

# 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.*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / PRIMER 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.)

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Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm  
1st Friday - 24 Hours

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*From the Desk of Rose Pucan-Megor, Family Faith Formation Director....*

This weekend thirteen catechumens will participate in the Rite of Sending, one of the threshold events of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or RCIA process. They are preparing to be formally received into the Catholic Church and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. What a wonderful blessing this is for our parish community!

At the Rite of Sending, the godparents testify and the catechumens affirm their intention to join the Church. The catechumens also sign their names in the Book of Elect as their commitment to know, love and follow God throughout their lives. We, the parish community, then “send” the catechumens to the Bishop or his representative who will receive and declare them the “Elect” at the Rite (Continued on Page 3...)

**Desde el escritorio de Rose Pucan-Meagor, Directora de Formación de Fe Familiar ...**

Este fin de semana, trece catecúmenos participarán en el Rito de Envío, uno de los ritos del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos o proceso de RICA. Se están preparando para ser formalmente recibidos en la iglesia católica y celebrar los sacramentos de la iniciación: bautismo, confirmación y eucaristía. ¡Qué maravillosa bendición es para nuestra comunidad parroquial!

En el Rito de Envío, los padrinos testifican y los catecúmenos afirman su intención de unirse a la Iglesia. Los catecúmenos también firman sus nombres en el Libro de los Electos como su compromiso de conocer, amar y seguir a Dios a lo largo de sus vidas.

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)  
8:00am - 6:00pm  
Saturday (*Sábado*) / Sunday (*Domingo*)  
Closed/*Cerrado*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalms** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood pre-figured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, February 18**

7:00-1:00pm CR1-4,Kit Hospitality  
8:00-11:00pm NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery  
8:00-12:00PM DC CLOW  
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes  
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers  
3:30-5:00pm Rm.8 High School Sac. Preparation  
4:30-7:30pm CR1-2 *Jovenes Retiro Prep. - Meeting*  
7:00-8:30pm CH Music & Movement Rehearsal

**Monday/Lunes, February 19**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00-7:00pm CR3-4,Kit Community Supper  
**Tuesday/Martes, February 20**  
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro  
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish Catechist Training  
7:00-9:00pm CR3-4 KoC - Board Meeting  
7:00-9:45pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry

**Wednesday/Miércoles, February 21**

8:45-11:00am CR1-2 Women's Group  
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose/Fil-Am Choir  
3:30-5:00pm MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes  
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir  
5:30-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry  
5:30-6:30pm Rm.10,11 *Una Puerta de Esperanza*  
6:30-7:30pm CH *Hora Santa*  
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group  
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro Retiros  
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA  
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA Session  
7:30-9:30pm CH *Alfa & Omega Grupo de Oracion*

**Thursday/Jueves, February 22**

2:30-3:15pm CH School - Stations of the Cross  
3:00-9:30pm CR1-4,Kit ICF Dinner meeting  
6:00-8:00pm MC Soup & Scriptures  
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir  
6:00-7:30pm Rm.10 *Una Puerta de Esperanza - Voluntarios*  
6:30-9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry training  
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 *Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.*

**Friday/Viernes, February 23**

9:30-11:30am CR1-2 Bible Study  
6:30-7:30pm CH *Via Crucis*  
7:00-8:30pm CR1-4,Kit FF/Spanish Ministry Lenten Soup  
7:00-9:00pm MC *Grupo Amigos Youth Group*  
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 *Reunion Semanal - Jóvenes Para Cristo*  
7:30-9:00pm CH Stations of the Cross

**Saturday/Sabado, February 24**

8:00am-5:30pm CR1-4,Kit,Gym *Retiro Para Mujeres*  
8:00-10:00pm CH *Práctica de la Pasión*

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

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

Monday, February 19	† Lucrecia Madrigal
Tuesday, February 20	† Timothy Conry
Wednesday, February 21	† Albina Grimsich
Thursday, February 22	† Martha Dell'Aquila
Friday, February 23	† Sergio Madrigal
Saturday, February 24	† Zachary Jensen
	Sara Garcia
	† Nick Mariani
	† Jaime Salinas
	† Martha Dell'Aquila
	Bertha Lilia Lua
	† Virginia Lomanto

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

*“Repent and believe in the gospel.”* Two strong action verbs which can be seen as singular events to be accomplished. That’s easy to see but not necessarily to do. It is the sense of accomplishing and checking off an item on our “TODO” list that causes us to miss the gift being offered. Both of those verbs ask us for a continuing commitment, not just momentary agreement. Taking words literally leaves us without an understanding of the underlying grace being offered. We are to enter into a lifestyle rather than accomplishing tasks. Or perhaps better said, we are to re-enter into Jesus’ lifestyle. One which reminds us that, as Jesus said, *“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.”* The time of which He speaks isn’t measured by a clock but rather by being open to God’s presence to and with us. The forty days of Lent ask that we take time to repent; not to make us sad that maybe we’ve gotten a bit out of touch with our spiritual self but rather to re-focus us on the truth of the Gospel. This is an ongoing repurposing of our inner life in order to become more conscious of how our actions and choices are, in fact, regularly in need of reflection. Each moment offers a chance, however brief or extended, to remember that we are called to proclaim the same gospel of which Jesus spoke. A gospel that sees beyond the mirror in which we are reflected and which regularly reminds us of our prophetic voices. Sometimes that voice becomes verbal but more often it is the force behind our actions. Perhaps force sounds a bit strong but we need a positive push to be attentive to others in love. As our Lenten journey begins take some time to simplify our own spirits. Pray for insight about how we are to live out what repentance means in our life. Ask too about internalizing the truth of the Gospel. Reflection and renewal are Lenten practices which open us to the grace of Jesus with us.

## GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Who thought that February would bring us actual “green.” The poor plants have been fooled into thinking that spring has sprung. Make sure that when the weather cools we look after plants that suffer from the change in climate.

## 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 ROSE.....

of Election at the cathedral.

The Elect then begin the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, the final, intense preparation over the next five Sundays of Lent. The period ends at Easter Vigil when the Elect receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are fully initiated into our Catholic faith and family.

During this period, let us keep them in our prayers, that they are drawn closer to our ever-loving God and are filled with the confidence and joy of his love and forgiveness. May we also be filled with a spirit of renewal so that through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we are encouraged by one another’s efforts and together come to live in and share the joys of Easter.

Blessings,  
Rose

## KNTTING GROUP

Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others 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 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

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

*Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No*

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, fasting is required of those from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Those excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail; ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

## ALMSGIVING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

There are several special opportunities for almsgiving through donations to Church ministries for which collections are conducted during the Lenten season including:

- **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe...**
- **National Black and Indian Mission Collection...**
- **Catholic Relief Services Collection...**
- **Collection for the Holy Land...**
- **CRS Rice Bowl...**

Many dioceses hold special appeals for local needs during Lent and there are countless other ways to offer your time, talent and treasure to needy individuals and organizations during Lent and throughout the year. For ideas, contact your diocesan Social Concerns office or your local Catholic Charities affiliate.

## SAVE THE DATE

Training is in the church  
from 7:00 to 9:00pm

**New Lectors must attend both trainings**  
**RSVP: Jim Yinger [jfyinger@gmail.com](mailto:jfyinger@gmail.com)**

3/6/18	NEW LECTOR TRAINING- THEOLOGY
3/13/18	NEW LECTOR TRAINING- Procedure

## PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**February 26, 2018**

7:00pm

**St. Catherine Parish**  
**Parroquia de Santa Catalina**  
**2018 Easter Triduum Schedule**  
**Horarios de Semana Santa 2018**

**Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo**  
**March 29/Marzo 29**

7:30pm

(Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

**Good Friday / Viernes Santo**  
**March 30/Marzo 30**

12:00pm Liturgy

2:00pm Passion thru Music by Life Teen

6:30pm Obra de la Pasión de Cristo

7:30pm Servicio en Español

**Easter Vigil / Vigilia Pascual**  
**March 31/Marzo 31**

8:30pm

(Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe)

**Easter Sunday**  
**Domingo de Resurrección**  
**April 1/ Abril 1**

7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am Masses

## ELECTRONIC UPDATES

If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won't miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish's upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at **[office@stca.org](mailto:office@stca.org)** with your name and the email address you wish to use.

## PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

**Salmo** — Tus sendas, Señor, son misericordia y lealtad, para los que guardan tu alianza (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

**Evangelio** — Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76;  
Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25

Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32

Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22;  
Mc 1:12-15

### ¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_

Código postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Numero teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

### DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE ROSE.....

Nosotros, como comunidad parroquial, "enviamos" a los catecúmenos al obispo o a su representante, que los recibirá y los declarará "elegidos" en el Rito de Elección en la catedral.

Los Elegidos comenzarán el Período de Purificación e Iluminación, la preparación final e intensa durante los próximos cinco domingos de Cuaresma. El período finaliza en la Vigilia Pascual, cuando los Elegidos reciben los Sacramentos de Iniciación y se inician completamente en nuestra fe y familia católica.

Durante este período, mantengamos en nuestras oraciones, que estén más cerca de nuestro siempre amoroso Dios y que estén llenos de la confianza y la alegría de su amor y perdón. Que también seamos llenos de un espíritu de renovación para que a través de nuestras oraciones cuaresmales, el ayuno y la limosna, nos anime el esfuerzo de los demás y juntos vengamos a vivir y compartir las alegrías de la Pascua.

Bendiciones,  
Rose

## ¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!



### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: "¿Cuándo o cómo puedes alejarte de tus responsabilidades diarias para renovarte a ti mismo, para que puedas hacer un mejor trabajo siguiendo los pasos de Jesús?"

Niño: "¿En qué buen hábito podrías trabajar durante la Cuaresma para que puedas acercarte más a Dios?"

## PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

### NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbese para que las reciba en [www.alertssc.com](http://www.alertssc.com).

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La Cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el Bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se concentran en la conversión y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la Iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos deberíamos emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con mayor fervor durante la Cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el Bautismo. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital.

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

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma;  
Rito de Envío; Rito de Elección;  
Rito de Llamado a la Conversión Continua

Lunes: Día de los Presidentes;  
Inicio de la Cuaresma en el calendario juliano

Miércoles: San Pedro Damiano

Jueves: La Cátedra de San Pedro;  
Nacimiento de Washington

Viernes: San Policarpo; Abstinencia

### FACEBOOK



Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra página en <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856>

## ¡Mujer de Ayer, Mujer de Hoy!

¡Dios te hace la invitación a ti!

A un Retiro para Mujeres mayores de 18 años

y te re-encuentres con Jesús.



**El Día: sábado febrero 24, 2018**

Lugar: Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría

17400 Peak Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037

**Hora: 8:00 am a 5:30 pm**

**Predicadores:** Padre Alberto Cabrera, Hermana Gisela Enriquez, y Elizabeth Ruiz

### GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.



## PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



**SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION**  
**Febrero 26, 2018**  
7:00pm

### PARROQUIA DE SANTA CATALINA HORARIOS DE SEMANA SANTA 2018

#### Jueves Santo

**Marzo 29**  
7:30pm  
Misa Bilingüe

#### Viernes Santo

**Marzo 30**  
6:30pm Obra de la Pasión de Cristo  
7:30pm Servicio en Español

#### Vigilia Pascual

**Marzo 31**  
8:30pm  
Misa Bilingüe



#### Domingo de Resurrección

**Abril 1**  
7:15am, 8:45am, 10:30am Misas en Ingles  
12:15pm Misa en Español

### PERSONAS DE LA ALIANZA

La palabra que sobresale en las lecturas de hoy es la palabra "alianza". La fidelidad y la bondad de Dios nos sirven como ejemplo de cómo debemos vivir. En Génesis aparece el relato de Noé y de la alianza de Dios no sólo con las personas sino con la naturaleza. Las aguas purificadoras del diluvio nunca más descargarán su poder destructivo en toda la tierra otra vez. La señal, el recordatorio para Dios y la naturaleza, es el arco iris en el cielo.

El salmo nos recuerda esta compasión de Dios y le implora a Dios que se acuerde de nosotros, no por nuestra bondad, sino por la bondad de Dios y su fidelidad a la promesa. Dios nos muestra cómo ser buenos, no por decreto, sino dándonos el ejemplo.

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### SAN VICENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por mas días!

- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

### 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!

### OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIADO

¿Está interesado en ser voluntario? Visite nuestro sitio web en [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org), haga clic en OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIO a la derecha para ver e inscribirse en varias opciones de voluntario.

Muchas manos hacen el trabajo menos.

Our Lady Of Refuge Parish Presents:

# Martin Valverde

en Concierto

"Una Semilla de Esperanza"



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Dia/Day : Viernes 16 de Marzo, 2018  
Hora/Time : 7:00 PM  
Lugar/Place: Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Refugio  
2165 Lucretia Avenue, San Jose, CA 95122  
Doacion del Boleto: \$50 (VIP) \$35 o \$25  
Duertas Abren a las 6:00 PM  
(Venta de Comida y Rifa: antes y al final del Concierto)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Office of Development & Evangelization



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**We thank you and all donors for supporting our mission.** For more information contact the parish Business Office Lou Villano at [lvillano@dsj.org](mailto:lvillano@dsj.org) or Development & Evangelization Office Anna Quinones at [aquinones@dsj.org](mailto:aquinones@dsj.org)

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### Parish Giving Tree Elves



### They Did It Again!

South Valley Wood Workers (**pictured below**) better known as Parish Giving Tree Elves. The wood workers are a group of turners, marquetatrians, carvers and furniture makers are proof that Santa does have elves and we are blessed they continue to bless the children of our community with their generosity. The wood workers used their God given talents to make beautiful hand carved wooden caterpillars and each caterpillar came with two different copies of the book A Very Hungry Caterpillar .

Don Bianucci once again contacted Anna Quinones and asked if the church could find good homes for the handmade toys. She immediately responded "Yes." The generosity of the woodworkers time and talent is greatly appreciated and the children are blessed to have handmade toys. We can not thank these wonderful men enough.



**South Valley Woodworkers**

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# yaya youth and young adult page

Dear Lent,

It's me, Deepu.

Not to be rude, and not that I don't want you here or something, but um, when did you get here?

I know you come every year, and I know I'm supposed to take this season of you to prepare for Jesus' Passion, but, like, I wasn't ready for you yet. I feel like there should've been a season to prepare myself for this season to ... prepare myself.

I'm sorry I wasn't ready for you.

Also, I'm sorry that you get such a bad rap. There's the eating less and not having meat, there's the challenge to give something up or do something extra while you're here...it's like you're a vegetarian house guest.

*Scene: a dad is in the kitchen preparing dinner with his daughter watching*

Daughter: Dad, why can't I have meat?

Dad: Because Lent is staying with us for a few weeks and is a vegetarian.

Daughter: So why does that mean I can't have meat?

Dad: Because I'm not going to make two separate meals every time we eat together. Deal with it.

*End Scene*

But what if we approached it differently?

*Scene: a dad is in the kitchen preparing dinner with his daughter watching*

Daughter: Dad why can't I have meat?

Dad: Because Lent is staying with us for a few weeks and is a vegetarian.

Daughter: So why does that mean I can't have meat?

Dad: Because Lent is our guest, and we want our guests to always feel welcome and appreciated.\* It's a small sacrifice. It can also help us to appreciate meat more when we do eat it, right?

Daughter: I guess that makes sense. Does that mean that we'll become vegetarian all the time?

Dad: Not a chance sweetie. Not a chance.\*\*

*End Scene*

I think too often I don't appreciate you, Lent, because I look at you in the wrong way. I see you as a hindrance - some obligation that I just have to deal with. I also see you as a challenge where failure is unacceptable. That if I mess up and give into the thing that I'm giving up, then I might as well throw in the towel and just quit on you.

But you deserve more than that. You deserve a second chance - and then a third, and a fourth - as many as it takes to get me to the Easter Season.

I try to be better at not yelling at my children. When I fail and yell at them, I don't just say, "Oh well" and then just keep yelling at them. I keep trying. I should give you the same effort.

Heck, it's only been a few days since you got here, and I've probably failed already - but I can't just zip through the rest of your days and ignore you, waiting til you come next year. That's ridiculous. And selfish. And lazy.

I'm sorry for doing that in the past. I will try harder while you're here this year. Thank you for being here, and reminding me of all that Jesus did for me.

Love,

Deepu

\*Beth, if you read this, in no way am I saying that we should only eat vegetarian meals when having a vegetarian over. I mean, we can do turkey bacon as a middle ground I guess.

\*\*If you're a vegetarian, I do not judge or condemn you. I don't understand you, but I don't judge you.

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# Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith

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



Children in the sacramental preparation program recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through Reconciliation, a sacrament of healing, the children and youth received God's gifts of grace, mercy and forgiveness. It was a spiritual wellness check, a time to become aware of how our choices can take us further away from God and how, with a repentant heart, we can return to the Lord our God and his embrace.

As part of our own Lenten preparation, we can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent on Wednesdays from 6-8pm and on Saturdays from 4-5pm. We will also have the Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, February 26th at 7 pm. If it's been awhile since you've been to Reconciliation or would like further information on the Sacrament, please stop by the Faith Formation office or call Rose at (408) 779-9604. We would love to see you!



*Catechists on a recent mid-year retreat.*

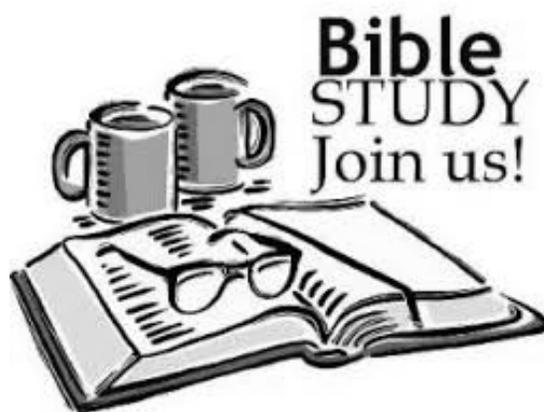


### **Our Soon to be "Elect" - those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation:**

Sabrina Anaya  
Melisa Andrade  
Eduardo Barrios  
Leonardo Barrios  
Brandon Gonzalez  
Joseph Gonzalez  
Cody Roggia  
Luke Roggia

Richard Steele  
Karley Steele  
Rigoberto Talavera  
Estrella Talavera  
Georgina Vega

If you or someone you know would like information about receiving Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation as an adult, please call us!



Are you ready to learn more about the Bible and dig deeper in our faith? There is still time to join a Bible Study group for Lent! To sign up or for more information, please contact Joe Lillig at [jpillig@gmail.com](mailto:jpillig@gmail.com) or call the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

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### 2018 WEST COAST RETREAT

Mission Doctors Association is offering the 2018 West Coast Retreat/Seminar, March 9-11, 2018 for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. It is held at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. The weekend is offered free of charge to those considering serving at Mission Hospital or Clinic. Visit the web site at - [www.missiondoctors.org](http://www.missiondoctors.org) or call the office for more information at (213) 368-1872.

### MASS TIMES

When 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.

### DREAMERS SUPPORT GROUP

Have you had trouble sleeping, paying attention, feeling nervous or angry? Are you feeling sad and hopeless? Have you been worrying a lot or having difficulties at home, work or school? Are you 18 years old or older?

If so, you are invited to join the  
**DREAMERS SUPPORT GROUP:**

**WHAT:** Weekly, confidential support group for DACA Recipients  
**WHEN:** Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00pm  
**WHERE:** St. Catherine Church,  
17400 Peak Avenue,  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
**FEES:** Sliding scale

**For more information and a pre-group appointment contact:** John M. Martinez, LCSW at 408-439-7251

### CHEF WITH A HEART

Seeking a chef with a heart willing to take on preparations for an annual community dinner. For more info: [janet95037@gmail.com](mailto:janet95037@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping prepare Easter and Christmas mailings? It requires no previous experience, just a couple of hours twice a year? If you are interested, please email Maria Dominguez at [mdominguez@dsj.org](mailto:mdominguez@dsj.org) to be added to our list of volunteers who help with these, mailings.

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FR. RUSS AFTER MARCH 1ST

**Fr. Russell J. Roide, S.J.**  
**Jesuit Community Jesuit Retreat House**  
**300 Manresa Way**  
**Los Altos, CA 94022-4659**  
**(650) 917-4079 (home)**  
**(408) 313-5767 (cell)**

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** "When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?"

**Child:** "What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?"

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Would you like to receive notifications of emergencies from the Morgan Hill Police Department? Sign up at [www.alertssc.com](http://www.alertssc.com).

**HURRY HURRY HURRY!** Time is running out to register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose.

For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken and Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or **408-782-1413**.

### 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 kickoff vigil on Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 at 11:45 am. Hosted vigils three days per week M,W,F 11:45 am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.

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

### OVER 50'S

Join the Over 50's group for their monthly luncheon on Monday, February 26 at noon (12:00pm). Please bring a dish to share and canned good for Reach Out.

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### SVDP DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET

The parish Community Closet is overflowing with women's clothing, and very low on **children's clothing, children's shoes, and men's small and medium pants and shirts**. So, at this time, we are NOT accepting any women's clothing (also, no electronics, furniture, mattresses, or toys). If you have tableware, pots and pans, blankets, or stuffed animals, we can find a good home for those. Please - only items that are clean and gently used. If it's in good enough shape for a family member or friend, we'd be glad to offer to our shoppers at the Community Closet. Thank you.

**God is great all the time,  
all the time, God is great!**

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### Lenten Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross Lent 2018 Schedule

**February 23**

**Hosted by the St. Catherine Women's Group  
(TBC)**

6:30 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(SPANISH in church)

7:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)

7:30 - 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(ENGLISH in church)

**March 2**

**Hosted by Jovenes Para Cristo**

6:30 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(SPANISH in church)

7:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper (Milani Center)

7:30 - 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(ENGLISH in church)

**March 9**

**Hosted by the Men's Group  
and Confirmation**

6:30 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(SPANISH in church)

7:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)

7:30 - 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross (ENGLISH  
in church)

**March 16**

**Hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation  
and Middle School Ministry for  
St. Joseph's Table**

6:30 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(SPANISH in church)

6:00 - 7:30 pm Soup Supper (Parish Center)

7:30 - 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
(ENGLISH in church)

**March 23**

**Hosted by Spanish Ministries**

### Rice Bowls Are Still Available! Pick yours up today in the vestibule.

This Lent, become companions  
on the journey through:

- Daily prayer
- Weekly fasting
- Almsgiving that changes lives

Jesus gives us the example of the Good Samaritan. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor.

It's an opportunity for us as a parish and school to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need.

Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey— and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Visit [csrtricebowl.org/stories](http://csrtricebowl.org/stories) to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

### FIRST WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER MAJD

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [csrtricebowl.org](http://csrtricebowl.org) for more.

### St. Catherine School News



*Mark Spohn was honored as a Rotary Outstanding Student with students from other Morgan Hill school earlier this month. The celebration included a luncheon and award presentations. Mark was joined by his parents, Rick and Joy Spohn, and grandmother, Betty Kloesel, as well as his 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Quinn and principal, Ms. Esparza.*

*Let there be  
peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me!*

### **APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-2019**

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are available on the school website under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten were due December 15, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 2. Kinder testing will take place in January with testing for grades 1-8 being held in March.

*The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.*

### **Operation Baby Love**

In conjunction with the diocesan Layette Project, our February school service project is collecting diapers and wipes for new mothers in need. All donations may be dropped off at the school in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact: Lisa Kellett, Campus Minister, at 779-9950 .



*The facilities at St. Catherine are always in high demand. Music classes are usually held in Milani Center. But when the Milani is needed for other events, our Music teacher goes into the classrooms. Above, fifth graders are eager participants as they learn music for upcoming events.*

*St. Catherine School is  
on winter break from  
February 19-23. The school  
office will be closed  
during this time.*

### **A Legacy of Faith 2016-2017**

The 14th Annual Appeal is well on its way! The school's goal is to raise \$65,000 this year. We moving in that direction. You can still help! For more information regarding our Appeal, please contact Jeff Layne, Development Director at [jlayne@stcatherinemh.org](mailto:jlayne@stcatherinemh.org) or 779-9950.

Funds raised from our Annual Appeal help bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of educating each student, as well as providing funds for new programs and tuition assistance.