

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

There will be lighting of the Second Advent Candle this weekend. To light the **Second** Candle are:

Saturday Dec. 8 5:15 PM -- Josie & Bernie Rocco

Sunday Dec. 9 8:00 AM -- Janice & Henry Torrez
10:00 AM -- Roberta & Patrick Jalbert
12:00 Noon -- Agnes & Dennis Uldricks

To light the **Third** Advent Candle:

Please come 15 minutes before Mass & sit near the front:

Saturday Dec. 15 5:15 PM -- Vivian & Art DeLeon

Sunday Dec. 16 8:00AM -- Manuel G. Mariano
10:00 AM -- RCIA Students & Teachers
12:00 Noon -- Will

To light the **Fourth** Advent Candle:

Please come 15 minuets before Mass & sit near the front:

Saturday Dec. 22 5:15 -- Clare McCormick

Sunday Dec. 23 8:00 AM -- Estrell & Butch Bautista
10:00 AM -- Barbara, Carol & Bill
12:00 Noon -- Genon Family

WILDFIRE RELIEF

From The Diocese Communications: If you wish to support those who have been affected by the terrible wildfires in our state, you may contribute to the Catholic Charities USA campaign.

All (100%) of contributions will go towards those suffering from the wildfires in our state. You may visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org to contribute. Checks can be sent to Catholic Charities USA, attn: California Wildfires, 2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314.

REFLECTION

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. Not that we hope to get some good gift at Christmas or that we can have a big celebration and party.

Our focus is to be on growing in the love and grace of God. We have to be seriously getting ready to receive the Son of God among us. Jesus came down from heaven to lead us to God. This is the theme of today's Readings - Jesus leading us to God.

The Babylonians invade Israel, destroy everything and took most of the people to Babylon as captives. Thus the people are in great despair. But the prophet Baruch tells them not to be depressed, because God would soon lead them back to Israel. **Paul says that the Lord 'who began a good work in us by giving us the gift of faith will bring it to completion'. In the Gospel, John says 'all flesh shall see the salvation of God'. Thus the message of Advent is redemption by God.**

The Lord comes to help us in our journey to heaven. But we need to "prepare the way of the Lord" into our hearts by removing all kinds of obstacles, such as pride, laziness, self-centeredness, etc. so that the Lord will have space to get in.

In our preparation for Christmas, who can be of greater assistance than our Blessed Mother who herself prepared for the very first Christmas! Yesterday we celebrated her Immaculate Conception. On this 12th we will remember her appearing to, so to say, a less than ordinary person, Juan Diego, in Mexico. Mary calls us to purity and holiness. She asks us to be simple and humble. Because that is the only way to welcome Jesus.

Listening to all these messages let us be people filled with the hope of redemption and eternal salvation. Jesus comes to take us to heaven. Let us prepare well and let us wait in love and joy.

Fr. Jimmy.

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Our advent Penance Service in preparation for Christmas will be on **Thursday, December 20th at 7:30PM here in our Church.** There will be seven priests to hear confessions. Please make use of this opportunity and make your confession and get better ready to celebrate Christmas. One of the Priests speaks Spanish well.

Los invitamos a confesarse el día 20 de diciembre, a las 7:30PM. Habrá un sacerdote que habla español.

CALLING WOULD-BE ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, & MORE...

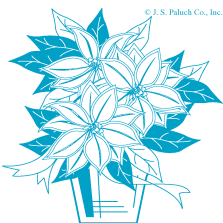
All St. Callistus children in grades K-8 (not only those in Faith Formation) are once again invited to sing and reenact some of the events of the Christmas story at the 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Liturgy on Monday, December 24th. No lines to memorize, and no prior acting or singing experience is necessary! For questions or to sign-up, please **contact Beatriz Lopez by Friday, Dec. 7, at 222-0432, or at bl.stcal@gmail.com.**

Practice Dates: Sat., 12/8, 11-12 Noon (Meet in Hall)
Sat., 12/15, 11-12 Noon (in Hall)

Fri., 12/22 10-11:15 (in Hall) Costumes & Full Practice)

PLEASE JOIN THE CASINO TRIP

... to Jackson Rancheria and Red Hawk on **February 9, 2019.** Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Net proceeds will benefit the refurbishing of the Church main doors. Flyers about the trip will be handed out after all the Masses this weekend. Reserve now. Have fun and help our Church at the same time. Contact: Guia Gorospe 510-734-9289.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

Memorial envelopes are available on the back tables.

The poinsettias that will decorate our Church this Christmas will be placed as a memorial. The donation for each name is \$10.00; one name per envelope. **Last day to turn in Memorial envelopes is Sunday Dec. 16** to give time to prepare the Memorial display.

If you wish to **donate potted poinsettias**, please bring them to the Church vestibule **on Dec. 22 or 23.** Thank you.

From:
**The Art & Environment Ministry, and
The Parish Office**



A BIG THANK YOU to Ugoeze and his great team for a job very well done: The Christmas Dinner Dance on December 1st. What an evening it was! So full of joy and fun for all who came; I have no doubt all enjoyed it thoroughly. The Team: you did a marvelous job, as you always do. Thanks also to all who purchased the tickets and came. Your presence made all the difference. I am proud of you. God bless you and St. Callistus.

Fr. Jimmy.



Our **CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING TREE** is now in place. We ask you to please "Adopt a Family" and help to bring a little extra joy to the needy families this Christmas. **Please bring your wrapped and tagged gifts with the identifying Christmas card to the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 22 between 12:00Noon and 3:00PM.** Thank you.

Contact: Josie Rocco 222-9411 or 406-2707.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
William "Bill" Wierenga, and **Thomas L. Cope.** Bill was a parishioner of St. Callistus, and the husband of Rose Wierenga, current President of the St. Callistus St. Vincent de Paul Society. Tom Cope was the husband of Leone Cope, a member of our St. Callistus Choir at the 12:00Noon Mass. Please pray also for the Wierenga and Cope families in the loss of their loved one.



....the SICK and/or HOMEBOUND in our parish family,

Faye Eaton
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Lisa Savio
Josefa Frondoza
Suzie Lata Prasad
Jeno Szabo
Rosa Barbara
Laura Peters
John Jeanpierre
Dan Craighead
Ydalia Deleón & Children
Venancio Talao
Albert Tamayo

Juanita Estrelles
Tommy Garcia
Theresa Padilla
Rebecca Mowbray
Joanne Northcutt
Lilia Szabo
Jim Briones
Lilia Oseguera
Angelita Tantoco
Lee Peres
Liling Hernandez
Lyda Mata

Rose Riepel
Georgann Chiozza
Faustino Aguilar
Consolacion Aguilar
Charlene Nichols
Joyce Smith
Celina Gonzales
Joel Rivera
Lino Destacamento
David Trejo
Avelina Juat

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)
Tel: 510-223-1153 Fax 510-223-1137
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Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)
Beatriz Lopez, Director (510) 222-0432
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 DEC. 9 THROUGH DEC. 15

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Thanksgiving by The Fabella Family
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Bernardo & Gorgonia Juat ✠✠ by Carmencita Ferreros and Ralph Harris, Barbara Jackson, & Kate Nolan ✠✠✠ by Patricia Harris
	10:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	12:00 Noon	Irene Alpay ✠ by Nadia Alpay
MON	8:30 A.M.	All Souls in Purgatory ✠ by Nguyet Tran
TUE	8:30 A.M.	All Souls in Purgatory ✠ by Nguyet Tran
WED	8:30 A.M.	All Souls in Purgatory ✠ by Nguyet Tran
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Gerardo Ancheta ✠ by The Esguerra Family
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving by Liling & Manny Hernandez
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Guillermo & Adelaida Cruz ✠✠ by Carmencita Ferreros and Monica Gorospe ✠ by Rebecca & Joseph Balagot

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH ~

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
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class



Sunday Collection	12/2	\$4,094.60
Parish Maintenance	12/2	\$1,484.90

**Second Collection for Sunday, December 16th
Christmas Flowers**

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