

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

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

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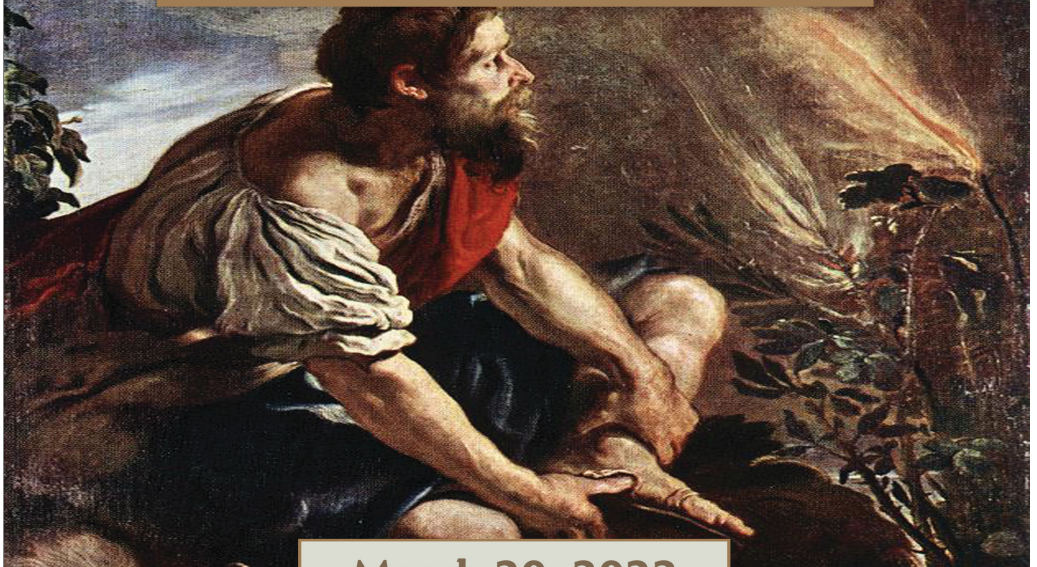
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Third Sunday of LENT

"Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place where you
stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5



March 20, 2022

Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Current Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday by appointment

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8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, March 21

† Puring Rojas

Tuesday, March 22

† Joe Freitas

† Rose Jones

† Marie Sebastian

Wednesday, March 23

† Matthew Barreras

† Eva Prudhomme Orton

Thursday, March 24

† Louie Gullos

Carrie Gose

Friday, March 25

† Alicia Salinas

† Salvatore Oliveri

Saturday, March 26

† Joshua Miracle

Johnny Capistrano

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; 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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
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]

HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Today we hear warnings, strong words that are meant to awaken us from a business as usual life. In the reading from Exodus Moses is “surprised” to find a burning bush which the fire did not consume. A strange sight indeed but what follows is Moses’ introduction to the Lord who empowers him to lead the Israelites out of suffering in Egypt to a “*land flowing with milk and honey*.” Our reaction is not only to be simply amazed and thankful but also to find in our unworthiness a call, however faint, to lead people in need out of darkness. Each time we help another in need, with God’s grace we shine a light for them to follow. We probably won’t see the final result of the journey, but the call is to light the way believing that God’s grace will be the empowering truth that accomplishes the entire journey... ours and those we touch. Paul’s message is a dire one that describes the failure of those freed by Moses but were unable to see in Jesus the light they sought. Paul explicitly tells the Corinthians who had trouble living as followers of Jesus that they must set aside any “*desire of evil things*” which they felt secure in seeking. Evil things are still as present now as ever. The Tempter is still active, we must guard against using our desires without “*taking care not to fall*.” We need regular practice reflecting on our choices, reflecting on not only what we want but rather to what that want leads us. The warning is clear, we must keep in mind that we are disciples of Jesus who came that we might have life, life in the full. Regular reflection on our life choices provides the means to have and to share life in the full. The Gospel provides Jesus’ clarion call to those who questioned pain, suffering and even death perhaps as punishment. Jesus recounts a parable of a fig tree which bore no fruit. The owner wanted the gardener to cut it down. The gardener asked to care for it to see if it would produce fruit, with the proviso that it would be cut down then if it did not. Hmm, where are we in all these warnings? Probably not as venal as some of the Corinthians, nor as barren at the fig tree. But without care and nurturing our spiritual lives risk being starved in the same ways. We must remember from whom our strength and growth come. Jesus’ inspiration and very presence in our lives is the source of our salvation. Living as he asks means making loving one another not an optional choice but rather the very foundation of our lives. Pray for His growth in us, remembering that He is always with us.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Being green is a state of mind as well as an action. Practicing acquiring only what we need as opposed to what we want is the key. It’s a lifelong journey, ebbing and flowing for sure but don’t stop trying, practice makes perfect.

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

Synod: An opportunity to Encounter, Listen, and Discern

My dear Parishioners,

Many of you have read and followed the invitation of our pope to be part of the Universal Synod, a two-year process of listening and discernment (2021-2023). The theme of the Synod is “For a Synodal Church: *Communion, Participation, and Mission*.”

Synodality or “journeying together” is more than a synod; it is an integral part of the very nature of the Church, a pilgrim people on a mission.

The fundamental question guiding the consultation process is: How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in our local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journey and mission?

In the diocesan phase of the Universal Synod, which occurs from now until April 2022, all Catholic communities in our diocese (parishes, missions, schools, chancery, agencies, and organizations) are invited to hold listening sessions with people from all walks of life, including those on the margins. The Holy Father invites us in this global consultation: to ***Encounter, Listen, and Discern***. We are to encounter and listen to one another and discern the direction in which the Lord wants to lead us on our journey.

Here in St. Catherine, we have already started Listening sessions with different parish groups. On **March 28th at 6:00pm** there will be a general parish listening session for everyone who would like to participate. It will be in English and Spanish but in two different groups separated by language. Also, you can choose to take an online survey. Those who cannot attend in person please use the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QGC5NV>

We would like to hear from you about:

-How you personally experience the church today?

-Joys and challenges?

-What is your dream for the Church in the future, locally and universally?

-Is there anything in the evangelization of the church that you would like to see?

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMO

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o *Exodo 17:3-7*.

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o *Salmo 95 (94)*.

Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o *Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o *Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15ab; 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: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Sal 40 (39):7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Sal 34 (33):2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
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.....

Sínodo: Una oportunidad para encontrar, escuchar y discernir

Mis queridos feligreses,

Seguramente ya han leído y seguido la invitación de nuestro Papa participar del Sínodo Universal, un proceso de dos años de escucha y discernimiento (2021-2023). El tema del Sínodo es "Por una Iglesia sinodal: comunión, participación y misión".

La sinodalidad o "caminar juntos" es más que un sínodo; es parte integrante de la naturaleza misma de la Iglesia, pueblo peregrino en misión.

Las preguntas fundamentales que guían el proceso de consulta: ¿Cómo se está dando este "caminar juntos" hoy en nuestra Iglesia local? ¿Qué pasos nos invita a dar el Espíritu para crecer en nuestro camino y misión?

En esta fase diocesana del Sínodo Universal, que tiene lugar desde ahora hasta abril de 2022, todas las comunidades católicas de nuestra diócesis (parroquias, misiones, escuelas, cancillería, agencias y organizaciones) están invitadas a realizar sesiones de escucha con personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida, incluidos los que se encuentran en los márgenes.

El Santo Padre nos invita en esta consulta global: al Encuentro, la Escucha y el Discernimiento. Debemos encontrarnos y escucharnos unos a otros y discernir la dirección en la que el Señor quiere llevarnos en nuestro camino.

Aquí en St. Catherine, ya comenzamos con las sesiones de escucha con los diferentes grupos parroquiales, el 28 de marzo a las 6 PM tendremos la sesión general de escucha parroquial para todos los que deseen participar. Esta sesión será en inglés y español, pero en 2 grupos diferentes separados por el idioma. Asimismo, estará a su disposición una encuesta online, para quienes no puedan asistir personalmente. Utilice este enlace: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QGC5NV>

Esto es lo que nos gustaría saber de usted:

¿Cómo experimenta usted personalmente la iglesia hoy?

¿Alegrías y desafíos?

¿Cuál es su sueño para la Iglesia en el futuro, local y universalmente?

¿Hay algo en la evangelización de la iglesia que le gustaría ver?

¿Qué aspectos de los esfuerzos evangelizadores de la iglesia, así como de su misión social de cuidar a los pobres y marginados, consideraría prioritarios?

Gracias de antemano por su participación en el sínodo.

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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Ministros de San Esteban: La Gente que esta alli Después

¿Qué es un Ministro Esteban? Somos las personas que buscan.

"Vengan a mi todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados, y les daré descanso".

Mateo 11:28

Los ministros Esteban de Santa Catalina están allí:

- después de la llamada telefónica que nunca esperabas recibir.
- después de que se cumplan/firmen los papeles de divorcio y sienta que se le derrumba su vida.
- después del funeral, cuando todos se han ido y las emociones que mantuviste a raya se estrellan contra ti.
- después de que el médico dice: "Lo siento, pero no hay nada más que podamos hacer".
- después de que el director del hogar de ancianos le da la mano y le dice: "Bienvenido a su nuevo hogar".
- después de que su familia y amigos hayan escuchado su historia demaciadas veces, pero aún necesita hablarla/contarla.
- después...

Compuesto por voluntarios capacitados, Stephen Ministry es el cuidado cristiano uno a uno de nuestra parroquia para los feligreses que enfrentan desafíos o dificultades de la vida. Si necesita un Ministro Stephen o tiene preguntas sobre cómo un Ministro Stephen puede ayudarlo en su situación, Comuníquese con - Claranne Schirle (408) 782-1413 o Santa Alvarez (408) 776-7827

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Señor Dios, fuente de misericordia y de toda bondad, que enseñaste que el remedio contra el pecado está en el ayuno, la oración y la limosna, mira con agrado nuestra humilde confesión, para que a quienes agobia la propia conciencia nos reconforte siempre tu misericordia. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Adulto: ¿Qué trabajo importante podría dar frutos en tu vida ahora mismo si tuvieras más confianza en el cuidado amoroso de Dios?
Niño: ¿Qué gran trabajo te gustaría hacer cuando seas mayor? ¿Qué puedes hacer para empezar ahora?

SUELO SAGRADO

Moisés se encontró con Dios de la manera más asombrosa en una zarza que ardía pero que el fuego no la consumía. Sin lugar a duda, Moisés tuvo un impactante encuentro con el Señor. Incluso se sintió lo suficientemente valiente para preguntarle a Dios por su nombre, algo inaudito entre su pueblo en ese tiempo, no se pronunciaba el nombre de Dios. Moisés estaba en suelo sagrado. ¿Acaso nosotros no estamos también parados sobre suelo sagrado? Como personas que somos creadas a imagen de Dios y atraídas por Cristo a través de las aguas del bautismo, somos llenados con la gracia y bondad de Dios. El suelo de nuestras vidas es sagrado. La Cuaresma es un tiempo en el que somos llamados a abrir nuestras mentes y corazones a Cristo, a confiar en la misericordia paciente de Dios y a crecer como pueblo santo de Dios.

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

FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

El fin de semana pasado, los niños que recibirán la Primera Comunión en unos meses, participaron del retiro para recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Damos gracias a las familias,

a las catequistas y a los sacerdotes por su participación y apoyo.

También, mañana lunes 21 de marzo, de 6:00pm -8:00pm toda la comunidad tendrá la oportunidad de recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Dios del amor y la misericordia nos espera.



¿DÓNDE ESTAMOS NOSOTROS?

Unos desconocidos le comunican a Jesús la noticia de la horrible matanza de unos galileos en el recinto sagrado del templo. El autor ha sido, una vez más, Pilato. Lo que más los horroriza es que la sangre de aquellos hombres se haya mezclado con la sangre de los animales que estaban ofreciendo a Dios.

No sabemos por qué acuden a Jesús. ¿Desean que se solidarice con las víctimas? ¿Quieren que les explique qué horrendo pecado han podido cometer para merecer una muerte tan ignominiosa? Y si no han pecado, ¿por qué Dios ha permitido aquella muerte sacrílega en su propio templo?

Jesús responde recordando otro acontecimiento dramático ocurrido en Jerusalén: la muerte de dieciocho personas aplastadas por la caída de un torreón de la muralla cercana a la piscina de Siloé. Pues bien, de ambos sucesos hace Jesús la misma afirmación: las víctimas no eran más pecadores que los demás. Y termina su intervención con la misma advertencia: «si no os convertís, todos pereceréis».

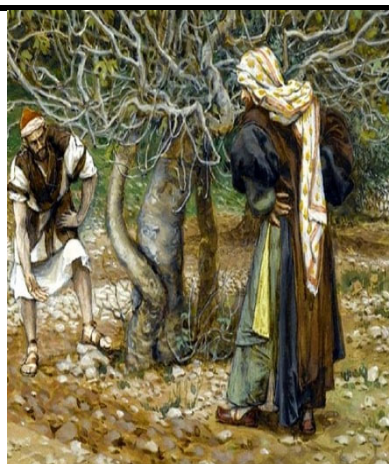
La respuesta de Jesús hace pensar. Antes que nada, rechaza la creencia tradicional de que las desgracias son un castigo de Dios. Jesús no piensa en un Dios "justiciero" que va castigando a sus hijos e hijas repartiendo aquí o allá enfermedades, accidentes o desgracias, como respuesta a sus pecados.

Después, cambia la perspectiva del planteamiento. No se detiene en elucubraciones teóricas sobre el origen último de las desgracias, hablando de la culpa de las víctimas o de la voluntad de Dios. Vuelve su mirada hacia los presentes y los enfrenta consigo mismos: han de escuchar en estos acontecimientos la llamada de Dios a la conversión y al cambio de vida.

Todavía vivimos estremecidos por el trágico terremoto de Haití. ¿Cómo leer esta tragedia desde la actitud de Jesús? Ciertamente, lo primero no es preguntarnos dónde está Dios, sino dónde estamos nosotros. La pregunta que puede encaminarnos hacia una conversión no es "¿por qué permite Dios esta horrible desgracia?", sino "¿cómo consentimos nosotros que tantos seres humanos vivan en la miseria, tan indefensos ante la fuerza de la naturaleza?".

Al Dios crucificado no lo encontraremos pidiéndole cuentas a una divinidad lejana, sino identificándonos con las víctimas. No lo descubriremos protestando de su indiferencia o negando su existencia, sino colaborando de mil formas por mitigar el dolor en Haití y en el mundo entero. Entonces, tal vez, intuiremos entre luces y sombras que Dios está en las víctimas, defendiendo su dignidad eterna, y en los que luchan contra el mal, alentando su combate.

José Antonio Pagola



Evangelio
Lucas 13,1-9

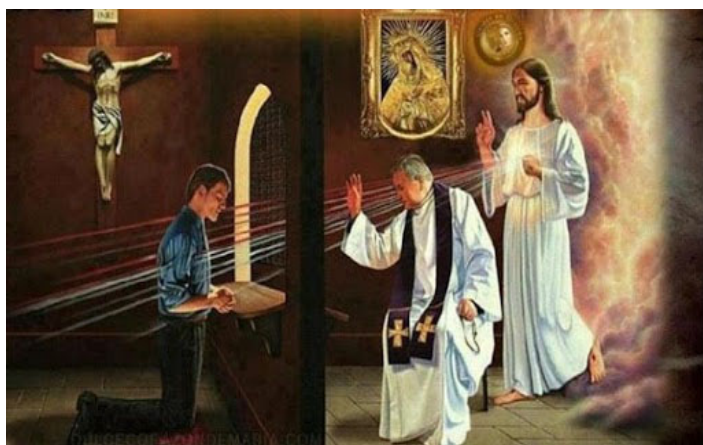
MISA EN ESPAÑOL Y HORA SANTA

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Discovering God in the Everyday



Faith Formation families gather and learn about Lent as a season of change and growth.



CRS RICE BOWL - Week 3 OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing, destroying farms, homes and more; making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to read his story of hope.



CONFIRMATION UPDATES | NOTICIAS DEL PROGRAMA DE CONFIRMACIÓN

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS JUNE 12, 2022! PLEASE VISIT WWW.STCA.ORG/CONFIRMATION FOR MORE INFO

¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO DEL PROGRAMA 2022-23 COMIENZA EL 12 DE JUNIO DE 2022! ¡VISITE A: WWW.STCA.ORG/CONFIRMACION-PARA-ADOLESCENTES PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN!



HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

TO JOIN VISIT WWW.STCA.ORG/YM

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL GROUP</u>
EVERY TUESDAY @ 6PM	EVERY THURSDAY @ 6PM

FOR TEXT UPDATES AND YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR TEXT "@stcat-ym" to 81010 or visit www.rmd.at/stcat-ym

FEELING CALLED TO SERVE IN YOUTH MINISTRY?

Service is what Catholics are called to do, as part of Stewardship. Volunteering in Youth Ministry is what courageous Catholics do, not because the youth appear to be especially tough, but because in order to build any relationship, you need to open yourself up. It is truly a rewarding and fulfilling ministry.

VISIT: WWW.STCA.ORG/VOLUNTEERING
FOR INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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.

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, **Reach Out can use canned soups, tomatoes and ramen.** We really appreciate all the donations that are given to help the hungry of our area.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know 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!



Stephen Ministers: The After People

What is a Stephen Minister? We are the *After People*.

"Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

St. Catherine's Stephens Ministers are there:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- after the funeral when everyone has left and the emotions you held at bay come crashing in on you.
- after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- after your family and friends have heard your story too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Comprised of trained volunteers, Stephen Ministry is our Parish's one-to-one Christian care to parishioners facing life challenges or difficulties. If you are in need of a Stephen Minister or have questions on how a Stephen Minister can help in your situation, Contact - Claranne Schirle (408) 782-1413.

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!

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

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—Confucius



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



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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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Do you know how to sew? We are in need of two new bench covers for our Parish Office seating. If you can help please contact Maria Dominguez at 408-779-3959 ext. 270 or email at maria.dominguez@dsj.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

Child: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

RMD Giving

Getting ready to make your RMD?

Are you required to take a distribution from your IRA accounts that you don't need yourself?

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Current Capital Campaign Progress:

of Pledges (as of 02/14/22): 985

Amount received: \$5,775,706.41

Amount Pledged to date: \$7,406,880.40

Thank you for your generosity!!

Electronic Giving

3/6/2022

Vanco	\$5,975.50
We Share	\$1,232.51
Electronic Total	\$7,208.01
Sunday Mass	\$10,138.00
Sunday Offertory	\$12,074.00
Total Offertory	\$29,420.01

Ash Wednesday \$5,332.00

We Love Alumni Visits!

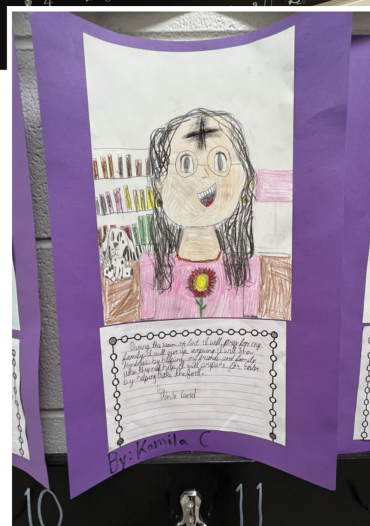
St. Catherine School is incredibly proud of our alumni. We love to hear about their progress in high school and frequently offer them opportunities to fulfill their service hour requirements. They often come back to volunteer and all of the students enjoy their visits immensely.

This month, we were very happy to welcome back Luke Gallego, currently attending Bellarmine. Luke's service project was to read to our Kindergarteners via zoom. He offered them a choice of two books and our Kinders picked *Move Over Rover*. This very cute rhyming story includes a message of welcoming and sharing with others. Luke also read *Finklehopper Frog Cheers*, a story about animals in a hopping race and the importance of good sportsmanship. This story's message was to not brag when you win and to encourage others when they need it. Luke did an awesome job engaging with the students, asking them about their favorite characters and why, as well as their favorite part of the story. It was a great session and we thank Luke for joining us!



Lenten Sacrifices

Our 4th Graders celebrated the start of Lent by creating self portraits of themselves on Ash Wednesday and writing about what they will sacrifice for Lent this season.



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