

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

MASSES / MISAS

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sábado: 7:00pm
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am
5:30pm
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 -
5:00pm (or by appointment /
O hacer una cita.)

ADORACIÓN / ADORATION

Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm

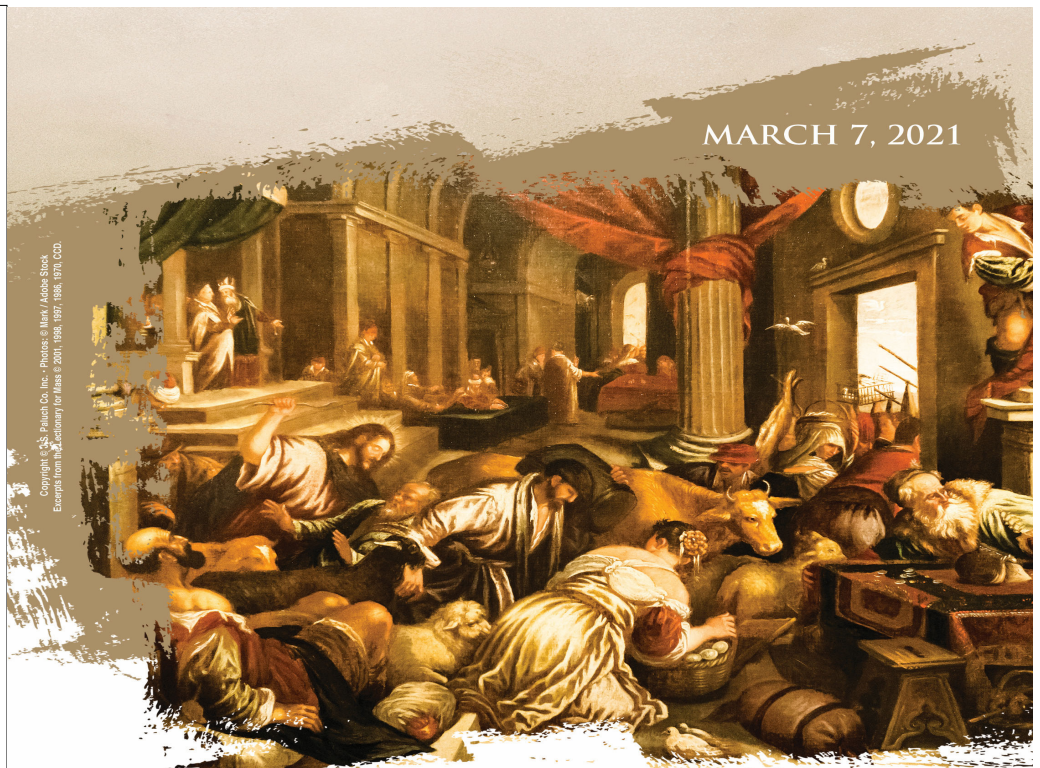
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.
He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)
9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday (*Sábado*) / Sunday (*Domingo*)
Closed/*Cerrado*

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.
Psalms — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalms 95*.
Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.
Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, March 7

No Events

Monday/Lunes, March 8

6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/Martes, March 9

No Events

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 10

No Events

Thursday/Jueves, March 11

No Events

Friday/Viernes, March 12

No Events

Saturday/Sábado, March 13

No Events

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

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10:00am Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8	† Alfonso Zuluaga
	† Jeanne Gieselman
Tuesday, March 9	† Maria Leyva
	† Olga Caruana
Wednesday, March 10	† Joseph Thatcher
	† Marie Therese Barrett
Thursday, March 11	† Jeanne Gieselman
Friday, March 12	† Jeanne Gieselman
Saturday, March 13	

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Lent is moving along, as is our lives :-). The movement of the readings bring Jesus' ultimate gift of his life more into focus. John takes over as the author of the Gospel readings focusing on the Christology of Jesus illuminating us about him as the promised Messiah. Today's reading from Paul gives pointed insight to the Corinthians about Jesus' identity: "... *Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but for those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.*" He is speaking to those who are uncertain or unclear about the centrality of Jesus as God promised one. Change Jews and Greeks to Christians today and the message still resonates with truth and power. When we cling to our limited earthly understanding of God and in particular Jesus we stumble. We need the light of Christ to illuminate our passage, even more than ever today, when Covid, divisiveness, self-centeredness and lack of care for the other are so present. Jesus' gift of himself is so overwhelming that we often feel unable to care for the other as he did. In fact, without the strength that trying to emulate Jesus' love for all brings, we find ourselves at sea. Only when our vision expands to include everyone are we able to find calm amidst the stormy seas that Jesus quieted for his followers. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus experienced anger just as we do. The desecration of the temple by those conducting "business" within it was too much for him. It is interesting to see how easily reverence for the holy can be lost. We humans easily fall into the trap that we are the center of what has value. We should never forget the we ourselves are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Are there activities in which we engage at the expense of reverence for God? Do we place our needs before the needs of others? Have we succumbed to becoming a "marketplace" instead of the temple we are made to be? Lent offers us a reminder of just how easily we can be misled by becoming the center of our being. Sure, we need to work to maintain the temple of ourselves. But we can't become so focused on ourselves that we become blind to the needs of others. Jesus' contemporaries asked for a "sign" of his authority. It's an interesting question we might ask ourselves. Do we look for external justifications when considering how we honor the temple that we are. Lent provides a nudge to give us time and a reason to reflect on our direction when asked to love one another.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Mother Nature's rain has brought up dormant plants and grasses in what seemed to be desolate ground. Think of yourself as "watered" too; asked to give life to growth that supports others as well as ourselves.

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

Zeal for your house will consume me

I am always touched by these words of scripture: *Zeal for your house will consume me.* Zeal and consume are words that we do not often see together.

The gospel today quotes psalm 69 to remind us of who Jesus was and what moved him.

We don't use the word zeal much today. Instead, we use synonyms for zeal that perhaps give us an idea of what was in the heart of Jesus: *ardor, eagerness, fervor, fervency, enthusiasm, passion.* Zeal is not just love, it is more than that, it is a force that moves us. Its power increases according the object of our zeal, if something is more important then we have more zeal.

The object of Jesus' zeal is the house, not just any house but the house of the Lord. Understanding the house as not just the building but what the house contains or represents which is: God himself. The dedication and passion of Jesus for the temple is not for the beauty of the building or its majestic construction, it is for the love of God. His passion moves him to protect everything that has to do with God, to defend that which represents God and moves him to worry and fight for the sanctity of that sacred place.

That feeling consumed him, all his energy, everything Jesus does is because of his Father. Today's passage should make us think about our own zeal, how much our zeal moves us. How much do we care for the house of the Lord, for his name? Today is an opportunity to reflect on our commitment to our faith, to the things we love, but especially to ask ourselves if zeal for the house of the Lord consumes us. How much different we and the world we live could be if all of us were moved by zeal for God.

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o *Éxodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 40-42]*.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30

Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23

Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14

Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Lecturas alternativas (Año A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

¡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.....

El celo por tu casa me consume

Siempre me ha impresionado estas palabras de la escritura: el celo por tu casa me consume. Celo y consume, son dos cosas que no siempre van juntas.

El evangelio de hoy cita el salmo 69 y nos recuerda quien es Jesús y cual es la fuerza que lo mueve.

En nuestro tiempo no se usa mucho la palabra celo, en su lugar se usan otros sinónimos, que a lo mejor nos darán una idea de lo que hay en el corazón de Jesús: ardor, fervor, entusiasmo, pasión. El celo no es solo amor, es mas que eso, es la fuerza que no mueve. Y su poder aumenta según sea el objeto de nuestro celo, mas importante mas fuerte el celo.

El objeto del celo de Jesús es la casa, pero no cualquier casa sino la casa del Señor. Entendemos la casa no como el edificio, o lo que este contiene, sino Dios mismo. La dedicación, la pasión de Jesús no esta motivada por la belleza del templo, o las construcciones majestuosas, sino por el amor de Dios. Su pasión lo mueve a proteger todo lo que se refiere a Dios, lo mueve a defender todo lo que representa Dios, lo mueve a preocuparse y a luchar por la santidad del lugar sagrado.

Ese sentimiento lo consume, toda su energía, todo lo Jesús hace es por su Padre. El pasaje del evangelio de hoy nos debe hacer pensar sobre nuestro propio celo, cuanto nos mueve el celo por Dios. ¿Cuánto nos preocupamos y cuidamos la casa de Dios por su nombre? Hoy es nuestra oportunidad para reflexionar sobre nuestro compromiso con nuestra fe, con las cosas que amamos, pero especialmente preguntarnos si nuestro celo por la casa del Señor nos consume. También preguntarnos cuan diferente sería el mundo y nosotros si todos fuéramos movidos por el celo por DIOS.

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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.

LEALTAD TOTAL

En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús —que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo— exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro.

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Cuándo te ha parecido absurdo el mensaje de la cruz y cuándo has visto su sabiduría?

Niño: ¿Qué te desconcierta de las historias del Evangelio? ¿Qué historia te da más esperanzas?

“No se Turben; Crean en Dios;
y Crean También en Mí”

Parroquia de Santa Catalina de

Aleandría Invita al Retiro de Mujeres

Día: 13 de marzo, 2021

Hora: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

Medio: Zoom (Virtual)

Invitados Especiales: Padre Sergio Ovando
Anabella Estrada

Preguntas: Contactar a Maria Miranda al
408 779 9604 Ext.262

Correo electrónico: maria.miranda@dsj.org

Se invita a todas las mujeres mayores de 18 años a un retiro virtual. Más detalles y para registrarse en el siguiente volante.

¡Las esperamos!



¿ESTA REGISTRADO EN LA PARROQUIA? ¿SE A MUDADO RECIENTEMENTE?

¿A asistido a la parroquia por años pero no sabe si esta oficialmente registrado (a) en la parroquia? Registros están disponibles en nuestra pagina de web - www.stca.org o en la oficina parroquial.

¿Ya esta registrado (a) en la parroquia pero recientemente se a mudado? Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (408-779-3959) para actualizar su domicilio.

LA INDIGNACIÓN DE JESÚS

Acompañado de sus discípulos, Jesús sube por primera vez a Jerusalén para celebrar las fiestas de Pascua. Al asomarse al recinto que rodea el Templo, se encuentra con un espectáculo inesperado. Vendedores de bueyes, ovejas y palomas ofreciendo a los peregrinos los animales que necesitan para sacrificarlos en honor a Dios. Cambistas instalados en sus mesas traficando con el cambio de monedas paganas por la única moneda oficial aceptada por los sacerdotes.

Jesús se llena de indignación. El narrador describe su reacción de manera muy gráfica: con un látigo saca del recinto sagrado a los animales, vuelca las mesas de los cambistas echando por tierra sus monedas, grita: «No convirtáis en un mercado la casa de mi Padre».

Jesús se siente como un extraño en aquel lugar. Lo que ven sus ojos nada tiene que ver con el verdadero culto a su Padre. La religión del Templo se ha convertido en un negocio donde los sacerdotes buscan buenos ingresos, y donde los peregrinos tratan de "comprar" a Dios con sus ofrendas. Jesús recuerda seguramente unas palabras del profeta Oseas que repetirá más de una vez a lo largo de su vida: «Así dice Dios: Yo quiero amor y no sacrificios».

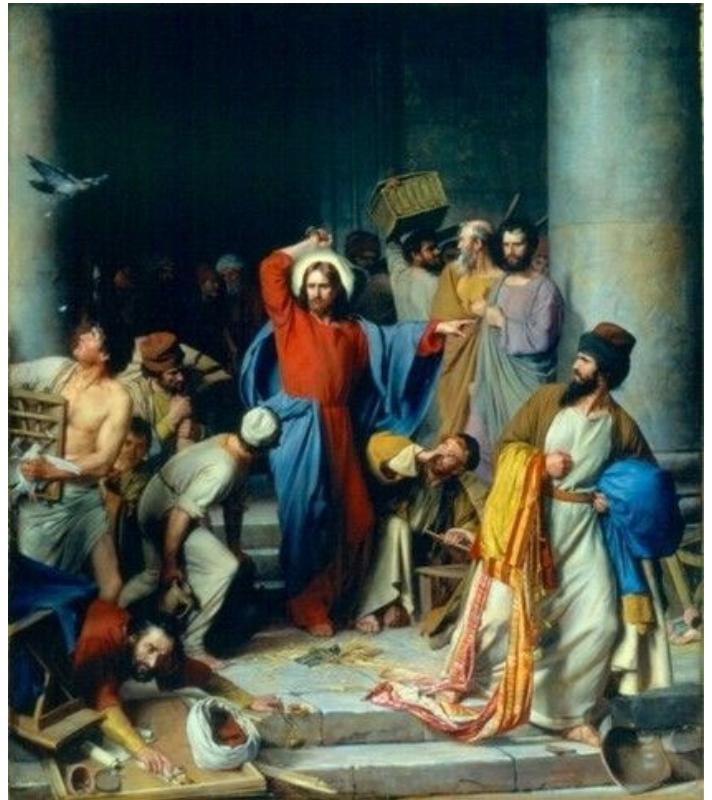
Aquel Templo no es la casa de un Dios Padre en la que todos se acogen mutuamente como hermanos y hermanas. Jesús no puede ver allí esa "familia de Dios" que quiere ir formando con sus seguidores. Aquello no es sino un mercado donde cada uno busca su negocio.

No pensemos que Jesús está condenando una religión primitiva, poco evolucionada. Su crítica es más profunda. Dios no puede ser el protector y encubridor de una religión tejida de intereses y egoísmos. Dios es un Padre al que solo se puede dar culto trabajando por una comunidad humana más solidaria y fraterna.

Casi sin darnos cuenta, todos nos podemos convertir hoy en "vendedores y cambistas" que no saben vivir sino buscando solo su propio interés. Estamos convirtiendo el mundo en un gran mercado donde todo se compra y se vende, y corremos el riesgo de vivir incluso la relación con el Misterio de Dios de manera mercantil.

Hemos de hacer de nuestras comunidades cristianas un espacio donde todos nos podamos sentir en la «casa del Padre». Una casa acogedora y cálida donde a nadie se le cierran las puertas, donde a nadie se excluye ni discrimina. Una casa donde aprendemos a escuchar el sufrimiento de los hijos más desvalidos de Dios y no solo nuestro propio interés. Una casa donde podemos invocar a Dios como Padre porque nos sentimos sus hijos y buscamos vivir como hermanos.

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 enfrente del templo, les pedimos mantener la distancia de 2 metros del distanciamiento social.



HORA SANTA

Tenemos adoración al Santísimo Sacramento todos los Viernes al terminar la misa del día. Venga a pasar un rato con el Señor.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Discovering God in the Everyday



Third Sunday of Lent: The Cleansing of the Temple

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. As we read in today's Gospel Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

If you do not have one already, create and decorate a prayer space in your home. Include symbols of our faith including a cross, Bible, rosary, prayer cards and a purple cloth or scarf to represent the Lenten season. Invite family members to use this space throughout the week and beyond.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 —

Maria Dominguez, Office Manager

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Jessica Perez, Business Manager

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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 our 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. At this time, some **one or two pound bags of dry pinto beans** would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity has been amazing! Thank you!

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. 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:** The kids would love a soccer ball and football to play with on the field, now that the weather is so wonderful.

And each family could use a new pillow- 8 in total. If you could just donate one, it would be so appreciated.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



From February 17th through March 28th you are invited to join with other people of faith for forty days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during this time on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 11:45am to 1:00pm in front of Planned Parenthood in Gilroy (760 Renz Ln - behind Lowes). For more information contact Paula Barbara 408-858-4300.

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—John Henry Newman

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE TWO CATHOLIC RADIO STATIONS IN THE AREA?

Tune in
1200 AM (from Monterey) and
1260 AM (in San Francisco).

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3

REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

—Samuel Johnson

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

Child: What puzzles you in the gospel stories? Which story makes you the most hopeful?

Join us for Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

5:30pm English

7:00pm Español

The Stations of the Cross are live streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook Page](#).

FEAST OF FAITH Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright

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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!

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

**Are you ready to make your
Required Minimum Distribution?**

**We are more than happy to help
with the process and how to give to
St Catherine Church. If there you
would like the funds to go to favor-
ite 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 started and St. Catherine is
off to a great start!!**

**Our Goal this year is
\$222,781.00**

**Pledged: \$121,969.88
Family Pledges: 237**

**We would like 100% participa-
tion**

that is 1800 families!

**Remember you can participate
with**

**as low as \$20 dollars,
because it all counts!**

**We appreciate your considera-
tion and your generosity!**

**Preserving our past,
Providing for our future**

**Capital Campaign is
important and impacts our
Future**

**If you haven't already
PLEDGE TODAY!!**

**Pledge any amount, for any amount of
time, or make your one time
payment today , make a
difference tomorrow!!**

**For more information visit
<https://stca.org/pledgepayments>**

**If you need assistance with stock
transfer or Employee Match please
contact the business
office via email
jessica.perez@dsj.org or via phone (408)
779-3959 Ext. 281**

Current Capital Campaign Progress:

**Amount pledged:
as of January 31, 2020
\$6,678,851**

Number of Pledges: 766

Amount Received: \$4,072,232

Thank you for your generosity!!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Electronic Giving	2/21/2021
Vanco	\$5,479.00
We Share	\$682.50
Electronic Total	\$6,161.50
Sunday Mass	\$4,725.00
Sunday Offertory	\$3,590.00
Total Offertory	\$14,476.50

St. Catherine School News



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

A Legacy of Faith 2020-2021

The 17th Annual Appeal is well on its way! The goal is to raise \$65,000 this year. We are moving in that direction. You can still help! For more information regarding our Appeal, please contact Jennifer Laws, Development Director at jlaws@stcatherinemh.org or 779-9950.

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

"Go into the world
and proclaim the
good news to all creation."
Mark 16: 15

A huge Thank You to all the families who contributed to the Diapers and Wipes Drive for February! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The diapers and wipes are distributed to families with infants who are struggling during these challenging times.

Go Cougars!

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 initial consideration for kindergarten was December 18, but applications are still being accepted. Applications for grades 1-8 were due March 3. Testing for grades 1-8 is held in March. For more information, contact Jennifer Laws at jlaws@stcatherinemh.org.

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