

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803
November 18, 2018 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalms — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

My beloved people of St. Callistus,

The Liturgical Year 2018 is getting to its close. Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King which reminds us that, at the end of the ages, Jesus will come a second time, and this time as Judge of the living and the dead. The Readings of today ask us to shift our thoughts on the consummation of the world.

This week we also observe Thanksgiving. The reality of the finality of our life demands, that we live a life of gratitude. The Pilgrim Fathers knew the need and the value of gratitude. They reached the shores of this continent braving all kinds of perils and problems on the Atlantic. After reaching here also, life was not smooth for them: a new and strange land, inclement weather, various kinds of diseases, famine, pestilence, natural disasters and what not! They knew that except for the grace of God, they could not have survived. So they were deeply grateful to the loving, caring protecting God. And, for them gratitude was not a one day thing, but a way of life.

How about us? Are we a people with gratitude to God? Often we are not. We take everything for granted; we do not know to count our blessings; we forget that all that we have and are, are pure gifts of His benevolence; we forget what we have, and pine for what we do not, and often do not need to, have; we are greedy; we complain and grumble; we are so reluctant to share what we have; we are so afraid to give. We do not realize that, if we have a home, food to eat, and are reasonably in good health, we are far better off than millions and millions of people in this world who do not have any of them.

All that we have and are, come from the good God. If the Lord withdraws His love and benevolence from us for a moment we will be nothing. Let us learn to be less greedy, more sharing and ever grateful to God for everything.

Fr. Jimmy.

Thanksgiving Mass—Nov. 22 at 10:00 AM.
No 8:30 AM Mass. You are welcome to bring food to be blessed at Mass.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and also CLOSED on Friday, Nov. 23.

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues”.

- Cicero

(JSPaluch)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent. There will be lighting of the Advent candles during the four Sundays before the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you and your family wish to light a candle on one of the Sundays during the Advent season, please sign up for it. **The sign up sheets will be available next weekend.**

Follow the Star



No tickets remaining - **we're SOLD OUT!** No tickets will be sold at the door. Also, no outside alcohol.

One **FREE raffle ticket coupon** for the lucky ticket holders is for the taking if you go to the saintcallistus.org site and print one FREE raffle ticket coupon. Present it at the door on Saturday, December 1 after 6:00 p.m.

Extra donations for auction and raffle items are still requested. Call Roberta Jalbert at 510.253.9828.

Lucky ticket holders, look forward to a great meal, fun DJ tunes, numerous auction/raffle items, & Christmas cheer!

ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of His arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives His disciples hope to sustain them through His passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after His resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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ST. CALLISTUS GIFT-GIVING TREE

The St. Callistus Christmas Gift-Giving Tree will be put up in the vestibule on December 1st. If you know of a family who is in need this Christmas, or needs assistance in providing a gift for their children, please provide me with their name and contact information thru email, or drop off the information at the Parish Office. The family names with contact information should be submitted no later than November 28.

The information provided will be in strict confidence. Let us help together to make a family's Christmas a little brighter. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRAY forthe **SICK** and/or **HOME-BOUND** in our parish family,



SVdP - St CALLISTUS CONFERENCE GIVES THANKS

... to the St. Callistus parishioners, Fr. Jimmy and the St. Callistus staff for your support this past fiscal year (10.01.17 - 9.30.18). With your partnership, our conference was able to give bags to families in need: 75 for 2017 Thanksgiving, 100 for Christmas, 75 for 2018 Easter - totalling 916 individuals. The Back-to-School Shoe program served 43 children. Our Monthly Pantry Program served 347 families and 965 individuals. Our Tuesday and Thursday Perishable Distribution served 3,392 families and 9,821 individuals.

Our diverse Vincentian members gave 7,654 volunteer hours and drove 8,874 miles for the fiscal year. We passed out \$186,720 worth of in-kind donation goods from Paneara, Target, Food Bank and individual donors. We feel blessed and thankful to God and to you for the corporal works of mercy we did together this past year.

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Help us do more! Come and be an active Vincentian. Contact Rose/Carol at 510.243.7501.

Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Tommy Garcia	Georgann Chiozza
Lisa Savio	Theresa Padilla	Faustino Aguilar
Josefa Frondozo	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	Thomas Cope
Albert Tamayo	Lyda Mata	Bill Wierenga

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.

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor

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)

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Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)

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Pastoral Council

Bernie Rocco, Facilitator (510) 406-6460

Youth Ministry

Beatriz Lopez, Coordinator.....(510) 222-0432

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.

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*
parishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FROM NOV. 18 THROUGH NOV. 24

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Christie Rosete (Living) by The Rosete Family
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Antonio Scardina ✠ (Birthday) by Violet Miller and Lessly V.T. Sebastian ✠ by John Arouge
	10:00 A.M.	Jackie Baya ✠ (2 Year Death Anniversary) by The Eyike Family
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
MON	8:30 A.M.	Monica Gorospe ✠ by Romeo & Ofelia Serranzana and Sofia Rodriguez ✠ by Rebecca Balagot
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Monica Gorospe ✠ by Romy & Lydia Matundan
WED	8:30 A.M.	Eduardo & Amparo Arbaiza ✠✠ by Byron & Belen Cobb
THU.	10:00 A.M.	Thanksgiving by The Deyto & Bautista Families
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Konstantino Vardakastinis ✠ by Lino & Marisa Marcucci
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving for the Rocco & Tamayo Families by Inez Tamayo and Carmen Bautista ✠ (2nd Year Death Anniversary) by Lourdes & Family

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18TH ~

MON. 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class

TUE. **NO** RCIA Class - **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting

THU. **OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**

FRI. **OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**

6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room

SAT. **NO** Faith Formation Class - **THANKSGIVING BREAK**



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Sunday Collection 11/11 \$3,329.84
Church Flowers 11/11 \$1,225.51

Collection for Thu., Nov. 22nd - Thanksgiving
Second Collection for Sunday, November 25th
Faith Formation Support

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

