

## ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

**COMMUNITY PRAYER:** Please come and pray  
with us every Monday evening at 7:30.



**LOVE YOU, DAD!  
AND THANKS FOR BEING MY DAD.**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY AT NOON

Next week the Holy Spirit will descend upon thirteen young people as Bishop Michael Barber anoints them! You are invited to witness this holy and awe-inspiring event during the noon **Mass on Sunday June 24**. You are also asked to pray for the youth and their families as they proceed through their final preparations for the day. Please be advised that seating will be more limited and parking may be a bit more challenging, so come with a Spirit of Patience and you will experience great Joy!

### SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH A CHILD

Would you like to grow in your faith, and pass it on to a child? If so, **please consider serving as a catechist in our Children's Faith Formation program!** No teaching experience is necessary, and you will receive guidance in leading children to learn more about our Catholic faith...and get closer to God.

The children gather on Saturday mornings from September to May, 9:30-10:45, and catechists meet monthly to collaborate in strengthening the program. **Do you feel God calling you to this important and REWARDING ministry? If so, please call Beatriz at 222-0432.**

### THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalms** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

### WARNING OF POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT NUN IN DIOCESE

We have been recently warned about a woman from Africa, using the name of Godbertha Mugnada (aka Elizabeth or Sr. Elizabeth) who is wearing a blue veil and blue habit going to various parishes and individuals attempting to do fundraising and looking for housing. She is claiming to come from "St. Therese of the Child Jesus Congregation" in Tanzania.

If Ms. Mugnada appears in your parish or comes to your parishioners, we ask that you please ask her to contact the Canon Law Department immediately as we wish to verify her "credentials" with the congregation in Africa.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may be able to provide us in this matter.

Sincerely in Christ & St. Francis  
Fr. Robert M. Herbst  
Diocese of Oakland, Canon Law Department.



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the Body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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## THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS

The Serra Club of West Contra Costa awarded ninety-six Altar Servers from 4 local parishes: St. Jerome, St. David of Wales, St. Joseph—Pinole, and St. Callistus. The Appreciation Day for Altar Servers was held at St. Callistus last Saturday, June 9th.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES OF THE EAST BAY OFFERS

### FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP AND WAIVER ASSISTANCE - JUNE 23, 2018

Come get free assistance with: • Step-by-step review of the naturalization process • Assessment of your ability to naturalize • Application preparation & document packaging, if eligible to naturalize • Application review by an immigration attorney or qualified legal representative. Please call for more information Oakland: 510-768-3100

## CATHOLIC SERVICES OF THE EAST BAY - TALLER GRATUITO DE CIUDADANÍA Y ASISTENCIA PARA EXCEPCION

Revisión paso a paso del proceso de naturalización • Evaluación de su capacidad de naturalizar • Preparación de la solicitud y empaque de documentos, si es elegible para naturalizar • Revisión de la solicitud por un abogado de inmigración o representante acreditado

Para más Información llame a: Oakland 510-768-3100

## FINANCE COUNCIL

I have reconstituted the Finance Council our Parish effective immediately. Geny Fabella is the new chairperson and the members are Manny Villasica, Roberta Jalbert, Marisse Dongallo and Connie Wilson.

I am grateful to all these people for their goodwill and generosity to continue serving the Parish.

*Fr. Jimmy.*

## COME JOIN THE FUN

Our Annual Multicultural Carnival will be held June 24, 9:30AM to 5:30PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 41933 Blacow Road, Fremont. International foods and drinks, multicultural fashion show, dancing, singing, bingo, and much more. For more information call 510.657.4043 or capitalcampaign@olog.church.

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|  | Sunday Collection                                                                                                                                              | 6/10 | \$ 4,117.50     |
|                                                                                    | Bishop's Appeal                                                                                                                                                | 6/10 | Sent to Diocese |
|                                                                                    | <b>Second Collection for Sunday, June 24th</b><br><b>The Catholic Voice</b><br><i>Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you all for your generosity.</i> |      |                 |

## ~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JUNE 17TH ~

|      |                                                       |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| MON. | 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class                          |
|      | 7:30 P.M. Parish Community Prayer                     |
| TUE. | 7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting                        |
| THU. | 7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - <b>in Church</b> |
|      | 7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting               |
| FRI. | 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room         |
| SAT. | 6:45 P.M. Confirmation Rehearsal                      |



From  
Jun. 17th

Through  
Jun. 23rd

|      |            |                                                                                                            |
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| SAT. | 5:15 P.M.  | People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church                                                               |
| SUN  | 8:00 A.M.  | Carmen Estrada ☩<br>by The Estrada Family                                                                  |
|      | 10:00 A.M. | Loreto J. Salonga ☩<br>by Jane Elliott & Family<br><b>and</b> Chona Lacson ☩<br>by Manny & Myrna Villasica |
| MON  | 12:00 Noon | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |
| TUE  | 8:30 A.M.  | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |
| WED  | 8:30 A.M.  | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |
| THU. | 8:30 A.M.  | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |
| FRI. | 8:30 A.M.  | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |
| SAT  | 8:30 A.M.  | Father's Day Novena (Living & ☩)                                                                           |



**Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor**  
(510) 223-1153

**Parish Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**(12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. closed for lunch)**

***Parish Staff***

**Marina Zamora, Office Manager**  
**Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary**  
**Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant**

**Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday - Friday**  
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***Parish Ministries***

**Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)**  
**Beatriz Lopez, Director (510) 222-0432**  
**E-mail: [bl.stcal@gmail.com](mailto:bl.stcal@gmail.com)**  
**Confirmation Program : Beatriz Lopez, Director**  
**(510) 222-0432**

**RCIA Program Director: Marisse Dongallo**  
**(510) 223-1153**

**Pastoral Council**  
**Bernie Rocco, Facilitator ..... (510) 406-6460**

**Youth Ministry**  
**Beatriz Lopez, Coordinator.....(510) 222-0432**

***Other Ministries/Services***

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Patrick Jalbert, Grand Knight 367-4595**

**St. Vincent de Paul Conference 243-7501**

**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 234-2012**

**Baptism of Infants (510) 223-1153**  
**Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) weeks**  
**in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners**  
**of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.**

**Weddings (510) 223-1153**  
**Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) months**  
**in advance.**

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|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Faye Eaton               | Juanita Estrelles | Rose Riepel         |
| Gilbert Estrada, Sr.     | Tommy Garcia      | Georgann Chiozza    |
| Lisa Savio               | Theresa Padilla   | Faustino Aguilar    |
| Josefa Frondoza          | Rebecca Mowbray   | Consolacion Aguilar |
| Suzie Lata Prasad        | Joanne Northcutt  | Charlene Nichols    |
| Jeno Szabo               | Lilia Szabo       | Joyce Smith         |
| Rosa Barbara             | Jim Briones       | Celina Gonzales     |
| Laura Peters             | Lilia Oseguera    | Joel Rivera         |
| John Jeanpierre          | Angelita Tantoco  | Lino Destacamento   |
| Dan Craighead            | Lee Peres         |                     |
| Ydalia Deleón & Children |                   |                     |

Please pray for all the family and friends listed in the Book of Prayers in the Church, and all those who are in home care facilities.

***Schedule of Masses and Devotions***

**Saturday Mass 8:30 A.M. Saturday Vigil 5:15 P.M.**

**Sunday Masses ...8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 12:00 Noon**

**Every Sunday 10:00 A.M. - Children's Liturgy**

**Weekday Mass ..... 8:30 A.M. Daily**

**Holy Day of Obligation Masses .... 8:30 A.M. &**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.**  
**(Other times by appointment with Priest)**

**Rosary and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - Monday**  
**thru Saturday after the 8:30 A.M. Mass.**

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -**  
**Every Wednesday 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.**

**Mother of Perpetual Help: Every Thursday after the**  
**8:30 A.M. Mass**

**Hispanic Prayer Group - Every First and Third**  
**Thursday 7:00 P.M.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Every First**  
**Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**Benediction at 3:00 P.M.**

