

ST. CALLISTUS CHURCH

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:15PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon

Confession: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45PM

Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday 8:30AM

FIFTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020



The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: *“Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.”* All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew

ALL IN

Today’s readings leave no room for half-heartedness. As beneficiaries of God’s providence, we cannot hold back when serving others. When Isaiah instructs us to share our bread with the hungry, he offers no qualifications. He does not add, “if you think you can,” or “after all of your own needs have been met.” On the contrary, the prophet simply reports that God expects us to care for those in need. In a similar way, the Gospel call is unconditional. Like a city atop a mountain, the Christian life cannot be hidden. Followers of Jesus do not have the option to sit by and wish vaguely for someone else to take care of hunger, homelessness, oppression, and ignorance. God calls us into service. If we have heard the call, we must respond.



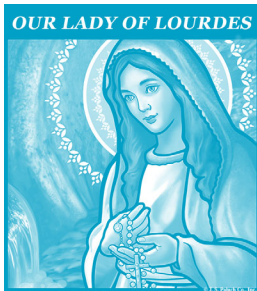
RESERVATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, A
Journey to the Land of the Bible.**

An opportunity for those who need time to prepare and save for the pilgrimage. For details, please call **Guia Gorospe** at **(510) 734-9289**



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Tuesday, February 11 is the Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes.

Please offer a Rosary to Our Lady to intercede for us and for the healing of the sick members of our family, and of our Parish Community.

On this day we will also pray the Rosary at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please come and pray with us.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. Originating as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early saints named Valentinus.

Valentine's Day is recognized as a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and romantic love.

There are numerous martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including a written account of Saint Valentine of Rome's imprisonment for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge, and he wrote her a letter signed "*Your Valentine*" as a farewell before his execution.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of the Christian martyr, Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England.

Couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid.



Happy Valentine' Day



ST. CALLISTUS HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Bake Sale

February 22 and 23, 2020

After each mass in the Parish Hall

Please help us by donating your homemade baked goods. Drop them off in the parish hall before each mass. Funds raised will be used for church events.



**Free
Coffee**



Questions?? Call **Inez Tamayo @ (510) 406-6792**. Credit and Debit Cards accepted with a \$10 Minimum purchase.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the Gloria, "Glory to God in the Highest." Soon the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.

For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

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Please take special care of yourselves and your family. If you have cold or are coughing, please consider staying home. If you come to Church and are coughing: please refrain from receiving the Blood of

Christ; avoid shaking hands at the "peace" sign. We have a responsibility to each other by being mindful of our own health as well as the well-being of the others in the Church.





Sunday Collection	2/2	\$3,636.50
Parish Maintenance	2/2	\$1554.00

**Second Collection for Sunday, February 16th St.
Vincent de Paul**

Thank you for your offering. May God bless you all.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH ~

SUN.	1:30 P.M.	Faith Formation 1st Communion Parent Meeting
MON.	6:55 P.M.	Youth Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M.	RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M.	Youth Group Meeting
WED.	10:15 A.M.	Bible Study Session - in the Parish Hall
	7:30 P.M.	Bible Study Session - in the Parish Hall
THU.	11:00 A.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Group Meeting - in the Church
	7:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
FRI.	6:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.		NO Faith Formation Class - PRESIDENT'S DAY

MASS INTENTIONS FROM FEB. 9 THROUGH FEB. 15

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Albert Tamayo ☩ by Marina Zamora
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	10:00 A.M.	Jacob Tolentino ☩ by The Camaya Family and Demetria Eneran ☩ by Luisa Escueta
	12:00 Noon	Gilbert Angelo Estrada (Living, Birthday) by The Estrada Family
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Juan Victorino ☩ by Meddie Victorino and Sabine Zellner ☩ by Lee & Gerda Peres
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Hermie Asuncion ☩ by Bong & Annie Magsino
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Hermie Asuncion ☩ by Beng Alviar
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Hermie Asuncion ☩ by Tony & Geny Fabella
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Hermie Asuncion ☩ by Mila Tabada
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Hermie Asuncion ☩ by Guia Gorospe

Schedule of Devotions

**Rosary and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - Monday
to Saturday 9:00AM**
**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -
Wednesdays 9:00AM**
Mother of Perpetual Help: Thursdays 9:00AM
**Hispanic Prayer Group - First & Third Thursdays
7:00PM**
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - First Fridays
9:00AM to 3:00PM. Benediction at 3:00 PM.**

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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Friday 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Thursday 8:30AM to 1:00PM
(12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM (closed for lunch))**

Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation—Sister Anitta

Youth Confirmation Program Sister Anitta

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RCIA Program: Marisse Dongallo 1-510- 223-1153

Pastoral Council: Bernie Rocco 1-510-406-6460

Other Programs/Services

**Knights of Columbus: Leandro Daroza, Grand Knight:
1-510-225-5302**

St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Carol Brazil : 1-510-243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery: 1-510-234-2012

Plan For These Sacraments

**Baptism of Infants: Make arrangements with priest at
least six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be *regis-
tered parishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.***

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



Faye Eaton	Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Raoul Martinez	Lee Peres
David Trejo	Lino Destacamento
Carrie Chew	Judy Robinson

Venancio Talao	Dan Craighead	Fred Granzella
Robert Maloney	Liling Hernandez	Ma. Christina Zamora
Vincent Dimalanta		Aurea de Alza
Thinh Tran		
Carole Freeman		

**And all the family members and friends listed in our Prayer
Book; and those who are homebound or in nursing homes.**