

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY / LA ASUNCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGIN MARIA

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.)

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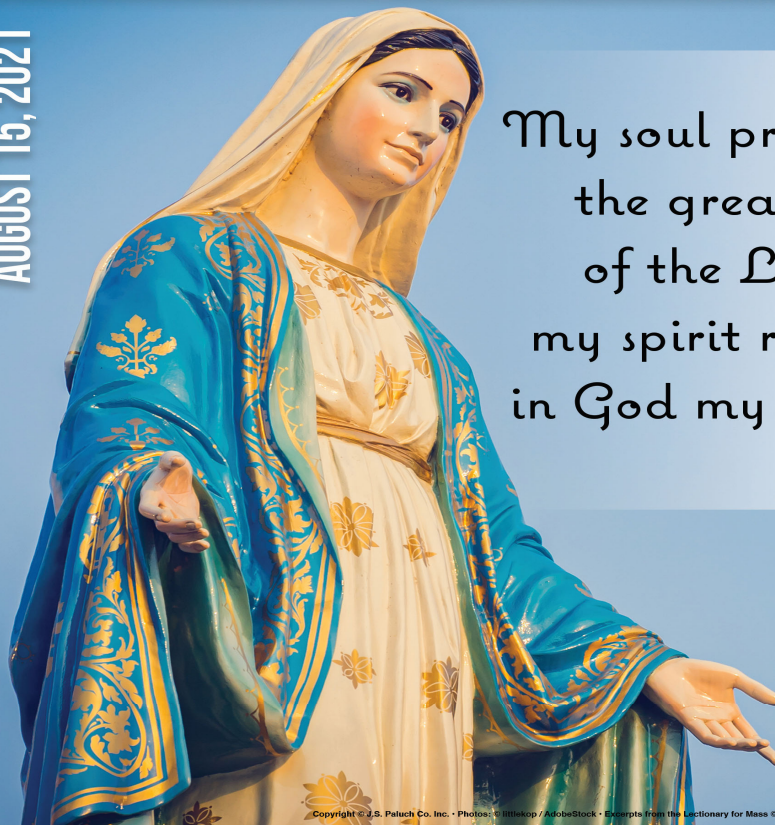
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



My soul proclaims
 the greatness
 of the Lord;
 my spirit rejoices
 in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Psalms — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Ps 146:10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

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

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, August 15

No Events

Monday/Lunes, August 16

6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/Martes, August 17

No Events

Wednesday/Miércoles, August 18

No Events

Thursday/Jueves, August 19

No Events

Friday/Viernes, August 20

No Events

Saturday/Sábado, August 21

No Events

THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, August 16	Victoria Itucas
Tuesday, August 17	Jerry Pintar Every Wheeler
Wednesday, August 18	† Tom Schirle † Bev LoMonaco
Thursday, August 19	Every Wheeler
Friday, August 20	† Reba Schirle
Saturday, August 21	† Hugo Salinas

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Today's celebration of the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is assigned August 15th on the Church's calendar. That date seems to seldom fall on a Sunday but we are in luck this year. Our Blessed Mother is a simply perfect and perfectly simple example of God working through humanity when Jesus is spoken into being. I must admit a bias, as a man I am in awe of the role of women in God's creative plan. Closer to home, my own mother continues to be understood more clearly as I, ahem, mature. What seemed to be arbitrary and even too strict in my early youth continues to be discovered as love in action. Only with calm reflection and hard won insight from having raised a child does one see the layers of love which lie beneath discipline and responsibility to which a child is called. Our Blessed Mother was chosen by God and infused with the faith needed to raise Jesus. While we all would like to be transported back to the time when Jesus walked our earth, what a grace it would be to have known Mary. One of the amazing things about her is how open and willing she was in her rearing of the human Jesus. Scripture records little of Jesus' life before his public ministry, but we know the goodness she had to have planted deeply in Jesus. Her life had to have been somewhat puzzling. She saw the child she bore grow, as is said, "in wisdom and grace." One suspects that Jesus saw the call to love embodied in his Mother. Love is taught in words but ever so much more eloquently and with so much better understanding by example. Like many good lessons one must reflect on past experience to recognize the essential truth that love isn't love until it is given away. The paucity of words in Scripture about Mary invite us to see her persona lived out in the women of today. We may think that raising Jesus must have been easy, but the life lessons Jesus learned many times came at the foot of his Mother. Just as we are called to example Jesus in our lives so too are we to see our Blessed Mother in the same way. Selflessness isn't easy to achieve, but it is a foundation of loving one another. Spend some time in simple silence reflecting on what Mary was for Jesus...and is for us. A shining example of humanness lived in concert with God's call expressed in Jesus: that all may be one. Set aside the burden of trying to be what we feel we should be, instead concentrate, like Mary did, on love of Jesus.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Climate change has taken on an unfortunate association with politics. Mother Nature is apolitical, we can be too as we work to preserve our world for those in future generations. It takes sincere love to work for results we won't see in our lifetimes.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. FRANCIS KALAW, PAROCHIAL VI- CAR.....

This Sunday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this feast we celebrate the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven. Her assumption reflects the Ascension of her divine Son and the promise of our own resurrection. Pope Pius XII wrote: "Just, as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her Son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body. As the same Apostle (St. Paul) says: 'When this mortal body has clothed itself in immortality, then will be fulfilled the word of Scripture: Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

Our Gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was soon to deliver John the Baptist. Mary truly is a dwelling place for Christ. Even the baby John the Baptist recognized as he leapt in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting! We too are called to be a dwelling place for the Lord. Yet for Christ to dwell in us we must prepare our hearts for Him.

Mary was prepared for Christ to reside in her, and her Magnificat expresses how we can imitate her and prepare a place for Christ in ourselves: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord..." How can we proclaim the 'greatness of the Lord?' It is simply by how we choose to live our lives.

Each day is an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ. We can choose to rise each day in prayer, respond to those around us in kindness, serve in our vocations and occupations from a place of love and selflessness, and use our gifts and talents for the glory of God.

As we reflect on the life of Mary today, let us strive to imitate her in proclaiming the greatness of God by how we live our lives. Let us celebrate her as our Mother, our Queen, and a Model Steward. She is not distant or out of reach, rather she is as close to us as a mother to her baby-constantly watching, interceding, and guiding us to be with her Divine Son in eternal life. May God bless us all!

LA ASUNCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGIN MARIA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Una gran señal apareció en el cielo; una mujer vestida como el sol (Apocalipsis 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

Salmo — De pie, a tu derecha, está la reina (Salmo 45 [44]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo es el primogénito de los que duermen (1 Corintios 15:20-27).

Evangelio — María se apresura a visitar a su prima Isabel que estaba embarazada (Lucas 1:39-56).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 2:11-19; Sal 106 (105):34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Martes: Jgs 6:11-24a; Sal 85 (84):9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Jgs 9:6-15; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Jgs 11:29-39a; Sal 40 (39):5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Rut 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Sal 146 (145):5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Rut 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Sal 128 (127):1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 16-21; Ef 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL

P. FRANCIS KALAW, VICARIO PARROQUIAL.....

Este domingo 15 de agosto celebramos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. En esta fiesta celebramos la asunción corporal de María al cielo. Su asunción al cielo refleja la Ascensión de su divino Hijo, la promesa de nuestra propia resurrección. El Papa Pío XII escribió: "Así como la gloriosa resurrección de Cristo fue parte esencial de esta victoria y su trofeo final, así la lucha compartida por la Santísima Virgen y su Hijo terminaría en la glorificación de su cuerpo virginal. Como dice el mismo Apóstol (San Pablo): "Cuando este cuerpo mortal se haya revestido de inmortalidad, entonces se cumplirá la palabra de la Escritura: La muerte es devorada por la victoria".

Nuestro Evangelio narra la historia de María visitando a su prima Isabel, que pronto libraría a Juan el Bautista. María es verdaderamente la morada de Cristo. ¡Incluso el bebé, notó Juan el Bautista cuando saltó en el útero de su madre ante el saludo de María! También nosotros estamos llamados a ser morada del Señor. Sin embargo, para que Cristo more en nosotros, debemos preparar nuestro corazón para Él.

María estaba preparada para que Cristo residiera en ella, y su Magnificat expresa cómo podemos imitarla y preparar un lugar para Cristo en nosotros: "Mi alma proclama la grandeza del Señor ..." ¿Cómo podemos proclamar la "grandeza del Señor"? Es simplemente por cómo elegimos vivir nuestras vidas.

Cada día es una oportunidad para crecer como discípulo de Cristo. Podemos elegir levantarnos cada día en oración, responder a los que nos rodean con bondad, servir en nuestras vocaciones y ocupaciones desde un lugar de amor y desinterés, y usar nuestros dones y talentos para la gloria de Dios.

Al reflexionar sobre la vida de María hoy, esforcémonos por imitarla al proclamar la grandeza de Dios mediante la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas. Celebrémosla como nuestra Madre, nuestra Reina y un Mayordomo Modelo. Ella no está distante ni fuera de nuestro alcance, más bien, está tan cerca de nosotros como una madre de su bebé, vigilándonos constantemente, intercediendo y guiándonos para estar con su Hijo Divino en la vida eterna. ¡Que Dios nos bendiga a todos!

¡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.

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¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____ Sí _____ No
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LA ASUNCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGIN MARIA

OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

La oficina Parroquial estará abierta los Martes & Jueves por cita. Si tiene una alguna pregunta o quisiera agendar un cita, favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial 408-779-3959 o por correo electrónico a -

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¿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 El misterio de fe

El vocablo griego *mysterion*, no significa lo mismo que misterio en castellano. La palabra griega no describe algo imposible de entenderse, sino algo totalmente inagotable, infinito, que entre más se entiende o se vive, más consciente se es de su infinitud. Por ello es que la Eucaristía es un misterio, no en cuanto que no se pueda entender el ritmo y carácter de la celebración, o la presencia de Cristo en las acciones del pan y el vino, sino porque al entender la grandeza de Dios y su presencia en el sacramento, no agotamos esa infinita riqueza. Así pues, este misterio no es algo que sólo deba ser contemplado o aclamado; este misterio ha de vivirse diariamente por cada persona que lo ha celebrado. Los cristianos de los primeros siglos nos lo recuerdan: “no podemos ser cristianos sin la Eucaristía”. No podemos ser discípulos de Cristo si no estamos dispuestos a vivir ese misterio en la vida diaria, a compartir el pan con quien tiene hambre y a vivir como Cristo vivió. Esta acción ha de transformarnos en lo que celebramos.

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PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Cómo afecta la promesa de vida eterna de Jesús a la forma en que vive hoy?

Niño: ¿Con qué frecuencia piensas en el cielo? ¿Hace alguna diferencia en las decisiones que toma?

EL DESTINO DE TODA CARNE MORTAL

La celebración de la fiesta de hoy en domingo es inusual en nuestro calendario católico. Nuestra observancia del Día del Señor es de tan alta estima que pocas otras fiestas la reemplazan. Ocasionalmente hay una fiesta –usualmente de uno de los santos– en que el poder salvador de Dios en Cristo está tan singularmente manifiesto que el rito romano la considera digna de celebrarse en el Día del Señor. Hoy es tal fiesta. Sin embargo, algunos se sorprenden por la brevedad del dogma en su totalidad: Pronunciamos, declaramos y definimos ser dogma de revelación divina que la inmaculada madre de Dios, siempre Virgen María, cumplido el curso de su vida fue asunta en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celeste”. La Iglesia Católica nunca definió nada específico ni los particulares sobre el hecho. No existen relatos verificables de testigos. En su esencia, el dogma revela en María el destino de toda carne mortal, y refuerza nuestro credo y fe en la resurrección del cuerpo. Esta fiesta fortalece nuestra fe, definida la semana pasada en la carta a los hebreos como la realización de aquello que esperamos. Encontramos en María la realización de lo que todos esperamos, y que Pablo afirma hoy: “en Cristo todos volverán a la vida” (1 Corintios 15:22).

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¿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.

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

La oficina de Catequesis ya tiene las registros disponibles para el nuevo ciclo de 2021-2022. Si tienen niños que necesiten prepararse para el Sacramento de Primera Comunión por favor de comunicarse a la oficina al 408 779 9604 Ext. 262 o visitar la página de la parroquia www.stca.org/en-espanol



LA ASUNCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGIN MARIA

SEGUIDORA FIEL DE JESÚS

Los evangelistas presentan a la Virgen con rasgos que pueden reavivar nuestra devoción a María, la Madre de Jesús. Su visión nos ayuda a amarla, meditarla, imitarla, rezarla y confiar en ella con espíritu nuevo y más evangélico. María es la gran creyente. La primera seguidora de Jesús. La mujer que sabe meditar en su corazón los hechos y las palabras de su Hijo. La profetisa que canta al Dios, salvador de los pobres, anunciado por él. La madre fiel que permanece junto a su Hijo perseguido, condenado y ejecutado en la cruz. Testigo de Cristo resucitado, que acoge junto a los discípulos al Espíritu que acompañará siempre a la Iglesia de Jesús.

Lucas, por su parte, nos invita a hacer nuestro el canto de María, para dejarnos guiar por su espíritu hacia Jesús, pues en el "Magnificat" brilla en todo su esplendor la fe de María y su identificación maternal con su Hijo Jesús. María comienza proclamando la grandeza de Dios: «mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador, porque ha mirado la humillación de su esclava». María es feliz porque Dios ha puesto su mirada en su pequeñez. Así es Dios con los sencillos. María lo canta con el mismo gozo con que bendice Jesús al Padre, porque se oculta a «sabios y entendidos» y se revela a «los sencillos». La fe de María en el Dios de los pequeños nos hace sintonizar con Jesús.

María proclama al Dios «Poderoso» porque «su misericordia llega a sus fieles de generación en generación». Dios pone su poder al servicio de la compasión. Su misericordia acompaña a todas las generaciones. Lo mismo predica Jesús: Dios es misericordioso con todos. Por eso dice a sus discípulos de todos los tiempos: «sed misericordiosos como vuestro Padre es misericordioso». Desde su corazón de madre, María capta como nadie la ternura de Dios Padre y Madre, y nos introduce en el núcleo del mensaje de Jesús: Dios es amor compasivo.

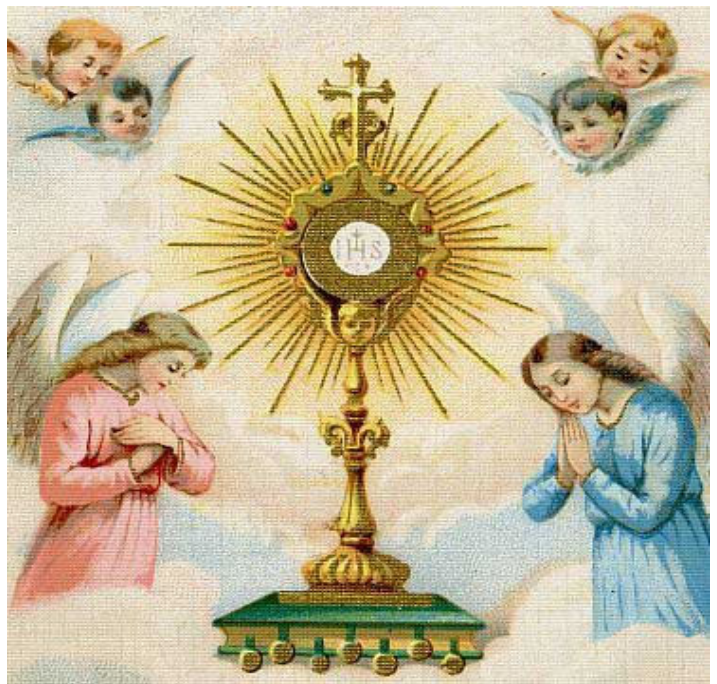
María proclama también al Dios de los pobres porque «derriba del trono a los poderosos» y los deja sin poder para seguir oprimiendo; por el contrario, «enaltece a los humildes» para que recobren su dignidad. A los ricos les reclama lo robado a los pobres y «los despidе vacíos»; por el contrario, a los hambrientos «los colma de bienes» para que disfruten de una vida más humana. Lo mismo gritaba Jesús: «los últimos serán los primeros». María nos lleva a acoger la Buena Noticia de Jesús: Dios es de los pobres. María nos enseña como nadie a seguir a Jesús, anunciando al Dios de la compasión, trabajando por un mundo más fraterno y confiando en el Padre de los pequeños.

José Antonio Pagola



MISA EN ESPAÑOL Y HORA SANTA

Tenemos una misa en español los miércoles comenzando a las 6:30pm y adoración al Santísimo Sacramento al terminar la misa. También los Viernes al terminar la misa del día de la mañana.. Venga a pasar un rato con el Señor.



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 dentro del Centro Parroquial.

CLASES DE CATECISMO PARA ADULTOS

Pronto comenzaremos con las clases de catecismo para personas mayores de 18 que les falte alguno o todos sus Sacramentos de iniciación, que son Bautizo, Comunión y Confirmación. Para inscribirse o para más información, comuníquese con Carmelo Jimenez a 408 779-3959 ext. 280 o a Carmelo.jimenez@dsj.org

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Discovering God in the Everyday



Back to School already? In the hustle and bustle of the mornings it is easy to get caught up in the craziness of the day ahead. As our kids go back to school we can do small things to integrate our faith every day into all that we do.

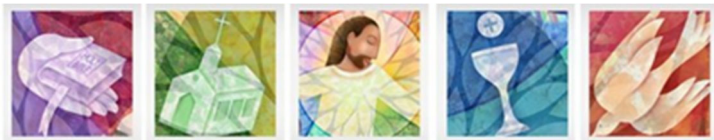
Here are a couple of them:

Holy Water Blessings

Have a bottle of holy water or a home holy water font (if you can) near the front door of the house so that family members and guests can be blessed in the comings and goings to and from your home. As a sacramental, it recalls our baptism and baptismal promises and is a means by which we become more open to receiving God's grace. Use it everyday!

Car Chapel

Each day we spend a lot of time in the car bringing the kids to and from school, after school activities and doing our own errands and tasks. Incorporate prayer in the car to share time together with the kids in praise and thanksgiving. It is also a great time to lift up any concerns-about a new school, finding new friends or an upcoming project or test and ask for God's peace to fill us instead. For parents it may be a perfect time for some quiet time with God. Try the 3-Minute Retreat or Prayer On The Go apps before you drive off or get out of the car.



Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation is NOW OPEN!

For further information, please call Rose or Maria at the Faith Formation Office at (408) 779-9604 or by e-mail at rpucanmeagor@dsj.org.



UPDATES | NOTICIAS

CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-22 PROGRAM YEAR IS NOW OPEN!
VISIT WWW.STCA.ORG/CONFIRMATION
FOR INFO AND TO REGISTER ONLINE!

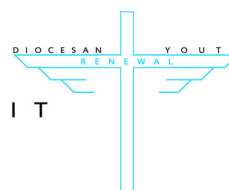
¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO DEL PROGRAMA 2021-22 YA ESTÁ ABIERTA!
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PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN Y REGISTRARSE EN LÍNEA!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
IN-PERSON MINISTRY YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK!
TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.STCA.ORG/YM

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP MEETS
EVERY 2nd & 4th THURSDAY
@5:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP MEETS
EVERY 1st & 3rd TUESDAY
@5:30pm

DYR & MSDYR ARE BACK!!!



T H E W A I T

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JULY 19 & 20
DYR 2021

JULY 22 & 23
MSDYR 2021

DATES

7/19 MON - DYR (HIGH SCHOOL)
7/20 TUES - DYR (HIGH SCHOOL)
7/21 WED - HEARTS RENEWED
(L.I.T. & ADULT LEADERSHIP FORMATION)
7/22 THURS - MSDYR (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
7/23 FRI - MSDYR (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

LOCATION

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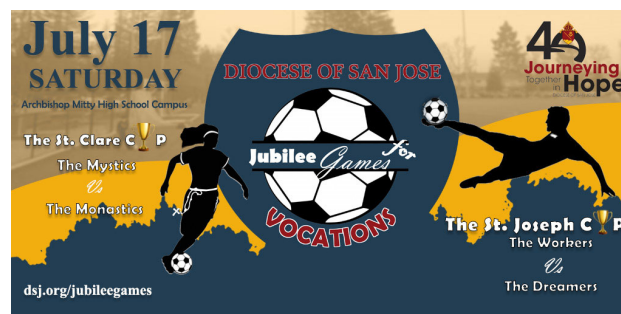
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Dear Parishioners,

The Parish office is open Tuesday and Thursday by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment please call the Parish Office at 408-779-3959.

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

Maria Dominguez, Office 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.

FEAST OF FAITH The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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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.

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.

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, Reachout can use cans of tomato products (sauce, diced, etc.)

Donations may be dropped off at the Reach Out building M-F from 8:30-9:45am or 12:30-2:30pm if the morning isn't convenient. Due to Covid protocols we accept your donations outside the building.

Thank you so very much.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: How does Jesus' Promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

Child: How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE JULY 2021

My Dear Parishioners,

First, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support of our Church Renovation Project, not only financially but also with your constant willingness to help and to accept with joy and enthusiasm the changes we have had to make to continue to celebrate Mass in the O'Donnell Center.

The project is going well, we have passed the preliminary approval of the plans for the project with some comments by the City.

I would also like to give you an update about the pledges, funds collected, non-performing pledges and the amount we have already spent on the project.

We currently have \$6.6M in pledged amount; 788 Pledges and have collected \$4.5M. We have 47 non-performing pledges in the amount of \$214,973.00. Upon completion of the job we will have collected \$4.8M. We have spent \$1,034,631.11 so far on planning and construction costs.

The current project budget is \$7.4 million. The difference needed to fully pay for the remodeling will be loaned to the Parish by the Diocese, in consideration of outstanding pledges. It is for this reason that I am asking you – according to your ability – to complete your pledge payments by February 2022. Doing so reduces the amount we need to borrow from the Diocese.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a brief progress report with you. We are targeting to complete the hazardous material removal by 6/30 and will immediately proceed with the remaining demolition activities. We are targeting to complete construction prior to Easter 2022.

Together with the great news that we are moving forward on our project is the not-so-great news of its new cost, associated with coming out of the pandemic and the current market conditions. We have worked to reduce the scope of the project according to our budget. However, with the escalation of the price of some building materials at this time, the budget has increased considerably. We know that there is no perfect time to begin the work, but any additional delays would likely make it impossible in the future. That is why we have chosen this time to move ahead.

We have received the final price for the project, which exceeds our budget in the amount of \$1,000,000, which we need to raise so that we can complete our renovation.

To help us do this, some of our parishioners have generously committed to match your donations, up to \$300,000. This is a great help for us because every dollar that we raise in the next months will be doubled by these donors.

Once again if you have not pledged to our capital campaign, please consider doing it now, if you would like to donate more, this is the time. And for all of you, thanks so much for your generosity and continued support.

Visit our website to see current pictures of the inside of the Church. <https://stca.org/renovation-updates>

In Christ,
Fr. Sergio N. Ovando
Pastor

RMD Giving

Getting Ready to Distribute your RMD?

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 your favorite specific ministries, please just let me know so that we can distribute funds appropriately.

Thank you for your Generosity!

A special message from Lay Mission Helpers!

Lay Mission-Helpers Association thanks you for your generous support of our missionary service during the Mission Co-operation weekend, July 31/August 1. We are grateful for your warm welcome and hospitality to Fr. Anthaiah Madanu, SVD and for your kind support of our lay missionary service. Thank you for your prayers and donations. Please continue to pray for our missionaries as we pray for you! For more info about our service visit our website www.laymissionhelpers.org

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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 July 16, 2020
\$6,621,566.21**

Number of Pledges: 788

Amount Received: \$4,548,162.50

Thank you for your generosity!!

Electronic Giving		August 1, 21
Vanco		\$4,821.00
We Share		\$382.50
Electronic Total		\$5,203.50
Sunday Mass		\$7479.00
Sunday Offertory		\$5822.00
Total Offertory		\$18,504.50

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St. Catherine School News

Welcome to the 2020/21 St. Catherine School Year!

Everyone here at St. Catherine School is very excited to see our students on the first day of school this Wednesday, August 18th. We look forward to welcoming them back for a wonderful year of learning, school spirit and new experiences! Our teachers are finishing the preparation of their classrooms, ready for the start of the new school year, when we welcome 308 students back to the campus.



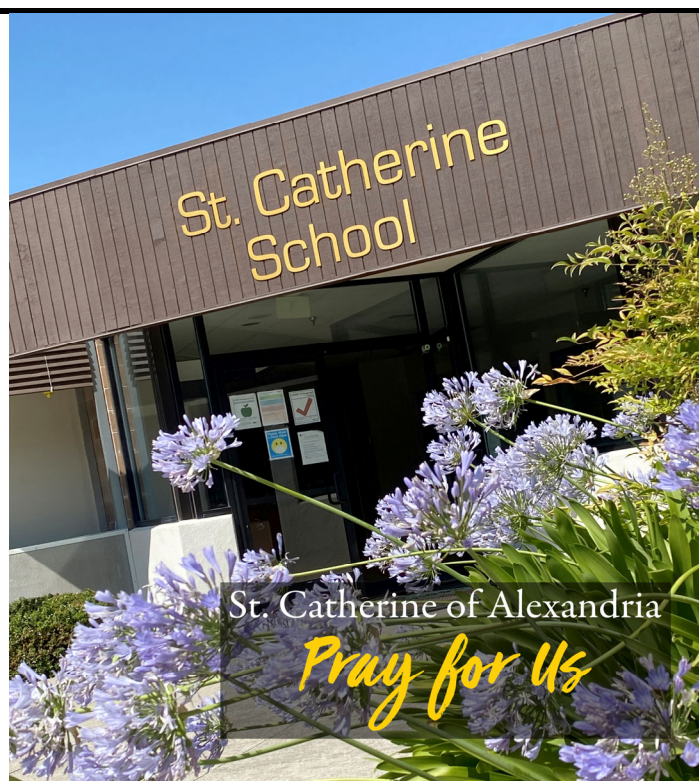
Anne Nowell, Principal

No school year would be complete without saying "welcome" to all the new students and parents of our St. Catherine School Family. We have over 25 new families joining our school across many grades and we are so blessed to have each of them with us. We encourage new families to get involved in school, if they have not already, to become parishioners at St. Catherine Church. Our three priests, Fr. Sergio, Fr. Francisco, and Fr. Francis, are such amazing priests and are always visible at the school, as well as being wonderful messengers of the Word of God.

I look forward seeing everyone on Wednesday!
Blessings,
Mrs. Nowell



Fr. Francisco, Fr. Sergio and Fr. Francis visit with our students in the classroom regularly through the school year.



Limited Spaces Available for the 2021/22 Academic Year

We still have some openings for the upcoming school year, including Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th and 7th Grades. Please know that a Catholic school education is affordable and financial aid is available.

You can apply at stcatherinemh.org/admissions. To find out about the wonderful opportunities we have available please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Laws, Development Director. Mrs. Laws can be reached at (408) 779-9950 or via email at jlaws@stcatherinemh.org

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UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

Weds, 8/18	First Day of School
Tues, 8/24	Virtual Back to School Night, K-5
Thurs, 8/26	Virtual Back to School Night, 6-8

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