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 IN ORDINARY TIME / CUARTO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS

Monday-Friday:	10:00am
Saturday:	4:00pm
Sunday:	8:45,10:30am
	4:00pm
Domingo:	12:15pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN
Saturday / Sábado: 3:00 - 4:00pm *(or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)*

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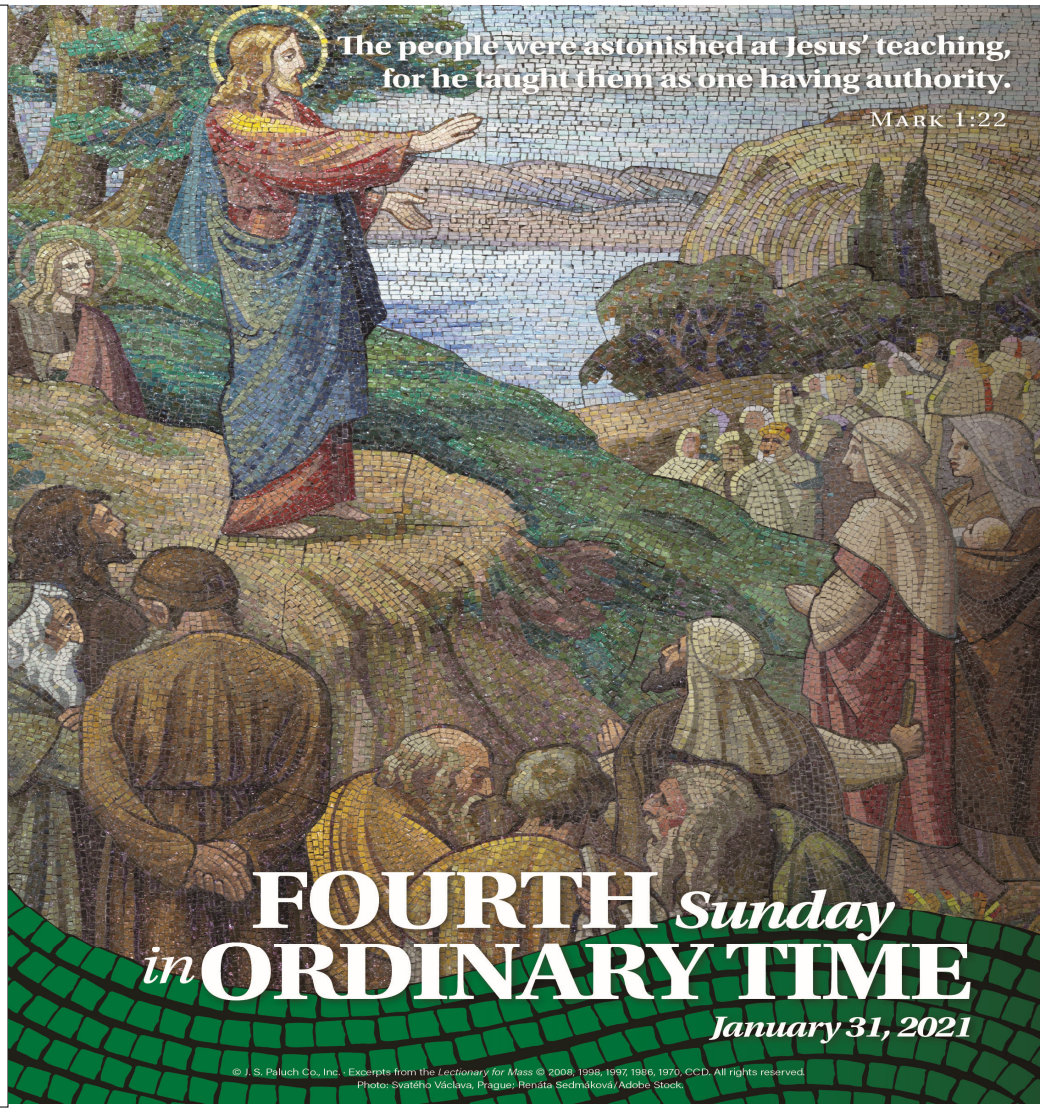

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Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)
9:00am - 5:00pm
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6;9:16 1 Cor 9 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

THE WEEK AHEAD/*LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA*

Sunday/*Domingo, January 31*
No Events

Monday/*Lunes*, February 1
6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/*Martes*, February 2
No Events

Wednesday/*Miércoles*, February 3
No Events

Thursday/*Jueves*, February 4
No Events

Friday/*Viernes*, February 5
No Events

Saturday/*Sabado*, February 6
No Events

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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10:00am Mass Intentions

Monday, February1	† Hugo Salinas † Puring Rojas
Tuesday, February 2	† Cenon V. Olaires, Jr. † Garry Chalmers
Wednesday, February 3	† Shelly King Sioghan McCarthy
Thursday, February 4	† Leonard De Palma Msgr. Francisco Rios
Friday, February 5	† Garry Chalmers † Winifred McCarthy
Saturday, February 6	

(*Please note - Mass intentions for Saturdays have been moved to the Saturday 4:00pm Mass)

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Between the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent we read in Mark's Gospel about the early part of Jesus' ministry. More than once we hear about the reaction of the people. Today, *"The people were astonished as his teaching for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."* There are several things to note. First, the people were astonished, what in your life makes you feel astonished? Usually it's something unexpected, a new understanding of things not previously understood. In Jesus' ministry this is reported often. The scribes were learned in the Law. As with any law it can become easy to forget the intent of the law and simply demand explicit behavior of its content. With the benefit of familiarity of all of the Gospels we know that Jesus "came to fulfill the Law and not destroy it." Hmm, when right behavior is stated explicitly it seems easier to just follow it, right? Yes, most of the time, but life is learning when there are legitimate exceptions and also the intent of the law. Jesus, who knew the Law, makes his summary to a questioner by saying we are to "love the Lord God with all our heart and soul and our neighbor as ourselves." That, he says, sums up the Law and the Prophets, in other words, in what the scribes were well versed. The ritual actions aren't wrong per se, but unless they can be rightfully subsumed in Jesus' law of love, they can actually be an impediment (remember the story of the Good Samaritan). The "authority" that the people spoke of wasn't a certificate of entitlement or some such. His teaching entered their hearts and not just their minds. It invited emulation because it was understandable beyond the mere words used. Jesus, good teacher that he was/is, demonstrated what it meant to love God and neighbor by overcoming the limits that rigid interpretation brings. Unclean spirits, wayward women, despised tax collectors, the poor and downtrodden were all outside the bounds of the literal interpretation of the Law. Jesus' invitation is, in modern language, to think "outside the box." We are to let our care and concern expand beyond our personal comfort zone. When we take those intrepid steps to share with those with whom we are uncomfortable, then we move beyond our clan and see those with whom we disagree as brothers and sisters. In doing so we are living Jesus' command to love, without any preconceived boundaries. It's not our first reaction, it's not easy much of the time, but when we do… we become the presence of Jesus in our world… a world sorely in need.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

What unusual weather. The warmth, even with little rain, is encouraging plants to begin to awaken. Time spent tending them now means healthier growth later. It's the same with us, awakening is upon us now.

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

"A prophet like me will the Lord your God raise up for you. To him you shall listen."

Jesus came to speak in the name of the Lord. That is what a prophet does, he speaks in the name of the Lord. He speaks words God put in his mouth to share God's message. When a true prophet speaks God is with him and those words are fulfilled. When a false prophet speaks the message is not fulfilled.

Nowadays we hear many voices, many prophets. Do they (or we as prophets because of our Baptism and Sacrament of Holy Orders) speak God's message; or do they (we) speak our own message, misleading the flock? We have to discern if the message comes from God or somewhere else.

So we have to listen and then discern if this is from God or the devil or ourselves (even though we like to blame the devil for everything).

In Baptism we became priests who praise God; prophets who proclaim God's message and denounce injustices, and kings to reign with Jesus our king and extend the kingdom of God.

Who are the prophets of our times? Mother Theresa, Pope Francis, we just celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, Gandhi and many more. They were bold, not afraid to proclaim God's message of nonviolence, love, life and service to the poor and marginalized. As baptized people how do we fulfill our mission as prophets?

Every Sunday after Mass we are dismissed with these words: "Mass is ended go in peace to love and serve the Lord" or "Go in peace glorifying the Lord with your life." The truth is that Mass is not ended. We are sent to be prophets who proclaim the message we just heard to our brothers and sisters .Even when the message is not pleasant we have to be consistent in proclaiming God's message.

A friend of mine, Eddie Samaniego, usually says that the prophet's mission is to "Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

CUARTO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelio — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20

Martes: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]

Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6

Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13

Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27 (26):1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29

Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34

Domingo: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

¡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): _____

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¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

_____Sí _____No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

_____Sí _____No

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

"Un profeta como yo te levantará el Señor, tu Dios". "A él escucharás".

Jesús vino a hablar en el nombre del Señor.

Eso es lo que hace un profeta, hablar en el nombre del Señor; para decir las palabras que Dios puso en su boca; para hablar el mensaje de Dios. Cuando un verdadero profeta habla, Dios está con él y esas palabras se cumplen. Cuando un falso profeta habla, el mensaje no se cumple.

Hoy en día escuchamos muchas voces, muchos profetas. ¿Ellos (o nosotros como profetas debido a nuestro Bautismo y Sacramento del Orden Sagrado) hablamos el mensaje de Dios? o ellos (nosotros) hablamos nuestro propio mensaje, engañando al rebaño? ¿Tenemos que discernir si el mensaje viene de Dios o de alguien más?

Entonces, tenemos que escuchar y luego discernir si esto es de Dios o del diablo o de nosotros mismos (aunque nos guste culpar al diablo de todo)

En el Bautismo nos convertimos en sacerdotes, para alabar a Dios; Profetas, para proclamar el mensaje de Dios y denunciar las injusticias y reyes para reinar con Jesús Nuestro Rey y extender el reino de Dios.

¿Para nosotros, Quiénes son los profetas de nuestro tiempo ? Madre Teresa, Papa Francisco, acabamos de celebrar al Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. César Chávez, Gandhi y muchos más. Fueron valientes, no temieron proclamar el mensaje de Dios de no violencia, amor, vida y servicio a los pobres y marginados.

Como personas bautizadas, ¿cómo cumplimos nuestra misión como profetas?

Todos los domingos después de la Misa nos despiden con estas palabras: "La Misa ha terminado, vayan en paz a amar y servir al Señor" o vayan y glorifiquen al Señor con sus vidas. La verdad es que la misa no se acaba. Somos enviados a ser profetas y a proclamar el mensaje que acabamos de escuchar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Incluso cuando el mensaje no es agradable, tenemos que ser constantes en la proclamación del mensaje de Dios.

Un amigo mío, Padre Eddie Samaniego suele decir que la misión del profeta es "consolar al afligido y afligir al cómodo". Si nuestro mensaje no hace eso todavía nos falta para ser profetas de Dios.

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.

FIESTA DE LA FE

Gloria a Dios en el cielo

A primera vista resulta contradictorio el dar gloria a quien es la gloria misma. Dios no necesita que le glorifiquemos, y nada de lo que hagamos, por bueno que sea, aumenta su gloria. Él es la gloria total, mucho antes de la creación del universo. ¿Por qué, pues le cantamos gloria? Por una necesidad nuestra de reconocer la grandeza divina y que en su grandeza nosotros también somos grandes. Este antiquísimo himno de alabanza, justo antes de la Oración colecta, marca el tono mismo de la celebración, así como su finalidad: la gloria de Dios; sea que se reconozca, se cante o se refleje en la vida humana. Desde esta perspectiva, toda la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia es un canto de alabanza a Dios, de glorificación, aun en su liturgia de exequias o cuando, movidos por el dolor o la tragedia humana, somos convocados a la oración comunitaria. Jesús mismo glorifica a su Padre con su muerte, no porque Dios se goce en la muerte de su Hijo, sino porque dicha muerte es el sello de fidelidad total a la voluntad divina. ¡Gloria a Dios en el cumplimiento de su voluntad!

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Consideras que el mundo es básicamente malo o bueno? ¿Qué diferencia hace esto en su forma de vivir?

Niño: ¿Dónde ves la bondad en el mundo de Dios?

FALSOS PROFETAS, VERDADEROS PROFETAS

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según San Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa en aquella época. Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para discernir los verdaderos profetas que hay en medio de nosotros, y también nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios, serán Sus palabras Dios las que llenarán nuestra boca.

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FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Seguimos en tiempo de pandemia y esto ha afectado a muchas familias en diferentes maneras. La incertidumbre en este tiempo nos ha traído secuelas de todo tipo y una de ellas es la ansiedad por todo lo que está pasando. Por este motivo los invitamos a que participen el lunes 08 de febrero de 5:30pm a 7:00pm a la presentación educativa patrocinada por varias parroquias y nuestra Diócesis de San José. Angst es una película diseñada para crear conciencia sobre la ansiedad, con énfasis en los jóvenes y las familias. La película incluye entrevistas con niños, adolescentes, expertos y padres. Es recomendada para niños de diez años en adelante y será en ingles con subtítulos en español. Les damos el enlace para poder registrarse.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QjSGHDfbTr-ih6aPxmQ_Cg

CUARTO DOMINGO DE TIEMPO ORDINARIO

CURADOR

Según Marcos, la primera actuación pública de Jesús fue la curación de un hombre poseído por un espíritu maligno en la sinagoga de Cafarnaún. Es una escena sobrecogedora, narrada para que, desde el comienzo, los lectores descubran la fuerza curadora y liberadora de Jesús.

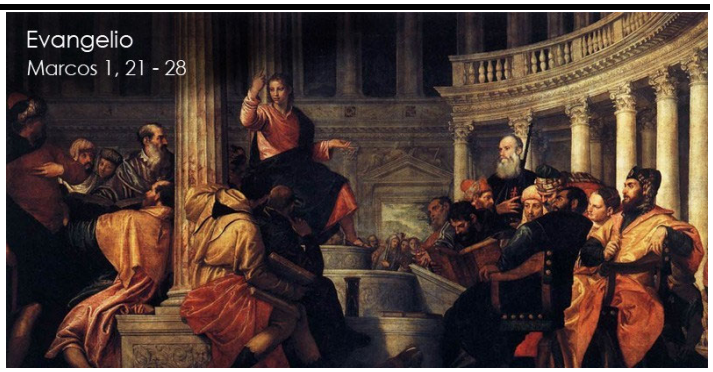
Es sábado y el pueblo se encuentra reunido en la sinagoga para escuchar el comentario de la Ley explicado por los escribas. Por primera vez Jesús va a proclamar la Buena Noticia de Dios precisamente en el lugar donde se enseña oficialmente al pueblo las tradiciones religiosas de Israel.

La gente queda sorprendida al escucharle. Tienen la impresión de que hasta ahora han estado escuchando noticias viejas, dichas sin autoridad. Jesús es diferente. No repite lo que ha oído a otros. Habla con autoridad. Anuncia con libertad y sin miedos a un Dios Bueno. De pronto un hombre «se pone a gritar: «¿Has venido a destruirnos?». Al escuchar el mensaje de Jesús, se ha sentido amenazado. Su mundo religioso se le derrumba. Se nos dice que está poseído por un «espíritu inmundo», hostil a Dios. ¿Qué fuerzas extrañas le impiden seguir escuchando a Jesús? ¿Qué experiencias dañinas y perversas le bloquean el camino hacia el Dios Bueno que anuncia Jesús?
Jesús no se acobarda. Ve al pobre hombre oprimido por el mal, y grita: «¡Cállate y sal de este hombre!». Ordena que se callen esas voces malignas que no le dejan encontrarse con Dios ni consigo mismo. Que recupere el silencio que sana lo más profundo del ser humano.

El narrador describe la curación de manera dramática. En un último esfuerzo por destruirlo, el espíritu «lo retorció violentamente y, dando un grito fuerte alarido, salió de él». Jesús ha logrado liberar al hombre de su violencia interior. Ha puesto fin a las tinieblas y al miedo a Dios. En adelante podrá escuchar la Buena Noticia de Jesús. No pocas personas viven en su interior de imágenes falsas de Dios que les hacen vivir sin dignidad y sin verdad. Lo sienten, no como una presencia amistosa que invita a vivir de manera creativa, sino como una sombra amenazadora que controla su existencia. Jesús siempre empieza a curar liberando de un Dios opresor.

Sus palabras despiertan la confianza y hacen desaparecer los miedos. Sus parábolas atraen hacia el amor a Dios, no hacia el sometimiento ciego a la ley. Su presencia hace crecer la libertad, no las servidumbres; suscita el amor a la vida, no el resentimiento. Jesús cura porque enseña a vivir sólo de la bondad, el perdón y el amor, que no excluye a nadie. Sana porque libera del poder de las cosas, del autoengaño y de la egolatría.

José Antonio Pagola



CONFESIONES

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación continua en nuestra parroquia el dia y horario de siempre, Sábados de 3 a 4 de la tarde. Los sacerdotes estan escuchando confesiones en el área de en frente del templo, les pedimos mantener la distancia de 2 metros del distanciamiento social.

HORA SANTA

Tenemos adoracion al Santisimo Sacramento todos los Viernes al terminar la misa del dia. De 10:40am a 11:30am. Venga a pasar un rato con el Señor.

Oraciones y liturgia

- **Alma de Cristo**

Alma de Cristo, santifícame.
Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame.
Sangre de Cristo, embriágame.
Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.
Pasión de Cristo, confórtame.
¡Oh, buen Jesús!, óyeme.
Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme.
No permitas que me aparte de Ti.
Del maligno enemigo, defiéndeme
En la hora de mi muerte, llámame.
Y mándame ir a Ti.
Para que con tus santos te alabe.
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

Discovering God in the Everyday

Lord, calm me. It is a simple prayer but sometimes all that our hearts can muster. Last week many of our college students began the Winter semester. Some have already started, including our children in elementary, middle and high school. During the pandemic, anxiety, depression and mental well-being have been real concerns for families.

On Monday, February 8th, several parishes, through their Mental Health Ministry, are sponsoring a virtual screening of and panel presentation on **AGNST**. AGNST is a documentary film about anxiety, its causes and effects and speaks to what can be done to help. While there is a focus on teens, the film speaks to all of us in this time of pandemic. The film is followed by a panel discussion that includes a clinical psychologist, therapist, school president who is also a deacon, and a parish youth director.

AGNST will also have Spanish subtitles. Register TODAY and share the information with family and friends. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Santa Clara County is also a great resource at www.namisantaclara.org. For further information, please call the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604.

ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY

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-adolecentes.**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Parish, Youth Ministry and Family Faith Formation offices closed last 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 have asked about financial support and how to 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. Your generosity has been amazing! Thank you! Our special request at this time is for a physically strong person to be able to come some mornings to help move heavy things and rotate the stock. We ask Volunteers to reply to gwnv63@prodigy.net or annmariecica@yahoo.com for details. We can also use some empty egg cartons.

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. Please note that due to Covid protocols we accept your donations outside the building. ***Thank you so very much.***

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 eight homeless households, living in their cars, at a site 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. ***Safe Park needs: rubber gloves, bananas and grapes, large paper coffee cups, paper bowls, paper towels, laundry pods, kitchen trash bags, large 55 gallon trash bags baby wipes, clumping cat litter.***

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 are 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.

FEAST OF FAITH
I Confess

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal—"I confess"—and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison*—Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?

Child: Where do you see goodness in God's world?

BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT

Our Wednesday night bible study group meets on Zoom during Lent for a six-week study on the Passion and Resurrection Narratives in the Gospels. We begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.

You are most welcome to join us. Contact Joe Lillig 408-781-3847, jplillig@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

The Second Collection this weekend supports the outreach efforts of the parish St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Every day parish volunteers staff a Help voice message line (408-778-2928). Folks from the parish and local community call when they are in need. Right now, the need is greatest for assistance with rent and PGE bills. If you or anyone you know needs help, please call our Help Line. Generous donations from your fellow parishioners are here for you. We listen and respond as we are able. If you'd like to make a donation to help and have your Second Collection envelope at home, you can drop it through the mail slot in the Parish Office front door anytime, or consider making a donation online. Follow these steps: go to www.stca.org, click on "Giving", then "Giving-Ways to Give", then double click the green button that says, "Give Online", then under Outreach Ministries, look for St. Vincent de Paul and enter the amount you'd like to give. Thank you for your generosity that allows us to be God's presence to the community in this challenging time.

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 and 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!

RMD Giving

Getting Ready to Distribute your RMD?

We are more than happy to help with the process of giving to St Catherine Church.
If you would like the funds to go to specific ministries, please just let me know so that we can distribute funds appropriately.

Thank you for your Generosity!

Annual Diocesan Appeal
ADA 2021

ADA starts January 24,2021

Please expect a letter from our wonderful Pastor inviting you to participate in accomplishing our 2021 goal.

Our Goal this year is $222,781.00

We hope for 100% participation, remember you can participate with as little as $20 dollars, because it all counts!
We appreciate your consideration and your generosity!

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Current Capital Campaign Progress:

Pledged amount $6,674,181.57
(as of January 20, 2021)
Collected is $4,053,229.83

Thank you for your generosity!!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Electronic Giving	
Vanco	$5,304.00
We Share	$392.50
Electronic Total	$5,696.50
Sunday Mass	$2,344.00
Sunday Offertory	$12,669.84
Total Offertory	$20,710.34

St. Catherine School News

Due to Covid 19 everything has been a little different in the past ten months. Our second graders typically receive First Holy Communion on the Saturday before Mothers' Day. That couldn't happen last May; so individual students received the sacrament for the first time at small outdoor masses during summer and fall. It was not possible to have First Communion portraits taken then.

Recently, the now third graders got their portraits taken. They came dressed in their First Communion attire which, in some cases, fit a little snugger. Students and parents were delighted to have another memory of this special event!

Love God, serve God; everything is in that.
-St. Clare of Assisi

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

The Lord is my strength and my refuge.

Sunday, January 31
10:30am Kickoff - Catholic Schools Week Mass - livestreamed
3:00pm Virtual Open House

Monday, February 1
Parent Appreciation Day

Tuesday, February 2
Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

Wednesday, February 3
Grandparents/Special Persons Day
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year students will write letters or make a card or video to send to their grandparents

Thursday, February 4
Parish Staff Appreciation Day

Friday, February 5
Student Appreciation Day
9:00am First Friday Mass
Free Dress
Special Activities in each class

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

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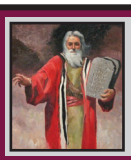
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