

ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

February 24, 2019 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people.

It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

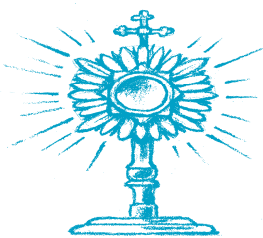
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SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday March 1st: World Day of Prayer

Friday March 1st: First Friday:

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



We will have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00AM until 3:00PM, followed by Benediction. Please come and spend some time in the presence of the Lord.

My dear people,

Please find here below excerpts from a letter dated February 18, 2019 from our Bishop, Most Reverend Michael Barber, S.J.

“Dear Parishioners and friends of the Oakland Diocese,

With a heavy heart, I am publishing the names of 20 diocesan priests, 22 religious order priests, deacons and brothers and three priests from other dioceses who have worked in the Diocese of Oakland and have credible accusations of sexual abuse of minors.

I can assure that today, no priest or deacon who is in active ministry in the Diocese of Oakland has a credible allegation of abuse of a minor.

I promised to publish a list, not to reopen the wounds of survivors, but to declare, “We have nothing to hide.” It is a “living list,” and will be updated as needed.

I hope this will help bring healing to those who have suffered. I renew our offer of counseling, therapy, support and outreach to survivors. The Diocese has worked with survivors of sexual abuse since the 1990s.

I pray the public acknowledgement of the sinful actions on the part of some priests will help many of us to find healing and hope, to restore our trust in the church, and to repair the damage caused to the reputation of so many good priests. The needs of victims and survivors, and the protection of children and vulnerable adults is our first priority”. (End of excerpt)

Sgd: **Most Reverend Michael Barber, S.J.**
Bishop of Oakland

If you wish to access more information, please go to:
www.oakdiocese.org/credibly-accused
or www.catholicvoiceoakland.org

Please join me and Bishop Barber “in praying for all who have been harmed, and for all who serve everyday, in our parishes, schools & other institutions to witness God’s message of divine mercy & love”.

Fr. Jimmy (Your Pastor).

GET READY FOR LENT — WITH A BOOK FAIR, AND JOIN THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY WITH A SPECIAL TREAT

After all the Masses next weekend, March 2 & 3, the Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present here at St. Callistus. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family. Great materials for your devotion and reading that would help you prepare for Lent; and items that would make memorable gifts for your loved ones.

AND: Come and experience St. Callistus hospitality! Celebrate and enjoy fellowship with your Parish Family. The Hospitality Ministry is serving delicious **COMPLIMENTARY** goodies after the Vigil (5:15PM) Mass on Saturday, March 2nd, and after all the Masses on Sunday, March 3rd.

Both the Book Fair and the Hospitality snacks will be held in the Parish Hall after all the Masses on the weekend of March 2 & 3.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



THANK YOU

VALENTINES' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our thanks and sincerest gratitude to all those who came for breakfast last Sunday. We enjoyed serving you and your family. We also thank those

who donated cash towards the schooling of a seminarian, even if they were unable to come for breakfast.

We thank God for you; we thank our Pastor Fr. Jimmy for his support. Please continue to pray for increased vocation to the Priesthood.

The Knights of Columbus
St. Callistus, Council 10244

WORKS OF MERCY

Please consider doing a work of mercy to someone in need: give food to the hungry, a coat to someone living in the cold weather; forgive willingly. A work of mercy can be one or any of the works mentioned above.

You can also offer a spiritual work of mercy. Today, pray for someone: a family member, a friend, a sick person, a neighbor. Pray!

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March 6

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30AM and at 7:30PM. Blessed ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Fasting and abstinence from meat and meat products are observed during Ash Wednesday.



Habrán Misas para el Miércoles Santo, 6 de Marzo, a las 8:30AM y 7:30PM. Cenizas benditas serán distribuidas el las dos Misas.

OUR CHURCH NEEDS OUR HELP!: PLEASE

- (1) **PICK UP TRASH** (empty bottles of water, paper, Kleenex, etc) and dispose them in trash receptacles;
 - (2) **BE QUIET / MAINTAIN SILENCE AFTER MASS** - people stay for personal prayer / meditation after Mass.
- Thank you.



...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
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	Carie Chew	Ashley Green
Ma. Christina Zamora		

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
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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

MASS INTENTIONS FROM FEB. 24 THROUGH MAR. 2

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Rose E. Gutierrez ✠ by Judy Meadows
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	10:00 A.M.	Dino L. Gutierrez ✠ by Judy Meadows
	12:00 Noon	Arthur E. DeNio ✠ & by Gary & Grace Magtibay and Fr. Dan Danielson ✠
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Josie Rocco (Living, Birthday) by Inez Tamayo
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Luisito A. Palma ✠ by Menchie Palma & Family
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Lourdes Esteban ✠ by Gary & Grace Magtibay & Family and Dr. Isias Sunga ✠ by Nelly Pichay
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Luz Solemnidad ✠ by Romy & Lydia Matundan
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Augusto Racelis ✠ by The Recalis Children and Rosenda Salo ✠ by Flora Viray & Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Thomas L. Cope ✠

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.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24TH ~

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



Sunday Collection	2/17	\$3,879.90
St. Vincent de Paul	2/17	\$2,109.60

**Second Collection for Sunday, March 3rd
Parish Maintenance**

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