

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

January 20, 2019 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the Word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. **Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalms — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

MONDAY, JANUARY 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Parish Office will be CLOSED.



A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
 Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
 Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle;
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
 Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND CANDLEMAS

On Saturday, February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Presentation of the LORD, also known as Candlemas (approximately 40 days after Christmas Day). Because of the emphasis on the Light of Christ for all people, **candles will be blessed that day. You are welcome to bring your candles to be blessed, when you come to the 8:30AM Mass that day.**

PART TIME OPEN POSITION

St. Joseph Cemetery & Funeral Center is looking for a Funeral Assistant, Part Time. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact John Freidenfelt 916-996-1372; or go to:
<http://www.cfcsoakland.org/about-us/job-opportunities/>

CFCS

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 15th Annual Walk for life will be held on Saturday January 26, 2019. Rally starts at 12:30PM at the Civic Center Plaza, ends at Embarcadero Plaza / Ferry Building. Register and information: 415-658-1793 or
 Email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of West Contra Costa will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 28 at the Los Cerros Restaurant in El Sobrante at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are invited. Contact: Secretary Raoul Martinez at (510) 964-4668 for reservations.

GOD BLESS OUR FAMILIES

Sixteen children will be gathered with their families next Sunday, January 27, in preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they focus on how to live together in peace, as God wills. May they draw inspiration from the Holy Family, and may their light shine for all to see!

PLEASE TAKE CARE

We have all been experiencing the freezing cold weather. If you feel you are coming down with a cold or feel flu-like symptoms, please take the necessary health precautions and preventive measures. Suggested guidelines:

- (1) Please do not hold hands at the "Our Father".
- (2) At the time of the "Exchange of Peace", the exchange shall be verbal, with no handshake.
- (3) Please receive Holy Communion in the hand and not on the tongue.
- (4) Please do not receive the Blood of Christ if you have flu symptoms or if you are coughing.

Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation for the good health of all of us.



...the SICK and/or HOMEBOUND 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		

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

**Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)
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E-mail: 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

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 pa-
rishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.***

**Weddings: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6)
months in advance.**

MASS INTENTIONS FROM JAN. 20 THROUGH JAN. 26

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Guadalupe Guillén ☩ by Maria Guzman & Family
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Siony Demorest ☩ by Alex & Didit Salcedo
	10:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	12:00 Noon	Manuel Hernandez ☩ by Ana Sedano-Gouveia
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Gregori Scaletti ☩ by Lino & Marisa Marcucci and Cynthia Cochran ☩ by Fred & Mary Cochran
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Peregrina Villasica ☩ by Myrna Villasica
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Encarnacion Demorest ☩ by Tony & Geny Fabella and Helena Sin lu Fan ☩ by Jenny Chew
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Thu & Dean Pham (Both Living) by Nguyet Tran
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	All Animals by Maria Uribe
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Lisa Austin ☩ by Carmencita Ferreros

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 20TH ~

MON.	OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
	<u>NO</u> Confirmation Class - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
TUE.	7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
THU.	7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
FRI.	6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class



Sunday Collection	1/13	\$4,507.70
Seminary Collection	1/13	\$1,579.00

**Second Collection for Sunday, January 27th
Faith Formation Support**

**Thank you for your offerings. May God bless you all for your
generosity.**