

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor".*

- Luke 4:18a

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law. (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.
(Psalm 19)

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ.
(1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27])

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

St. Callistus Church

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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on **Saturday, February 6 at 11:00AM** at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Those who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers are invited to observe this day with the religious and lay people from the Diocese of Oakland.

Parking for the World Day of the Sick Event will be located in the Kaiser Center Parking Complex, which is directly across from the Cathedral parking garage, located on 21st street and Kaiser Plaza. Persons needing wheelchair or no-stairs access may use the drop off areas located on Harrison, 21st, or Kaiser Plaza streets.

SPONSOR A REFUGEE WORKSHOP

Catholic Charities of the East Bay will be hosting a People Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) workshop on **Saturday, January 30th 9:00AM—12:00 Noon at the CCEB West County Service Center 217 Harbour Way, Richmond.**

As we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, CCEB is taking Pope Francis' and Bishop Barber's lead in asking every parish to welcome refugees. CCEB's Refugee Resettlement Program has been successfully resettling refugee families for over 40 years within the East Bay. The POWR workshop will be an orientation on how a parish can participate in co-sponsoring a refugee family. Co-sponsorship may include greeting a refugee family at the airport, assisting with housing options, contributing to their kitchen pantry, or providing basic introduction to American life. All parishes are invited to send 3-5 leaders within their parish to attend this workshop. Note that workshop time is subject to change.

For more information, please contact Steve Mullin, CCEB 510-768-3165 smullin@cceb.org



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, January 31st: Parents Meeting

There is a meeting of the parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist this May. **Attendance to this meeting is required.** The meeting will be held in the Parish hall on SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, at 1:30-2:30PM. Let us gather to reflect on this holy and special event in the lives of the children, and to discuss how you might best prepare them for it. See you then!

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Tuesday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord.

On this day, 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.



Wednesday, February 3rd:

The Feast Day of St. Blaise. It is customary to have a blessing of the throat on that day. We shall have the blessing at the 8:30AM Mass.

LENTEN MISSIONS

On Ash Wednesday, (Feb. 10), Pope Francis will commission 800 priests from around the world as "missionaries of mercy," sending them forth in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Among them will be Rev. Mark Wiesner, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo of Livermore.

What their duties will be will be more fully revealed during the Pope's meeting with the missionaries on Feb. 9, and during the Mass on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.

According to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, the office organizing events for the Holy Year of Mercy, the missionaries are to be "a living sign of the Father's welcome to all those in search of His forgiveness."

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(Note from St. Callistus Parish Office: You may recall that Fr. Mark has come to St. Callistus to celebrate Mass and participated in our Parish Mission).

The **SERRA CLUB OF WEST CONTRA COSTA** cordially invites all parishioners to its monthly business meeting on Monday, January 25 at Denny's Restaurant in San Pablo. The meeting starts at 6:00 PM. Tony Schunk from the Marin Serra Club will be guest speaker. Call Secretary Raoul Martinez at (510) 964-4668 for reservations and/or directions.

VOCATION RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, March 4-6, Los Altos Hills, CA.

For reservations and more information contact:

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Sunday Collection 1/17 \$
Seminary 1/17 \$

1/17 offerings will be reported next week..

Second Collection for Sunday, Jan. 31st
St. Vincent de Paul

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

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 24TH ~

SUN.	10:00 A.M.	RCIA Class
MON.	6:55 P.M.	Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M.	Young Adult Meeting
FRI.	6:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class

From
Jan. 24th



Through
Jan. 30th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Teofilo H. Cuervo ☩ by The DeLeon - Cuervo Family
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Carlos Ah Chu ☩ & Felicia Chou de Chu ☩ by Jaime & Cheryl Chu
	10:00 A.M.	Gregorio & Guadalupe Valera ☩☩ by Graciela Perez
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
MON	8:30 A.M.	Joseph Miller ☩ by Violet Miller
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Aurora R. Victoria ☩ by Estrell & Butch Bautista
WED	8:30 A.M.	Monika & Jozef Mrowiec ☩☩ by Monika Byczynski
THU	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving by Marisol Zapater-Ferra
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Fr. Bob Stein (L) by the Parish
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Rudy Loreda + by Arnel & Linda Camaya

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CELEBRATING YOUR 2016 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Let The Catholic Voice readers and your loved ones share in celebrating your lifelong commitment of marriage with other married couples in the Diocese of Oakland. Personal Congratulatory Messages for couples celebrating the sacrament of marriage will be published in the February 8 edition of The Catholic Voice. Deadline for Space Reservation is January 27.

Single business card size (3 1/8in by 2in) ...\$35.00

Double business card size (3 1/8in by 4in) ... \$60.00

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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

Every Second Sunday 10:00 A.M.—Youth Mass

Weekday Mass 8:30 A.M. Daily

Holy Day Masses 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 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—10:00 A.M.

Mother of Perpetual Help: every Thursday after the 8:30 A.M. Mass

Hispanic Prayer Group—every first & 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.

 **PLEASE PRAY forthe SICK and/or HOMEBOUND**
in our parish family,

Faye Eaton
Allen Throolin
Joyce Herbert
Maria Poole
Theresa Padilla
Maria Garcia
Rebecca Mowbray
Joanne Northcutt
Louis Butler
Bernie Infante

Juanita Estrelles
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Dottie Throolin
Georgann Chiozza
Sally Jordan
Josefa Frondoza
Consolacion Aguilar
Charlene Nichols

Rose Riepel
Gerardo Ursua
Tommy Garcia
Zena Omega
Lisa Savio
Faustino Aguilar
Mae Banks
Suzie Lata Prasad

....and all the family members and friends listed in the Book of Prayers in the Church, and our parishioners in hospitals and/or nursing homes. May they experience love and support of others.

WELCOME! If you moved recently to El Sobrante and come to celebrate Mass with us, we welcome you and/or your family. If you have not yet registered, please stop by the Parish Office one of these days and complete a Parish Registration form. The Office staff member could assist you in the process.

Pastoral Staff

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Youth Ministry

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Other Ministries/Services

Senior Center (510) 548-2617

Marge Essel, Coordinator

Mondays only, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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

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