

# 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.*

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO 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.)

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Wednesday / Miércoles 7:00pm

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sergio N. Ovando, Pastor....*

## **Gratitude**

It has not been long since I arrived at Saint Catherine, just three months ago. In this time, however, I have experienced your love for – as well as your dedication to – our parish. It is for this reason that I would like to thank each one of you for everything you do for Saint Catherine.

I am convinced that we should all practice gratitude, which can only be achieved when we do not take anything for granted. Rather, we look with awe at all that we have received and allow ourselves truly to appreciate those gifts.

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*Desde el escritorio del P. Sergio N. Ovando, Párroco.....*

## **Gratitud**

No hace mucho tiempo que he llegado aquí a Santa Catalina, solo 3 meses; pero en este tiempo he experimentado el amor y el respeto de todos ustedes, al mismo tiempo que he podido apreciar su dedicación a la parroquia. Es por ese motivo que quisiera agradecerles a todos y cada uno por todo lo que hacen por nuestra comunidad.

Estoy convencido que la gratitud es algo que todos debemos practicar y que solo se puede obtener si no consideramos las cosas que tenemos como aseguradas, sino cuando miramos con asombro todo lo que he hemos recibido y aprendemos a apreciarlo.

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**Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría**

Monday - Friday (*Lunes - Viernes*)

8:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday (*Sábado*) / Sunday (*Domingo*)

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalms** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28  
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, October 7**

9:00-10:15am MC,DC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes  
 3:30-5:00pm MC Confirmation Fall Quarter  
 4:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band and Singers  
 7:00-9:00pm MC,CR1-4,Kit Life Teen Youth Group  
 7:00-9:00pm GYM Open Gym Basketball

**Monday/Lunes, October 8**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00-7:00pm CR3-4,Kit Community Super  
 7:30-9:00pm MC English - Pre-Baptism Class

**Tuesday/Martes, October 9**

6:00-6:30PM CH *Monaguillo-Training*  
 6:30-9:00pm Rm. 11 JPC Coro  
 6:30-9:00pm MC *Español - Platicas Pre-Bautismales*  
 6:30-7:30pm CR1-2 Cubs Scouts Pack 766 - Den 3  
 7:00-8:30pm CH *Reunion de Lectores*  
 7:00-8:45pm CR3-4,Kit KoC - Council Meeting  
 7:00-9:00pm LR Car Raffle Committee

**Wednesday/Miércoles, October 10**

9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women's Group Study  
 3:30-4:45pm MC,Rm.8,CH Faith Formation Classes  
 4:00-8:00pm NUR Choir Practice / Fil/Am Choir  
 5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir  
 6:00-8:00pm CH *Adoration/Hora Santa*  
 6:00-7:30pm Rm.11,CR1-2 UPDE Meeting  
 6:30-8:00pm GYM *Danza Liturgica*  
 6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group  
 7:00-8:30pm MC EDGE - Middle School Ministry  
 7:00-8:30pm LR RICA  
 7:00-8:30pm Rm. 10 *Grupo Amigos Pastorela Practice*  
 8:00-10:00pm CH *Alfa-Omega Grupo de Oracion*

**Thursday/Jueves, October 11**

6:00-7:30pm Rm. 10 UPDE - Volunteer Meeting  
 6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir  
 7:00-8:30pm CR3-4 Capital Campaign Committee Mtg.  
 7:00-8:30pm Rm. 11 *Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.*

**Friday/Viernes, October 12**

9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study  
 7:00-9:00pm MC *Grupo Amigos Youth Group*  
 7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 JPC *Reunion Semanal*

**Saturday/Sabado, October 13**

9:00-9:30am CH *Spanish FF Community Time*  
 9:15-10:45am MC,DC,Rm.8,10,11 *Spanish Faith Formation Classes*  
 1:00-5:00pm MC *Alfa & Omega Retiro de Servidores*  
 7:00-10:00pm CR1-4,Kit,Gym,Patio,Nur JPC - *Baile de Rey/Reina*

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

Monday, October 8	† Elizar Pulido
	† Mary Raddatz
Tuesday, October 9	Elizabeth Madrigal
	† Richard Houle
Wednesday, October 10	David Ryan
	† Aaron Ragasa
Thursday, October 11	† Sima Mariani
	† Leonardo De Palma
Friday, October 12	† Mary Leyva
	† Donato Benevento
Saturday, October 13	† Kathy Venneman
	† Larry Wong

## STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

Today's Gospel brings to mind the expression that sometimes we "can't see the forest for the trees." In other words we focus too narrowly on the specific words and images but miss the larger intent. Speaking about marriage and divorce as well as becoming like a child with words that are very specific lead us to yes/no me/not-me kinds of thought. It is helpful to remember that Mark addressed "problems" of his time and often without much nuance. Part of our call asks that we try to discern the underlying message and see how it applies today. Perhaps at the risk of oversimplification, consider that the people of Mark's time needed to see marriage as a commitment of two people who are to become one. Then, as now, marriage did not always embody that dedication to the timelessness of the commitment. An important question arises, one that the Church's marriage preparation asks, why does the couple wish to marry and at the same time do they intend it to be a lifetime commitment? Even the best of intentions are not always able to be lived out, and marriages do dissolve and divorce happens. In Mark's time marriages were very often means by which family patronages were continued (thus abrogating the couple's desires). That still occurs today but what seems to be missing in our modern times is the intention to be committed to one another through whatever life brings. Sadly we see too many public figures committed only as long as everything goes well. The commitment to love as lived in marriage echoes Jesus' commitment to His Father's will... and we know that he gave his very life to that will. When marriage vows are seen in that light, we live all parts of life in concert together. When that light dims, as it can in other aspects of imitation of Christ, we learn to deal with loss, seeking strength in the knowledge that Jesus is ever present to and with us. In a real sense, becoming like "a little child" offers a path for us. Not just in hard times but in good times... in all times. Children have to learn the troubling habits of separation, judgment and prejudice that adults model too well. Physically we can't go back to childhood but we can spiritually. Embracing the truth that we are loved by God and meant to share that knowledge by how we treat others is a giant step in being "other Christs" in the world. Don't make it too complicated, try always to act in ways which are centered in love. A love that places others, if not before us in all things, certainly in most. God's creation cries out for the shared experience of love. It's up to us to respond.

### GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

On the lighter side, beer may lead the way. Breweries spent grain is being used to produce bio-plastic. One use makes the plastic rings on 6-packs truly bio degradable. Experimental now, we can help, salud!

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. SERGIO...

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."—G. K. Chesterton.

At this time, I would like to thank all who share our work, including our many volunteers, especially those who made our recent Parish Festival possible and such a great success. I have also come to appreciate the support of all of the parents and staff of the school and, of course, the children who bring such great life and happiness to our community.

Each weekend, when you came to Mass, I will thank you for being there that day. I do not say this just to say it, for it is true that without your presence every Sunday, life in the parish would not be the same; so I am truly grateful to you.

In a few days, I will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination as a priest. I give thanks to God and to everyone that has been a part of my life during these years, in every community I have served, and in so many different places. God's Providence has placed me to be here now, and for that I am also grateful.

I have come to know that the times and places in which we live are also gifts that inspire gratitude, because they have molded us into the individuals, families and communities that we have become.

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

### HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at [office@stca.org](mailto:office@stca.org), drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & 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!

## VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Dios crea una compañera apropiada para Adán: Eva (Génesis 2:18-24).

**Salmo** — Que Dios nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida (Salmo 128 [127]).

**Segunda lectura** — Cristo, el que consagra, y aquellos a quienes consagra tienen un mismo origen. (Hebreos 2:9-11).

**Evangelio** — Lo que Dios ha unido, que ningún ser humano lo separe. Dejen que los niños vengan a mí. El reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como ellos (Marcos 10:2-16).

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gál 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37

Martes: Gál 1:13-24; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42

Miércoles: Gál 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4

Jueves: Gál 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13

Viernes: Gál 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26

Sábado: Gál 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28

Domingo: Sab 7:7-11; Sal 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mc 10:17-30 [17-27]

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

### ¡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?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No

### DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL P. SERGIO.....

Decía G.K. Chesterton "Yo afirmaré que el agradecimiento es una de las formas más elevadas de pensamiento, y que la gratitud es la felicidad duplicada por la admiración".

Quisiera agradecer a todos los que trabajan en la parroquia, los voluntarios, especialmente todos aquellos que en las últimas semanas a través de su colaboración hicieron posible el Festival. En este tiempo aquí he apreciado también el apoyo de los padres y el personal de la escuela, y especialmente a los niños que aportan vida y alegría a esta comunidad.

Todos los fines de semanas cuando vienen a la misa, yo les agradezco por haber venido ese día, esto no es una simple frase sino la expresión de una realidad que nos indica que sin su presencia cada domingo la vida de la parroquia no sería lo mismo; por eso estoy agradecido.

En unos días cumpliré 25 años de mi ordenación sacerdotal. Por todos esos años doy gracias a Dios y a toda persona que ha sido parte de mi vida en este tiempo. Gracias a cada comunidad en la cual serví, en distintos lugares. La providencia de Dios ha querido que ahora este aquí con ustedes. Por ello estoy también agradecido.

En fin, he aprendido que el lugar y el tiempo en el cual vivimos o hemos vivido es también un don de Dios. Por el cual necesitamos estar agradecidos, porque todo a contribuido a que seamos lo que somos hoy.

### OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIADO

¿Está interesado en ser voluntario? Visite nuestro sitio web en [www.stca.org](http://www.stca.org), haga clic en OPORTUNIDADES DE VOLUNTARIO a la derecha para ver e inscribirse en varias opciones de voluntario.

Muchas manos hacen el trabajo menos.

### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

**Adulto:** "¿Qué podría impedirte aceptar el reino de Dios como un niño pequeño?"

**Niño:** "¿Cómo te sientes cuando escuchas las maravillosas historias del amor de Dios por ti?"

## VIGÉSIMO SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### BALONCESTO

El gimnasio de baloncesto estará abierto para jugar de forma gratuita los domingos de 7 a 9pm.

Esto será principalmente para mayores de 30 años. Los jóvenes que están en la secundaria menores de 17 años deben ser acompañados por un padre. Todos los jugadores deben usar camisetas. Será juego limpio y el espíritu deportivo serán requeridos en la cancha. Salga a hacer ejercicio jugando al baloncesto. Para obtener más información, contáctese con Richard Sias en ricweb3.0@gmail.com.

### ORACION & ADORACION

El Obispo McGrath nos ha invitado a que octubre sea un mes de oración en toda la Diócesis y en cada parroquia. Oración por víctimas y sobrevivientes de abuso, oración por la purificación de la Iglesia y oración para edificar en Cristo la Iglesia como un instrumento de la paz de Dios.

La parroquia de Santa Catalina tendrá una tarde de oración y adoración al Santísimo Sacramento desde las 6 p.m. hasta las 8 p.m. todos los miércoles en el mes de octubre. Los esperamos y demostremos nuestra unidad en oración.

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Un viejo chiste relata que una ancianita por más que se apresuraba a llegar al templo, siempre llegaba tarde al rosario. Un día decidió adelantarse para ver por qué duraba tan poco tiempo el rezo del rosario. A la hora establecida salió un ministro de la sacristía y velozmente recitó "Cruz, Bola, bolita, bolita, bolita, Bola . . .".

Esta es una exageración del hecho que muchos rezan el rosario como si fuera una serie de fórmulas que se repiten sin pensar. Esta devoción mariana debe meditarse con tranquilidad y en silencio. El enfoque del rezo del rosario son los misterios de la vida de Jesús. Los "Padrenuestros" y las "Ave Marías" nos ayudan a entrar en esa meditación en una forma mas profunda. Esas oraciones deben ayudarnos a penetrar el misterio de un acontecimiento gozoso, luminoso, doloroso, o glorioso de la vida de Jesucristo. Pero, una vez que estamos en presencia del misterio, debemos enfocarnos y contemplar a Dios. Esto no significa que el rosario no deba nunca rezarse en voz alta y en grupo. El rosario también tiene su dimensión comunitaria, pero ésta necesita fundarse en una verdadera meditación. En varias culturas latinoamericanas aún se canta el rosario. Ya sea a solas o en comunidad, rezado o cantado, el rosario es un tesoro de nuestra fe que nos puede facilitar la contemplación del salvador.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

Ya estamos en las clases de catequesis para niños y para padres de familia los sábados de 9:15 a 10:45.

La Alegría del Amor Sobre el amor en la Familia escrita por el Papa Francisco es nuestra herramienta en este año.

Primer tema "A la Luz de la Palabra." Nos dice, "La Biblia está poblada de familias, de generaciones, de historias de amor y de crisis Familiares." Padres de familia los invitamos a que pasen al centro Milani y que juntos a la Luz del Evangelio sigamos creciendo en nuestra fe.



### SÁBADO, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE

Tengan en cuenta que el sábado 3 de noviembre no habrá misa de las 5:30p.m. ni a las 7:00 p.m. Habrá una misa bilingüe en este día a las 6:00p.m. para la instalación del Padre Sergio como nuestro párroco.

### LOS ABRAZÓ Y LOS BENDIJO

Hoy Jesús recalca que el Reino de Dios pertenece a los que son como los niños. Son confiados, tiernos y tienen el corazón abierto al amor. Se alegran cuando se dan cuenta del amor que Dios siente por ellos y están más que dispuestos a retribuir ese amor. Este es el modelo que Jesús nos presenta si queremos recibir el Reino de Dios. Debemos abrir el corazón y amar. Debemos bajar la guardia, sin importar por qué la hayamos montado, y recibir con alegría el amor que Cristo siente por nosotros. Es imposible que hagamos esto sin ayuda. Sólo la gracia de Dios nos permitirá hacerlo y esa gracia se nos concede generosamente y sin condiciones. Lo único que debemos hacer es aceptarla.

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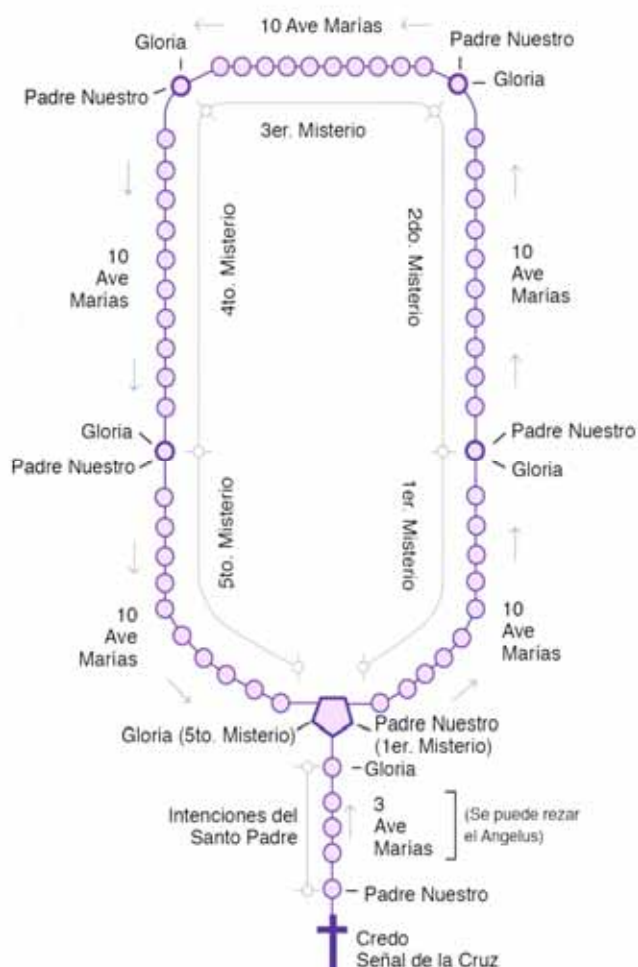
### OCTUBRE, MES DEL SANTO ROSARIO

*Contempla la vida del Hijo  
con los Ojos de la Madre*

OCTUBRE, MES DEL SANTO ROSARIO.



### COMO REZAR EL SANTO ROSARIO



### HORA SANTA

MIÉRCOLES DE 7:00 PM A 8:00 PM



Todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm tenemos la oportunidad de orar una hora con el Señor en frente de Santísimo Sacramento. No pierda la oportunidad de pasar una hora con el Señor.

### SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El ministerio parroquial de San Vicente de Paul está disponible para cualquier persona que lo necesite en nuestra comunidad. Los feligreses donan dinero generosamente para que otros puedan obtener ayuda para pagar la renta, las facturas de PGE, o recibir una tarjeta de regalo para comida, gasolina o cualquier artículo necesario. Llame a nuestra línea de ayuda SVdP al 408-778-2928 y deje un mensaje en inglés o español.

### JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. Tenemos momento de alabanzas con el coro y también compartimos temas acerca de la fe y temas sociales. ¡Los esperamos!

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO ALPHA Y OMEGA

Se hace la invitación a toda la comunidad a un tiempo de oración y alabanzas. El grupo se reúne los miércoles al terminar la Hora Santa. De 8:00 pm a 9:30 pm. Acompañen a alabar al Señor con cánticos y oración.

### GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

# Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith

Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine's Church



LET IT GO

No, this isn't about Frozen. This is about you. And me. It's about all of us (when is the Gospel not, amirite?).

I can't imagine what it's like for someone who's been divorced to hear today's Gospel. I read that and was like, "Dude, Jesus, do you have to be so mean about it?" But then again, Jesus also says anyone who looks at another with lust commits adultery, so...

And then I got to the end, and the last part seems so disconnected. Why do we have this teaching on divorce followed by little children coming to Jesus?

I think it's because Jesus is calling us to let go of whatever it is that's holding us back from going to Him with open arms. Often times when I come home to my kids they come running up to me with their hands and arms open. They usually aren't carrying a bunch of stuff, and whatever they were playing with they put down (or drop or throw) so they can give me a hug (and if they don't, I tell them to put it down so they can give me a hug). That's what Jesus wants us to do. He wants us to let go of whatever we're holding on to so we can give Him a full, proper, intentional hug. Have you ever had someone (or been that person) who's tried to give someone a hug while carrying an item or seven? It can be awkward, and the person holding the stuff is usually just waiting for the hug to end so they can go back to what they were doing.

But Jesus doesn't want us to let go and move on. Jesus doesn't want us to hold on to our baggage or whatever things that make us say, "I love You, Jesus, and want to be with You, but I need these things too." Jesus wants us to put those things down, and then embrace Him fully.

The funny thing is it's easier to let go of those things once we've experienced the full embrace of our Lord, but we won't know that until we let go of those things.

## Fall Session (Quarter Intro)

is next Sunday (Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30-5pm.

We'll have a special guest to share their story and some time for you to praise God through worship music. All high schoolers are welcome to join us.

Questions: contact Deepu at deepuk@dsj.org or 408-874-6742



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(in Candy Park)

St. Catherine Youth Ministry Fundraiser

**October 10th**

(2nd Wednesday)

**11am - 9:30pm**

20% of your purchase (excluding alcohol) goes towards scholarships for retreats & Confirmation!

P.S. Parktown Pizza has WAY more than just pizza - Traditional & Indian Pizza, Sandwiches & Appetizers



Since October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, October is traditionally considered the Month of the Rosary. When I was growing up my family prayed the rosary every Friday. The repetition helped my siblings and me learn the formal prayers like the Our Father and Hail Mary. Praying the rosary also helped us to reflect on and remember the important times and events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Here are some creative ways to learn about and pray the rosary together as a family:

1) Use this past summer's pool noodles and make a giant family rosary. It is a great way to learn by doing and is a fun activity for parents and kids of all ages.



2) Set aside a day and time that is best for everyone to pray a family rosary. A good time may be right before bedtime or consider extending bedtime by 20 minutes (the usual time it takes to say the rosary). For younger children, you may want to pray a decade each evening so that by the end of the week, the family will have prayed the rosary.



3) Walk and pray in the St. Catherine Rosary Garden located between the middle school and the main school building. Walking on

the stones that represent rosary beads is a great way to engage children who learn best kinesthetically or through nature.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ONLY 79 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

That means there are only 60 days until the Community Advent/Christmas Concert on December 7<sup>th</sup>. That is just 7 rehearsals. Time to get singing. You are invited to join in the St. Catherine Community Choir to present a couple of uplifting songs. We will sing "Emmanuel" by Steve Angrisano and "Amen, Go Tell It" arranged by Donald Moore. What a great way to start the Christmas season and to show your St. Catherine spirit. Please join us on Monday evenings in the church at 7:00pm for rehearsal. To learn more, contact Michelle Majjasie, email [mmajjasie@dsj.org](mailto:mmajjasie@dsj.org).

### MARRIED COUPLES

Fall is a beautiful season, full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 9-11, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit our website: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or [408-782-1413](tel:408-782-1413).

### SAFE CAR PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

#### Trailer Repair Help?

Our Morgan Hill Safe Car Park ministry has a donated trailer that is being used by a homeless family while they secure affordable housing. We are in need of some help sealing the roof seams of the trailer before any winter rains. Materials are already purchased. If you have some time to offer, we'd appreciate it. Contact Carol Lillig for more information. 408-857-4516 or [Lillig.carol@gmail.com](mailto:Lillig.carol@gmail.com)

### SAINTS CHAPEL HELP

Clean chapel area and put new candles out. Help is needed throughout the day and evening. Small candles need to be changed every four hours. Contact: Ralph Ortega at [ralphndebbie@icloud.com](mailto:ralphndebbie@icloud.com).

### PRAYER & ADORATION

Bishop McGrath has invited us to make October be a month of prayer throughout the Diocese and in each parish. Prayer for victims and survivors of abuse, prayer for the purification of the Church, and prayer to build up in Christ the Church as an instrument of God's peace. St. Catherine Parish holds an evening of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm until 8pm every Wednesday in the month of October. Please join us and show our unity in prayer.

### COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE



Please bring new and gently used coats, jackets and blankets for the Coat/Blanket Drive! Donation bins are located in the church vestibule and St.

Catherine School lobby.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally is held at Saint Catherine of Alexandria school, 17500 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill in the Rosary Garden. Thank you.

### THANK YOU

Thank you Ann Cretin, Irene Howell and Cathy Gomes, for making beautiful curtains for the tiny home at our Safe Car Park. A homeless family now has a daily visual reminder that they are cared for by our community. (Thanks also to all those who volunteered over and above what we needed, we are a generous church indeed.).



## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join with others in South County to end abortion, support the sanctity of life, and support young mothers who struggle to make a life affirming choice.

Join our 40 Days Prayer that kicked off on Wednesday, September 26th, at 11:45am. Hosted vigils three days per week M,W,F at 11:45am adjacent to Planned Parenthood, 760 Renz Lane, Gilroy.

For information call Brian Cunningham 408-847-2000 or email 40daysforlifegilroy@gmail.com

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

Please note that there will be no 5:30pm or 7:00pm mass on Saturday, November 3rd. There is a bilingual mass on this day at 6:00pm for Fr. Sergio's installation as our pastor.

### ST. CATHERINE MISSION TO GHANA

Organizing for our upcoming 2019 trip to the school in Ghana will begin on Monday October 29th from 6:30-7:30pm in the St. Catherine O'Donnell Parish Center - Conference room 1. Many opportunities to support the school we built are available including outreach, teaching, building, art, and other projects. Please attend to prepare for the upcoming trip!

Contact: janet95037@gmail.com.

**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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**Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus hosts an Oktoberfest on October 20th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm in the O'Donnell Parish Center. Schnitzel (Jaeger & Wiener), Spaetzel, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Strudel, Oktoberfest Beer, Rhine Wine. Entertainment will be DJ Seagren & The Clappers. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. Tickets on sale after mass or on the parish website.

### St. Catherine Women's Book Club

October selection: Travels With Myself and Another: a Memoir by Martha Gellhorn. Meets Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm at Peet's on Cochrane. Questions? Contact: Paula paulacbarbara@gmail.com.

### ST. CATHERINE'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

The annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is upcoming on Wednesday, November 21st. Each year a scrumptious dinner is provided to almost 250 of our neighbors through the support of our generous community members. Donations and volunteer opportunities for this year's dinner are gratefully excepted on the parish website: [www.stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/dinner2018](http://www.stcatherinechurch.ivolunteer.com/dinner2018)

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!

Contact: janet95037@gmail.com

### COMMUNITY SUPPER

The Community Supper ministry is in need of kitchen towels. If you have any used ones you'd be willing to donate, you could leave them for us in the parish office. (Then you'll have an excuse to buy new ones for your kitchen!)

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** "What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?"

**Child:** "How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?"

*Business Office Update*

**TIME, TALENT &  
TREASURE**

Next weekend, the Finance Council, Father Sergio, and I will present the Annual Report to the Parish. This is a review of the past year's financial performance, and a forecast of the current year.

	<b>Sunday 9/30/18</b>	
<b>This Week</b>	<b>\$21,097</b>	
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$23,227</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,130</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **Bright Beginnings Nursery** is open on Sundays for the 8:45AM and 10:30AM Masses. We have toys and activities for children from ages 1 to 4 years old. Hiedi Betancourt is our Nursery Supervisor and has led the Nursery for years. Enter the Parish Center, and the Nursery is off to the left. We are open when you see the **Bright Beginnings** sign in the front of the Parish Center.

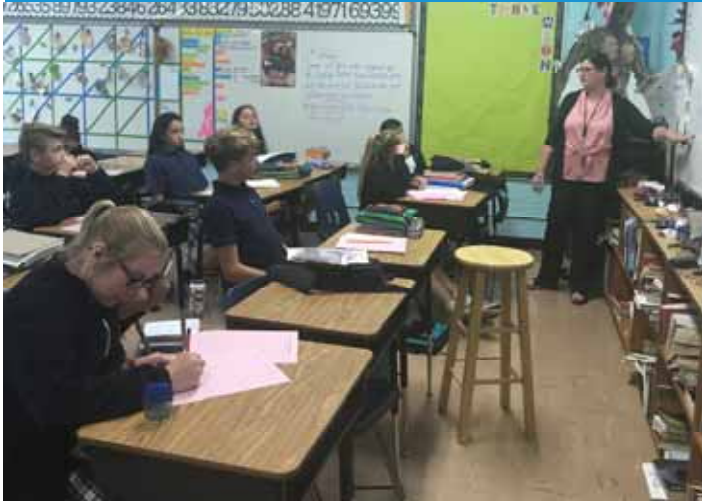
**SUNDAY  
COFFEE &  
DOUGHNUTS**

We are looking for more volunteers for Sunday hospitality. This is a ministry at St. Catherine's for parishioners and visitors to enjoy each other's company with some **Coffee and Doughnuts** after Sunday morning Mass. It is simple to do, and all we ask is you stay 30 minutes before or after the Mass. Can you commit to once every two months? If you are interested please email me: [lvillano@dsj.org](mailto:lvillano@dsj.org).

**FALL FUN FEST**

As your Business Manager, I learned a whole new perspective on the operation of the Fall Fun Fest compared to being a volunteer before. The biggest takeaway was the way the Fall Fun Fest Committee and **hundreds of volunteers** came together as a unit to show the local community our best face. I want to **personally thank all of you** who helped make this Fall Fun Fest the success it was. From the cooks and servers, to the maintenance workers, photographers, game booth operators, ticket sales workers, finance team, the construction team, set up and tear down teams, and others. The numbers are not all in as of this writing, but I will update you later on with the results.

## St. Catherine School News



*In fifth through eighth grades, math class are split according to levels. These smaller groupings provide students with more focused support in the specific areas they need.*



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### APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available on the school website, [www.stcatherinemh.org](http://www.stcatherinemh.org), under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 19, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 6. Kinder testing will take place in January with testing for grades 1-8 being held in March.

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

*St. Catherine of  
Alexandria,  
Pray for Us!*

## ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL WALKATHON

The Walkathon took place last **Friday, October 5th!** It was a fantastic day! If you made a pledge for your favorite St. Catherine students, they will be collecting soon. Thank you for your support!

A HUGE thank you also to all our sponsors for their support in helping us make this event such a fabulous success! We'll let you know how we did when all the pledges are collected.

**Platinum Sponsors:** Della Maggiore Family, Redwood Empire, Natalie Provenzano DDS, RNP Advisory Services, Alviso Rock, State Farm, All Country Roofing, Action Auto Wreckers

**Gold Sponsors:** Greenwood Motors, Ford Store, Mrs. Jennifer Lamontagne



*Above, eighth graders learned about the orbits of planets by using different sized spheres and comparing the force required twirl them on a tether. Below, fifth graders enjoy music class as they learn a wide range of musical styles.*

