

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME / TRIGESIMO SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
 Saturday: 5:30pm
 Sábado: 7:00pm
 Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
 Domingo: 5:30pm
 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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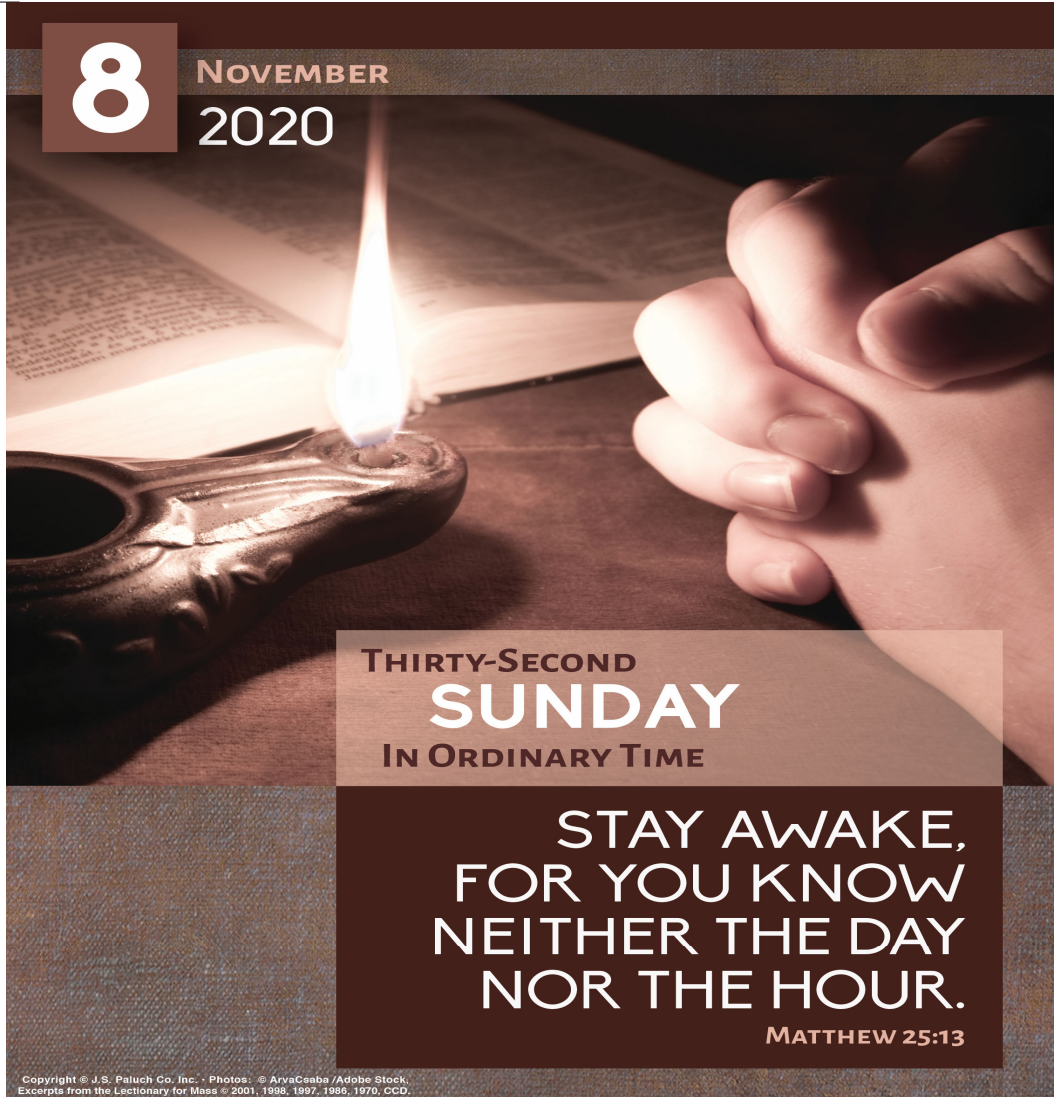
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NOVEMBER

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THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

STAY AWAKE,
 FOR YOU KNOW
 NEITHER THE DAY
 NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)

9:00am - 5:00pm

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalms — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done.

—St. Martin of Tours

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, November 8

No Events

Monday/Lunes, November 9

6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/Martes, November 10

No Events

Wednesday/Miércoles, November 11

No Events

Thursday/Jueves, November 12

No Events

Friday/Viernes, November 13

No Events

Saturday/Sábado, November 14

No Events

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9	† Guadalupe Barragan
Tuesday, November 10	† Marie Therese Barrette
	† Donna Souza
Wednesday, November 11	† Michael Palermo
	† Joseph Tacci
Thursday, November 12	† Randy Bauer
Friday, November 13	† Nick Mariani
Saturday, November 14	Mary Vasquez

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Today's Gospel recounts the familiar story of the wise and foolish virgins at a wedding feast. It describes part of the way in which wedding feasts were celebrated in Jesus' time. Because it is quite different from what is done today it's possible to miss how we are to apply this teaching to ourselves in our time. In a larger sense it describes that all of us should be "wise" and become and remain ready for our entrance to eternal life, the "wedding feast" of the presence of God. As in any good parable there is a stark comparison between two extremes, namely preparing for life in God by living now as Jesus invited last week, by loving God with our total being and our neighbor with that same fervor. Using wise and foolish as the examples make the point more clearly in comparison to the way we often live. We have both "wise" and "foolish" times in our lives. Jesus tells us that placing love at the center enables us to spend our lives wisely, preparing for times of trouble or danger by staying connected to God, yes, through love. Sadly the word love really only approaches the state which we seek, or at least as it is commonly used. It actually implies action, selection, desire and, like the foolish virgins, anguish and despair at love's absence. It is worth struggling to attain a sense that love of God and love of neighbor is actually a state of being, not just the choices we make as we try to love. It can be thought of as a sense of inclusion within the body of Christ, fed and nourished certainly but also a realization. Best felt when we change the love we are asked to be from a series of choices into a prayerful plea to remain encased in the presence of Jesus who is with us always. We strengthen ourselves through prayer and care, by acting from the well of strength that Jesus is for us when we open ourselves to his presence. That can seem too much a function of the mind, and it can be. Returning to the Gospel parable, the foolish ones knew what they needed to do but mindfully chose not to prepare. When our action depends only on exercise of the mind we increase the possibility of making the easy choice; one that seems satisfying or easier. When our actions reflect the wisdom to live as Jesus did, it short-circuits the mental part by encouraging actions we know are based on love that is other centered. Parables provide a blessing by their rich examples. Wisdom and foolishness are memorable and thus can awaken us to examine where we are on that spectrum. Perfection is desired but it's the striving for it which brings peace, even though we are not yet "finished" works of God's love

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Being unable to move about as we might wish asks that we remain rooted in care for the other. Our attention to CDC guidelines enables the life saving care that loving one another asks. And delivers.

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

As we, approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church presents to us readings about the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end".

When that will be? We do not know. Jesus did not tell us the date and time. He just told us be prepared because you do not know the day and time.

Be prepared.

Before I went to the seminary to become a priest, I became a teacher and taught as a substitute teacher first grade and fourth grade.

As a teacher, I had to prepare a general plan with goals and objectives. General objectives and particular objectives in order to reach the general goals so the students would be prepared for the next grade. However, in the end, be prepared for life.

I had to plan every lesson, set the objectives for that particular class, I had to write how I was going to motivate the students, when they were motivated teach them the lesson, after that through activities put that lesson into practice and then evaluate if they achieved their objective. However, I had to plan; I had to be prepared, even for unexpected questions.

At the end, there is no greater satisfaction than when the students achieve their goals, learn and put into practice what they have learned.

Be prepared. Our goal is eternal life, our motivation is the love of Christ and the teaching is the love for one another and the lessons in life. Our evaluation will be at the end on love.

The result will be entering in the eternal wedding banquet.

Be prepared.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that 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 email your request to Office@stca.org and don't miss what is happening in your parish!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La sabiduría la encuentran los que la buscan (Sabiduría 6:12-16).

Salmo — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, oh Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).

Segunda lectura — No se acongojen como los que no tienen esperanza (1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Evangelio — Las vírgenes necias no estaban preparadas para la llegada del novio (Mateo 25:1-13).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Martes: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lc 17:7-10
 Miércoles: Ti 3:1-7; Sal 23 (22):1b-6; Lc 17:11-19
 Jueves: Flm 7-20; Sal 146 (145):7-10; Lc 17:20-25
 Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lc 17:26-37
 Sábado: 3 Jn 5-8; Sal 112 (111):1-6; Lc 18:1-8
 Domingo: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Sal 128 (127):1-5; 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

¡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 PARROQUIA.....

Al acercarnos al final del año litúrgico; la Iglesia nos propone las lecturas acerca de la segunda venida de Cristo. Nosotros creemos: “vendrá de nuevo en gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos y su reino no tendrá fin”. ¿Cuándo sucederá eso? Nadie lo sabe. Jesús no nos dijo ni el día ni la hora. Solo nos dijo estén preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora.

Estén preparados.

Antes de entrar en el seminario para discernir la vocación al sacerdocio estudie para maestro.

Y trabaje como maestro suplente en primer grado y cuarto grado de primaria.

Como maestro tenía que hacer un plan general con objetivos generales y particulares y También hacer plan para cada clase en orden a alcanzar los objetivos generales de manera que los estudiantes estuvieran preparados para el próximo grado y en definitiva para la vida.

Tenía que planificar cada clase, cada lección, tenía que fijar los objetivos que los estudiantes tenían que alcanzar en esa clase. Tenía que escribir como los iba a motivar para aprender esa lección y una vez motivados enseñarles la lección. Después a través de actividades debían poner en práctica lo que aprendieron. Al final evaluar si alcanzaron los objetivos fijados.

Pero tenía que planear la clase, tenía que estar preparado, incluso para esas preguntas que uno no se espera.

Pero al final no hay satisfacción más grande para un maestro que ver que sus estudiantes lograron sus objetivos, han aprendido y lo ponen en práctica.

Estén preparados.

Nuestro objetivo final, nuestra meta es la vida eterna, entrar en el Banquete del Reino de Dios. Nuestra motivación es el amor de Cristo. Y su enseñanza es que nos amemos unos a otros como Él nos ha amado. Nuestra evaluación va a ser al final y será sobre el amor. El resultado final ser entrar en el Banquete del Reino. “Vengan benditos de mi Padre y heredan el reino preparado para ustedes”

Estén preparados.

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.

ESPERAR LO INESPERADO

Si alguna vez se te pasó por la mente que a Jesús le faltaba un poco del sentido del humor, el Evangelio de hoy destierra esa noción. La parábola de Jesús sobre las cinco jóvenes precavidas y las cinco jóvenes descuidadas es sumamente chistosa. Las circunstancias de la parábola sin duda resultaban familiares a los que escuchaban a Jesús, como lo son para nosotros. Las bodas nunca, nunca comienzan a la hora. Siempre hay un retraso. Botones que se caen al último minuto. Flores que se marchitan. Vehículos llenos de invitados atascados en el tráfico. Solistas que contraen laringitis. ¡Novias, novios o sacerdotes que llegan tarde! Así que la única manera razonable de encarar una boda es con buen sentido del humor, conscientes de que algo va a salir mal, y, cuando eso suceda, sonreír.

Jesús cuenta esta historia chistosa para alentarnos a que seamos vigilantes, sí; a estar preparados, sí. Pero no nos la cuenta para que nos amarguemos y nos ensombrecemos. Los apesadumbrados tiemblan, titubean, pierden de vista su lugar y propósito, y se quedan dormidos. Los festivos saben que sucederá lo inesperado —más que seguro— así que están despiertos en su puesto y listos para cumplir su propósito en el acto.

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Qué don no has desarrollado como esperabas? ¿Qué podrías hacer todavía?

Niño: ¿Qué regalo te ha dado Dios? ¿Que quieres hacer con eso?

SANTA FRANCISCA JAVIER CABRINI

(1850-1917)

13 de noviembre

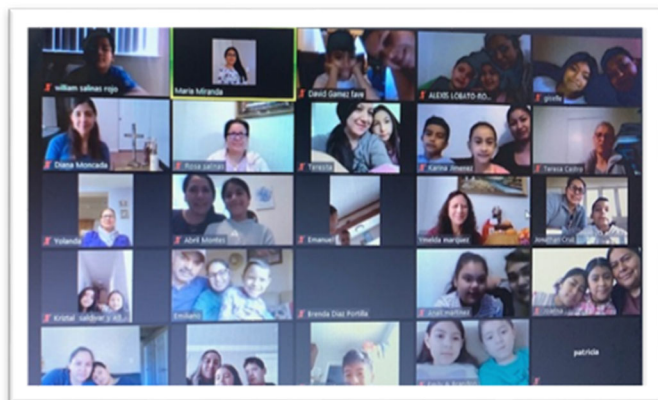
Frances nació en el Norte de Italia en una familia de campo, donde había mucha fe. Su vocación misionera nació al escuchar las historias de los grandes misioneros que su padre le contaba. Aunque fue rechazada en algunas comunidades religiosas debido a su estado de salud, se graduó como maestra y se dedicó a la educación. Ahí, por pedido de un obispo, fundó un instituto para educar a las novicias, mismo que pasó a ser el Instituto de las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón. Una vez en la comunidad religiosa, asumió el nombre de Javier, pues admiraba mucho a san Francisco Javier y por pedido de Juan Bautista Scalabrini vino a los Estados Unidos a servir a los italianos, quienes experimentaban malos tratos, explotación y discriminación. Junto con seis hermanas llegó a Nueva York en 1898, para atender a emigrantes italianos en cuestiones de educación, salud, oficios y catequesis. En sólo 35 años fundó más de 70 instituciones para emigrantes hasta que murió en una de ellas, Columbus Hospital, en Chicago. Fue la primera ciudadana estadounidense en ser canonizada.

—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Del Mensaje Pastoral de los Obispos Católicos de los E.U a la familia, Sigamos el Camino del Amor nos dice lo siguiente: “Lo que ustedes hagan en su familia para crear una comunidad de amor, para ayudarse mutuamente a crecer y servir a los necesitados, es crucial, no solo para la santificación personal de ustedes sino también para fortalecer a la sociedad y a nuestra Iglesia.”

Agradecemos a todos los padres de familia y a los niños por su participación en las sesiones de catequesis. Es muy lindo ver a la iglesia domestica que sigue el caminar de la preparación sacramental con alegría. En la mañana de Oración y Reflexión del sábado 31 de octubre casi cien familias se unieron virtualmente. Sigamos en este camino de amor y de esperanza y así seguir creciendo en la fe.



ENCENDER UNA FE GASTADA

La primera generación cristiana vivió convencida de que Jesús, el Señor resucitado, volvería muy pronto lleno de vida. No fue así. Poco a poco, los seguidores de Jesús se tuvieron que preparar para una larga espera.

No es difícil imaginar las preguntas que se despertaron entre ellos. ¿Cómo mantener vivo el espíritu de los comienzos? ¿Cómo vivir despiertos mientras llega el Señor? ¿Cómo alimentar la fe sin dejar que se apague? Un relato de Jesús sobre lo sucedido en una boda les ayudaba a pensar la respuesta.

Diez jóvenes, amigas de la novia, encienden sus antorchas y se preparan para recibir al esposo. Cuando, al caer el sol, llegue a tomar consigo a la esposa, los acompañarán a ambos en el cortejo que los llevará hasta la casa del esposo donde se celebrará el banquete nupcial.

Hay un detalle que el narrador quiere destacar desde el comienzo. Entre las jóvenes hay cinco «sensatas» y previsoras que toman consigo aceite para impregnar sus antorchas a medida que se vaya consumiendo la llama. Las otras cinco son unas «necias» y descuidadas que se olvidan de tomar aceite con el riesgo de que se les apaguen las antorchas.

Pronto descubrirán su error. El esposo se retrasa y no llega hasta medianoche. Cuando se oye la llamada a recibirlo, las sensatas alimentan con su aceite la llama de sus antorchas y acompañan al esposo hasta entrar con él en la fiesta. Las necias no saben sino lamentarse: «*Que se nos apagan las antorchas*». Ocupadas en adquirir aceite, llegan al banquete cuando la puerta está cerrada. Demasiado tarde.

Muchos comentaristas tratan de buscar un significado secreto al símbolo del «aceite». ¿Está Jesús hablando del fervor espiritual, del amor, de la gracia bautismal...? Tal vez es más sencillo recordar su gran deseo: «*Yo he venido a traer fuego a la tierra, y ¿qué he de querer sino que se encienda?*». ¿Hay algo que pueda encender más nuestra fe que el contacto vivo con él?

¿No es una insensatez pretender conservar una fe gastada sin reavivarla con el fuego de Jesús? ¿No es una contradicción creernos cristianos sin conocer su proyecto ni sentirnos atraídos por su estilo de vida?

Necesitamos urgentemente una calidad nueva en nuestra relación con él. Cuidar todo lo que nos ayude a centrar nuestra vida en su persona. No gastar energías en lo que nos distrae o desvía de su Evangelio. Encender cada domingo nuestra fe rumiando sus palabras y comulgando vitalmente con él. Nadie puede transformar nuestras comunidades como Jesús.

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 dos veces a la semana. Los miércoles de 6 a 7pm y los viernes de 9 a 10am. Para asistir necesita reservar su espacio ya que estamos limitados a 60 personas solamente. Puede ver información de como reservar en la pagina web de la parroquia stca.org o puede llamar a la oficina parroquial.

RICA Y SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

Pronto comenzaremos con las clases de catecismo para adultos mayores de 18 años que les haga falta uno o mas de sus Sacramentos de iniciación, que son el Bautizo, Comunión y Confirmación. Nos reuniremos a través de la plataforma de Zoom. Interesados y para mas información llamar a Carmelo Jimenez a la oficina parroquial, o mandar correo electrónico a: Carmelo.jimenez@dsj.org

Discovering God in the Everyday



**Join us for a Novena
to our patron saint
St. Catherine of Alexandria
November 11-20
7:00pm via Zoom**

What is a novena? A novena is a nine day period of private or public prayer for intercession or devotion. It is a wonderful way for us to come together as a parish to pray and ask for St. Catherine of Alexandria's intercession for the needs of the community leading up to her feast day celebration.

At the end of the novena we will celebrate with St. Catherine's Feast Day Masses on Saturday, November 21st at 5:30pm and 7:00pm. St. Catherine's Feast Day is on Wednesday, November 25th.

The novena is everyday from Wednesday, November 11 - Friday, November 20 (excluding Sunday, November 15th.) We will gather using Zoom at 7:00 pm to pray the novena followed by the Rosary.

Zoom details will be sent on Monday, November 9th. For further information, please contact Rose at rpucanmeagor@dsj.org.



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the High School Confirmation Program is officially OPEN! If you have a teen who has already begun the Confirmation Program, they still need to re-register each year to continue in the program. More information, including the link to register online, can be found at **www.stca.org/confirmation**.

INSCRIPCIONES ABRIERTAS

PARA EL PROGRAMA DE CONFIRMACIÓN

¡La inscripción para el programa de Confirmación está oficialmente ABIERTA! Si tiene un adolescente que ya ha comenzado el Programa de Confirmación, debe volver a registrarse cada año para continuar con el programa. Puede encontrar mas información, incluido el "link" para inscribir a su hijo/a por internet, aquí: **www.stca.org/confirmacion-de-adolescentes**.

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**

Thank you & Gracias!

Diego Estrada, Director Youth and Young Adult Ministry

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

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

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

Maria Dominguez, Office Manager

Maria.dominguez@dsj.org

Office@stca.org

Jessica Perez, Business Manager

Jessica.perez@dsj.org

ONLINE DONATIONS

Many of you have asked about financial support and how you can get your offertory envelopes to us. Although you can mail them to the 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

Reach Out, our community's food pantry, located behind the Parish Center and staffed by volunteers, provides food to many in need.

Anticipating need for non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving, donations of stuffing mix, small boxes of Jiffy corn muffin mix, canned yams/ corn, etc., would be greatly appreciated, along with our ongoing need for 15 or 16 oz. jars of peanut butter, cans of pasta, and 3 oz. packages of Ramen

Donations may be dropped off at the Reach Out building M-F from 8:30 to 9:45 or 12:30-2:30pm if the morning isn't convenient for you.

***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

The **St. Vincent de Paul** Help Line (**408-778-2928**) is 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 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 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 Need - Oranges, paper towels, baby wipes.***

Drop off items on the patio at the Safe Car Park 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 are sometimes in need of laundry soap. Donations would be appreciated. Also, individual containers of juice, sports drink, sparkling water and bottled water are always welcome. You can 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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOUR-WEEK BIBLE STUDY FOR ADVENT

Join a short Zoom bible study to reflect on the Sunday readings of Advent. We'll meet Wednesday nights from 7-8:15pm, November 18, and December 2, 9, and 16. Contact Joe Lillig 408-781-3847 to sign up.

PARISH GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree committee is gearing up for this year's Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will look a little different this year but the need is greater. If you, your family or company would like to help us make this Christmas a little brighter for a family in need by adopting them, please reach out to

Maria Dominguez at maria.dominguez@dsj.org.

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

DIOCESAN LAYETTE MINISTRY

Due to Covid-19, the Annual Layette Tea will not be happening this year. As we know that many of you have been making beautiful baby items there will be a Drop off event.

Sunday, December 6th from 12:00-3:00pm

157 San Lazaro Avenue

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

This will be a "no contact" drop off. People will direct you once you enter on San Lazaro Avenue. Monetary donations can be made payable to: DSJ Layette Ministry and mailed to:

Layette Ministry
C/O Penny Osorio
22172 Wallace Dr
Cupertino, CA 95014

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

Child: What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?



St. Catherine

38th Annual Sweepstakes

Live Stream Drawing
Sunday, December 20th at 2pm
Winners need not be present to win!

Proceeds to benefit the ministries
of your church and school communities.

Three easy ways to buy your tickets

1. By Mail—print out a mailing form at www.stcatherinesweeps.org
2. By Phone—(408) 427-5088 english, (408) 205-5480 spanish
3. In Person—Sundays at Church from 8-12 am

Vehicle Sweepstakes

Ticket price: \$60*

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| 1st Prize | Any new Ford from the Ford Store (MSRP up to \$30,000 or \$25,000 cash) |
| 2nd Prize | \$1,500 Cash |
| 3rd Prize | \$1,000 Cash |

* \$60 per ticket. Only 2,000 tickets will be issued. 800 minimum must be issued or money will be refunded.

Vacation Sweepstakes

Ticket price: \$20*

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| 1st Prize | Use your \$3,000 cash prize to take a vacation |
| 2nd Prize | \$1,000 Cash |
| 3rd Prize | \$750 Cash |

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Bonus Bundle Booklet

Ticket price: \$350*

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| 1st Prize | \$1,000 cash |
| 2nd Prize | \$750 Cash |
| 3rd Prize | \$500 Cash |

* Booklets contain 4 vehicle and 5 Vacation tickets plus are entered into the Bonus Booklet Drawing. Only 350 booklets will be issued.

If ordering tickets by mail, indicate the number of tickets and return it with your check to:

Annual Sweepstakes
St. Catherine Church
17400 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Please enclose address labels for easy labeling of tickets if possible

Ticket orders must be postmarked by Dec 17, 2020.

For more details and Live Stream information, visit stcatherinesweeps.org



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Visit our website at www.stcatherinesweeps.org



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2. Start shopping
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4. That's it! For every purchase made, 8% of the proceeds go to us, helping our organization. It's that easy.



PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.



Weekly Offertory Donation

Electronic Giving	
Vanco	\$4,847.00
We Share	\$615.00
Electronic Total	\$5,462.00
Sunday Mass	\$3,905.00
Sunday Offertory	\$5,420.00
Total Offertory	\$14,787.00

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Catherine School News



Kindergartners enjoyed Halloween crafts and our costume parade. Due to Covid-19, parents can't be on campus, so the parade was livestreamed for families. Those in distance learning submitted short videos that were woven into the live parade.

The Lord is My Strength and
My
Refuge

APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-2022

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year are available on the school website, www.stcatherinemh.org, under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 18, and applications for grades 1-8 are due March 3. Kinder testing takes place in January, testing for grades 1-8 is held in March. For more information, contact Jennifer Laws at jlaws@stcatherinemh.org.

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Tuesday, November 10th at 6pm

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FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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