

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE 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 Deacon Rick Haeckel.....

As we begin a new year we are invited to reflect on what it will bring for us. Today's Gospel reading about the wedding feast at Cana is very timely for me. I have just returned from a trip to St. Louis where I presided at the marriage of one of my nephews and his bride. It also reminds me that this year my wife Rosemary and I will celebrate our fiftieth anniversary (I know; who can believe that of such a young couple as we :-). So the sacrament of marriage is something which I have thought much about lately. The juxtaposition of Josh and Amy just starting out and Rosemary and I long on the journey calls to mind the grace of the sacrament.

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Desde el escritorio del Diacono Rick Haeckel...

Así como comenzamos un año nuevo, nos ponemos a reflejar que será lo que este año tendrá para nosotros. El evangelio del día de hoy habla sobre la cena de boda en Caná. Esa lectura llega a un tiempo perfecto para mí. Acabo de regresar de un viaje de St. Louis donde presidí en el matrimonio de uno de mis sobrinos y su novia. Esto también me recuerda que este año mi esposa Rosemary y yo, celebraremos nuestro cincuenta aniversario (lo sé, quien podría imaginarse eso de una pareja tan joven como nosotros :-). Así es que el sacramento del matrimonio es algo en el cual eh estado pensando mucho en últimamente. La yuxtaposición de Josh y Amy apenas va empezando y la jornada entre mi esposa y yo, nos hace recordar la gracia del sacramento del matrimonio.

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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 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19,
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, January 17

7:00-1:00pm CR 1-4 & Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:30-10:30am MC, Rm 10,11,12 Family Faith Formation session
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal
1:00-5:00pm Rm.12 Fil/Am Music Practice
1:30-2:30pm MC Family Faith Formation meeting
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir- Kellet
4:00-9:pm CR1-2 *Grupo Amigos - Retreat Prep*
5:00-6:00pm Rm 11 *Spanish Bible Study*
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights

Monday/Lunes, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. **OFFICE CLOSED**
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & Kit Community supper
Tuesday/Martes, January 19

7:00-9:00pm CH New Eucharistic ministers - Practicum
Wednesday/Miércoles, January 20

9:00-11:00am CR 1 Women's Group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose's Choir
3:00-6:30pm MC, Rm 10,11 Family Faith Formation session
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
6:30-8:30pm DC Edge
7:00-9:00pm CR3-4 Development Event
7:30-9:00pm MC RCIA class
7:30-9:30pm CH *Alpha Omega-Spanish Carismatico Group*

Thursday/Jueves, January 21

6:00-9:00pm CH *Spanish Choir rehearsals*
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 12 *RICA*
8:00-9:00pm Nur Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, January 22

9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:30-10:00pm Rm10,11 *Jovenes Para Cristo*
7:00-8:30pm CH *Ministerio de Lectores Junta Bimenstral*
7:00-10:00pm MC *Grupo Amigos*

Saturday/Sabado, January 23

9:00-10:00am LR Men's Group
8:30-10:30am MC,Rm.10,11,12 *Cat. Min- Spanish FFF Session*
9:00-9:30am CH *Cat. Min-FFF Spanish Opening Prayer*
8:30-10:00pm CH *Spanish Passion Play Practice*

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 18	Brad & Mayra Mountz † Diane Clark
Tuesday, January 19	† Sima Mariani † Jessie De La Torre
Wednesday, January 20	† George Karkas † Francisco Jose Inclan
Thursday, January 21	† Raul Rojas † Arthur Oleskey
Friday, January 22	† Ezequiel Salinas † Anne Boyum
Saturday, January 23	† Jessie De La Torre † Joseph Minh Nguyen

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: "In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?"

Child: "What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?"

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

The wedding feast at Cana occupies a special place in the life of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. Not only were the guests amazed at the water that became wine but this “sign” as the evangelist calls it also affected his disciples who “*began to believe in him.*” We disciples also believe in him; the signs which have occurred in our lives may not have been as dramatic as at Cana but they are nonetheless moments of grace which strengthen our faith. Today’s second reading reinforces this truth from a different perspective. Paul tells the Corinthians that there are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, helping them (and us) to see the oneness of God. Lest we think this is a purely intellectual awareness, Paul reminds, “*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.*” He goes on to enumerate many spiritual gifts pointing out that they are spread among God’s people. We who believe in Jesus are asked to discern the Spirit present in the gifts we have been given. They are plural, most likely different as we grow in spiritual awareness. We’re pretty good at discerning each others physical gifts or shortcomings (I never could hit a curve ball). Gifts of the Spirit are more challenging, we see them in others more easily than in ourselves. We do better when we reflect in quiet prayer about our daily lives... seeking to “see” where the Spirit has been revealed in us and in others. The Spirit is surely present, with us as Paul said “*for some benefit*” ... especially for each other.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

As the hoped for presence of rain inspires us, consider hanging a clothesline in the garage. Even without the good smell of outdoors we still save the energy used by drying clothes in the dryer.

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 DEACON RICK CONTINUED.....

The Church says that, beyond the legal implications, a sacramental marriage is graced with the presence of Jesus who forms the central truth of God with us. Even though I’ve long forgotten the specifics in our case, marriage preparation is an essential. The Church asks that those who celebrate the sacrament of marriage be aware of the implications that their commitment entails. It is a decision which presupposes a lasting commitment, something that is too often overlooked when the joys of finding a partner are new and fresh. The sacrament asks those approaching it begin, if not already aware, to internalize the fullness of what permanent partnership asks of us. Put differently, it asks that we love our partner not only romantically but also as God has loved us ... in all things. The journey through life together ideally brings the couple together in all aspects of life. In good times and in bad, in sickness and in health ... you’ve made or heard these vows often enough to remember their all-encompassing nature. If I were to summarize the many feelings I’ve had these past weeks I’d say that lasting commitment is only fully possible with the presence of God in our lives. Knowing that our creator has blessed us with our partners, our families and friends invite us to expand our circle of “neighbors” beyond those so familiar to us. Our call to love is strengthened by the grace of marriage whether it be our own, our parents, our friends or whomever. Grace comes from the example of others and as a pure gift from God. Peace, Deacon Rick

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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Development & Evangelization
Word|Worship|Witness

Women's Spirituality Retreat



Stop All That You are
Doing for God,
and
Let God Do For You

February 6, 2016

St. Catherine Church
Parish Center

Retreat Led:

By Sonja Corbitt

National Speaker, Author, Radio Broadcaster
and founder of **Pursuing The Summit**

Registration information
will be available soon.
Don not wait to sign up
to this guaranteed sold-
out event

Retreat participants re-
ceive Sonja Corbitt's
book Unleashed

**Included as part of the
retreat!**

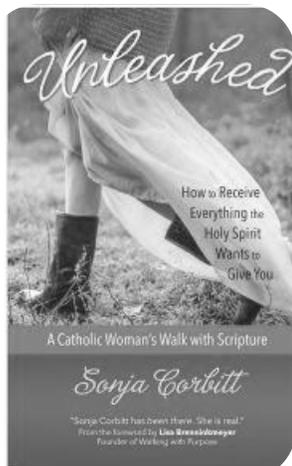
All women are invited!

Please invite your friends, mom, sisters and
daughters. The day will be for you!

The day includes a **light breakfast and lunch
and Sonja's new book!!!**

Suggested donation \$25.00

Scholarships are available.



LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION:

Today we hear that there are a variety of ministries in the Church. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading, **Is. 62:1-5**, tells us that God is passionately in love with his Church. He



loves each individual member with the intimacy of a spouse. Jesus in today's Gospel, **Jn. 2:1-11**, begins his public ministry. St. Paul in the second reading, **1 Cor. 12:4-11**, reminds us that the Church is rich in the variety of gifts which its members receive at baptism. There are so many different gifts and ministries among us; and they are given to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God.



EXTRAORDINARY EUCCHARISTIC MINIS- TER (EM):

You must attend both sessions in order to serve as an EM at St. Catherine's parish. The next training is in the church from 7:00 - 9:00pm on:



- Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Theology
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 - Practicum

Renewal for current EM's on **Tue, Feb. 2**, same time and location.

For more information please contact: Mrs. Signe Montosa, Montosa@msn.com, or Fr. Lieu Vu, lvu@dsj.org, 408-779-3959.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Como el esposo goza con su esposa, así Dios se regocija con su elegida (Isaías 62:1-5).

Salmo — Cantemos la grandeza del Señor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los diferentes dones y talentos que se encuentran en la comunidad cristiana son obra del mismo Espíritu (1 Corintios 12:4-11).

Evangelio — Compartiendo el gozo de una boda en Caná, Jesús rellena la provisión de vino (Juan 2:1-11).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Mc 3:13-19, *o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración*
Sábado: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

CAMINATA POR LA VIDA

¡Únanse a la caminata por la vida! La caminata es en San Francisco y los invitamos que vayan acompañados por "Respect Life Committee" y Knight of Columbus. Tenemos dos autobuses saliendo de Santa Catalina a las 10:00am y regresarán a las 6:00pm. Vístase con zapatos cómodos, piense en el clima—quizás este frío, y traigan un lonche.

El costo por persona son \$22, pero déjenos saber si tiene dificultad en pagar esto. Para más información o para registrarse, favor de llamar a Irma Mora al 408-461-1273, email: Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net o hablen con Sergio Arzate al 408-340-0454, email: S_Arzate@yahoo.com.

Para el horario del evento visite:
www.WalkForLifeWC.com

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL DIACONO RICK HAECKEL CONTINUADO....

La Iglesia dice que, mas allá de las implicaciones legales, el matrimonio sacramental es bendecido con la presencia de Dios. El es quien forma la verdad de Dios dentro de nosotros. Aunque ya desde hace tiempo se me habían olvidado las cosas específicas de nuestro caso, la preparación matrimonial es esencial. La Iglesia pide que todos aquellos que celebran el sacramento del matrimonio, estén alertos de las implicaciones que este compromiso conlleva. Es una decisión que se presume deberá ser llevada a cabo toda la vida. Esto es algo que en ocasiones se ve por encima cuando la alegría de encontrar a una pareja es algo nuevo y fresco. El sacramento nos pide que aquellos que contemplan el matrimonio, empiecen si es que aun no lo han hecho, a internalizar lo que una relación de por vida significa y lo que requiere de nosotros. Puesto en otras palabras, nos pide que amemos a nuestra pareja no solamente románticamente, pero así como Dios nos quiere a nosotros....en todas las cosas. La jornada de la vida une más a la pareja en todos los aspectos de la vida. En tiempos buenos, en malos, en enfermedad y en salud....creo que han escuchado estos votos lo suficientemente para recordar lo que la naturaleza embarca. Si pudiera resumir todos los sentimientos que eh tenido estas ultimas semanas, diría que el compromiso seria posible solamente con la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. El saber que El creador nos a bendecido con nuestra pareja, nuestra familia y amigos, nos invita a que expandamos nuestro circulo de "vecinos" más allá de aquellos que son nuestros conocidos. Nuestro llamado hacia el amor es fortificado con la gracia del matrimonio. La gracia viene del ejemplo de otros y como un regalo puro de Dios.

ABRIGOS Y COBIJAS

Enero 11 — Enero 29

Si tienen abrigos o cobijas nuevas o en buenas condiciones que guste donar puede llevarlas a los botes de ropa en la entrada de la Iglesia. Lo que done se distribuirán con la ayuda de San Vicente de Paul. Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial.



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OFICINA DE CATECISMO

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

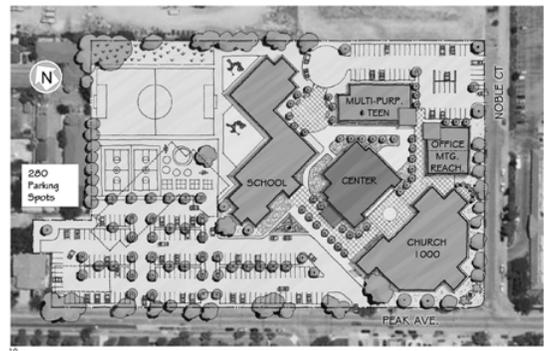
SORPRESAS

La vida está llena de sorpresas, algunas agradables, otras no. La Sagrada Escritura está llena de relatos sobre las sorpresas de Dios que surgen donde menos se esperan: los hijos más jóvenes reciben la herencia, a los más humildes se les dan los sitios de honor; un predicador itinerante, condenado a morir como un criminal, es exaltado hacia la gloria celestial eterna.

Cualquiera que haya planificado una boda o celebración similar sabe que está llena de oportunidades para que surjan sorpresas. Para el novio (el cual, en el relato bíblico, no tiene contacto directo con Jesús) la agradable sorpresa vino porque otra persona había prestado atención y tenía fe en Jesús.

A lo mejor pensamos que la lección de la conocida historia de las bodas de Caná es que cuando tenemos fe en Jesús, nuestra vida cambiará positivamente. Sin embargo, un cristiano necesita tener una perspectiva más amplia, y darse cuenta que tener fe en Cristo implica que la vida de alguien –sea la tuya, sea la de otra persona– va a mejorarse sorpresivamente.

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EL PLAN MAESTRO DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTA CATALINA

El Padre Jeronimo y el comité de finanzas le a pedido a los comités de Master Plan Leadership y Feassibility que revisiten el plan maestro terminado en el 2013. Quieren revisar el plan conforme las necesidades que la comunidad tiene ahora y las necesidades que tendrá en el futuro. El comité de Finanza busca la aportación para poder seguir adelante y tomar decisiones sobre las reparaciones y el mejoramiento de la Iglesia. La junta se llevará acabo el Jueves, 11 de Febrero a las 7:00pm en el centro parroquial O'Donnell. La agenda incluye la revisión de:

- el plan y los estudios de factibilidad
- el consenso del 2013 del comité en como proceder
- la evaluación de las necesidades que la comunidad ahora y las necesidades que tendrá en el futuro.
- La evaluación de las necesidades de mantenimiento de la Iglesia
- Discusión en como proceder

Esta junta esta abierta para todos aquellos que formaron parte de la formación del plan maestro, los que participaron en el estudio de factibilidad o que esten interesados en los resultados de los planes. Por favor de dirigir cualquier comentario a Jeanette Thatcher en jthatcher@dsj.org o por teléfono al 408-779-3959. Gracias.



Parish Giving

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!

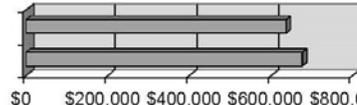
OFRENDA SEMANAL DE LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Ofrenda Total	\$31,398	\$24,419	\$18,764	\$21,987
Meta Semanal	\$23,970	\$24,266	\$24,266	\$23,489
Exceso (Faltante) del Presupuesto	\$7,428	\$153	(\$5,502)	(\$1,502)
Colectas del ano hasta la fecha	\$507,686	\$532,105	\$550,869	\$636,976

Corresponsabilidad del año hasta la fecha
1 de Julio, 2015— 3 de Enero, 2016

Colectas del año hasta la fecha

Presupuesto del año hasta la fecha



\$636,976

\$677,500

\$0 \$200,000 \$400,000 \$600,000 \$800,000

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 numero que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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.



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 requerida antes del Bautismo y se llevará acabo **en la iglesia a las 6:30pm el 26 de Enero del 2016.**

***Necesitan registrarse antes de la fecha** en la oficina Parroquial o llamando por teléfono al (408) 779-3959.

APRENDIENDO DE LA FE A TEMPRANA EDAD...



¿Tienen niños entre las edades de 3 a 6 años? ¡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 registrarlos

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!

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!



¡FELICIDADES GANADORES!

SORTEO 2015

El trigésimo tercer sorteo de la iglesia de Santa Catalina ha terminado su campaña del 2014 con el sorteo que se llevo acabo el 20 de Diciembre en el centro parroquial O'Donnell.

El comité agradece a los siguientes patrocinadores por su apoyo y contribuciones:

- Landmark Builders
- Terry Mechanical
- Howell Electricity
- KDS Pluming
- Classic Glass
- Western Allied Mechanical
- TISYS Construction and Development
- TL Electric
- Foley Electric
- Bay Area Asphalt and Cement Works
- ICE

¡PÁJARO MADRUGADOR:

Primer Lugar: \$1,000 —VEH #191—Terry & Maeven Hannon

Segundo Lugar: \$500 —VAC #2185—Paul Baria

Tercer Lugar: \$250 —VEH #1147—David Montoya

BONUS BUNDLE:

Primer Lugar: \$1,500 —#254—William Meuser

Segundo Lugar: \$500 —#112—Kal & Marianne Shalla

Tercer Lugar: \$400 —#221—Kathy Borges

Cuarto Lugar: \$350 —#218—Garry & Judy Stutheit

SORTEOS PARA VACACIONES:

Primer Lugar: Vacación o \$5,000 —#0706—Teresa Steengrafe

Segundo Lugar: Viaje a Disneyland o \$1,500—#2585—Rosalina Vasquez—Landeros

Tercer Lugar: \$1,000—#2708—Daniel Bawol

Cuarto Lugar: iPad Air—#2528—Alfred & Sharon Alciati

Quinto Lugar: \$500—#0563—Tim Long

SORTEO DE VEHÍCULO:

Primer Lugar: 2013 Vehículo de \$40,000 o \$30,000 en efectivo—#1309—Margaret Peterson

Segundo Lugar: \$1,500—#1416—Frank White

Tercer Lugar: \$1,000—#1611—Shirley DeCarr

Cuarto Lugar: \$500—#1135—Alejandro Campos

Cuenta Total:

Net Total: \$108,750

Iglesia: \$81,562

Escuela: \$27,188

Finalmente, queremos reconocer a las siguientes personas en el First Annual Legacy Award for Sweepstakes miembros del comité:

George Chiala

Ken Ravizza

Mike Smith

Les agradecemos por su dedicación y trabajo durante todos los años del sorteo.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Adult Faith Formation for the parish of St Catherine

Baptism symbols — the White Garment



The picture on the left is a baby in a white dress with a white bib. The picture on the right from Easter 2014 shows the six newly baptized adults in white robes. Parents usually bring their babies to their Baptism dressed in white. Some parishes give newly baptized babies a white bib even if they are already in white; St Catherine's only gives a white bib if the baby is not in white. Adults come to Baptism dressed in purple robes and change to white after they are baptized.

The white garment is one of the secondary symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism (along with the oil, the candle, and the cross). The white garment is not essential to the Sacrament of Baptism (unlike water which is essential). The use of a white garment in the baptismal ceremony is to help us understand what Baptism means. Actions and physical objects are often better ways to foster understanding than just by using words.

The prayer associated with the white garment is done by the minister of Baptism after the essential flowing of water and the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Priest/Deacon:

(N.) you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ.

See in this white garment the outward sign of our Christian dignity.

With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

All: Amen

The white garment is a symbol. Pointing to a garment at Baptism recalls the words of St Paul "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3.27-28) The color of the garment is associated with purity and wholeness. The cleanness of unstained white calls to mind purity of intention and action. White as a color is the totality of colors and thus recalls the wholeness, the holiness of God that Baptism plunges us into. Thus the white garment symbolizes our Christian dignity because through Baptism we acquire a Christian identity that with a spotless and complete intention we present to everyone we meet in life.

The alb worn by altar servers, deacons, priests and bishops during liturgy is a white garment recalling their baptismal dignity. The pall that covers a casket or coffin at funerals is a white garment recalling baptismal dignity of the Christian as s/he is prayed over in death.

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Whenever I used to read the Gospel reading about the Wedding at Cana, I would always just think about how it's Jesus' blessing on drinking alcohol (legally) and that it was also Jesus' first miracle. However, recently I was let in on how it also shows why we believe in the power of intercessions (having others pray for us) especially on asking Mary specifically to pray for us to Jesus. I would have people (Catholics and non-Catholics) ask, "Why do I need to pray to Mary? Where does the Bible say to do this? Why can't I just pray straight to God?"

And in this passage lies that answer. The wedding party was about to end because they ran out of wine. They didn't know what to do. And boom. Mary comes and saves the party (who says virgins can't have fun?). She tells Jesus about it, and He does. Why? Because she's His mother! He follows the commandments, one of which says to honor thy mother and father.

So asking Mary for help seems like a pretty good idea. Saying a Hail Mary, praying the Rosary—all good good things.

But that's not the end of it, is it?

Not, even, close, bud.

What does Mary say after telling Jesus that they're out of wine? She tells the servants to do whatever He tells them. Which means that's what we're supposed to do to. Whatever Jesus tells us. But that shouldn't be a big surprise since that's what we're supposed to be doing as Christians anyway, right?

But it's a good reminder for us (I think, anyway). We're not supposed to just ask for help and then just wait and see what happens. We're not even supposed to just ask for help and then try to do something to help our situation. We're supposed to ask for help and then listen. Listen to what Christ is telling us to do. And then, of course, do it. A lot harder than it sounds, otherwise we'd all be saints. But we're not. Not yet. We're called to be saints. Jesus is continuously calling us to be saints. He is constantly telling us what to do - what decisions to make, how to treat people, how to serve people, etc. But we have a really hard time listening. We don't want to fill the jars with water. We don't want to be the servants. We want to be the guests at the party. We want to drink the from the jars after Jesus turns the water into wine.

And I think, as a Church, that's one of our biggest struggles. We want to enjoy the miracles of Jesus without helping to make them happen. Jesus could've easily filled those jars with wine Himself (or water and then turn it into wine). But He didn't. He used the servants. The servants helped the miracle happen. And the same goes with our salvation. Yes, Jesus died for all of us - but the only way we know about it is because He had His servants spread the message of His salvation. And by spreading that message more people came to believe in Him and in His salvation. And we're all called to do that - to spread this message, in all kinds of different ways. By the way we treat others, by the way we forgive others and live our lives. By being honest, kind, respectful, loving, compassionate, merciful - all of the things that Jesus teaches us throughout the Gospels are ways to live so others may come to know Him.

I don't know, maybe I'm just making some of this up. I'm sorry if I'm rambling. But, well, I guess my point is, next time you open a bottle of wine, share some with me.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Passing on the Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church

Images from Family Faith Formation



Catechists gather for our Epiphany/Beginning of the Year Celebration.

Ms. Linda finds not one but two (!) baby figurines in the king's cake (Rosca de Reyes). Ms. Delmi found the other figurine.



Children sing "Yes, Lord, Yes Lord, Yes, Yes Lord" in Ms. Bernadette's class.

Meanwhile, in Mr. Thanh's class the kids draw pictures of themselves in a mirror and sing "Let There Be Peace On Earth" ...(and let it begin with me!)



The Music Ministry's Worship Band and Choir Members meet with middle schoolers and share about their ministry and community.

There's a Whole Lotta Singing Going On Here!



**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 are preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May 2016. At least one parent should attend the meeting.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2015 SWEEPSTAKES WRAP-UP!

The St. Catherine's 32nd annual sweepstakes wrapped up the 2014 campaign with its annual drawing on December 20th at the O'Donnell parish center.

The committee would like to thank these sponsors for their ongoing support and contributions:

Landmark Builders
Terry Mechanical
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Western Allied Mechanical
TISYS Construction and Development
TL Electric
Foley Electric
Bay Area Asphalt and Cement Works
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Congratulations to the winners!

Early Bird Drawing:

First Prize: \$1000 cash - VEH #191
Terry & Maeve Hannon - MH
Second Prize: \$500 cash - VAC #2185
Paul Baria - MH
Third Prize: \$250 cash - VEH #1147
David Montoya - MH

Bonus Bundle Drawing:

First Prize: \$1500 - #254
William Meuser - MH
Second Prize: \$500 - #112
Kal & Marianne Shallal - MH
Third Prize: \$400 - #221
Kathy Borges - Campbell
Fourth Prize: \$350 - #218
Garry & Judy Stutheit - Gilroy

Vacation Sweepstakes Drawing:

First Prize: Vacation or \$5000 cash - #0706
Teresa Steengrafe - SM
Second Prize: Disneyland trip or \$1500 cash
#2585 - Rosalina Vasquez-Landeros - Gilroy
Third Prize: \$1000 cash - #2708
Daniel Bawol - Gilroy
Fourth Prize: iPad Air - #2528
Alfred & Sharon Alciati - MH
Fifth Prize: \$500 cash - #0563
Tim Long - Mountain View -
donated back to Raffle!

Vehicle Sweepstakes Drawing:

1st Prize: 2015 Vehicle, up to \$40,000 sticker
or \$30,000 cash - #1309
Margaret Peterson - MH
2nd Prize: \$1,500 Cash - #1416
Frank White - MH
3rd Prize: \$1,000 Cash - #1611
Shirley DeCarr
4th Prize: \$500 Cash - #1135
Alejandro Campos - MH

Final Tally:

Total Net: \$108,750
Church: \$81,562
School: \$27,188

Special recognition was awarded to the following in the first annual Legacy Award for Sweepstakes committee members:

George Chiala
Ken Ravizza
Mike Smith

We thank you all for your dedication and hard work over the many years of the sweepstakes.

SVdP Help Line in Action in our Community!

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry appeals to our church community for donations four times a year, the last time was during Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks to your generosity then we were able to meet the needs of the many callers to our Help Line this past month or so. Worried callers shared that they were short funds for rent or other bills because their normally steady work just produced less income during the holidays-less temp jobs than usual, hourly employees at school districts who were off for a week at Thanksgiving and two at Christmas, and companies who might normally close for a week during the holidays were closed for two weeks or more this year. Combined with family visits, holiday travel and gifts, our cold rainy weather, and the ends just don't meet sometimes. Your donations allowed us to provide a safety net for our local brothers and sisters, and to keep their families together and sheltered as best they could during this winter season. We'll be at all masses again next weekend sharing stories of the people you help through us. Bring your Sunday envelope and your checkbook to keep the warmth going!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



MARRIED COUPLES

How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse – just the two of you? Away from everything: the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 26-28, 2016 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

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.

JOY THE MOST INFALLIBLE SIGN OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

An overnight retreat for women
At Villa Maria Del Mar
Santa Cruz, CA

Begins: 10:00 am Monday February 22, 2016
Ends: 5:00 pm Tuesday February 23, 2016

Facilitators: Rosemarie Peoples
and Carmella Dautoff

A sacred time to experience the abundance of God's love. Enjoy this blessed setting by the sea in companionship with other women of faith. Come and be renewed and embraced with the sweet grace of God.

Cost: Single room \$209. Double room \$169.
Contact Rosemarie 408-778-3595 or rosemarie778@gmail.com to register

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

The Men and Women's Clothing Giveaway Day at the shop in San Martin is on Saturday, January 23rd from 10am-2pm. We could really use a few more bilingual or Spanish-speaking volunteers to help the people who shop get what they need.

Wednesday Women's Faith Sharing Group

Women's faith sharing meets every Wednesday morning in the parish center at 9:00am and tries to finish by 10:30am. We are starting a new book by Pope Francis called "The Holy Year of Mercy". A Faith Sharing Guide With Reflections by Pope Francis.

We are a gathering of women who have a desire to study scripture, read books by authors who inspire us to lead more God centered lives, and to share our own life experiences with each other. All women are welcome and invited to come and visit our Wednesday group.

If you have any questions email: **Ann Poirier** at annpoirier@gmail.com.

Walk for Life 2016 - January 23

St. Catherine's parish please join in attending the "Walk for Life" event in San Francisco with the Respect Life Committee, Knights of Columbus and our Youth! Busses depart from St. Catherine's at 10:00am and return by 6:00pm. Dress in comfortable shoes, in layers watching the weather, and bring a lunch.

Cost is \$21 per person, let us know if you have a hardship so we can help. **Reserve your seat on the bus by going to www.stca.org.** For registration and more information contact Irma Mora, Irma_Mora@sbcglobal.net, 408 461-1273, or Sergio Arzate, S_Arzate@yahoo.com, 408 340-0454.

Event schedule and speaker information is available at: www.WalkForLifeWC.com

YOUR BEST

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

—Anonymous

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

No one who understands the reality that God is can think that God does not exist.

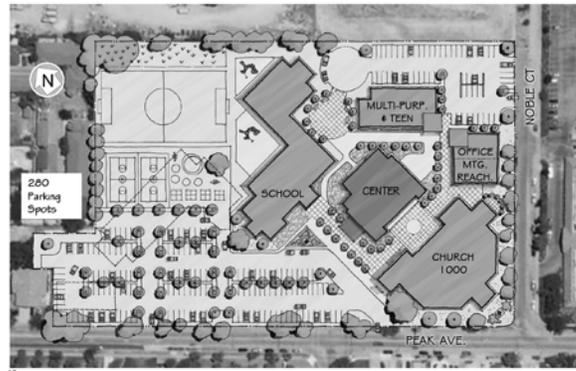
—St. Anselm of Canterbury

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY

Our nursery is open every Sunday from 8:30 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.



SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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ST. CATHERINE MASTER PLAN

Fr. Jeronimo and our Finance Committee have asked the Master Plan Leadership and Feasibility Committees to revisit the Master Plan completed in 2013. They want to review the plan relative to the current and future needs of our community and to assess the maintenance required for the church. The Finance committee seeks this input in order to make decisions about repairs and improvements to the church.

The meeting will be held Thursday February 11 at 7:00pm in the O'Donnell Parish Center. The agenda includes:

- Reviewing the plan and feasibility studies
- Reviewing the committees' 2013 consensus statements on how to proceed
- Assessing the current and future needs of our community
- Assessing the maintenance needs of the church
- Discussion on how to proceed

This meeting is open to anyone who was involved in the formation of the Master Plan, participated in the Feasibility Study, or is interested in the outcome of the plans. Please forward any comments you may have to Jeanette Thatcher at jthatcher@dsj.org or 408-779-3959. Thank you.



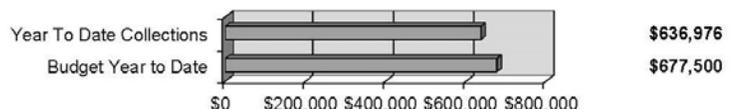
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Total Stewardship Offering	\$31,398	\$24,419	\$18,764	\$21,987
Weekly Goal	\$23,970	\$24,266	\$24,266	\$23,489
Weekly Budget Excess (Shortfall)	\$7,428	\$153	(\$5,502)	(\$1,502)
Year To Date Collections	\$507,686	\$532,105	\$550,869	\$636,976

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

Year To Date Stewardship
July 1 - Jan. 3, 2016



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Catherine School News

SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is a fundraising program to raise money for our school and parish without any cost to you!
There are two ways to earn St. Catherine money with SCRIP!

Shop with Scrip

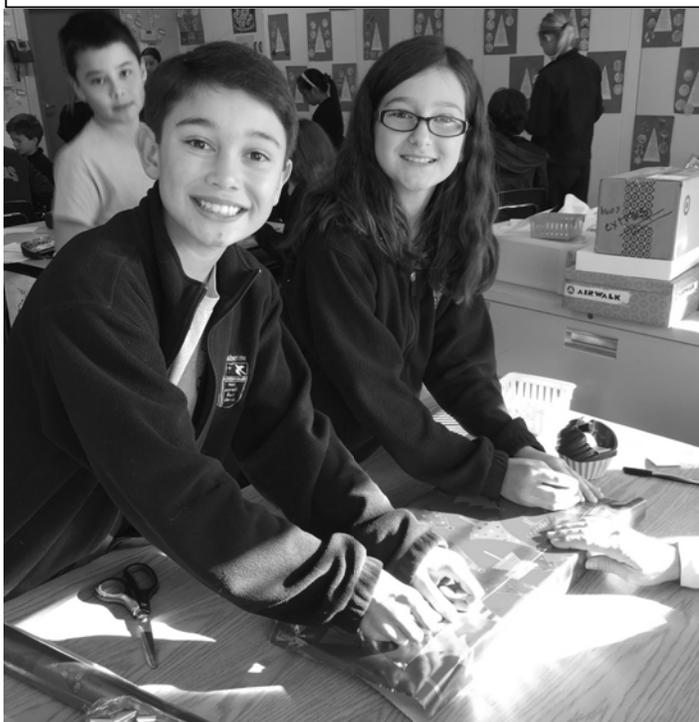
www.shopwithscrip.com is an online ordering system for Scrip. With Shop with Scrip you can order physical Scrip cards, reload Scrip cards, buy instant Scrip certificates and codes for on-line and in store purchases and even purchase Scrip on your phone through the Shop with Scrip App. Set up an account at www.shopwithscrip.com – enrollment Code **F88A73LD9L98**

All Shop with Scrip orders turned in by 3pm on Monday **with** payment will be processed and available in the school office on Friday. (You can order on Sunday, print out the order form, attach payment and drop it off at the school on Monday.) Any order turned in with payment after Monday at 3pm will be processed with the following Monday's order.

Another option through Shop With Scrip is to sign up for **presto pay**. With **presto pay**, you can purchase scrip to go, reload cards and use the “my script wallet app” at anytime. The money earned for St. Catherine through your purchase of scrip using **presto pay** is automatically credited to our account.

Scrip to Go Box Sales

Scrip will be sold on Tuesdays before school and Thursdays at pickup.
The front desk no longer sells scrip.



Above, fifth graders enjoyed wrapping Christmas gifts for the family they “adopted” through the Giving Tree. Right, kindergartners had a last minute practice before performing in the Advent Program. It was an exciting evening for all!

Go Cougars!



Save the Date---eWaste Drive

The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team is Saturday, January 23, from 9:00-2:00 in the lot behind the rectory. Please save appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. Money raised from this event helps 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 ecosafefhome1@yahoo.com .