

# 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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### **MASSES / MISAS**

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sábado: 7:00pm  
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 Sr. Silvia Frias, Pastoral Associate...**

During these days of Lent, we hear closely the message of Pope Francis, who in his visit to Mexico, continues to invite us to live mercy, which we began the Year of Mercy, last year. I share with you parts of some of his messages to help us with the path of conversion and to help make this Lent be a deeper experience of God's mercy.

Message to young people:

"Hand in hand with him it is possible to live fully, by holding his hand it is possible to believe that it is worth the effort to give your best, to be leaven, salt and light among your friends, neighborhoods, and your community"

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### **Desde el escritorio de la Hermana Silvia Frías, Asociada Pastoral...**

#### **CUARESMA 2016**

Durante estos días, de Cuaresma, hemos tenido muy de cerca el mensaje del Santo Padre Francisco quien en su estancia en México, nos sigue invitando a vivir la misericordia, que en el año pasado dio inicio al Año de la Misericordia. Quiero compartir con ustedes partes de algunos de sus mensajes que nos ayuden a este camino de conversión y esta Cuaresma sea una experiencia más profunda de la misericordia de Dios.

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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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**First Reading** — God’s people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** “What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God’s loving care?”

**Child:** “What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?”

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, February 28**

7:00-1:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality  
8:00-12:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery  
8:30-10:30am Rm.10,11,12 Cat. Min - FFF session  
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal  
12:00-2:00pm DC *Cat. Min Spanish RCIC*  
1:00-5:00pm Rm.12 Fil/Am Band practice  
1:30-4:00pm CR1-4 & Kit *Hospitalidad*  
3:30-5:30pm CH *Worship Choir— Kellet*  
4:00-9:00pm CR1-2 *Grupo Amigos - Retreat prep*  
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen Nights  
7:00-9:00pm Gym Over 40’s Men’s Gym

**Monday/Lunes, February 29**

Nur St. Joseph’s Table - meeting  
6:00-7:00pm CHV *Alpha & Omega planning meeting*  
6:00-9:00pm CR 3-4 & Kit Community supper  
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica choir  
6:30-9:00pm Rm11 Stephen Ministry – Training  
6:30-8:30pm Nur Women’s Stitching Group  
6:45-8:45pm Rm12 *Prayer Group A Los Pies de Cristo*  
7:00-8:00pm Rm10 *Jovenes Para Cristo - Team meeting*

**Tuesday/Martes, March 1**

6:30-8:30pm CR3-4 & Kit KOC - Board Meeting  
6:30-9:00pm MC *Spanish Pre Baptismal Class*

**Wednesday/Miércoles, March 2**

9:00-11:00am CR1 Women’s group  
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir  
3:00-6:30pm Rm10,11 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  
7:30-9:00pm MC RCIA Class  
7:30-9:30pm CH *Alpha Omega - Spanish Group*  
8:00-9:00pm NUR Fil/Am Committee Meeting

**Thursday/Jueves, March 3**

2:30-3:15pm CH School— Stations of the Cross  
6:00-9:00pm CH *Spanish Choir Rehearsals*  
7:00-9:00pm Rm.12 RICA  
7:00-9:00pm LR Liturgy Committee Meeting  
8:00-9:00pm Nur Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

**Friday/Viernes, March 4**

9:00-11:59pm CH 24 Hour Adoration  
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study  
6:30-9:30pm Rm10,11 *Jovenes Para Cristo*  
6:30-7:30pm CH Via Crucis  
7:00-10:00pm MC *Grupo Amigos*

**Saturday/Sabado, March 5**

12:00-8:15am CH 24 Hour Adoration  
8:30-10:30am Rm 10,11,12 *Cat Min.- Spanish FFF session*  
8:45-9:30am CH Fil/Am - 1st Saturday Rosary  
9:00-10:30am DC *Spanish Parent FF Meeting*  
9:00-12:00pm MC *Liturgy - Spanish Retreat*  
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s group  
8:30-10:00pm CH *Spanish Passion Play practice*

**8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, February 29 Brad & Mayra Mountz  
† Genevieve James  
Tuesday, March 1 † Maria Leyva  
† Emile Joseph Caron  
Wednesday, March 2 † Ramon Muñoz  
† Ramona Muñoz  
Thursday, March 3 † Joseph Ravizza  
† Leonardo DePalma  
Friday, March 4 † Alicia Salinas  
† Vita LoMonco  
Saturday, March 5 † Carmen Muñoz  
† Ismael Barragan

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Moses experiences God's presence and hears his call to lead the Israelites out of slavery. An amazing journey will ensue. Paul reminds us that knowing God's saving gift isn't enough for them though. Some want more, the joy at their freedom disappears during the trials of the journey. This is a failing that all of us can identify with. We know of Jesus' gift of redemption but during our journey back to our creator we complain that the "journey" is too hard. Not in so many words but rather by our actions. As followers and disciples of Jesus we are asked to "do as he tells us" (as Mary told the servants at the wedding in Cana). Doing what Jesus asks isn't a wouldn't it be nice kind of invitation; when we overlook or delay being Christ for one another we live as we like, not as true disciples. It's easy to say to ourselves that we know that being a Christian demands sacrifice and self-giving but the siren call of the tempter tells us that we don't really have to do that. The scriptures today warn of the peril of listening to that false voice. Human as we are we need reinforcement in order to overcome the temptations which are cleverly disguised as "free passes." Lent is a time to pause and reflect on the totality of our relationship with God. If we're going it alone we're inviting trouble, regular recognition of our need for inspiration and the example of Jesus invite us back to the path that results not just in our ultimate redemption but also to the fullness of life here and now.

### GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Reuse is a wonderful way to reduce the impact of consumption. Sharing things we no longer use with others saves resources. Even reading a book instead of watching TV can save electricity (well, unless the reading light is really high wattage :-).

### 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 SR. SILVIA CONTINUED.....

Message to families:

Married life has to be renewed every day. And, as I said before, I prefer families with wrinkles, with wounds, and scars, but who carry on moving forward; for these wounds, scars and wrinkles are the fruit of a faithful love which has had its share of difficulties. Love is not easy, it is not easy, but the most beautiful thing is when a man and a woman can offer each other true love and offer it for life. I have been asked to pray for you and I want to do so now.

In these two paragraphs the Pope presents us with a path to follow, to make life in mercy in our parish, in our youth and in our families.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please consider making your parish offertory donation electronically. In place of your weekly envelope, make contributions from your checking, savings or credit card account electronically to St. Catherine Church in either of two ways:

- A) Your bank's bill pay option; use your envelope number as the account number.
- B) Sign up to use the secure on-line ParishPay. Go to [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org) and click on "Give Via Parish Pay".

Either way you can:

- Easily adjust the amount of your contribution.
- Avoid writing a check every week.

*We appreciate your generosity whether you contribute by check or cash, using the envelopes or electronically. Thank you.*

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

 Development & Evangelization  
Word|Worship|Witness



### Legacy Planning Seminar

Living Trust  
and  
Estate Planning

#### Please Note the Date Change

Hosted by: St. Catherine Church  
Learn about:

Reducing Estate settlement costs

- Wills and Living Trusts
- Alternatives to probate

Reducing taxes

- Turning Tax dollars into gifts
- Plan your final arrangements

**When: March 16, 2016 at 6pm**

**Where:** St. Catherine O'Donnell Parish Center

**Who:** You!

Come and learn more about the importance of Estate Planning and how you leave your legacy. Snack and drinks will be provided. Please go to [ivolunteer to RSVP on our website](http://www.dsj.org) or contact Anna Quinones at [aquinones@dsj.org](mailto:aquinones@dsj.org)

## Planned Giving: Leaving your legacy

Estate planning is a way to continue your life's work. It is vital to invest time to insure that your life's efforts will continue your causes and support the people who will most treasure your gifts.

How will you ensure that your legacy and how you live your life today will be carried on in the future? Contact Anna Quinones for more information [aquinones@dsj.org](mailto:aquinones@dsj.org).

## LITURGY WORSHIP

**REFLECTION:** God is not an abstract God, not a God far removed from us, but a God who intervenes in history in our behalf. God in the first reading, **Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15**, speaks to Moses from the burning bush. God has seen the oppression and heard the cries of Israel in Egypt and calls Moses to bring the Jews out of Egypt. God refreshes the Israelites in the desert with water from the rock, the second reading, **1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12**. God sends down His Son to give us mercy and salvation, the Gospel, **Lk. 13:1-9**.



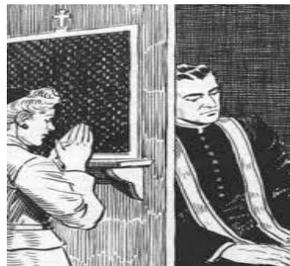
### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Especially during the Lent and Easter seasons, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptism for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptism, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance in to the Body of Christ, the Church.



In an emergency, and providing the parents desires it, anyone can be baptized by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointing, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.

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### COMPASSION!

We come together to celebrate God's mercy and compassion for all of us through the Lenten Penance Service on **Monday, March 7th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** in the church.

## TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

**Salmo** — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

**Segunda lectura** — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

**Evangelio** — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81 (80):6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mc 12:28-34

Sábado: Hos 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32  
Lecturas alternativas (Año A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41  
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### VIA CRUCIS



<u>FECHA</u>	<u>MINISTERIO</u>
04 de Marzo	Coros
11 de Marzo	Monaguillos
18 de Marzo	Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión.

### DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE SILVIA FARÍAS....

Mensaje a los jóvenes:

“Porque de la mano de Jesucristo es posible vivir a fondo, de su mano es posible creer que la vida vale la pena dar lo mejor de sí, ser fermento, ser sal, ser luz en medio de sus amigos, de su comunidad, en medio de la familia.”

Mensaje a las familias:

“La vida matrimonial tienen que renovarse todos los días. Como dije antes prefiero familias arrugadas con heridas, con cicatrices pero que siguen andando, porque esas heridas, esas cicatrices, esas arrugas son fruto de la fidelidad, de un amor que no siempre fue fácil. El amor no es fácil, no, pero es lo más lindo que un hombre y una mujer se pueden dar entre sí, el verdadero amor, para toda la vida. Me han pedido que rezara por ustedes y quiero empezar a hacerlo ahora mismo, con ustedes.”

En estos dos párrafos el Papa nos presenta un camino para seguir haciendo vida la misericordia en nuestra parroquia, en nuestros jóvenes y familias.

Hna. Silvia Frías Z. MESST.

### ¡LAS LUCES ESTAN ENCENDIADS!

¡Los miércoles de 6:00pm-8:00pm las puertas de la Iglesia de Santa Catalina estarán abiertas y la Luz estará encendida para Usted! Venga y traiga a un miembro de su familia o a un amigo. Reencuentre el corazón y la Misericordia en el sacramento de reconciliación de Dios en este año de la Merced. Jesucristo desea levantar esa carga que usted lleva dentro. Esa carga que quizás a llevado con usted por algún tiempo, o quizás, por años. Para obtener más información acerca de guías para la confesión y testimonios de gente de nuestra diócesis, por favor visite [www.dsj.org/light](http://www.dsj.org/light).

## TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



Regocijando en la Misericordia de Dios, Juntos en Cristo

**ADA2016**  
Colecta Diocesana Anual

### ADA en Acción



Un retiro que ayuda a nuestra juventud en nuestra parroquia desarrollar el liderazgo.

**¡Por favor haga su donación hoy!**

Nuestra Meta	\$ 210,564
Promesas	\$146,401

### CENA DEL DIA DE SAN PATRICIO



**Domingo, 13 de Marzo**  
**4:00pm a 8:00pm**  
Centro Parroquial O'Donnell  
Música Irlandés y Entretenimiento

Deliciosa comida Irlandés  
Los boletos cuestan solo \$15  
Hot Dog, Sabritas & Refresco para niños= \$5.  
**¡Los Boletos se venderán en la entrada!**

Para más información o para ser voluntario,  
por favor de contactar a Mike Barry en  
ffbarry@yahoo.com



## ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

16, 17 & 18, de Septiembre del 2016

**¿Recuerda la primera vez que fue al festival; las emociones, la comida y los paseos? ¿Alguna vez se pregunto como es que todo sucedió?**

Esta es su oportunidad de darse cuenta como es que el festival se lleva acabo y de hacer sus sueños del festival realidad.

El comité central esta en busca de nuevas ideas y maneras de hacer las cosas. Usted puede hacer una diferencia con su talento, su conocimiento y visión.

Lo invito a que haga dos cosas.

- 1) Visite nuestra pagina web en [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org), grupos, Fall Fun Fest para que vea las responsabilidades del comité.
- 2) Ponerse en contacto con uno de los miembros y comparta su visión.

Con gratitud, Jeanette Thatcher en [jthatcher@dsj.org](mailto:jthatcher@dsj.org), y por teléfono al (408)779-3959.

### GRATITUD

La ingratitud es la hija de la soberbia.

—Miguel de Cervantes

### DAÑO

El odio hace más daño a la persona en el que está almacenado que en la persona sobre la cual se vierte.

—Anónimo



**¡MUCHAS GRACIAS por su constante apoyo!**

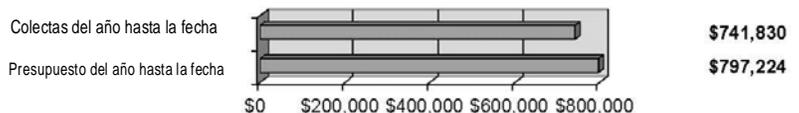
**Notas de Corresponsabilidad:** La corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La "Meta Semanal" es el numero que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

## OFRENDA SEMANAL DE LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Ofrenda Total	-
Meta Semanal	-
Exceso (Faltante) del Presupuesto	-
Colectas del año hasta la fecha	-

Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7
\$23,475	\$13,196	\$18,501	\$24,459
\$23,489	\$23,489	\$24,629	\$24,629
(\$14)	(\$10,293)	(\$6,128)	(\$170)
<b>\$621,211</b>	<b>\$634,407</b>	<b>\$652,908</b>	<b>\$741,830</b>

**Corresponsabilidad del año hasta la fecha**  
1 de Julio, 2015— 7 de Febrero, 2016



## TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### ESCENARIOS DE CUARESMA: EL SINAI

El Sinaí es el Monte de la Revelación. Allí habló Dios a Moisés desde una zarza que ardía sin consumirse, y allí le manifestó su nombre: El que soy. Allí le encomendó la misión de liberar a su pueblo de la esclavitud de Egipto, y allí lo nombró profeta del Altísimo. Más tarde, en la cumbre de aquel monte, Dios reveló su ley al propio Moisés y estableció Alianza de Amor con su Pueblo. Al tercer día, al rayar el alba, hubo truenos y relámpagos y una densa nube sobre el monte y un poderoso resonar de trompeta; y todo el pueblo que estaba en el campamento se echó a temblar. Entonces Moisés hizo salir al pueblo del campamento para ir al encuentro de Dios, y se detuvieron al pie del monte. Todo el monte Sinaí humeaba, porque Yahveh había descendido sobre él en el fuego. Subía el humo como de un horno, y todo el monte retemblaba con violencia. (Ex 19, 19). El sonar de la trompeta se hacía cada vez más fuerte; Moisés hablaba y Dios le respondía con el trueno. Yahveh bajó al monte Sinaí, a la cumbre del monte; llamó Yahveh a Moisés a la cima de la montaña y Moisés subió". (Éx 19, 16-20). Si en el Tabor experimentábamos el gozo y la paz de la oración, en el Sinaí dejaremos que la oración nos lleve al conocimiento de Dios y de su Ley. El mundo entero, en esos momentos, queda bajo nuestros pies, y así nos elevamos sobre las falsas urgencias, las prisas, los agobios y esclavitudes a que nos somete la vida trepidante que llevamos, para irnos envolviendo, cada vez más, en el silencio de quien mira cara a cara a Dios. No se puede orar si primero no se crea un profundo silencio alrededor del cuerpo y del alma. Por eso es necesario, todos los días, buscar, al menos, treinta minutos de recogimiento y dedicarlos a formular reverentemente la única pregunta que puede convertir en aventura divina la vida de un hombre: "Señor, ¿quién eres?". Ése es nuestro Sinaí. Luego, bajó Moisés del monte Sinaí y, cuando bajó del monte con las dos tablas del Testimonio en su mano, no sabía que la piel de su rostro se había vuelto radiante, por haber hablado con él (Éx 34, 29). Después de treinta minutos de verdadera oración, el cristiano desciende de nuevo al mundo, vuelve a sus quehaceres, a su familia, a sus amigos, a su trabajo y a su descanso, pero su rostro está iluminado por la alegría de haber encontrado al Amor. He ahí la verdadera luz con la que brilla la faz de un cristiano tras descender del Sinaí de su oración: la alegría. Más todos nosotros, que con el rostro descubierto la gloria del Señor, nos vamos transformando en esa misma imagen cada vez más gloriosos: así es como actúa el Señor, que es Espíritu (2Cor 3, 18). Los hombres deben notar que oramos, que conversamos cada día cara a cara con Dios, porque nuestro semblante está iluminado por la alegría y por la paz. Quiera Dios que aprovechemos los días que aún nos quedan en esta Cuaresma para hacer nuestra morada en el Sinaí, para encontrar nuestro gozo en la oración, y para descubrir ahí la Faz paternal y amable de Dios que enamore nuestras almas.

Fr. José Fernando Rey Ballesteros

### ACTIVIDADES DURANTE CUARESMA



### ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Venga y acompañenos para  
Las estaciones de la Cruz  
Cada Viernes a las 6:30pm en español

Jóvenes son invitados a las Estaciones de la Cruz

El Viernes, 18 de Marzo a las 7:30pm.



### CENA PARA LAS FAMILIAS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Sea parte de nuestra cena para las familias en nuestra parroquia. La cena se llevara acabo los viernes 11 & 18 de Marzo del 2016 a las 6:00pm and el centro parroquial O'Donnell para que le sirvan una deliciosa sopa.

### RECONCILIACION

Venga a nuestra parroquia durante esta Cuaresma este 7 de Marzo a las 7:00pm y reconcíliase con Dios.



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# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Adult Faith Formation for the parish of St Catherine



### Gestures & Postures at Eucharist

#### General Instruction for the Roman Missal

*The faithful should sit, on the other hand, during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory; and, if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion. (#43)*

#### Sitting

Readings before the Gospel	Sit
Homily	Sit
Collection, etc.	Sit
Sacred Silence	Sit
Announcements	Sit

#### Does it make sense?

- (1) Sitting for the 1st Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the 2nd Reading provides a contrast to standing for the Gospel Reading. All of these are the written word of God, but the Gospel Reading has prominence because (almost always) the words of Jesus are proclaimed in the Gospel Reading
- (2) Sitting for the Homily provides the same contrast. The reflection given by the homilist has great value, but the highlight of the first part of Mass is the Gospel Reading.
- (3) For the collection and gifts it might be better to ask the assembly to make a procession of their offerings to the priest and ministers in the sanctuary. But practical considerations (like writing checks) calls for sitting.
- (4) Many would say that kneeling during the Sacred Silence would help praying in praise of the Lord Jesus' sacrifice of his Body and Blood. But whether the assembly kneels or sits, the important thing is to pray.

Deacon Phil Flowers, pflowers@dsj.org

#### Sitting

#### by Fr Paul Turner

At work, at play, at meals, but especially at rest - oh how we love to sit. Whether we collapse into a cushy chair, sweaty from the sun, or scooch up to the breakfast table after a good night's rest, sitting signals relaxation. It helps us veg out, turn off our attention, and defy the world to entertain us as best it can. Even bicycle riders endure the rigors of exercising while enjoying the pleasures of sitting down.



Because so much of leisure comes by sitting, we can settle too deeply for relaxation whenever we sit at Mass. Normally the parts of the Mass that call for our active participation see us standing: singing songs, reciting the creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, and sharing communion, for example. But once in a while we sit. We sit for the readings, the responsorial psalm, the homily, the preparation of the altar and the gifts, and usually during the thanksgiving after communion. Obviously these are not moments of complete rest. Even when we sit, we do something at Mass. We listen. We pray. We reflect. We open our hearts to God's Spirit.

Consequently, the sitting we do at Mass promotes neither inactivity nor intermission. The Scripture readings above all demand heedful concentration. Unnecessary activity during these times of the Mass make it difficult for us and other worshipers alike to sit attentively.

After the service, we can better enjoy the relaxation that sitting invites. We can linger a little longer to converse with those who share our faith. Then leisure leads to relationship. Although sitting at Mass still solicits our attention, sitting after Mass relaxes and builds up the muscles of the Body of Christ.

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## Ugh, Grammar



How many of you in your English class get docked points when you use poor grammar?

And it's kind of annoying because you feel like your teacher is nitpicking and you think that it doesn't really matter because you'll still get your point across (did you notice how I started that sentence with "And" and that that sentence was a bit of a run-on sentence as is this parenthetical sentence?). Well, grammar does matter, but I personally believe some of it can be ignored. But I'm talking more about the strict rules of grammar, like "an" instead of "a" when the following word starts with a vowel. The type of grammar that when you read just sounds wrong. Then there's what I see as the guidelines of grammar, where they can be bent or ignored because of the style of writing. Again, there's probably some of you out there who are thinking, "No Deepu, you don't bend the rules in grammar. Everyone should follow them explicitly."

Anyways, I bring this up because I opened last week's bulletin to start this week's bulletin, and I noticed a basic grammar error—I wrote, "We'll be having a informational..." Ugh. Can't believe I missed that. It made me cringe. My apologies if you also cringed when reading it.

Now, I can go on with my life holding on to my beliefs that some grammar rules can be ignored. I'll do my best to follow the rules I think are important, but at times I'll make a mistake. If I'm able to, I'll apologize—I end all my emails with "Forgive me my typos, as I forgive those who typo against me." Some of my grammatical or spelling errors are just typos, but some are because I'm just ignorant about all of the rules of grammar—just a few weeks ago I had to read up on when to use "whom" vs. "who" because I always got confused (side note—if you'd respond to the question with "he/she/they," then it's "who," whereas if you'd respond with "him/her/them," then it's "whom"). With choosing to ignore some rules of grammar, we keep ourselves from being better writers, which can affect our college and/or career opportunities. When it comes time to write letters when applying for colleges, scholarships, or jobs, having poor grammar can leave a very bad impression. And when you only get one chance to impress those reading your letters, that can be detrimental.

The same can be said with our Catholic faith. Many people will know the Church's rules, but personally believe that some can be ignored. But this can and will have much harsher consequences than poor grammar. By choosing to ignore some of the rules of the Catholic Church, we keep ourselves from being better disciples of Jesus Christ. We keep ourselves from being who God created us to be. God created each and every single one of us for a specific purpose. The Church exists solely to guide us to find that purpose. The rules are there to give us the best chances to find that purpose. Too often we view the rules as restrictions that keep us from enjoying life—but in reality they're there to free us from the distractions of this world—isn't it crazy that those distractions have made us view the Church and Her teachings as bad, instead of the other way around?

That's why we must be vigilant. As it says in 1 Peter 5:8 -

***Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.***

We need to start looking at the rules as not something we either believe or not, but as something that we're trying to get to. A goal to attain. Instead of saying, "I don't agree with this Church teaching," try saying, "I still working on accepting this Church teaching." It allows for humility, because in reality we don't know everything. The Church holds far more knowledge and experience than we do, and understanding that is a good first step. The second step would be to actually work on accepting the teachings—start reading Scripture more pertaining to that teaching, as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other documents. The world will tell you just to believe whatever you want—but are you basing your beliefs on actual research or on just what your uninformed opinion is? Form your opinions, form your beliefs. It's okay (it's encouraged, actually) to question Church teachings. But questioning doesn't mean ignoring. It means searching for the answer.

And as far as my grammar is concerned, I guess I'll start working on using grammar gooder.

***Meeting for young adults 18-20s this Thursday at 8pm at Mikaila Locsin's. Email for address. [deepuk@dsj.org](mailto:deepuk@dsj.org)***

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# Passing on the Faith

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



**Photos from the  
Rite of Election at  
St. Joseph's Cathedral**



### Scrutinies

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent there are rites of Christian Initiation, called Scrutinies. Scrutinies are short rituals for self-searching and repentance as part of the preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion. They are intended to deepen the resolve of those who are to be initiated. Based on the gospel readings for those Sundays, they are meant to uncover and then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect, those selected for full initiation at the coming Easter Vigil.

#### **First Scrutiny—February 28th**

The symbol for 1st Scrutiny is living **Water**, see the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4.5-42). We pray that the elect may thirst for living water like the woman of Samaria and turn to the Lord as they hear His word.

#### **Second Scrutiny—March 6th**

The symbol for 2nd Scrutiny is heavenly **Light**, see the Man Born Blind (John 9.1-41). We pray that the elect, like the man born blind, may be led into the kingdom of light through the gift of faith in Christ Jesus.

#### **Third Scrutiny—March 13th**

The symbol for 3rd Scrutiny is eternal **Life**, see the Raising of Lazarus (John 11.1-44). We pray that the elect, like Lazarus, may be snatched from the realm of death and led to the new life in the resurrection through Jesus Christ

*During this Lenten Season, please continue to keep the following Elect in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass:*

Royce Elkehale  
Esperanza Galvan  
Anthony Herrera  
Maia Kilinski  
Ken Masterson  
Jacob Molina  
Nathan Shebib  
Everett Wallace  
Jacob Wallace

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### HELP NEEDED - CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

Join us Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm as we change the environment of the church from Lent to Holy Thursday and set up the parish center for adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. Things to be done: take down and store the Lenten environment; put up palm trees, set up the church for the Holy Thursday washing of the feet, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at [dlinderhees@gmail.com](mailto:dlinderhees@gmail.com) for more information.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.

Join our 40 Days Prayer vigil on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.

For all information call Brian 408-847-2000 or Email [40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com)

### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Italian Catholic Federation offers \$400 scholarships to Roman Catholic graduating seniors of Italian descent who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2. For more information:

\*See your class counselor

\*Call the Italian Catholic Federation at 1-88-423-1924

\*Visit our website at [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org)

Application deadline - March 15, 2016

### FORGIVENESS

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.

—Confucius

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel

Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer; First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

### EVERGIVE

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

### EASTER SEASON ENVIRONMENT

Join us as we prepare the environment of the church for the Easter season on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am until 11:00am. We will also set up and prepare the environment in the parish center for Easter Sunday Masses. Things that need to be done: decorating the baptismal font for baptisms during the Vigil Mass, putting out the flags, hanging the swoops, steaming the altar cloth in the parish center, decorating the church, church vestibule and parish center with Easter lilies, etc. Come for whatever amount of time you can. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at [dlinderhees@gmail.com](mailto:dlinderhees@gmail.com) for more information.

### "I AM"

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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### PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

### KNITTING GROUP

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

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

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### 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.

### ACTIVITIES DURING LENT



Jesus falls a second time.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for stations of the cross this Lent.

Every Thursday at 2:30pm.  
Every Friday at 6:30pm in Spanish.

Teens are invited to Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18th at 7:30pm.

### SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Join a small faith sharing group to discuss "Rediscover Jesus". To sign up for a group, please visit our parish website, under the volunteer option, select "Rediscover Jesus".



### PARISH FAMILY SOUP SUPPERS

Join our Parish Family Soup Suppers on Fridays, March 11 & 18 at 6:00pm in the O'Donnell Parish Center

### PARISH RECONCILIATION

Come to our Lenten Parish Reconciliation on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm.



### MEN'S OVER 40'S OPEN GYM

An over 40's Men's group gathers on Sundays for Open Gym. Come out and join some of your fellow over 40's parishioners for a friendly game of basketball. Game dates are

**February 28**

### ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

*"I DESIRE THAT THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW MY INFINITE MERCY."*

*"I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those soul who trust in My Mercy."*

*Dairy of St. Maria Faustine Kowalska:687  
Our 24 hour Adoration begins on First Friday March 4th immediately after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:15A.M. and concludes on First Saturday March 5th with Benediction at 8:00A.M.*

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

### MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8, 2016 call 831-439-9503 or email: [Monte-rey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monte-rey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

The Women's faith sharing group meets each 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](mailto:annpoirier@gmail.com).

### MASS TIMES

Are you traveling and don't know the mass times for the local church? Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), search by zip code or by address and locate any church's mass times anywhere.

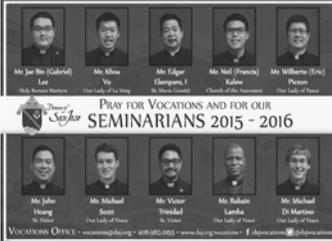
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**Rejoicing in God's Mercy,  
Together in Christ**

**ADA2016**  
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

### ADA in Action - Priest Formation



To be called to the Priesthood in this day and age is both a gift and a challenge. It requires a generous heart, an open mind, and a very courageous spirit.

**Please make your pledge today!**

Our Goal - \$210,564  
Pledges - \$146,401

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SEMINARIANS 2015 - 2016



## ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

September 16, 17 & 18, 2016

**Do you remember the first time you went to a festival; the fun, the thrills, the food, the rides? Did you ever wonder how it all happened?**

Now is your chance to find out and to make your festival dreams come true.

The core committees are looking for new ideas and ways of doing things. You and your talent, background, or vision can make a difference.

I invite you to do two things. 1) visit our website [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org), groups, Fall Fun Fest to look at each committee's responsibilities and 2) contact one of the members to share your vision. With thanks, Jeanette Thatcher at [jthatcher@dsj.org](mailto:jthatcher@dsj.org) or 408-779-3959.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**Sunday March 13  
4:00 to 8:00pm**

O'Donnell Parish Center

Irish Music and Entertainment

Delicious Irish Food - Tickets = \$15

Children's Hot Dog, Chips & Soda = \$5.

**Tickets sold at the door!**

For more information or to volunteer  
contact Mike Barry - [ffbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:ffbarry@yahoo.com)



### MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS

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

## Parish Giving

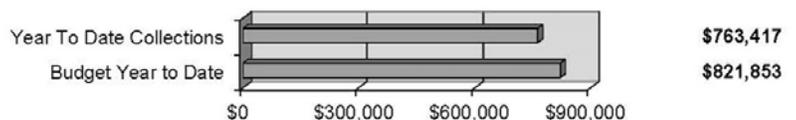
**Thank you for your  
continued support.**

**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 was budgeted to meet our yearly budget.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14
Total Stewardship Offering	\$13,196	\$18,501	\$24,514	\$21,532
Weekly Goal	\$23,489	\$24,629	\$24,629	\$24,629
Weekly Budget Excess (Shortfall)	(\$10,293)	(\$6,128)	(\$115)	(\$3,097)
Year To Date Collections	\$634,407	\$652,908	\$677,422	\$763,417

Year To Date Stewardship  
July 1 - Feb. 14, 2016



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### St. Catherine School News



*With no practice before the game, the brave faculty took on the undefeated 8th grade boys' team. Good spirit all around!*



### GOING GREEN

St. Catherine School strives to take care of God's wonderful creation by using environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled paper, paper towels, toilet paper, and biodegradable lunch trays, as well as reusing materials whenever possible. Students bring reusable water bottles in order to eliminate the wasteful one use bottles. The school works to use energy efficiently through programmed thermostats and ceiling fans, and is currently replacing florescent light bulbs with new energy efficient LED bulbs.

Our Ecology Club collects recyclable waste paper from the classrooms every week. Our Green Team has sponsored four eWaste Drives and is working with our Garden Coordinator and Ecology Commissioner to get our composting program fully operational. Both garden waste and lunch waste will be composted.

You can help by placing any recyclable materials in the appropriate containers when using parish or school facilities. Help us take care of our tiny bit of this beautiful planet.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join the students of St. Catherine School for Stations of the Cross every Thursday during Lent at 2:30 in the church. All are welcome!



*At our winter Spirit Rally, our cougar mascot led the cheers during the faculty vs. 8th grade boys' team. The 8th graders trounced the teachers, but everyone had a great time.*

## Go Cougars!

### ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have friends or family members who are interested in St. Catherine School, please encourage them to pick up an application packet. Applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2 with entrance tests being given on March 9. Spaces are limited, so be sure to pick up an application soon.

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