

ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803
March 10, 2019 - First Sunday of LENT

REFLECTION FROM OUR PASTOR

We have just entered on our Lenten journey. As we begin this journey let us remember that the purpose of Lent is to enable us to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery - the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, because it is through His suffering, death and resurrection that our salvation was achieved. The readings at the Mass during this Season are especially designed to help us in this.

Today's First Reading is actually a confession of his faith by a Jew. The People have occupied the promised land. At harvest time they bring **THE VERY FIRST FRUITS** to the Lord and through them acknowledge God's merciful work in delivering them from their slavery in Egypt and bringing them to the promised land. Remembering it all and in deep gratitude, the Jew offers himself to God through the instrumentality of those gifts.

St. Paul says, "If you confess and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved". "Believe" means living a life of gratitude and obedience to God, remembering all His mercies, especially in sending His Son for our salvation.

There will be obstacles in living an authentic life of obedience to God. We will face temptations. By Himself undergoing temptation and overcoming them Jesus shows the way for us too: single-minded devotion to the will of God. The three answers He gave the tempter are all expressions of His total commitment.

Jesus prepared to face temptations. He spent forty days in prayer and fasting. That is the way for us too - prayer, fasting (self-denial), meditation on the love and goodness of God especially through Scripture reading and reflection. Let us also prepare ourselves using those same means, and then we will have a blessed Easter and we will be closer to God.

Fr. Jimmy



The Ministry who will lead the prayers, at 7:30PM:

Friday March 15: Ushers & Greeters
Friday March 22: Lectors/ EMs /

"BE WITH ME, LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE".

- Psalm 91



We welcome our new parish-ioners who have registered and joined our Parish Family. Since 2019, 4 families registered. Twenty-two families registered in 2018. If you recently moved to the El Sobrante area and have not yet done so, please complete a Parish Registration form and bring it back the next time you come for Mass. You may either drop the completed form in the Collection basket, or drop it off in the mail slot by the Parish Office door. Thank you and we're glad to have you.

**AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH)
A HELPFUL TOOL**

Last weekend, our Pastor Fr. Jimmy, announced that next weekend, he will address "Collections", as part of his on-going homily on the parts of the Mass. In preparation for his talk on Collections, and the benefits of our parish members making use of the ACH program, blank ACH Authorization Forms are available on the back tables of the Church. Please pick up a copy of the form this weekend, complete it at home, and bring it back next weekend when you come for Mass. Fr. Jimmy will explain the details.

OUR PASTOR FR. JIMMY APPOINTED DEAN

Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., recently appointed Fr. Jimmy as dean of Deanery 7. A dean is a Priest appointed by the Bishop to help coordinate the common pastoral activities of a specific area — a deanery — of the Diocese. The parishes that are in Deanery 7 (Fr. Jimmy's area) are St. David of Wales-Richmond, St. Joseph-Pinole, St. Patrick,- Rodeo, St Paul-San Pablo, St. Rose of Lima-Crockett, and St. Patrick-Mission, Port Costa. Let us pray for Fr. Jimmy/St. Callistus and all the parishes in his deanery, as they move forward and work together for common goals in the deanery.

EMAIL AND TEXT SCAM

From the Diocese of Oakland Communications
Department

Please be aware of an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted Church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text. The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint:

<https://www.ic3.gov>

MASS OFFERING FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to offer Mass for a family member, a friend or for yourself, please complete a Mass Intention Request Form for 2019. The form is found on the back tables in the Church. When completed, please bring it to the Parish Office with your offering of \$10.00 per Mass, or drop it off in the mail slot by the Office door. Thank you.

The Parish Office

BOOK SALE— DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

We thank the Sisters for coming to St. Callistus parish last weekend and giving us the opportunity to browse and purchase religious articles including books, Bibles and many other items. Beatriz Lopez, our Faith Formation Director, worked with the Sisters and asked them to come. This event / project was to enable the Faith Formation program to start and build a library for our children and their parents.

We hope you had the opportunity to go to the Parish Hall last weekend. Thank you for your support and for purchasing items to support our children. Thank you also to the Hospitality Ministry for hosting snacks, goodies and drinks during the event.

**Faith Formation
Hospitality Ministry
All Volunteers / Donors**

MASS & SERVICES' SCHEDULE FOR LENT

April 8 & 9 Monday and Tuesday: Parish Mission
(7:30 P.M. both evenings)

April 12 Friday All-night Adoration from 8:00PM (after the Stations of the Cross) to 8:00AM of the next day Saturday April 13.

April 13 Saturday 5:15 P.M. Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday
(Blessing of Palms at the courtyard and Procession to the Church).

April 14 Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord (Sunday Mass Schedule; Blessing of Palms at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the courtyard and Procession to the Church).

April 16 Tuesday Communal Penance Service 7:30 P.M.

April 18 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30P.M. (Washing of the Feet of 12 Apostles)
Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall. Prayers led by:

9:15 PM to 9:45 PM - Lectors/EMs/MCs

9:45 PM to 10:15 PM - Music Ministry

10:15 PM to 10:45 PM - Hospitality Ministry

10:45 PM to 11:15 PM - Knights of Columbus

April 18 Friday - Good Friday Passion of the Lord
12:00 Noon Rosary

12:30 PM - Stations of the Cross—Fr. Jimmy

1:30 PM - Good Friday Services—SHS Father

Veneration of the Cross

Communion

April 19 Holy Saturday Mass 8:00 P.M.

April 20 Easter Sunday (Sunday Mass Schedule)

PLEASE PRAY for ...the SICK and/or HOME-BOUND in our parish family,

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	David Trejo
Ydalia Deleón & Children		Avelina Juat
Venancio Talao	Liling Hernandez	Fred Granzella
Albert Tamayo	Lyda Mata	Vincent Dimalanta
Robert Maloney	Carie Chew	Ashley Green
Ma. Christina Zamora	Judy Robinson	Zenaida Mendoza

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, and the homeless.

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor

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.

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 (12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. closed for lunch)

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Parish Ministries

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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

Leandro Darosa, Grand Knight 225-5302

St. Vincent de Paul Conference 243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 234-2012

Baptism of Infants: 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: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) months in advance.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM MAR. 10 THROUGH MAR. 16

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Eugenia & Florecita Tabinga ✠✠ by Mila Tabada
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	10:00 A.M.	Paul Esguerra, Sr. ✠ by Lilian Esguerra & Family
	12:00 Noon	Agnes & Dennis Uldricks (Both Living, 46th Wedding Anniversary) by Agnes & Dennis
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Albert Tamayo (Living, Birthday) by Inez Tamayo and Carmelita Mendoza Isip (Living, 77th Birthday) by Merle Espeleta
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Jean Guerrero ✠ by Manny & Myrna Villasica and Cezar Solemnidad ✠ by Vivian DeLeon
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Teresa Ferra-Garau ✠ by Marisol Zapater-Ferra
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Luz Solemnidad ✠ by Linda Mauleon & Family
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Joselito Sapinosa ✠ by Romy & Lydia Matundan
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Bill Wierenga ✠ by Vivian DeLeon

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 10TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
THU.	11:00 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
	7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting
FRI.	6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
	7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross
SAT.	9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class



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Sunday Collection	3/3	\$3,925.39
Parish Maintenance	3/3	\$1,451.61

**Second Collection for Sunday, March 17th
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bless you all for your generosity.**