

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2020



HOLY AND PERFECT

Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience, and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

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DURING LENT, PLEASE REMEMBER

This Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at **8:30AM** and **7:30PM**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of OBLIGATORY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.

The **obligation to fast**, that is, eat only one full meal, is for individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 (except those who have serious health reasons). Eating two smaller meals is allowed if needed to maintain strength; but eating between meals is not.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. **Good Friday** is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Also, we will have **Stations of the Cross** on all **Fridays of Lent** at **7:30PM**. It is a great way to **reflect upon the passion of Our Lord** for our sake. Please note schedule below.



Parish Ministries scheduled to lead the Stations of the Cross:

Feb. 28—Hospitality Ministry

March 6—Ushers & Greeters

March 13—Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers & Mass Coordinators

March 20—Young Adults

March 27—RCIA & Youth Confirmation Members

April 3—SVdP and Choir Members

All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.





RESERVATION DEAD- LINE 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**

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.

Today, pray for someone, a family member, a friend, a sick person, a neighbor, a stranger, someone who has hurt you, someone you've wronged; **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.**



Message from Sister Anitta

Children's Faith Formation

As we are approaching the lent season - one of the holiest season of the Liturgical year, we will be reflecting on God's mercy and love for us and in return how can we love and serve Him. Parents are requested to encourage and help their children in *Finding the Mystery of Easter* through the booklet given to them. And teach your children the art of almsgiving by using the Rice Bowls. Celebrating the Holy Mass on every Sunday as a family is also a good way to prepare ourselves during this Lent.

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation teens are requested to work on their service hours and the project on their Saints. As we enter the most holiest season of Lent, teens and their parents are requested to prepare themselves by working on the three pillars of Lent—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children at the 10:00AM Sunday Mass. No Registration is necessary.



Sisters of the Convent of St. Elisabeth

We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth from Belarus, (Eastern Europe) on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the 8:30AM Mass.

Please take this special opportunity to support beautiful work and mission of the sisters by purchasing items of devotion. Religious handcrafts made in the workshops of the Convent will be available after the mass.



Gina Burnett
Aurea de Alza
Faye Eaton
Liling Hernandez
Lee Peres
David Trejo

Carrie Chew
Lino Destacamento
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Robert Maloney
Judy Robinson
Thinh Tran

Dan Craighead
Vincent Dimalanta
Carole Freeman
Raoul Martinez
Venancio Talao
Ma. Christina Zamora

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



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 2/16 \$3,827.76
St. Vincent de Paul 2/16 \$1,629.00

Collection for Wed., February 26th - Rice Bowl
Second Collection for Sunday, March 1st
Parish Maintenance

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



~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD ~

SUN. 9:00 A.M. Hospitality Ministry Bake Sale (After All Masses)
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. 7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in the Church
FRI. 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



Mass Intentions



MASS INTENTIONS FROM FEB. 23 THROUGH FEB. 29

SAT. 5:15 P.M. Bernardino Ancheta, Sr. ✠
by Lilian Esguerra
SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
10:00 A.M. Rose E. Gutierrez ✠
by Judy A. Meadows
12:00 Noon Felicidad Aguila-Palma ✠ (Birthday)
by Menchie Palma & Family
MON. 8:30 A.M. Dino L. Gutierrez ✠
by Judy A. Meadows
TUE. 8:30 A.M. Lorenza Peralta ✠ & Adelaida Briones ✠
by Ramon & Dory Briones
WED. 8:30 A.M. Luisito A. Palma ✠ (Death Anniversary)
by Menchie Palma & Family
7:30 P.M. Josie Rocco (Living, Birthday)
by Inez Tamayo
THU. 8:30 A.M. Marianne "Rina" Centeno
(Living, Thanksgiving)
by Ritzi & Gibran Faust
FRI. 8:30 A.M. Alejandro Balandra ✠
by Romeo & Ofelia Serranzana
SAT 8:30 A.M. Violetta Flores ✠
by Maria Silva

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.
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(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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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.

