

ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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**Stations
of the Cross**

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**All Fridays of Lent: are days of
abstinence from meat and meat
products.**

**Parish Ministries scheduled
to lead the Stations of the
Cross at 7:30PM:**

March 2 - Ushers & Greeters

March 9 - Young Adults

March 16 - St. Vincent de Paul

March 23 - RCIA & Youth Confirmation Members.

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**
February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b



**THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM
AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough.

This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the Cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

UPDATE—METHADONE CLINIC

In case you have not heard, the Parish has been informed that John Gioia has made an announcement some-time back, that the plan to open the methadone clinic on San Pablo Dam Road across from the Church is NOT going to happen. Thank you for all your prayers.

Please pray for our children in the Faith Formation Program, members of our Youth Confirmation Program, our Young Adults and our RCIA candidates.

Please pray also for family, friends and loved ones listed in our Book of Prayers binder in the Church.

RETAIL ASSOCIATE - CATHEDRAL SHOP

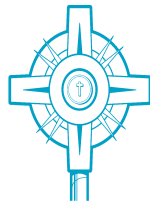
The Cathedral of Christ the Light located on the Cathedral Plaza is looking for a part-time, Retail Associate. Primary functions are sales and customer service. Other duties include cash handling, merchandising, and other clerical duties. Retail experience preferred. This is a part-time position, 12-24 hours/week with full-time potential. The Cathedral Shop is staffed daily from 9:30am-4:30pm. Please submit resume and letter of interest to: Michele Angeli-Zaugg at giftshop@ctlcathedral.org.

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...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
Maria Garcia	Josefa Frondoza	Mae Banks
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	Julie Dracopoulos	Ydalia Deleón & Children
Debra Gunn		

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.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Next Friday, March 2nd is First Friday. We will have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00AM till 3:00PM and conclude with Benediction at 3:00PM. Please come join us in prayer.

For those who signed up, please remember to keep your hours.

From
Feb. 25th



Through
Mar. 3rd

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Dino L. Gutierrez ✠ by Judy A. Meadows and David Rocco ✠ by Gibran & Ritzi
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Josie Rocco (Living, Birthday) by Inez Tamayo
	10:00 A.M.	Gwendolyn Eyike (Living, Birthday) by The Eyike Family
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
MON	8:30 A.M.	Luisito A. Palma ✠ by Menchie Palma & Family
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Elouise English ✠ by The English Family and David Rocco ✠ by Jenny Chew
WED	8:30 A.M.	Jun & Sonny Oliveros ✠✠ by Guia Gorospe & Family
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Rosenda Salo ✠ (Birthday) by The Salo Family
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Nunzia Storniole ✠ by Violet Miller and Melicia Racelis ✠ by Maria Racelis
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Carmen Estrada ✠ by The Estrada Family

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M.	RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M.	Young Adults Meeting
THU.	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
	7:00 P.M.	Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting
FRI.	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	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



**ST. DAVID CHURCH
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

3rd & 4th Grade Girls Basketball

For information regarding registration eligibility,
practice times and more details, please contact:

St. David Church
5641 Esmond Ave. Richmond
Tel. # 510-237-1531

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)

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.

***"From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to
him".***

Mark 9:2-10



Rice Bowl	2/14	\$2,101.00
Sunday Collection	2/18	\$4,707.10
St. Vincent de Paul	2/18	\$1,438.40

**Second Collection for Sunday, March 4th
Parish Maintenance**

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

Parish Staff

Gwen Eyike, Office Manager
Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary
Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

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RCIA Program Director: Marisse Dongallo
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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.**

