

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / TRIGESIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

MASSES / MISAS

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

CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

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

ADORACIÓN / ADORATION

Friday / Viernes 9:00am
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm

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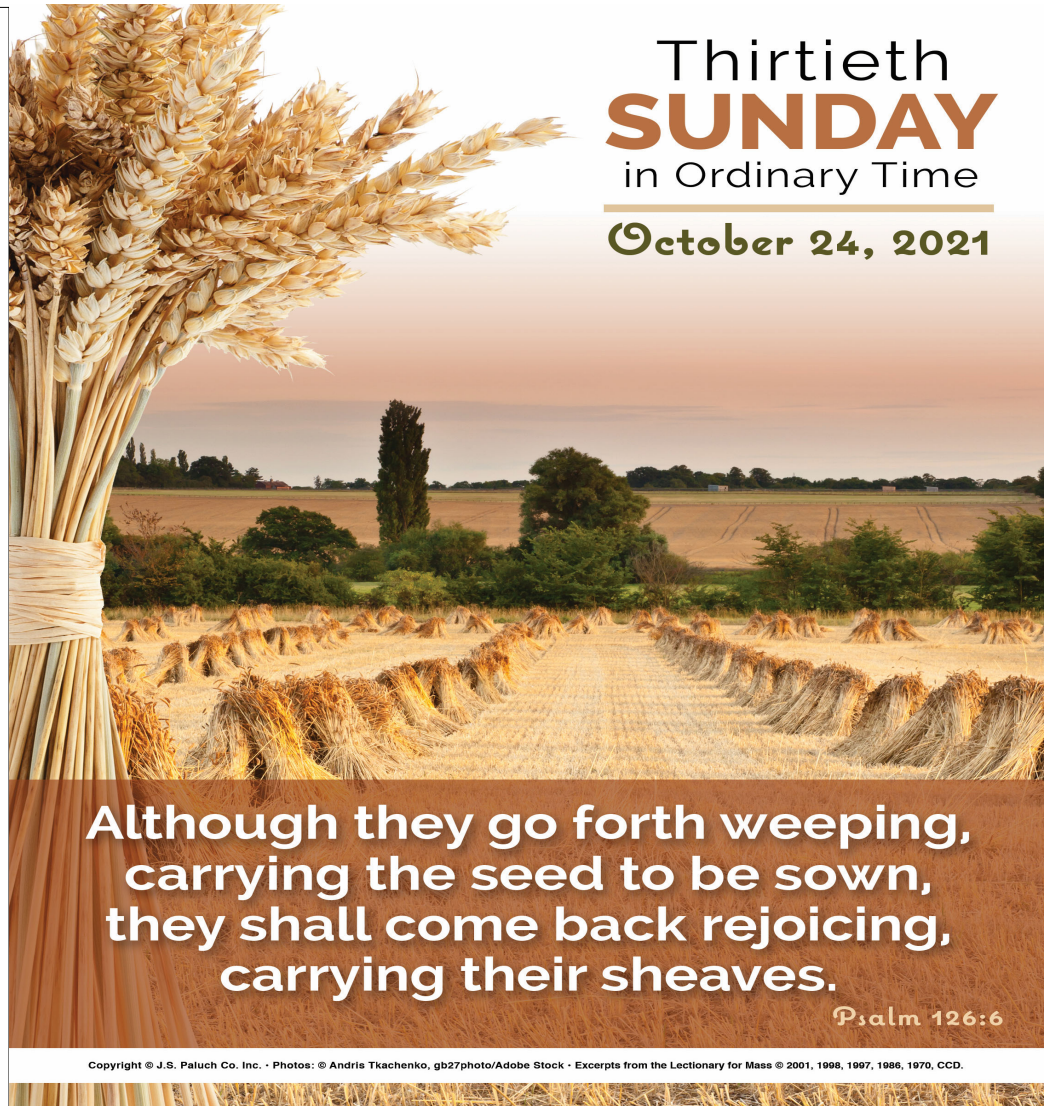
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Thirtieth
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021



**Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.**

Psalm 126:6

Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Current Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday by appointment

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Martes & Jueves por cita

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THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, October 24

No Events

Monday/Lunes, October 25

6:00-7:00pm Kitchen Community Supper

Tuesday/Martes, October 26

No Events

Wednesday/Miércoles, October 27

No Events

Thursday/Jueves, October 28

No Events

Friday/Viernes, October 29

No Events

Saturday/Sábado, October 30

No Events

RECOGNIZING JESUS

The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Thursday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, October 25	† Tom Tacci
	† Salvatore Oliveri
Tuesday, October 26	† Les Fry
	† Dionisio Marcelo
Wednesday, October 27	† Lucila Marcelo
	† Aida Escuton
Thursday, October 28	
Friday, October 29	† Prescilo M. Lardizabel
Saturday, October 30	All Souls
	† Jose Luis Figueroa

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

The Gospel today is a microcosm of Jesus' treatment of the outcast and downtrodden. If we take a moment to think about how we deal with people like Bartimaeus we realize that we still have work to do. A first reaction might be, considering what we might do in a similar circumstance, sure I'd help a blind beggar. I wouldn't be able to cure him but I could offer him solace and assistance. That is indeed what disciples are called to do. Acting in imitation of Christ offers the surest path to a life of meaning and purpose. But day to day life brings a myriad of stimuluses. How did Jesus act in times not recorded in scripture? What was his general demeanor? Who did he relax with? What chores did he have to do? All these questions arise in our lives. If we are not careful we spend our time working through them without consideration of how a disciple of Jesus should act. We are presented with daily choices to which we respond automatically. What would happen if, at each choice for action, we brought Jesus into our thoughts? A couple of answers come to mind. First we might bring love to mind; a love that sees others as valued as we want to be in God's eyes. It need be only a fleeting feeling that arises and then drifts away but it has done its job. Remembering that we aren't the center of the universe :-), that moving to consideration of how our upcoming choice will affect not just me but also those around me. Moving from our head to our heart is always a life giving action. Second we might choose to approach a person in difficulty rather than simply walking by them. Even just that simple action tells the person in need that they have value. Sometimes we can offer solace, a kind word or even tangible support. What we have become or remained is one who acts as Jesus does to the needy or underserved, with love. None of us knows how the small acts of kindness are received, whether acknowledged or not. It's not a contest, we must remember that we receive much more than we ever give away. We accumulate not things but instead grace, a grace that springs from the source, which is love and which in turn is God. We grow in the image and likeness of the one who created us when we act as Jesus' presence to others and to the world at large. In that process we realize that in fact we have become Bartimaeus. Asking for Jesus' pity and accepting that Jesus presence in our lives is what allows us to really "see."

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

The strange changes in weather make it difficult to find stability in our outdoor chores. It also affects the needy in terms of their clothing needs. Try giving away just one article of clothing you haven't worn in a long time. Your closet will thank you :-).

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

God and us

The miracle presented to us by the Gospel of Mark is so rich that we could spend much time meditating and explaining the meaning of each part of it. But in the background of this passage is a simple reality: the blind man and Jesus; in other words: God and us.

One cannot be saved if we don't do our part, but it is also equally true that salvation is the work of God. The Gospel presents the actions of the blind man in whom we are all represented; everything he does is to obtain from Jesus what he wants, the ability to see. He hears about Jesus, he calls to him, he goes to him, he asks of him. And each one of these actions is matched by Jesus, he approaches him, he calls him, he talks to him, he saves him.

While we live in this world we need to move toward Jesus, talk to him, search for his grace, and then receive it when he gives it to us. God is always the one who saves, but in the words of St. Augustine: "God who created you without you, will not save you without you."

In our lives, we need to do our best and then put ourselves in the hands of God. While we work for our salvation we cannot stop crying out to him, even when some ask us to be silent. We need to approach Jesus with courage, convinced that He is our salvation, even when we cannot see him.

Working for our salvation we might fall into two mistakes. First when we believe that we alone can do everything, conquer the world. Second when we expect God to do everything. Christian life consists in the perfect balance of what we do and what God does in our life.

I encourage you to "Pray as if everything depended on God. Work as if everything depended on you." (St. Augustine), then, as Bartimaeus did, we will see and follow Jesus on the way.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 22 through October 31, you are invited to join other people of faith for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray with us during this time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00am to 12:30pm in front of Planned Parenthood in Gilroy (760 Renz Ln – behind Lowes).

For more information contact Paula Barbara 408-858-4300.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Vitoreen con alegría! Yavé ha salvado a su pueblo, al resto de Israel. He llegado a ser un padre para Israel (Jeremías 31:7-9).

Salmo — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo no se atribuyó la dignidad de sumo sacerdote, sino que se la otorgó aquel que dice: "Tú eres mi Hijo, te he dado vida hoy mismo" (Hebreos 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Jesús le concede la vista a Bartimeo cuando con gran fe le suplica: "Maestro, que vea" (Marcos 10:46-52).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 8:12-17; Sal 68 (67):2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lc 13:10-17

Martes: Rom 8:18-25; Sal 126 (125):1b-6; Lc 13:18-21

Miércoles: Rom 8:26-30; Sal 13 (12):4-6; Lc 13:22-30

Jueves: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16

Viernes: Rom 9:1-5; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 14:1-6

Sábado: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lc 14:1, 7-11

Domingo: Dt 6:2-6; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mc 12:28b-34

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL
P. SERGIO N. OVANDO, PARROCO.....

Dios y nosotros

El milagro que nos presenta el Evangelio de Marcos, es tan rico que podríamos pasar tiempo meditando y explicando el significado de cada parte del mismo. Pero en el trasfondo de este pasaje hay una simple realidad: el ciego y Jesús, en otras palabras: Dios y nosotros.

No puede haber salvación si no hacemos nuestra parte, pero también es igualmente cierto que la salvación es obra de Dios. El Evangelio presenta las acciones de este ciego en el que todos estamos representados, todo lo que hace es obtener de Jesús lo que quiere, el deseo de ver. Oye hablar de Jesús, lo llama, va hacia él, le pregunta. Y cada una de estas acciones son correspondidas por Jesús, se acerca a él, lo llama, le habla, lo salva.

Mientras vivimos en este mundo, debemos acercarnos a Jesús, hablar con él, buscar su gracia y luego recibirla cuando nos la dio. Dios es siempre quien salva, pero en palabras de San Agustín: "Dios que te creó a ti sin ti, no te salvará a ti sin ti".

En nuestra vida, debemos hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo y luego ponernos en las manos de Dios. Mientras trabajamos por nuestra salvación, no podemos dejar de clamar por él, incluso cuando algunos nos piden que guardemos silencio, debemos acercarnos a Jesús con valentía, convencidos de que él es nuestra salvación, incluso cuando no podemos verlo.

Trabajando en nuestra salvación, podríamos caer en dos errores, primero, cuando creemos que solo nosotros podemos hacer todo, conquistar el mundo, y segundo cuando esperamos que Dios haga todo. La vida cristiana consiste en el perfecto equilibrio entre lo que hacemos y lo que Dios hace en nuestra vida.

Los animo a "Orar como si todo dependiera de Dios. Trabajar como si todo dependiera de ti". (San Agustín), luego como Bartimeo veremos y seguiremos a Jesús en el camino.

¡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

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 -

María Domínguez, Gerente de Oficina

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Jessica Pérez, Gerente de Negocio

Jessica.perez@dsj.org

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.

RECONOCE A JESÚS

El actor estelar del Evangelio de hoy es un mendigo. Bartimeo es ciego, sí, pero es probable que también fuera alguien sin hogar y estuviera sucio, una verdadera molestia para los ciudadanos respetables. Aún así, Bartimeo es quien reconoce a Jesús como el Mesías, pone toda su fe en él, deja a un lado todo lo que tenía (su capa), le ruega que tenga compasión de él, recibe una nueva visión, y sigue a Jesús en el camino del sufrimiento y muerte en Jerusalén. ¿Qué desesperados tenemos que estar antes de que podamos hacer lo mismo?

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**¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo,
Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!**

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Qué le han ayudado sus ojos de fe a ver de una manera nueva?

Niño: ¿Qué es lo que más le gusta de la historia de Bartimeo? ¿Por qué?

FIESTA DE LA FE

La antigua alianza

En la tradición bíblica, Dios se hace parte de la alianza como protector y salvaguardia de la misma. Es una alianza sencilla y poderosa: seré tu Dios y tú serás mi pueblo (Oseas 2:25). La alianza se daba por participación mutua, a partir de ella se es familia, se es uno y se corre la misma suerte. Se camina unidos hasta el final. Aunque esta alianza es entre Dios y el pueblo, no implica la misma categoría de ambas partes, tampoco igualdad de deberes, no es relación de súbdito con inferior. Dios siempre es fiel a su alianza; nosotros, no siempre. Esta es la relación de Dios con un pueblo concreto, con Israel. La alianza en sí misma es una acción sagrada y se castiga a los agresores. Se lleva a cabo mediante un juramento y quien no la cumpla, paga sus propias consecuencias. Ambas partes, plenamente libres, se adueñan de la alianza al formarla. Los ritos con los que esta alianza se marca son muy profundos: se corta la piel para derramar sangre, se mezcla y se bebe la sangre de ambas partes, se sumergen las manos en un recipiente lleno de sangre para simbolizar que se es uno solo.

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Formación de Familias en la Fe

Los padres de familia y los niños tendrán una mañana de reflexión acerca del Sacramento de la Eucaristía el sábado 30 de octubre. Pedimos a la comunidad de sus oraciones por las familias que están en el proceso de preparación sacramental. El *Papa Francisco* nos dice: “El tiempo de la fiesta en familia es sagrado porque Dios habita en modo especial. La Eucaristía dominical lleva a la fiesta toda la gracia de Jesucristo: su presencia, su amor, su sacrificio, su hacerse comunidad, su estar con nosotros.” aciprensa.com



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CON OJOS NUEVOS

La curación del ciego Bartimeo está narrada por Marcos para urgir a las comunidades cristianas a salir de su ceguera y mediocridad. Solo así seguirán a Jesús por el camino del Evangelio. El relato es de una sorprendente actualidad para la Iglesia de nuestros días.

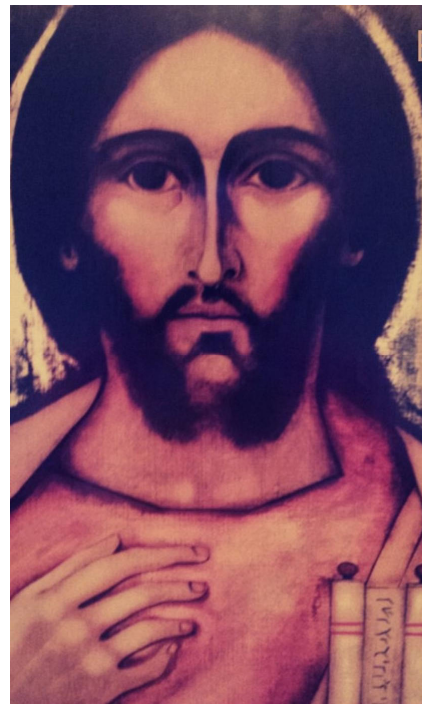
Bartimeo es "un mendigo ciego sentado al borde del camino". En su vida siempre es de noche. Ha oído hablar de Jesús, pero no conoce su rostro. No puede seguirlo. Está junto al camino por el que marcha Jesús, pero está fuera. ¿No es esta nuestra situación? ¿Cristianos ciegos, sentados junto al camino, incapaces de seguir a Jesús? Entre nosotros es de noche. Desconocemos a Jesús. Nos falta luz para seguir su camino. Ignoramos hacia dónde se encamina la Iglesia. No sabemos siquiera qué futuro queremos para ella. Instalados en una religión que no logra convertirnos en seguidores de Jesús, vivimos junto al Evangelio, pero fuera. ¿Qué podemos hacer?

A pesar de su ceguera, Bartimeo capta que Jesús está pasando cerca de él. No duda un instante. Algo le dice que en Jesús está su salvación: "¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!". Este grito repetido con fe va a desencadenar su curación. Hoy se oyen en la Iglesia quejas y lamentos, críticas, protestas y mutuas descalificaciones. No se escucha la oración humilde y confiada del ciego. Se nos ha olvidado que solo Jesús puede salvar a esta Iglesia. No percibimos su presencia cercana. Solo creemos en nosotros.

El ciego no ve, pero sabe escuchar la voz de Jesús que le llega a través de sus enviados: "¡Ánimo, levántate, que te llama!". Este es el clima que necesitamos crear en la Iglesia. Animarnos mutuamente a reaccionar. No seguir instalados en una religión convencional. Volver a Jesús que nos está llamando. Este es el primer objetivo pastoral. El ciego reacciona de forma admirable: suelta el manto que le impide levantarse, da un salto en medio de su oscuridad y se acerca a Jesús. De su corazón solo brota una petición: "Maestro, que recobre la vista". Si sus ojos se abren, todo cambiará. El relato concluye diciendo que el ciego recobró la vista y "le seguía por el camino".

Esta es la curación que necesitamos hoy los cristianos. El salto cualitativo que puede cambiar a la Iglesia. Si cambia nuestro modo de mirar a Jesús, si leemos su Evangelio con ojos nuevos, si captamos la originalidad de su mensaje y nos apasionamos con su proyecto de un mundo más humano, la fuerza de Jesús nos arrastrará. Nuestras comunidades conocerán la alegría de vivir siguiéndolo de cerca.

José Antonio Pagola

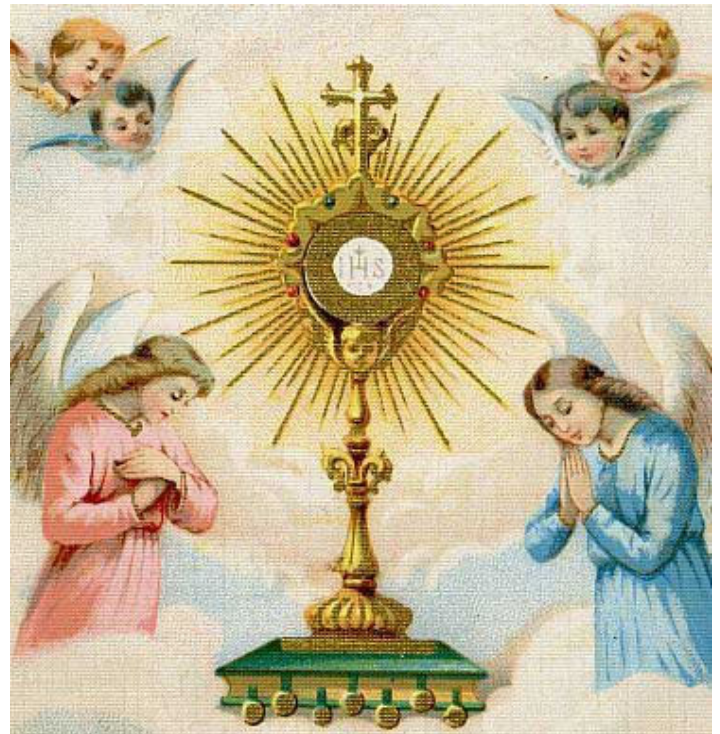


Bartimeo el Ciego del Camino

"Yo como el Ciego del Camino, pido un milagro para verte"

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 en 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.

Discovering God in the Everyday



**FREE
VIRTUAL
SCREENING**
**Monday,
October 25
at 5:30 to 7
pm**

The Upstanders is a film-based education program about resilience, attention, and the power of connection to end bullying. The film explores cyber-bullying, bullying among friends, families, co-workers and the brain science behind it all. The screening will promptly be followed by a panel discussion and includes access to further resources and materials.

Registration is free, it is appropriate for all 13 years and older. To learn more and register: <https://sites.google.com/view/upstandersoct25/home>



- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
- Have you been away from the church but now feel a tug at your heart calling you back?
- Are you baptized Catholic but have yet to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Do you have a child who is 7 years or older who has not yet been baptized?

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
6:30 pm in Milani Center**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the RCIA adapted for Children are wonderful ways to ask questions, find answers and share and pray with a community of other inquirers. Call Rose at the Faith Formation office at (408) 779-9604 for further information. We Welcome You!



UPDATES | NOTICIAS

CONFIRMATION

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

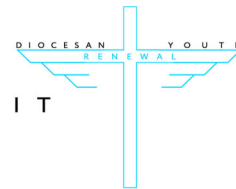
¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO DEL PROGRAMA 2021-22 YA ESTÁ ABIERTA!
¡VISITE A: WWW.STCA.ORG/CONFIRMACION-PARA-ADOLESCENTES
PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN Y REGISTRARSE EN LÍNEA!

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

I S O V E R

JULY 19 & 20
DYR 2021

JULY 22 & 23
MSDYR 2021

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 -

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Maria.dominguez@dsj.org

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Jessica Perez, Business Manager

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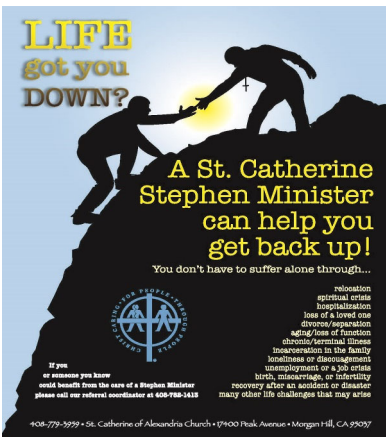
ONLINE DONATIONS

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 a credit card, debit card 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT

Would you benefit from having the support of



someone who is able to listen and understand what you are going through? If you are experiencing a difficult time, Stephen Ministry offers emotional and spiritual support. It is confidential, without judgment, free, one to one, men with men, women with women,

weekly or biweekly to fit your needs and schedule. To get more information please call and leave a message for Claranne at 408-782-1413 or text 408-710-2890.

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 during these times of hardship.

Monday Night Community Supper

Serves 60-75 hot meals to-go during this time of COVID restrictions instead of the 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 packages of Ramen, Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, cereal, and large paper grocery bags (with handles).

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.

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

ST. CATHERINE'S ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES



The St. Catherine Sweepstakes Committee is excited to present the 2021 Annual Sweepstakes; our 39th year!

We are "A Ministry that Supports other Ministries" all proceeds go to the Church and School. All ministries we support need you today. As a community, we can help.

Buy car and vacation tickets, or even better a Bonus Bundle, don't miss out on the "Early Bird Special." All tickets are entered in a special drawing if purchased on or before November 21, 2021. Support our community and have a chance to win a car, vacation or cash. It's a fun way to give back even in this challenging time.

We are up and running, selling tickets after Mass. Bring self-addressed address labels and your check or credit card. Vehicle Tickets are \$60.00, Vacation Tickets are \$20.00 and a Bonus Bundle is \$350.00.

Check out our website for more details and information at www.stcatherinesweeps.org.

CORRECTION to the Sweepstakes Card that was mailed out to you: You do not need to be present to win any of the great Sweepstakes prizes - we make sure to contact you if you are a lucky winner!

Thank you,
Your Sweepstakes Committee

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

Child: What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

ON-GOING WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY/ FAITH SHARING

NEW 8-week SESSION starting Oct. 20th, concluding Dec. 15 (Wednesdays, 7-8:15pm, with one week off for Thanksgiving).

Conversion: *"In this video-based program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ."*

Contact:

Joe Lillig 408-781-3847 or jplillig@gmail.com

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Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

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\$6,711,267.15

Number of Pledges: 883

Amount Received: \$4,853,554.32

Match Donations to date: \$115,029.38

Thank you for your generosity!!

Electronic Giving	10/10/2021
Vanco	\$6,117.00
We Share	\$1,055.00
Electronic Total	\$7,172.00
Sunday Mass	\$5,600.00
Sunday Offertory	\$2,105.00
Total Offertory	\$14,877.00

St. Catherine School News

Our First-Ever Read-A-Thon Starts Today!

Our first-ever St. Catherine School Read-A-Thon 2021 starts today, Oct 24th and runs throughout the week until Oct 29th. We are very excited to offer our students this wonderful opportunity to focus on their reading in fun and engaging ways. We pray that it brings them a life-long love of reading they carry with them forever.

We also thank our families and the St. Catherine community for their encouragement and support, by sponsoring our students and providing the support to achieve our ongoing fundraising goals for this year's St. Catherine School Campus Beautification Project. If you haven't already, we hope you consider supporting a St. Catherine School Student. No act of generosity is too small to make a difference!

stcatherine.schoolauktion.net/readathon2021

Blessings, Mrs. Anne Nowell, Principal

Apply to St. Catherine School for the 2022/23 School Year!

We are now taking applications for the 2022/23 academic year on our website. Whether you have a little one ready for Kindergarten or an older student that would like to experience the benefits of a Catholic school education, you can now apply on our website. Any questions? Please reach out to Jennifer Laws, our Development Director at (408) 779-9950 or via email at jlaws@stcatherinemh.org

Apply directly online at
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SAVE THE DATE!

We are hosting a virtual New Parent Information Night on Tuesday, Nov 16th. More info coming soon!



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