



ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road,
El Sobrante, CA 94803

March 31, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of LENT

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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

Friday April 5: Young Adults

Friday April 12: RCIA & Youth Confirmation

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APRIL 5 — FIRST FRIDAY

We will have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday April 5th from 9:00AM and conclude with Benediction at 3:00PM.** Please come and spend some time in the presence of the LORD.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him" (Today's second reading).

The above words seem strange because in the earlier portion of the reading Paul said: "whoever is in Christ is a new creation, the old things have passed away". If the old things have passed away and Christians are a new creation, how can they be asked to be reconciled to God?

The reason is that our status as the new creation is not yet a fully accomplished possession but something that we must constantly work at. Yes, by his death and resurrection our Lord has made us a redeemed people; but we must steadily and continuously strive to receive into our own life the fruits of that redemption.

Here we also see the call and purpose of Lent. True, Jesus has made us forgiven sinners and heirs to the Kingdom. But it is not yet a done deal; we need to work at our personal sanctification each day and thus be more and more like him. Lent is a renewed call of the Lord to take stock of where we are and do what we need to do with renewed vigor and determination.

The first reading told us how the manna ceased once the people of God entered the promised land and began to eat the produce of that land. We too are on our own journey through the desert of our life to our Promised Land, the land of heaven. In our journey too the Lord sustains us with a new Manna, the Holy Eucharist, his own body and blood. Nourished by this Manna we continue our journey. Once we reach our Promised Land our Manna too will stop and then we shall be seated at the banquet of table of heaven. What a wonderful, loving, and gracious God we have!

Fr. Jimmy.

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

Friday, April 12



We will have an all-night Adoration on Friday April 12 from 8:00PM to 8:00AM of the following day Saturday. The Adoration will start after the Stations of the Cross on Friday the 12th. Please come and spend at least one hour with the Lord, who suffered and died for us on the

Cross. Try to come during the harder hours of the night (from 1 to 2 AM; 2 to 3 AM; 3 to 4 or 4 to 5AM. Do a little penance. Those who sign up for the various hours, please remember to keep your hours too, to ensure that we have enough people in the Church.

viernes, 12 de abril

NOCHE DE ADORACION

Tendremos una noche de Adoración el viernes 12 de abril, de 8:00PM a 8:00AM del sábado siguiente. La adoración empezará después del Via Crucis del Viernes. Favor de venir para acompañar a Nuestro Señor por a lo menos una hora, él que sufrió y murió en la Cruz por nosotros. Traten de venir durante las horas mas difíciles: de 1 a 2 AM; 2 a 3 AM; 3 a 4 o 4 a 5 AM. Hagan un poco de penitencia. Aquellos que se han comprometido a varias horas en escrito, por favor acuérdense de cumplir sus horas, para asegurar que hayan suficientes personas el la iglesia.



...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	Carrie 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

HOLY THURSDAY - April 18 WASHING OF THE FEET

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus when He establishes the Sacrament of Holy Communion prior to His arrest and crucifixion. At our evening Mass on Holy Thursday, we will have (as in the past years) the Washing of the Feet to commemorate our Lord's washing of the feet of His 12 apostles. Father Jimmy will wash the feet of 12 of our parishioners.

If you wish to participate and be one of the 12 apostles, please sign up for this. A sign up sheet will be made available for you. Please watch out for the sign up sheet.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION April 8 & 9

We will have our annual Parish Mission for Lent on Monday and Tuesday April 8 & 9 at 7:30PM in the Church. The preacher is Father William Rosario, Pastor at St. John Vianney in Walnut Creek, CA. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend the 2-day Mission retreat. *Fr. Jimmy.*

DONATION OF EASTER LILIES

We are requesting donations of Easter lilies to decorate our Church for Easter. Please bring your donations to the Church vestibule by Saturday morning April 20.

If you are unable to donate lilies, a monetary donation will help us purchase the flowers we need for our Church.

We thank you for your continued support.

The Art & Environment Ministry

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY

CONCERTS: All concerts begin at 4PM at the Cathedral, 1111 Gough St. (at Geary) in San Francisco.

March 31: The Munich Trio: Friedrich Ebelmann (Germany), Bassoon; Rebecca Rust, Cello; and Monica Chew, Piano. Works by Schifffholz, Shostakovich, and Glinka. **April 7:** Lyle Sheffler, Classical Guitar

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.

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.

Parish Staff

Marina Zamora, Office Manager

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St. Vincent de Paul Conference 243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 234-2012

MASS INTENTIONS FROM MAR. 31 THROUGH APR. 6

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Bricio & Zenaida Omega ☩☩ by The Mariano Family
	10:00 A.M.	The DeLeon Family & Bituin Family (Living) by Felipe DeLeon & Karias Bituin
	12:00 Noon	Sabina DeLeon ☩ by Felipe DeLeon & Family
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Celeste Paz (Living) by Rose Wierenga
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Augusto Ferriols ☩ & Rolando Cordova ☩ by The Ferriols & Cordova Families
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Eduardo & Amparo Arbaiza ☩☩ by Byron & Belen Cobb
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Dave Jordache (Living) by The Paz Family
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Bill Wierenga ☩ by The Paz & Wierenga Families and Norman Villas ☩ (Death Anniversary) by The Alpay & Villas Families
SAT	8:30 A.M.	George Solemnidad (Living) by Vivian DeLeon

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 31ST ~

MON.	OFFICE CLOSED - CESAR CHAVEZ DAY OBSERVED NO Confirmation Class - SPRING BREAK 7:00 P.M. Hospitality Ministry Meeting		
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. <i>Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 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	3/24	\$4,606.22
Bishop's Appeal	3/24	Sent to Diocese

**Second Collection for Sunday, April 7th
Parish Maintenance**

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