. Adults and older children are usually baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass (the evening before Easter Sunday), but they can be baptized at other times as well. The Church uses the *RCIA* form of Baptism even for a child of seven because the child is able to understand the baptismal ritual. All who go through this second form, even children, receive the sacrament of Confirmation and first Holy Communion at the same time as Baptism.



### Meaning of Baptism



Baptism is the sacrament of faith. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to develop. The catechumen or the godparent is asked: "What do you ask of God's Church?" One possible response is: "Faith!" For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow after Baptism. Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of that new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth.

The different effects of Baptism are signified by the elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit. Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and coheir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: "Therefore we are members one of another" (Rom 12.5). Baptism incorporates us into the Church. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor 12.13).

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## THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Yeah, that's right, it's still Christmas. And maybe you've already taken down the lights and the trees and the decorations. But keep that Nativity scene out because those shepherds (or wise men or kings or whatever) shouldn't have shown up yet. It's only the third day of Christmas! We have to wait til after the twelfth day! Then, on January 6th, we celebrate the Epiphany. One of the definitions of epiphany is "to reveal." Christ revealed Himself to the three wise men, who were Gentiles (non-Jews). And by being Gentiles, they represent the world—so we celebrate this day as the day that Christ revealed Himself as Lord, King and Savior to the world.

So for those of you who've put off taking down your Christmas decorations because of laziness or lack of time, you now have a reason to keep them up. For those of you who've already taken them down, well, I guess either take them back out or remember this next year.



## What if?

What if we put as much effort into celebrating Christ's birth as we do in decorations and presents and trees? We'll say we know the reason for Christmas, but what we actually send time doing and talking about isn't Jesus. What if we talked about Christmas in such a way that our children were more excited about the birth of Christ than the gifts they hope to get? What would our Church look like? What would our world look like?

Just some thoughts as we continue in this Christmas season (meaning it's not too late to still talk about Jesus' birth!).

## Passing on the Faith

*Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church*



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

During the Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded of the importance of family in our spiritual life. Our faith formation begins at home. What were some of the amazing faith stories in your family this past year? How has God blessed the family in ways that were unexpected?

Mary's and Joseph's trust and faithfulness in God's plan helped them in their responsibilities as they raised God's son, Jesus. Is our parenting anchored in faithfulness and trust in God and his plan for our family?

Pope Francis shared at the Festival of Families in Philadelphia, "Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is "forged" by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows."

As we begin the New Year, may our families seek and find God's extraordinary love and grace in the lights and shadows of our daily lives.

**FAMILY PRAYER:** Pray together the World Meeting of Families Prayer, to lift up all of our families during this Jubilee of Mercy, to love one another and grow closer to Jesus.

### World Meeting of Families Prayer

God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,  
you have made us  
your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.  
May your grace and love  
help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families, especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION JANUARY 2016:

JANUARY 6 - Wednesday classes begin  
JANUARY 9 - Saturday classes begin  
JANUARY 10 - Sunday classes begin

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING #2

**Sunday, January 24**  
**3:00—5:00 pm in the Parish Center**

**Saturday, February 6 (SPANISH)**  
**9:00—10:15 am in the Milani Center**

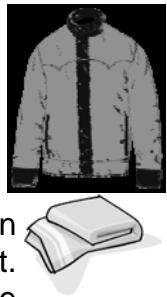
This meeting is for parents whose children will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May 2016. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### COAT & BLANKET DRIVE

**January 11 thru 29**

Please bring new or slightly used coats and blankets to the Coat Bins in the Church vestibule, or to the Parish Office. They will be given to the Armory, other shelters and St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. Please call the Parish Office for more information.



### Office Hours for the Week of December 28th - January 1st

Monday, December 28th

8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Tuesday, December 29th

8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Wednesday, December 30th

8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00-5:00pm

Thursday, December 31st

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 1st

OFFICE CLOSED

**Happy New Year!**

### GILROY COMPASSION CENTER NEEDS SOCKS!

Gilroy Compassion Center (8425 Monterey Road) provides basic services to the homeless in South County. They have an urgent need for donations of men and women's socks during the upcoming cold months. They are open M-F from 6am-noon. Visit their website for more info: <http://gccsoco.org/>

### HELP US REACH 1,000 LIKES?

Do you have a Facebook account? Have you "liked" St. Catherine's page? Help us reach 1,000 likes! Go onto our Facebook page and like us and you could win a raffle prize! Once we reach 1,000 likes, we will raffle off a prize. Don't miss out on staying on top of all the events in the Parish.

### WALK FOR LIFE 2015 - JANUARY 24, 2015

St. Catherine's Parish please join us in attending the "Walk for Life" event in San Francisco along with our Respect Life Committee, Knights of Columbus and our Youth! We have 2 buses departing from St. Catherine's at 0:00am and returning by 6:00pm. Need to dress in comfortable shoes, in layers watching the weather, and bring a lunch. Price is \$22 per person or let us know if you have a hardship so we can help. For registration and more information contact Irma Mora at [Irma\\_Mora@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net), cell (408) 461-1273, or Sergio Arzate at: [S\\_Arzarte@yahoo.com](mailto:S_Arzarte@yahoo.com), cell (408) 340-0454.

Event schedule and speaker information at:

[www.WalkForLifeWC.com](http://www.WalkForLifeWC.com)

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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### INDULGENCE

In a Jubilee Year, popes throughout the centuries have established special ways that Catholics can ask for and receive God's mercy and forgiveness of their sins or the sins of a loved one who has died. These special graces are called "indulgences." That word has sometimes had a negative meaning because of how the practice of granting indulgences was often abused or misused by individuals who believed one could buy or work for God's forgiveness.

Yet God's mercy cannot be bought or earned. God's forgiveness is freely given and complete, with no strings attached. God indulges us, by no merit of our own, but by his love, just as a grandmother indulges her grandchildren simply because she loves them, even when they do something wrong.

In his letter titled "The Face of Mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*), Pope Francis describes God's indulgence and the effects of receiving God's free gift of love during this Year of Mercy:

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger even than this. It becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin. (#22)

The total liberty we experience through God's indulgent love for us frees us to show that same kind of unconditional love to others. As the Pope continues in his letter, "to gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere."

Here are specific ways Pope Francis has established for the faithful to receive God's indulgence during this Year of Mercy, December 8, 2015, to November 20, 2016:

For those who are able:

- With a desire for true conversion, make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door, either in Rome or at the local Cathedral or other churches designated by the local bishop once those doors are opened.

- Having entered through the Holy Door, celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist or Reconciliation.

- Within those two sacraments, make a profession of faith and pray for the Holy Father and for his intentions for the good of the Church and of the entire world.

For those who are sick and unable to visit the Holy Door:

- Live your illness as a way to be close to Jesus who also suffered in his earthly life.

- Receive Communion, or participate in the Eucharist or community prayer, even by televised media.

For those in prison:

- Pray in the chapel of your prison, and let God, through your prayer, transform the bars of your cell into a kind of Holy Door, "because the mercy of God is able to transform hearts and is also able to transform bars into an experience of freedom" (Pope Francis).

Whenever you respond to God's gratuitous gift of mercy by doing one of these acts, you will receive the Jubilee Indulgence for yourself or for your deceased loved ones. Receiving this indulgence also commits you to live by mercy so that the fruit of God's gift to you may flourish.

Some of you have also asked how many times a day may a person receive an indulgence. As you see in the guidelines above, there is no specific limitation on the number of indulgences a person may receive. In the spirit of Pope Francis, we might say that God's mercy is unlimited. Thus, as often as a person is able to do what is required for an indulgence and to do so with a true desire for conversion of heart, then God will grant that person what they seek.

## St. Catherine Parish Annual Crab Cioppino



Saturday, January 16th  
Dinner 6:30pm  
O'Donnell Parish Center

### Menu

"Homemade  
Cioppino"  
With Fresh Crab,  
Shrimp & Clams  
Pasta  
Green Salad  
Fresh Breads  
Local Wines  
Dessert

### Tickets Now On Sale

\$45 per person  
\$360 Reserved  
Tables of 8  
\$10 per child  
(10 yrs. & under)

Purchase Tickets  
- Online [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org)  
- At the parish office  
- After weekend Mass



## SUNDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please take time to thank our Sunday Coffee and Donut hosts: Family Faith Formation,

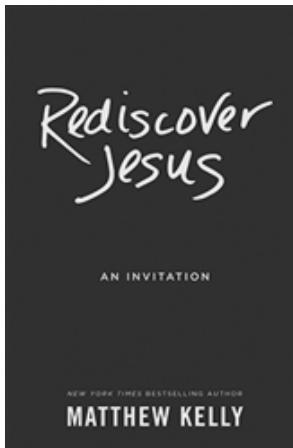
St. Vincent de Paul, Learning & Loving Center, Women's Spirituality Group, Fil-AM Assoc., Ladies of Charity, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Knights of Columbus.

We will not have coffee and donuts on Dec. 27, but the coffee will be hot and the donuts sweet again on January 3rd.



## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY

Our nursery will be closed Sunday, December 27th and January 3rd. We will be open again January 10th and every Sunday from 8:30 AM to 11:45 AM for children ages 1 to 4. Drop in to meet our caretakers and see our toys. Just drop in, there is no fee.



How well do you know Jesus? Is your answer, "I don't know Jesus anywhere near as well as I would like to know Him." Then the time to rediscover Jesus is right now. If you came to Christmas Mass at St. Catherine Church your family may have received the book Rediscover Jesus.

The author Matthew Kelly says this, "Your are holding this book in your hand at this very moment for a reason. I don't know what God has in store for you, but I am excited for you. There are some questions that we all ask ourselves in different ways: Who am I? Who is God? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least? What are my unique talents and abilities? What will my contribution be?

We discover the answers to these questions most completely by encountering Jesus. He longs to help us discover deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions.... Some books find us at just the right time in our lives, and those books change our lives forever. I hope this is that kind of book for you."

This Lent St. Catherine will form small groups to discuss this book. More information will be forthcoming. Peace and Merry Christmas!

St. Catherine Parish Staff

## A Christmas Gift

## St. Catherine School News



First graders learned some basics of coding, including algorithms, loops and conditionals, playing if/then games during their Hour of Code in early December. All classes learned more about coding during interactive sessions. Our students continue to build these skills through classroom activities and our summer program, Camp Code.

*St. Catherine School will be closed December 21-January 1 for the Christmas Holiday. Classes resume Monday, January 4, 2016.*

## GRANDPARENTS/

### SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

If you have a grandchild at St. Catherine School, your grandchild will be asking you to join him/her for a special day filled with quality time seeing and learning about "a day at St. Catherine School." Mark your calendar for the morning of Wednesday, February 3. Your grandchild will be inviting you just after the first of the year. For more information, contact Gina Colton at 779-9950.

## TECH IN ACTION

Each Wednesday during the cold winter months, the Student Council of St. Catherine School airs the Cougar News Network, the little CNN, to all the classrooms. Student Council members write the script, man the camera and deliver our news. In the past we used a live feed through our internal cable network. Now the broadcast is digitally recorded on Tuesdays after school and sent to teachers to view Wednesday morning. This allows our students to learn editing and special effects techniques which enhance the broadcast.

Students view the broadcast in their classrooms. Student Council gives lively updates, reminders, and weather reports. It is a great way for students to put the skills they have learned in class to work for a practical application!



Fourth graders received Bibles after a morning mass. Students were delighted to have Fr. Lieu bless them! Students then enjoyed breakfast and a variety of activities using their new Bibles.

## Save the Date---eWaste Drive

The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, January 23. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The money raised from this event will help fund more energy efficient lighting in our classrooms. This is also a great opportunity to get parent hours or student service hours. Contact Arlene Handa at [ecosafehome1@yahoo.com](mailto:ecosafehome1@yahoo.com)