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NOTES:

# Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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## Parish Office Hours

M - F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

## Liturgy of Eucharist:

Saturday: 7:30 AM & 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM (Children's Liturgy of the Word)  
10:30 AM  
12:30 PM (Spanish)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM (Except Wednesday 8:00 AM)

Holy Days: 7:30 AM 12:10 PM & 7:00 PM

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Friday: 12 - 5:00 PM

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**Sylvia Lloren**

Parish Secretary

**Diana Palmer**

Bookkeeper

## Baptisms:

Registration mandatory 2 months prior to Baptism. Parents and Godparents are to attend a mandatory preparation class before Baptism.

## Marriage:

Arrangements and mandatory preparation 8 months prior to the wedding.

## Funerals:

We recommend using Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services at 932-0900. They will contact the Parish Office to make your arrangements.

## Mission Statement

Saint Catherine's Parish follows Jesus by welcoming all, sharing our gifts and giving glory to God.

## Parish Vision Statement

The Parish Community of St. Catherine of Siena of Martinez, recognizing its rich heritage and cultural diversity, strengthened by a vibrant liturgy and formed by ongoing catechesis to be authentic Christians/Catholics live the gospel, by reaching out to others; providing a friendly atmosphere, offering parish-wide social activities and supporting the school in their goals and mission.

**Welcome visitors, newcomers and friends of St. Catherine Parish. We open our hearts and offer our hands in Christian Fellowship to you worshipping with our community. We invite you to join our parish membership. Please stop by or phone the Parish Office.**



**MASSES  
for the week**

|     |      |                    |   |
|-----|------|--------------------|---|
| MON | 1/30 | 7:30               | Zeny & Gonzalo Zaguirre                             |
| TUE | 1/31 | 7:30               | Arthur, Blanche & Richard<br>Brouette               |
| WED | 2/1  | 8:00               | Maria Natalia Cerejo                                |
| THU | 2/2  | 7:30               | The People of Martinez                              |
| FRI | 2/3  | 7:30               | Parish Ministries                                   |
| SAT | 2/4  | 7:30               | Parish Organizations                                |
|     |      | 4:30 PM            | Jesus & Hope Garcia                                 |
| SUN | 2/5  | 8:30               | Leah Caldarazzo,<br>Josephine & Dominic<br>Albanese |
|     |      | 10:30              | Justin Jorgenson                                    |
|     |      | (Spanish) 12:30 PM | People of the Parish                                |

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2012**

**FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalms** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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|------------|--|
| Monday:    | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20                      |
| Tuesday:   | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;<br>Mk 5:21-43        |
| Wednesday: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6                                  |
| Thursday:  | Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]                 |
| Friday:    | Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29                                    |
| Saturday:  | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34                                   |
| Sunday:    | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;<br>Mk 1:29-39 |

**Sacrificial Giving** **January 22, 2012**

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Weekly Offering</b>    | <b>\$ 4,432.00</b> |
| <b>Parish Maintenance</b> | <b>\$ 17.00</b>    |
| <b>Education</b>          | <b>\$ 17.00</b>    |
| <b>Seminary</b>           | <b>\$ 12.00</b>    |

**Your continued support of your parish  
is greatly appreciated. Thank you!**

*Thank you!*

*Mary Brock wishes to thank all the Parishioners who donated money for her son and his wife, Joe & Sharon Brock, after their house in Martinez burned down. She says to tell you, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."*



**Monthly Speaker Series**

Join us Monday, February 6 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall to hear a talk presented by Professor Patrick Downey of St. Mary's College. Professor Downey will be giving a talk on the liturgical role of the laity with a special look at the function of the altar server. For more information, please contact Pauline Porter at (925) 228-2230 x 30.

**SPECIAL OFFERING** Please make a note that next weekend St. Catherine of Siena will have a second collection for the **EDUCATION FUND**.

**Souper Bowl Sunday**

Saturday, Feb. 4th and Sunday, Feb. 5th, St. Catherine of Siena will be celebrating our own "Souper" Bowl.

The Youth Group will be standing outside the doors to the church after all the Masses on both days. The Youth will be holding bowls to collect money for the Contra Costa/Solano County Food Bank.

Please be generous with your donations to support this wonderful resource which helps feed many people in our county.



**2012 Spanish Calendars for St. Catherine of Siena are now available. They can be picked up in the vestibule of the church. The English version is already in the vestibule.**

**ST. CATHERINE'S CEMETERY UPDATE**

On January 10, 2012 the work to install the automatic gate to the cemetery was completed. The cemetery will be open from 8:00 AM untio 5:00 PM daily. You will no longer need to get a key from the Police Department or the Parish Office to gain access to the cemetery.



**STCS BOOSTER'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**There will be a Booster's General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 31 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. In addition to other business, the membership will be reviewing all requests and proposals for distributing funds from our past fundraising efforts. Requests may be made by any active Booster Member and must be submitted by January 30. Membership Applications, Fund Disbursement Request Forms and Booster's Drop Box can be found in the vestibule of the church. All requests that are accepted by a majority of the membership present will be placed on a ballot for a vote at our May 2012 General Membership Meeting. We hope this gives everyone a chance to share, discuss, and learn more about each proposal or funding request prior to our membership vote.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**The Call to Stewardship**

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Feb. 11, 2012, 10:00 AM  
Cathedral of Christ the Light

For the sick of the Diocese of Oakland and their caregivers, the Order of Malta in the Diocese will host the Fourth Annual Diocesan World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland. Parking, including handicapped spaces, will be free of charge in the Cathedral's underground garage on 21st St. for the first 200 cars arriving.

**Bay Area Social Justice Forum:**

**"People of Hope Agents for Change"**

Join other concerned people of faith from Parishes and Schools throughout the Bay Area for the 2nd Annual Bay Area Social Justice Forum., Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The conference is sponsored by the Holy Names University, Diocese of Oakland's Office for Life and Justice.

Workshop topics include: Human trafficking, Immigration, Restorative Justice, Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Water Security, Death Penalty, Affordable Housing, and many more. The Forum will be held at Holy Names University at 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. To learn more and register for the forum, go to [www.hnu.edu](http://www.hnu.edu).

**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SCOUTING**

The Diocese of Oakland has scheduled Saturday, February 4 at 1:30 PM to honor girls, boys and leaders in Scout programs. All youth and adults in scouting and their families are invited to attend this prayer service (not a celebration of the Eucharist) at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. For more information, call 510-893-5154 or check out [www.oakdiocesescouts.org](http://www.oakdiocesescouts.org)

**St. Catherine School - Around the Corner**

The students and families are working with many charities to celebrate Catholic Education this week. Here are some of the charities we are working with:

**Meals on Wheels, Monument Crisis Center, Get on the Bus, Project Linus, Veteran's Hospital, Juvenile Hall, CCC Learning Center** and Various Food Banks.

If one of those listed above is a favorite of yours, you can make a donation at the school for your charity. The children are lending their support to these groups in many different ways; making cards, sending letters, volunteering their time, giving cash donations, and more. As always, we appreciate your support! Catholic Education is a very important ministry and may not be possible without you.

Please let people know we are enrolling for 2012-13 year.

**Bishop's Appeal Kick Off Weekend 2012**

The Bishop's Appeal invites every Catholic in our Diocese to join together and make a difference in the lives of thousands. Each year, appeal donations help us to provide operating grants for parishes and inner city schools in need. They enable us to offer programs and services for seminarians and clergy, as well as religious education and formation opportunities for children and adults. Gifts also support pastoral ministries and services, including youth ministry, marriage and family life, as well as Parish Pastoral Planning.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Monday, 1/30

|         |    |                          |
|---------|----|--------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | PH | School Book Faire        |
| 6:30 PM | CH | School Parenting Seminar |

Tuesday, 1/31

|          |    |                                       |
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| 8:00 AM  | PH | School Book Faire                     |
| 12:45 PM | CH | School Choir Practice                 |
| 3:15 PM  | PC | St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution |
| 6:00 PM  | CH | Vox Dei/Cantate Choir Practice        |
| 6:45 PM  | PC | R.C.I.A. Class                        |

Wednesday, 2/1

|         |       |                              |
|---------|-------|------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | PH    | School Book Faire            |
| 6:00 PM | CH/PH | Faith Formation ~ Grades K-8 |
| 7:00 PM | PC    | Baptism Class - English      |
| 7:30 PM | CH    | Choir Practice               |

Thursday, 2/2

|         |    |                                |
|---------|----|--------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | PH | School Book Faire              |
| 6:00 PM | CH | Vox Dei/Cantate Choir Practice |
| 6:00 PM | PH | School New Parent Info Night   |
| 7:00 PM | CH | Lector/Scripture Study         |
| 7:00 PM | PC | Baptism Class - Spanish        |
| 7:00 PM | RC | Pastoral Council Meeting       |

Friday, 2/3

|          |    |                                 |
|----------|----|---------------------------------|
| 12:00 PM | CH | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament |
| 6:30 PM  | PH | School Parenting Seminar        |
| 6:30 PM  | PC | ICF Meeting                     |

Saturday, 2/4

|         |    |                              |
|---------|----|------------------------------|
| 3:00 PM | CH | Reconciliation               |
| 4:30 PM | CH | Parish Blessing for Baptisms |

Sunday, 2/5

|         |    |                                      |
|---------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 9:30 AM | PH | Hospitality ~ Children's Faith Form. |
| 2:00 PM | PH | Auction Invitation Meeting           |
| 4:30 PM | PH | Confirmation Class                   |
| 6:00 PM | PC | Youth Group                          |

PC = Parish Center ~ PH = Parish Hall ~ CH = Church ~ RC = Rectory

## From the Desk of the Parochial Administrator Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

In combating forest fires, another fire is purposely started contrariwise, to counteract the actual forest fire. The second fire burns toward the first, and thus the forest fire burns out - since it cannot find any more fresh material to enkindle. This is how the fire of love enkindled by Christ burns out, the fire of passion, hatred and evil in the world.

The spirit of evil promotes injustice, hatred and war. Injustice, by defraud and oppression; hatred, by enmity and strife; war, by slaughter and total destruction. It tries with might and mean to permeate every phase of society, even at times into the highest ranks. The goal is not the good of humankind, but on the contrary his eternal frustration. But this is often so cunningly done that humankind lets himself be duped by its false promises.

Christ, on the other hand, came to dethrone Satan and overcome all evil in the world - establishing the reign of God, which is one of justice, love and peace. Justice, by making humankind realize the equality of all before God and the duty of dealing with one's fellow being in all fairness (just wages, living conditions, retirement pension). Love, by laying down the practice of brotherly or sisterly love as the requisite of eternal salvation. Peace, by imparting the peace which the world cannot give. Christ's goal for humankind is well-being in the present time and eternal happiness in the end-kingdom. By His very example, Jesus showed humankind the dignity of work, the virtue of patient suffering, and the glorious reward of doing God's will in all things.

Where do we stand? Are we on fire with Christ's Spirit of Love to oppose the evil spirit? Or does the evil spirit at times tempt the heart to walk a devious path; defrauding others rightful wages, continued coldness and animosity toward relatives or neighbors, jealousy and unbending pride, or the fire of sensuality in its various forms? Then, let us listen to the dynamic words of Jesus. Let us ask Him to cast out the evil spirit in our midst and establish His reign fully within us and in the world. With Christ we can conquer all evil, both within and around us. He alone can give the victory and true peace.



Fr. Leo A. Asuncion

### PAPER OR PLASTIC?

**Both. Yes, both. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of plastic and/or paper grocery bags. These bags are used to distribute food to those who come for assistance. Please put your bags in the St. Vincent de Paul Barrel in the vestibule of the church.**

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Altar Servers

Rosemary Cook 229-2665

### Art & Environment

Beth Churchill-Raines 372-7267

### Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Wylie Pond (707) 758-3778

### Eucharistic Ministers (EM)

Viviana & Marty Magee 228-6460

### Faith Formation—Religious Education

Pauline Porter 228-2230 Ext. 30

### Finance Committee (FinCom)

Ed Swieszcz 229-4694

### Grief Ministry

Beth Balita 261-0488

### Hospital/Sick/Homebound

Sr. Moira Macpherson, O.P. 228-2230 Ext. 29

### Lectors

Deacon Albert Dizon 370-8143

### Liturgy of the Word (Grades 1-5)

Steve George 765-2375

### Maintenance Committee

Larry Schweinfurter 228-2581

### No More Secrets-Survivor Outreach

Sherrie Hammon 372-6091

### Parish Communications Committee (PCC)

Rita Thomas 228-2230 Ext. 0

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Larry Schweinfurter 228-2581

### Reconnection/Returning Catholics

Sandra Hall 372-5348

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Sr. Moira Macpherson, OP 228-2230 Ext. 8

### Social Awareness/Stewardship Committee

Anne Crisp 356-8822

### Ushers

James McLaughlin 228-1051

### Youth Group

Deacon Dave Holland 372-7015

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### Boosters

Rori Polverosa 510-734-4907

### Columbian Ladies

Loretta Johnson 625-9374

### Guadalupe Society

Guadalupe Cruz 997-2432

### Hispanic Community

Lucia Cruz 348-2620

### Italian Catholic Federation (ICF)

Orlando Conti 957-9695

### Knights of Columbus (K of C)

Marty Magee 228-6460

### Legion of Mary

Mary Brock 228-2375

### Loaves & Fishes

Denice Silva 372-0740

### Mary Help of Christian

Margarita Flores 812-1279

### Portuguese Society Rainha Santa Isabel

Mary Santos Hall 777-1061

### San Lorenzo Ruiz Community (SLRC)

Yolly Dizon 370-8143

### St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

Vic Steil 372-6436

### Young Ladies Institute (YLI)

Suzy Tendick 335-9949