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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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

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Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46 -50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20 -28
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

THE WEEK AHEAD/*LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA*

Sunday/*Domingo, July 19*
No Events

Monday/*Lunes*, July 20
6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/*Martes*, July 21
No Events

Wednesday/*Miércoles*, July 22
No Events

Thursday/*Jueves*, July 23
No Events

Friday/*Viernes*, July 24
No Events

Saturday/*Sabado*, July 25
No Events

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, July 20	† Geroge Barnes † Raul Rojas
Tuesday, July 21	† Virgilio Romero
Wednesday, July 22	† Emilio Caasi
Thursday, July 23	
Friday, July 24	
Saturday, July 25	† Gerry Richard Chalmeis

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

This week's readings provide us solace lest we feel like we haven't understood and lived the call to imitate Jesus. Shouldn't we be comfortable and well versed in what God asks of us? Shouldn't the messages we hear in the Gospels come readily to mind as we walk our journey? Well, yes, it is nice when moments of clarity give us the foundation that enables us to be Christ for one another (all others). But we are "only human" and the cares of the day, life's challenges, the current pandemic, etc. etc. rise to the forefront of our consciousness. Today's first reading is from the Book of Wisdom. Its name is foundational, we need to seek wisdom, not just knowledge. Facts and figures are part of daily living, but wisdom is needed to provide context. We are travelers on our journey back to our creator, knowing and remembering this allows us to reflect that "this too shall pass" is more than a catch phrase. It grounds us in our ultimate destiny, it makes possible the journey as a pilgrim keeping in mind what undergirds our lives. Being wise allows us the perspective to keep things in perspective. Wisdom is not so much about whatever the moment brings as it is about remembering our ultimate goal… life with God. The second reading from the letter to the Romans says this more succinctly, *"...we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible yearnings."* Lest we think that we are singularly responsible for our prayers, we hear that our desires are translated by the Spirit on our behalf. That also reminds us of how intimately God knows us, from our first moments of life. The Gospel continues a consoling message for us. Jesus tells the parables of seed sown but then an "enemy" sows weeds spoiling the crop, and the growth of the mustard from seed to large plant. We have the benefit of having heard these stories often which can leave us complacent about their meanings. But as the Gospel story goes, Jesus' disciples ask him to explain the underlying meaning of the parables. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have listened in? Jesus makes plain the challenge of overcoming "weeds" in our wheat that is the work of the evil one. Like all good parables the stories are so rich we can stay just in their literal meanings. Our call is to continually interpret our "signs of the times" in order to place our priority on the most essential actions to which we are called. "Love one another as I have loved you" is the wise answer, our journey asks us to continually learn that truth, over and over.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The recent fires in our area remind us of the danger of human choices. We are all responsible to become "fire–wise" in our actions. Caution and care are taught best by example. (as by Smokey the Bear :-).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. SERGIO OVANDO, PASTOR….

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Where have the weeds come from?

That is the question in today's Gospel, the same question in our time, but in other words: people ask themselves where the evil come from, or why is evil in the Word?

The gospel is clear in the understanding that evil (weed in the Gospel), that it does not come from God. Still in the normal understanding of theology, that nothing happened in the world without God's knowledge and permission. The question that remain is why allow that in the words of the Gospel "*Let them grow together until harvest"*. Is not an easy answer.

The existence of evil in the world is not because our God is not omnipotent, or He does not care, (meaning that He is not good) like many had stated in the past, and some still argument this in our time.

But there are other things to consider such as the time and the grace of God that can change evildoers in good people, the freedom granted to us in the moment of creation and with that the ability to choose. The bible itself suggests is some ideas.

Romans 8:18–30 sets present temporary suffering within the context of God's eternal purposes.

2 Corinthians 4:7–12 says human weakness during suffering reveals God's strength and that it is part of the believer's calling to embrace suffering in solidarity with Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:3–7 says God is the comforter and that people learn how to better comfort others when they have personal experience of suffering.

I will understand that this topic need more and deeper explanation, maybe one day we can gather and talk about that. And even them maybe you will not be satisfying.

Meanwhile is something that had help me to face situations in which evil make itself present and God "seems" to be absent. And that is to know that God is there and that He is my Father. Then all the questions are resolve in trusting that God who is our father and gave his son for us, and that He continues to care for us, even though we cannot understand what and why things happened, we are convince that he is a good Father. *If you then, although you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!* (Mt 7:11).

I encourage all of you to go **thru** all the moments of difficulties, with the certain hope that God is caring for you, and trusting him doing everything that eradicate evil from this world starting with ourselves, until that day he will manifest the splendor of his power and wisdom.

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tenemos la esperanza bien fundada de que se nos perdonarán nuestros pecados (Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19).
Salmo — Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente (Salmo 86 [85]).
Segunda lectura — Cuando no sabemos qué pedir, el Espíritu ruega por nosotros (Romanos 8:26-27).
Evangelio — El Hijo de Hombre siembra buena semilla, que son los hijos del reino (Mateo 13:24-43 [24-30]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Miq 6:1-4, 6-8; Sal 50 (49):5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Martes: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 85 (84):2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Miércoles: Cant 3:1-4b o 2 Cor 5:14-17; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Jueves: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Sal 26 (25):6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Viernes: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Sábado: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Sal 126 (125):1bc-6; Mt 20:20-2
Domingo: 1 Re 3:5, 7-12; Sal 119 (118):57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

¡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 P. SERGIO OVANDO, PARROCO….

¿De dónde ha venido la cizaña?

Esta es la pregunta del evangelio de hoy, la misma pregunta que en nuestro tiempo se hace la gente con otras palabras: ¿de dónde viene el mal? ¿por qué existe el mal en el mundo?

El evangelio es claro en la presentación del mal (la cizaña del evangelio) este no viene de Dios. Pero sabemos que nada pasa en el mundo sin que Dios lo sepa o lo permita. Por lo que la pregunta permanece, porque Dios permite el mal, en palabras del evangelio: Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta la siega. No hay una respuesta fácil a este problema.

Pero debemos aclarar que la existencia del mal en el mundo no es porque Dios nos es todopoderoso o porque no le importamos (es decir que Dios no sea bueno), como muchos han afirmado en el pasado y aun hoy algunos siguen con los mismos argumentos, para negar la existencia de Dios.

Hay otras cosas que considerar como es el tiempo y la gracia de Dios que pueden cambiar a los malvados transformándolos en buenas personas. También está la el libre albedrio dado a nosotros en el momento de la creación, que nos da la habilidad de elegir.

También la biblia nos sugiere algunas ideas.

Romanos 8:18–30 presenta los sufrimientos de este mundo en le contexto del eterno plan de Dios

2 Corintos 4:7–12 habla de los sufrimientos a través de los cuales se revela la fuerza de Dios, y la solidaridad con Cristo.

2 Corintos 1:3–7 nos dice que Dios nos conforta en los sufrimientos para que nosotros podamos confortar a otros que sufren.

Sé que este tema necesita más y más profunda explicación, a lo mejor un día nos podríamos juntar a hablar de este tema. Y es posible que también entonces queden dudas.

Mientras tanto, hay algo que me ha ayudado a mí en las situaciones en las cuales el mal se ha hecho presente y en las cuales Dios “pareciera” estar ausente. Y es el saber que Dios está conmigo y que Él es mi padre. Entonces todas las preguntas se resuelven en la confianza de que Dios que es nuestro Padre y que entregó a su Hijo por nosotros, continúa estando y cuidando de nosotros, aun cuando no entendamos lo que sucede o porqué sucede. Estamos convencidos de que Él es un buen Padre, “si ustedes que son malos, saben hacer cosas buenas por sus hijos, cuanto más vuestro Padre celestial dará a los que acuden a Él. (Mt 7:11)

Los exhortos a afrontar los momentos difíciles con la esperanza segura de que Dios los está cuidado. Y confiando en Él, hagan todo lo posible por erradicar el mal de este mundo comenzando con nosotros mismos, hasta que Dios manifieste el esplendor de su poder y sabiduría.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

La oficina Parroquial estará cerrada hasta Nuevo aviso. Si tiene una alguna pregunta durante este tiempo en cual la oficina esta cerrado favor de enviarnos un correo electrónico a—

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MINISTRO DE STEPHEN LE BRINDA APOYO

¿Le beneficiaría el apoyo de alguien capaz de escuchar y entenderlo? Si se enfrenta en un momento difícil, el ministro de Stephen ofrece apoyo emocional y espiritual. Es confidencial, sin prejuicios, gratuito, uno a uno, de hombre a hombre o de mujer a mujer, sesiones semanales o bimensuales según su necesidad, realizadas en inglés o español. Para obtener más información, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Santa al 408-722-8880.

BUENAS SEMILLAS

Hoy Jesús continua hablando en parábolas con sus seguidores. ¡Qué rico tesoro nos regalan las tres parábolas sobre el Reino de los cielos! El Reino se parece: a un hombre que siembra buena semilla en su campo, a una semilla de mostaza y a la levadura que se mezcla en la harina. Al igual que la semana pasada, hoy los discípulos piden que Jesús les interprete una de las parábolas –la parábola del hombre que siembra buena semilla. Para que no pensemos que estas parábolas son simples anécdotas entretenidas, la interpretación de Jesús debe considerarse como lo que es –una advertencia. Llanto y desesperación esperan a los hijos del maligno. Esta parábola señala la lucha del creyente de hoy. A veces, por el pecado, sembramos cizaña y evitamos que el amor de Cristo florezca. Que el Evangelio de hoy nos ayude a retornar al buen camino. Comprometámonos a prepararnos para los días finales, para el tiempo de cosecha, floreciendo como buenas semillas creadas por el amor.

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Qué debilidad puede ayudarte el poder del Espíritu a vencer?

Niño: ¿Cuándo necesitarás la ayuda de Holy Spirt esta semana?

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

El programa de Formación de Familias en la Fe informa, que los niños que se prepararon por dos años recibirán el Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Damos gracias a Dios por este gran logro e Invitamos a toda la comunidad a que por favor nos unamos en oración por todos ellos. Asimismo, este será un día muy especial no solo para los niños, sino que lo es para todas las familias y la comunidad de Santa Catalina. Damos las gracias a los padres de familia por su buen trabajo como primeros catequistas y gracias a las catequistas por su dedicación y tiempo en el ministerio de catequesis.

SANTA BRÍGIDA DE SUECIA (1303-1373)
23 de julio

Brígida fue una persona bendecida por Dios, no sólo porque desde muy pequeña abrigó en su ser el deseo de ser santa, sino porque en su proceso de santidad Dios le concedió tener visiones de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. En estas experiencias místicas recibió mensajes de Nuestro Señor, que después transmitió a los líderes de la Iglesia. También fue esposa y madre, pues aunque se casó muy joven, supo inculcar en sus hijos el amor a la santidad, tanto así que una hija suya, Catalina de Suecia, es venerada como santa. Junto con su esposo Ulf, fueron parte de la corte durante dos años, de hecho, ella podía llegar a ser la reina, pero no se interesó por los puestos o por la vida cómoda, antes bien, vistió con sencillez y motivó a los reyes de Suecia a que fueran santos. Vivió la caridad de una manera profunda con los pobres y enfermos, pues una vez que enviudó, fundó la Orden Religiosa del Santísimo Redentor, dedicándose de entero a la caridad con los necesitados.

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IMPORTANCIA DE LO PEQUEÑO

Al cristianismo le ha hecho mucho daño a lo largo de los siglos el triunfalismo, la sed de poder y el afán de imponerse a sus adversarios. Todavía hay cristianos que añoran un Iglesia poderosa que llene los templos, conquiste las calles e imponga su religión a la sociedad entera.

Hemos de volver a leer dos pequeñas parábolas en las que Jesús deja claro que la tarea de sus seguidores no es construir una religión poderosa, sino ponerse al servicio del proyecto humanizador del Padre (el reino de Dios), sembrando pequeñas "semillas" de Evangelio e introduciéndose en la sociedad como pequeño "fermento" de vida humana.

La primera parábola habla de un grano de mostaza que se siembra en la huerta. ¿Qué tiene de especial esta semilla? Que es la más pequeña de todas, pero, cuando crece, se convierte en un arbusto mayor que las hortalizas. El proyecto del Padre tiene unos comienzos muy humildes, pero su fuerza transformadora no la podemos ahora ni imaginar.

La actividad de Jesús en Galilea sembrando gestos de bondad y de justicia no es nada grandioso y espectacular: ni en Roma ni en el Templo de Jerusalén son conscientes de lo que está sucediendo. El trabajo que realizamos hoy sus seguidores es insignificante: los centros de poder lo ignoran.

Incluso, los mismos cristianos podemos pensar que es inútil trabajar por un mundo mejor: el ser humano vuelve una y otra vez a cometer los mismos horrores de siempre. No somos capaces de captar el lento crecimiento del reino de Dios.

La segunda parábola habla de una mujer que introduce un poco de levadura en una masa grande de harina. Sin que nadie sepa cómo, la levadura va trabajando silenciosamente la masa hasta fermentarla enteramente.

Así sucede con el proyecto humanizador de Dios. Una vez que es introducido en el mundo, va transformando calladamente la historia humana. Dios no actúa imponiéndose desde fuera. Humaniza el mundo atrayendo las conciencias de sus hijos hacia una vida más digna, justa y fraterna.

Hemos de confiar en Jesús. El reino de Dios siempre es algo humilde y pequeño en sus comienzos, pero Dios está ya trabajando entre nosotros promoviendo la solidaridad, el deseo de verdad y de justicia, el anhelo de un mundo más dichoso. Hemos de colaborar con él siguiendo a Jesús.

Una Iglesia menos poderosa, más desprovista de privilegios, más pobre y más cercana a los pobres, siempre será una Iglesia más libre para sembrar semillas de Evangelio, y más humilde para vivir en medio de la gente como fermento de una vida más digna y fraterna.

José Antonio Pagola

CONFESIONES

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación continua en nuestra parroquia el día y horario de siempre, Sábados de 4 a 5 de la tarde. Los sacerdotes están escuchando confesiones en el área de en frente del templo, les pedimos mantener la distancia de 2 metros del distanciamiento social.

HORA SANTA

Tenemos Hora Santa tres veces a la semana. Los lunes de 9 a 10 am. Los miércoles de 6 a 7pm y los viernes de 9 a 10am. Para asistir necesita reservar su espacio ya que estamos limitados a 25 personas solamente. Puede ver información de como reservar en la pagina web de la parroquia stca.org o puede llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Equipping Families to Pass On the Faith

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

The wheat and the weeds. In the Sunday gospel, the farmer had to leave them both for by pulling up the weeds, he would pull out the wheat as well.
In the end, Jesus is trying to help us understand that the Church is made up of a mixture of sinners and saints. It is impossible to know who represents the wheat and who represents the weeds. We do not have the knowledge necessary to make a judgment.
Especially in this time of pandemic, each one of us is going through it in our own way. We do not know each other's stories nor what we have all been through. St. Teresa of Calcutta shares these words: *"Who are we to accuse anybody? It is possible that we see them do something we think is not right, but we do not know why they are doing it. Jesus encourages us not to judge anyone. Maybe we are the ones responsible for others doing things we think are not right. Let us not forget that we are dealing our brothers and sisters. That leper, that sick person, that drunk, are all our brothers and sisters. They, too, have been created by a greater Love...It is possible that they find themselves abandoned and on the street because no one gave them love and understanding. You and I could be in their place if we had not received love and understanding from other human beings. Before we judge… we have the duty to look inside ourselves."*
As a family, pray the following prayer for mercy sometime this week and whenever needed:

Dear God, thank you for showing us mercy every day. Please help us to be merciful to others. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us love others like You do. Amen.

Excerpts from "Connect! Sunday Reflection", https://www.4lpi.com/blog/called-to-extend-mercy/

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

UPDATES | NOTICIAS

CONFIRMATION

Dear St. Catherine Confirmation Candidates,
Because we are asked not to meet at this time, there is an Adjusted Online Curriculum. Every Monday a list of activities and assignments is posted online. It is your choice in which to participate. Each assignment has seven days to be completed; it is due the Sunday after the assignment is posted. If there are any difficulties completing any or all the options, please contact me to find a solution that works with your schedule. To find the Adjusted Online Curriculum for Confirmation please go to stca.org/adjusted-online-curriculum.

Queridos candidatos a la confirmación de Santa Catalina,
Debido a que se nos recomendó no reunirnos en este momento, se llevará a cabo un plan de estudios en línea ajustado en el que todos los lunes se publicará en línea una lista de actividades y tareas. Será su decisión decidir en qué participar. Cada tarea tendrá 7 días para completarse y se debe entregar el domingo posterior a la publicación de la tarea. Si hay dificultades para poder completar alguna o ninguna de las opciones, comuníquese conmigo para encontrar una solución que funcione con su horario. Para encontrar el plan de estudios en línea ajustado para la confirmación, visite stca.org/adjusted-online-curriculum.

FOLLOW ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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TikTok

If you have any questions regarding Youth and Young Adult Ministry, or if you'd like to join the Youth Ministry Leadership Team please feel free to email me at **diego.estrada@dsj.org**
Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el Ministerio de Jóvenes y Jóvenes Adultos, o si desea unirse al Equipo de Liderazgo del Ministerio de Jóvenes, no dude en enviarme un correo electrónico a **diego.estrada@dsj.org**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Parish, Youth Ministry and Family Faith Formation offices have been closed since Tuesday, March 17th and remain closed until further notice.

If you have questions, we are here to serve you remotely. Please email us—

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ONLINE DONATIONS

Many of you have asked me about financial support and how you can get your offertory envelopes to us. Although you could mail them to our office, we ask that you consider giving online. We need your financial support now more than ever. The online donation system we use is safe, secure and convenient. You can use credit cards, debit cards or direct transfer from your bank account. Please visit our website (www.stca.org) to donate now.

We Thank you for your continued support of your parish especially in these difficult times.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CONTINUED….

Reach Out

Is our community's food pantry. Located behind the Parish Center and staffed by volunteers, Reach Out provides once-a-month bags of groceries, bread, dessert, fresh fruits and vegetables, and more. We've moved to a "drive thru" format to be able to continue to serve our neighbors. Donations of non perishables (cold cereal, peanut butter, canned soups, rice, beans, etc.) may be dropped off at the Reach Out building M-F 12:30-2:30pm. Thank you for your generosity.

A big Thank You to all who continue to support the parish and our Neighbors in Need during these difficult times. Many blessings to all.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul has a Help Line (***408-778-2928***) answered every day by parish volunteers. Local people in need contact us for help with rent, utilities, food, gas, etc. This ministry is for everyone in the community, including YOU! Feel free to call if you need anything. In this COVID season, call volume is high, mostly for help with rent, as so many have experienced economic hardship, but financial assistance is available, thanks to generous donations from parishioners and the community. If you'd like to help with a donation or as a Help Line volunteer, it would be appreciated. Thank you to all those who have been so thoughtful at this time of hardship.

Safe Car Park

Hosts up to 8 homeless households, living in their cars, at a site here in town that offers showers, laundry, food, and most importantly, a dedicated case manager to help families clear up debt, improve job skills, and secure affordable housing. They can stay with us as long as they are working diligently on their case management plan. This health crisis has been a real setback for the families in the program. Donations are welcome for ongoing needs. You can find a periodic updates for items requested by the families in the bulletin. Current needs: bleach and shop towels for cleaning, cheese sticks for lunches.

Also, there are a few pet cats on site that need vaccinations. If there's anyone out there that would like to help with arranging this (transportation, cost, etc.), we'd be grateful. Contact Carol 408-857-4516

Drop off items on the patio at the SCP located on the MH Bible Church property, 15055 Monterey Rd. Thank you SO much!

Monday Night Community Supper

Serves 60-75 hot to-go meals during this time of "shelter in place" instead of our usual sit-down dinner. If you'd like to help, our dinner guests really appreciate when we have the occasional donation of toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, razors/shaving cream, hand sanitizer, etc. Individual containers of water, sports drinks, or juice are also welcome. You could drop off items at the back door of the Parish Center Kitchen on Mondays, 5-7pm. Contact Joe 408-781-3847 for more info. Thank you to all who have made donations. We are grateful.

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE TO HELP!

During this time of Shelter in Place Stephen Ministers continue to provide one to one care by telephone. If you need emotional/spiritual support or just someone to listen, we are here for you during this difficult time. You are not alone! Please reach out to one of us.
Claranne: 408-782-1413,
Kenny: 408-722-7600
For Spanish speakers, Santa: 408-722-8880

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

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898) July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "*You* know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.' " "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Child: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirt this week?

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the parish sends out a weekly email Blast on Fridays? Would you like to sign up to be on that weekly email list? If so, please your request to Office@stca.org and don't miss what is happening in your parish!

NEW! BIBLE STUDY SESSION (ON ZOOM) STARTING IN AUGUST!

We meet year 'round on Wednesday nights 7-8:15pm to read, share, and learn about Scripture, and grow in our understanding of God and how he is working in our lives. We just finished a study of Isaiah (whew!), and will begin an 11 week study of Luke soon. If you are interested in joining us, contact Joe Lillig 408-781-3847, or Carol 408-857-4516.

ARE YOU IN NNED OF A HOSPITAL BED & WHEELCHAIRS?

We have a donation of a hospital bed and 2 wheelchairs in good condition. Contact Debbie at 408-500-5659 if you could use them.

WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

—Anonymous nursery rhyme

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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Weekly Offertory Donation

Electronic Total	$7,525.51
Sunday Mass	$2,340.00
Sunday Offertory	$10,161.00
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St. Catherine School News

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night is a tradition in many families, with the Shelter in Place there is a great opportunity to schedule time for fun and fellowship with your family. Playing games, watching movies, bike rides and hikes are great ways for family members to enjoy each other. These positive interactions and memories build a foundation for good communication, patience and tenderness when families face crises.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

As part of ongoing school improvement/ accountability St. Catherine School established school-wide learning expectations. These embody the school's mission/philosophy, as we anticipate where we want our students to be when they graduate. **St. Catherine graduates are:**

Competent readers, writers and speakers

Organizers, evaluators & analyzers of information

Utilizers of technology

Grounded in faith and the teachings of Jesus

Active responsible members of the community

Respectful of themselves, others & God's creation

Stewards of the environment

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

School is out for the summer, but the school office is open for essential business. The office is closed July 20-31 for maintenance and cleaning.

Regular hours resume on August 3. You can also contact us via phone message or email during July. Check out our website www.stcatherinemh.org for more information. Have a great summer!

Students in our summer program enjoyed a variety of activities to enhance learning, including making pineapple upside down cake.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available on the school website under the Admissions tab. Please note that we currently have space in grades Kindergarten, 1st and 5th only, and wait lists for other classes. For more information, contact Fabienne Esparza at fesparza@stcatherinemh.org

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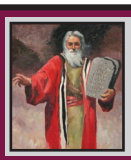
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