

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / CUARTO 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 7:00pm

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

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

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
 Jn 8:1-11
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 31

8:00-12:00pm CR1-4, Kit Hospitality
 9:00-10:15am MC, DC, Rm. 8, 10, 11 Faith Formation Classes
 3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers
 3:30-5:00pm MC Confirmation Spring Quarter
 4:00-8:30pm CR1-4 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep. Mtg.
 7:00-9:00pm CH Lenten Speaker

Monday/Lunes, April 1

10:00-11:30am MC SVDP Board Meeting
 6:00-7:00pm CR3-4, Kit Community Supper
 6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids Stitching Group
 7:00-8:00pm CH Angelica Choir Practice
 7:00-8:30pm Rm. 8, 10 JPC Junta de Equipo
 7:00-8:30pm CR1 ICF - Board Meeting
 7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC Session
 7:00-9:00pm Rm. 8 Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtg.

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 3

3:30-4:45pm MC, Rm. 8 Faith Formation Classes
 3:30-4:45pm CH Faith Formation Community Time
 4:00-8:30pm NUR Choir Practice / FilAM Choir
 5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir Practice
 6:00-7:30pm Rm. 10 UPDE Meeting
 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
 7:00-8:30pm MC EDGE - Middle School Ministry
 7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
 7:30-9:00pm CH Alpha & Omega

Thursday/Jueves, April 4

2:30-3:00pm CH School - Stations of the Cross
 3:00-4:00pm CHV Ladies of Charity Board Meeting
 6:00-7:30pm NUR UPDE Volunteer Meeting
 6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
 7:00-8:30pm Rm. 11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader

Friday/Viernes, April 5

9:00-9:00pm CH Adoration
 7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Youth Group
 7:00-9:00pm Rm. 8, 10, 11 JPC Reunion Semanal

Saturday/Sábado, April 6

9:00-9:30am CH Spanish FF Community Time
 9:15-10:45am MC, DC, Rm. 8, 10, 11 Spanish Faith Formation
 8:00-10:00pm CH Práctica de Pasión de Cristo

HAPPINESS

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1	† Lawrence Nemeth
	† Lois Nemeth
Tuesday, April 2	† Caroline Bordelo
	† Carlos A. Garcia
Wednesday, April 3	† Zachary Jensen
	† Jeff Parras
Thursday, April 4	† Amparo Samson
	† Purificación Rojas
Friday, April 5	† Bobby Renfro
	† Madeline Pereira
Saturday, April 6	Cecilia Hoa Vu
	† Madeline Pereira

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

The Gospel story describes how utterly lavish God's love is and how freely it is given without regard for the merit of the recipient. The dictionary defines prodigal as *"spending money or resources freely and recklessly; wastefully extravagant."* That sounds a bit harsh, especially when applied to our God. Yet, the phrase "wastefully extravagant" is, in human understanding, a rich and inviting understanding of God's love. The learned ones, the scribes and the Pharisees, complain because Jesus is immersed not just in the righteous but equally (if no more so) in the needy. They are called sinners because the learned thought that God's blessing enabled their success and consequently those not so blessed must be sinners. Rather than try to tell the righteous that Jesus has come to expand the vision of whom and how God loves, he tells them a parable. The younger son is certainly "prodigal" in his use of his share of his inheritance. But the lesson can really be said to illustrate the "prodigal" nature of the father. Even though he must have suspected that the younger son was going down the wrong path by asking for his inheritance before it would normally be his, the father allows the younger son to leave the family estate. There are times when parents realize that words of recrimination fail to discourage foolish choices by their children ... only experience can return them to sensible choices. We're not told of the father's thoughts though, just that he accedes to his son's wishes. They are evident in his reception of the prodigal son when he returns, hat in hand, expecting nothing but meager rations and little respect. (Cue the older son, righteous in his own, and probably others, eyes; he cannot understand the father's largess). The extravagance of the father is so great that we have to pause and wonder how this could be. We have a world more like the older son's harsh anger. Rather than be too specific in trying to match the story to our world today, we are meant to simply be in awe that God's love is freely given to all; all as in everybody, without regard to their "worthiness." Even though we'll seldom be able to accomplish it, we too are asked to suspend judgment, no, to avoid judgment of the worthiness of our neighbor, whom we are to love. Somehow Jesus' parable gives us hope that our journey of faith provides a gradual erosion of the need to evaluate others' worthiness. In doing so we not only grow as Jesus' disciples, we also realize the wonder and freedom of loving as Jesus does... giving us riches beyond compare.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Remember, we have to teach our children to be green too. Make a conscious effort to encourage them to "go outside" and enjoy nature without their technology devices, even better... go with them.

*FROM THE DESK OF
MSGR. FRANCISCO RIOS, PAROCHIAL VICAR....*

As we continue our journey in this season of Lent we have two sets of readings for our Sundays. In the Masses that we don't have catechumens, we read the Gospel for Cycle C which is the story of the Prodigal Son, or we can call it also the Merciful Father. And for those Masses in which we have catechumens, meaning those who are preparing themselves for the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Communion we read the Gospel for Cycle A, the story of the healing of the man born blind.

Cycle C shows us the way to come back to God, repent, confess our sinfulness and accept forgiveness and the unconditional love from God our Father. In a way it is living what we were told on Ash Wednesday: "Repent and believe in the Gospel"

Cycle A shows us Baptism as a light that allows us to see life with the eyes of faith, with a new light. Jesus says to the blind man "go and wash in the pool of Siloam". Baptism washes away our Original sin and gives us the gift of Faith. It is like when cataracts are removed from your eyes you can see better, more clearly. So this season of Lent should be a reflection on our own Baptism and a renewal of our baptismal promises and faith.

CANDLE POLICY

The lighted candle is a precious gift of our Catholic tradition. At Christmas time, in the past, they were put on Christmas trees, and some today put them in their windows to symbolize Christ as the Light of the World.

In our Saints Chapel, we have votive candles, which when lit are called **vigil lights**. People light them to signify they are praying for someone. We have many people who pray before the Blessed Mother and the saints in our Chapel. Over the year, we purchase over 6,000 large and 7,000 small candles.

I have been asked **why we do not allow candles purchased** in stores. Compare them side by side with store bought candles and you will see the difference. Ours are much sturdier, plus they burn **cleaner, and longer**, and will not damage our walls and ceiling. If you have any questions, please email Jessica Perez at Jessica.perez@dsj.org.

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pueblo de Dios come de los frutos de la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) ó *1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Salmo — Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) o *Salmo 23(22)*.

Segunda lectura — Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo (Corintios 5:17-21) o *Efesios 5:8-14*.

Evangelio — Este recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) o *Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Is 43:16-21; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Lecturas alternativas (Año A):
Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

¡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?

_____ Sí _____ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

_____ Sí _____ No

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL MSGR. FRANCISCO RIOS, VICARIO PARROQUIAL....

Mientras continuamos nuestro camino de la cuaresma hoy tenemos dos grupos de lecturas. Para el Ciclo C, que es el ciclo que estamos leyendo, tenemos la parábola del hijo prodigo o que también podríamos llamar el padre prodigo en misericordia. Y para las Misas en la que participan los catecúmenos, o sea los que se están preparando para recibir sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Comunión) leemos las lecturas del Ciclo A, que se refieran mas al Bautismo. Y leemos el milagro de la curación del ciego de nacimiento. Vemos el Bautismo como luz.

El ciclo C nos muestra el camino del arrepentimiento, reconocer nuestros pecados, confesarlos al Padre y aceptar su amor y misericordia. Es como vivir lo que escuchamos en miércoles de cenizas: "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio"

La lectura de ciclo A nos presenta el Bautismo como luz que nos permite ver la vida con los ojos de la fe, con una nueva luz, Jesús le dice al ciego: "ve a lavarte a la piscina de Siloe" El Bautismo lava el pecado original y nos da el don de la Fe. Esto es como cuando a una persona lo operan de cataratas en sus ojos y puede ver mejor, con mas claridad. Esta cuaresma es también para reflexionar en nuestro propio Bautismo, renovar nuestras promesas bautismales y también nuestra Fe.

EL CLUB DE MAYORES DE LOS 50'S

¡Todos son bienvenidos! Para que todas las denominaciones compartan amistad, oración y sociales. Las reuniones son al mediodía en el Centro Parroquial de Sta. Catalina. Traiga su propio servicio de mesa, plato de comida y / o postre como se sugiere en el calendario de reuniones a continuación. Proveemos los refrescos. Miembros votaron recolectar dos dólares para los gastos del club en cada reunión. Las contribuciones son bienvenidas (alimentos enlatados o dinero) para el Programa Reach Out.

Calendario de reuniones para 2019

Abr. 15 Comidas y / o postres todos los miembros.

May. 20 Lasagna, chips y dip por club, Ensalada y postre todos los miembros.

Para obtener más información, llame a Alicia (408) 842-6928.

CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

¡Dios es bueno! Estamos en la primavera y vemos los campos verdes y llenos de hermosas flores silvestres. Gracias a Dios por la bendición de poder contemplar su creación y su belleza. De esa misma manera vemos como nuestra comunidad sigue con su fe en acción. Hace dos semanas nuestra parroquia fue anfitriona del segundo retiro de Mujeres y estamos muy agradecidos con Dios por la gran respuesta que se obtuvo. Fueron alrededor de 120 mujeres que asistieron de varias parroquias de la Diócesis de San Jose. Muchas gracias a las personas que nos apoyaron: Nuestro párroco Sergio Ovando, los sacerdotes Francis y Francisco, Anabella Estrada, Sandra Maldonado y el equipo coordinador que fueron esencial para que este retiro se llevara a cabo. Sobre todo gracias a todas las mujeres que dijeron que ¡Sí! y vivieron su retiro.

En ese mismo fin de semana, en la Misa de 12:15pm fue muy lindo que la comunidad fue testigo de la ceremonia que hubo durante la Misa. Catorce mujeres de diferentes parroquias de nuestra Diócesis recibieron la Cruz del Apostolado. Esta Cruz, es el símbolo de que continuaran su proceso hacia una consagración definitiva. Tres de las catorce mujeres son de la comunidad y ellas ya están sirviendo en diferentes ministerios de nuestra parroquia. ¡Muchas felicidades a todas por su sí!

Preservando nuestro Pasado, Suministro para nuestro Futuro

Actualización de la Campaña Capital
Objetivo de la Campaña \$ 8,000,000



¡La Participación es verdaderamente la
Clave de nuestro Éxito!

Estamos **Agradecidos** de informarles a nuestra comunidad parroquial lo siguiente

A partir del jueves 14 de marzo de 2019.

El total de **Dólares** en Regalos Prometidos es
\$5,631,428.24

El número total de **Donadores** que han hecho un
Compromiso es de **490 Promesas**

**Estamos al 70% de la Meta, nos estamos
acercando!**

Comuníquese con la oficina de la campaña a aguinones@dsj.org si desea hablar sobre cómo hacer una donación para la campaña. También no dude en hablar con el P. Sergio Ovando directamente en lo que respecta a su donación a la campaña capital.

Gracias por sus oraciones y apoyo



CUARTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA *Un encuentro con Kumba*

Nos encontramos con Kumba de Sierra Leona, quien, a través de su educación, está brindando esperanza para su familia y su comunidad. ¿Cómo te ha dado la educación oportunidades en la vida? ¿Cómo usas tu educación para el bien común? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Cuándo has sido lo suficientemente generoso para perdonar a alguien que te lastimó profundamente?

Niño: ¿Hay alguien a quien necesites perdonar o pedir perdón?



CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

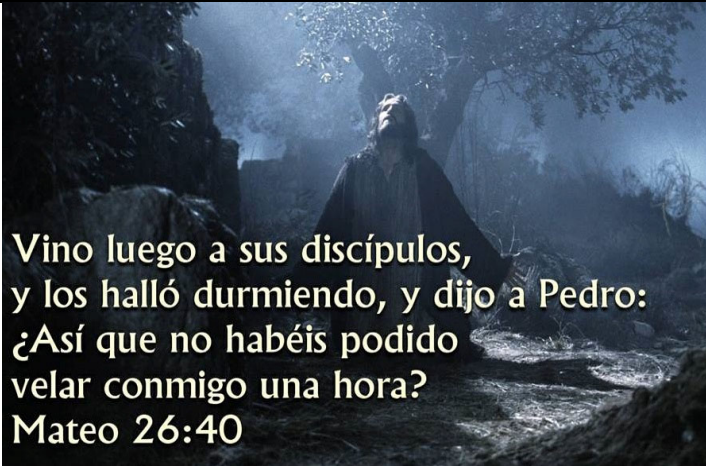
OBRANDO EN LAS ESCRITURAS

Por el Diácono Rick Haeckel

La historia del Evangelio describe qué tan generoso es el amor de Dios y cómo se da libremente sin tener en cuenta el mérito del que lo recibe. El diccionario define pródigo como "gastar dinero o recursos de manera libre e imprudente; inútilmente extravagante". Eso suena un poco duro, especialmente cuando se aplica a nuestro Dios. Sin embargo, la frase "derrochadoramente extravagante" es, en el entendimiento humano, un entendimiento rico y acogedor del amor de Dios.

Los escribas y los fariseos, se quejan porque Jesús está inmerso no solo en los justos sino también (si no más) en los necesitados. Se les llama pecadores porque los sabios pensaban que la bendición de Dios permitió su éxito y, en consecuencia, aquellos que no son tan bendecidos deben ser pecadores. En lugar de tratar de decirle a los justos que Jesús ha venido a expandir la visión de a quién y cómo ama Dios, les cuenta una parábola. El hijo menor es ciertamente "pródigo" en el uso de su parte de su herencia. Pero la lección puede decirse realmente para ilustrar la naturaleza "pródiga" del padre. A pesar de que debió sospechar que el hijo menor iba por el camino equivocado al pedirle su herencia antes de que fuera normalmente suya, el padre le permite al hijo menor abandonar la finca familiar. Hay momentos en que los padres se dan cuenta de que las palabras de recriminación no desalientan las decisiones tontas de sus hijos ... solo la experiencia puede devolverlos a decisiones sensatas. Sin embargo, no nos hablan de los pensamientos del padre, solo que él accede a los deseos de su hijo. Es en su recepción del hijo pródigo cuando regresa, con el rabo entre las piernas, esperando nada más que raciones escasas y poco respeto. (Indica al hijo mayor, justo en sus propios ojos, y probablemente a otros, que no puede entender la generosidad del padre).

La extravagancia del padre es tan grande que tenemos que hacer una pausa y preguntarnos cómo puede ser esto posible. Tenemos un mundo más parecido a la áspera ira del hijo mayor. En lugar de ser demasiado específicos al tratar de hacer coincidir la historia con nuestro mundo actual, estamos destinados a simplemente sentirnos asombrados de que el amor de Dios se entregue libremente a todos; todo como en todos, sin tener en cuenta su "dignidad". Aunque rara vez podremos lograrlo, a nosotros también se nos pide que suspendamos el juicio, no, para evitar juzgar la dignidad de nuestro prójimo, a quien debemos amar. De alguna manera, la parábola de Jesús nos brinda la esperanza de que nuestro camino de fe provoque una erosión gradual de la necesidad de evaluar el valor de los demás. Al hacerlo, no solo crecemos como discípulos de Jesús, sino que también nos damos cuenta de la maravilla y la libertad de amar como lo hace Jesús ... dándonos riquezas sin comparación.



Vino luego a sus discípulos,
y los halló durmiendo, y dijo a Pedro:
¿Así que no habéis podido
velar conmigo una hora?
Mateo 26:40

HORA SANTA - MIERCOLES DE 6:30 A 7:30PM

Durante los momentos mas dolorosos, Jesús nuestro Señor pidió a sus discípulos que oraran una hora con El en el huerto de Getsemaní. Todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm tenemos la oportunidad de orar una hora con el Señor en frente de Santísimo Sacramento. No pierda la oportunidad de pasar este tiempo con el Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento.

CONFESIONES DURANTE CUARESMA

Durante el tiempo de Cuaresma, aparte de el horario usual de confesiones los sábados de 4pm a 5pm, también tendremos confesiones los días miércoles de 6:30pm a 7:30pm.

VIACRUCIS TODOS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA

Acompañemos todos los Viernes de Cuaresma a rezar el Viacrucis bilingüe. La cita es todos los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7pm en el templo. Los esperamos

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes de 14 a 17 años de edad para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Una oportunidad para hacer buenas amistades y crecer en la fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ALPHA Y OMEGA

El grupo se reúne los miércoles al terminar la Hora Santa. De 8:00 pm a 9:30 pm. Acompañemos a alabar al Señor con cánticos y oración.

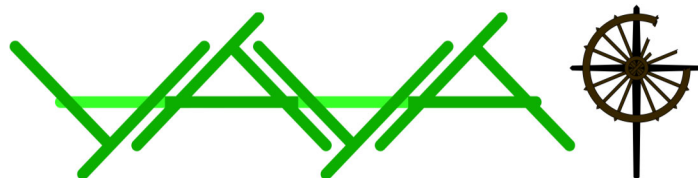
JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 a las 7:00pm. Tenemos momento de alabanzas y temas para crecer en nuestra fe. Los esperamos, todos son bienvenidos.

¿PASANDO POR UN TIEMPO DIFÍCIL?

Stephen Ministry en St. Catherine está ahora disponible en español. Aquí hay ministros capacitados que hablan español para ayudarlo durante crisis de la vida, como problemas familiares, pérdida de un ser querido, divorcio, pérdida de trabajo o enfermedad. Lo escuchan sin juzgarte, acompañan en tu sufrimiento y ofrecen esperanza, ánimo y oración. Es gratis y completamente confidencial. Si usted o alguien que conoce se encuentra en un momento difícil, hay alguien que puede ayudarlo. Para obtener más información, llame a Santa Alvarez al 408-722-8880. Para inglés, llame a Claranne al 408-782-1413 o Kenny al 408-722-7600.

Equipping Families to Pass On the Faith



REGISTRATION FOR DYR IS NOW OPEN

bit.ly/DYR2019ENG

for English

bit.ly/DYR2019SPA

for Spanish.

Registration closes 5/6 but it will fill up.

IF you're an adult and interested in going as a leader (that was my first experience of DYR - SO - AMAZING),

bit.ly/DYR2019LEADERS

If you're interested in fundraising for DYR (or MSDYR), contact

Beth at eadonnay@gmail.com



IMAGES FROM FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Family Reflection



A Passion through Music

(the annual high school reenactment) has been canceled due to lack of participation. We apologize for those who look forward to this every year, and we hope to be able to bring it back next year.



Edge continues on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm in the Milani Center (none on April 10th). All 6-8th graders are welcome.

Life Teen is on hiatus until further notice - when the new director is hired, they will decide what is best for the future of high school youth ministry here.

Director of Youth Ministries

Applications are still being accepted for the position of Director of Youth Ministries. This includes middle school (in conjunction with Family Faith Formation), and high school (which also includes Confirmation). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Fr. Sergio at sergionoe.ovando@dsj.org, or for more details go to www.dsj.org/job/youth-ministry-coordinator

Questions about youth ministry events or Confirmation should go to stcatym@gmail.com

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TRIDUUM AND EASTER MASSES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE

Triduum Schedule Holy Thursday Mass

April 18, 2019
7:30pm

Good Friday Service

April 19, 2019
12:00pm Noon English
7:30pm Spanish

Easter Vigil

April 21, 2019
8:30pm Bilingual



Easter Sunday

7:15 am English
8:45am English
(Church and Parish Center)
10:30am English
(Church and Parish Center)

12:15pm Spanish (Church and Parish Center)

Please note: There is no 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

WAYS OF GIVING

St. Catherine Church accepts a variety of gifts that support our various ministries and programs. The following list may be helpful to determine which gift is most appropriate for you. Please consult with a tax advisor regarding current applicable income tax regulations.

Some of the ways you can make an outright gift:

Matching Gifts. Many corporations demonstrate their support to nonprofit organizations by matching—often dollar for dollar—or multiplying their employees' gifts up to a set amount. Please note that each company has its own guidelines and policies regarding its matching gifts program. Before pledging your gift, ask whether your employer participates in such a program. **Certain restrictions** apply to matching gifts. Please consult your company's personnel office for more information.

Gifts from Retirement Funds – IRA and 401(k) Funds. When individuals withdraw funds from their IRA or 401(k) fund(s) during their lifetime, income taxes must be paid. At death, any amount remaining in such plans is potentially subject to two taxes: income and estate taxes. Donors are invited to consider designating Jesuits West as a partial or full beneficiary of their retirement plans.



LENT RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Wednesday of Lent in the Church from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crs-ricebowl.org for more.

SAVE THE DATE

Young Ladies' Grand Institute #172, El Gabilan cordially invites you to our Fashion Show Fund-raiser held on Sunday, May 5th at noon at Old City Hall Restaurant! \$25 Donation includes lunch! There are raffle prizes! Proceeds benefit Fishes & Loaves, Sacred Heart Thrift Store, Seminarians and the 2018-2019 Grand President's Program: The American Heart Association. Full details to follow. For questions contact Julie at elgabilan172@att.net



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Catherine School leads on Thursdays during Lent at 2:30pm in the Church. Adults lead on Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm, **Bilingual** in the Church.

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

ATTENTION:

We thank the advertisers on our bulletin. It is their support that allows us to receive our bulletin from JS Paluch at no cost. If you have a business and would like to advertise please call 1-800-231-0805.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, "Laetare Sunday," breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today's Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning "spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness," and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the "elect" were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That's you!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Child: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?



OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

The Gym is open for drop-in play on Sundays from 7-9pm.

This is primarily for age 30 and older. Youth in middle school or high school under 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

All players must wear T-shirts or tank tops. Fair play and sportsmanship are required on the court. Come out get some exercise by playing basketball. For more information, please contact Richard Sias at ricweb3.0@gmail.com

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.

The 40 Days Prayer kickoff was Wednesday, March 6th. Hosted vigils are held three days a week M,W,F at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy March 6th to April 14th, 2019.

For all information

Call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com.

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!

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.

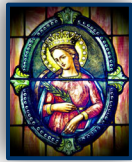
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Preserving our Past, Providing for our Future

Capital Campaign Update
Campaign **Goal** \$8,000,000



Participation is truly the Key to our Success!

We are **Grateful** to report the following information to the parish community

As of Thursday, March 14, 2019

The total **Dollars** in Pledged Gifts is
\$5,631,428.24

The total number of **Donors** making their Pledged Commitment is **490**

We are 70% of Goal - We are getting closer!

Please contact the campaign office Anna Quinones aquinones@dsj.org if you would like to discuss making a campaign gift. Do not hesitate to speak to Fr. Sergio Ovando directly in regards to your gift to the capital campaign.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CLOSET

St. Catherine's Community Closet is one of the great organizations in the Parish. We are known for our successful **Back to School**

giveaway one week every summer. But we are also there all year to offer help to those in need. We appreciate lightly used adult and children's clothing, household items, and some types of furniture and appliances. As we enter the winter months, **please donate these items**. You can do so at the Parish office, or at our location at **13570 Depot Street, San Martin**. If you are so inclined and want to volunteer, come to San Martin Hall and talk to Debbie or any other volunteer. The facility is open **every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am - 1:00pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. **Currently we are in urgent need of the following items...**

- Boys clothing sizes 2T to 6X & boys jackets (all sizes)
- Girls clothing sizes 2T to 6X

OVER 50'S

All are welcome! All denominations share friendship, prayer and socials. Meetings are held at noon in St. Catherine's O'Donnell Parish Center. Bring your own table service, potluck dish and/or dessert as suggested in the meeting schedule below. Refreshments are furnished. Members have voted to collect two dollars for club expenses at each meeting. Contributions are welcome (canned foods or money) for the Reach Out Program.

Meeting Schedule for 2019

Apr. 15	Potluck and/or dessert all members
May 20	Lasagna, chips & dip by club, salad and dessert all members

For more information, please call Alicia (408) 842-6928.



The **Bright Beginnings Nursery** is open on Sundays for the 8:45 and 10:30 Masses. There are toys and activities for children from ages 1 to 4. Heidi Betancourt is the Nursery

Supervisor who has led the Nursery for years. Enter the Parish Center, and the Nursery is off to the left. We are open when you see the **Bright Beginnings** sign in the front of the Parish Center.



HANDMAIDENS OF ST. CATHERINE

The Handmaidens are a group of St. Catherine needle crafters. We bring knitting, crocheting, quilting or embroidery projects to share and work on each Monday night from 6:00-8:00pm in the Nursery Room in the Parish Center. We also make booties, blankets, baby hats, etc. for the Diocesan Layette Program. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet. All are welcome to drop in anytime.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Catherine School News

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!



Mission Carnival games included outdoor activities with lots of games, a cake walk, fishing booth, duck pond, refreshments, prize room and kid friendly baskets that were raffled off.

Younger siblings of school families were also invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity for older students to take leadership roles. Above, a preschooler tosses bean bags.



Mission Carnival is a student fun event that raises funds for charity. This year the funds were split among the Learning and Loving Center, the Awaso School in Ghana and St. Anthony Indian School on the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico. Above a fifth grader creates face painting designs for a kindergartner. Students always look forward to Mission Carnival.

Lent...
A season to
fast, pray
and give alms.

Shoe Drive- Washington, D.C. Trip

The class of 2020 is sponsoring a Shoe Drive this spring to raise funds for a class trip to Washington DC. We are asking families to gather their gently worn, used or new shoes. ALL types of shoes, boots, sandals, sport shoes accepted. Bins are outside church along with drop off May 4th (8am-12pm) and 5th (8am-7pm).



All donated shoes are redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs which works with micro-entrepreneurs to create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes are used to feed, clothe and house these families.

Questions: Contact Francesca Delisle at Francesca.delisle@outlook.com

FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year each grade enjoys field trips that tie in with what they are learning in class. From history lessons at Mission San Juan Bautista to seeing how specialty items are produced on site at DiBrito Chocolate Factory, students learn from experiencing new things.

Classes visit such places as Gizdich Ranch where they pick apples and make apple juice, a fire station to learn about community workers, the Pinnacles to see rock formations and different habitats, and St. Joseph Cathedral to learn about religious symbols and the history of the Church in Santa Clara County. Many classes visit museums, parks and government facilities, as well. All of these experiences bring what students are learning in the classroom to life.