

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS

Twentieth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019



"Jesus endured
the Cross,
despising its
shame, and has
taken His seat
at the right of
the throne of
God".

(Hebrews 12:2)

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of His time and ours of the divisions that His words would cause, showing Himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that He has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

FATHER JOHN ITZAINA, Salesian Father who comes to celebrate Mass with us here at St. Callistus; for Father John's recovery and good health, so that he will be back with us and the SHS students.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux



**Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and **this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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*From Death
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **PEDRO OÑA** who passed away recently. Pedro was the husband of Melagros Oña and grandfather of Arika Oña, Altar Server at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Mr. Oña and his family are long-time parishioners of St. Callistus.

Please pray also for the Oña family in the loss of their loved one.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invites all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA.

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker author Jess Echeverry. Her testimony as a Catholic convert and a survivor of violence who learns to forgive and love is compelling and uplifting! Through God's grace and healing she has turned her past into loving help for others.

Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after August 31st.

For more information:

<http://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek>

Email: Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations

or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

For Faith Formation: every Sunday in August.



For Youth Confirmation: every Sunday in August.

For RCIA: all weekends in August.

CATECHETICAL CONGRESS 2019 "LEAD ME LORD" "GUÍAME SEÑOR"

Last Saturday, August 11th, several of our parishioners attended the Catechetical Congress held at the Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, sponsored by the Diocese of Oakland. It was wonderful experience, very educational, and re-energizing, fun. One of the track workshops was titled **"Rising From The Ashes: Renewing Parish Life"** presented by Fr. Carl Arcosa. "This presentation aims to assist parish leaders and ministers on how to respond to the reality of dying parishes, or parishes needing renewal or revival" was the theme of this workshop. This attracted a lot of people since it is a concern common to many parishes, and St. Callistus is no exception. One of the main reasons for this concern, Fr. Carl said, is the "absence of good Catholics". So, **good Catholics of St. Callistus: are you out there?** Please come forward, and help your parish be a thriving, active parish. Join a ministry, come for Mass regularly, take your faith to the next level, know God better and share that faith. *(More on this in the next issue).*



PLEASE PRAY for

**....the SICK and/or
HOMEBOUND in our
parish family,**

Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Tommy Garcia	Georgann Chiozza
Lisa Savio	Theresa Padilla	Rebecca Mowbray
Suzie Lata Prasad	Joanne Northcutt	Charlene Nichols
Jeno Szabo	Lilia Szabo	Joyce Smith
Rosa Barbara		Celina Gonzales
Laura Peters	Lilia Oseguera	Joel Rivera
John Jeanpierre	Angelita Tantoco	Lino Destacamento
Dan Craighead	Lee Peres	David Trejo
Avelina Juat	Venancio Talao	Liling Hernandez
Fred Granzella	Albert Tamayo	Lyda Mata
Vincent Dimalanta	Robert Maloney	Carrie Chew
Ashley Green	Ma. Christina Zamora	Judy Robinson
Zenaida Mendoza	Ydalia Deleón & Children	Aurea de Alza

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 fa-

WELCOME! to all who come celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite you to fill out the contact information below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. An official registration form will be mailed to you. We encourage you to register in our Parish.

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____



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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Vigil
5:15 P.M.

Sunday Masses
8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon

Weekday Mass
Monday - Saturday 8:30 A.M.

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

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.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF AUGUST 18TH ~

TUE. 7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
WED. 7:00 P.M. Hospitality Ministry Meeting
THU. 7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - **in Church**
FRI. 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room

Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)
Confirmation Program and Youth Ministry
Sister Anitta Antony 1-(510) 222-0432

RCIA Program Director: Marisse Dongallo
1-(510) 223-1153

Pastoral Council
Bernie Rocco, Facilitator 1-(510) 406-6460

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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Thursdays
(12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM. (closed for lunch)

Other Ministries/Services

Knights of Columbus: Leandro Darosa, 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.



Sunday Collection 8/11 \$4,153.57
Bishop's Appeal 8/11 Sent to Diocese

Second Collection for Sunday August 25th
The Catholic Voice

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

MASS INTENTIONS FROM AUG. 18 THROUGH AUG. 24

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Geraldine Patlan ✠ by Maria Patlan
	10:00 A.M.	Bill Wierenga ✠ by The Paz & Wierenga Families and Adelina Cariaga ✠ by The Camaya Family
	12:00 Noon	Luz Solemnidad ✠ by Sabiha Campbell
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Romeo & Rachel Mariano (Both Living) by The Mariano Family
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Eriberto Gayoso & Family ✠✠ by Lyda Mata
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Kazimieva & Bolek Mrowiec ✠✠ by Monika Byczynski
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Javier Regines ✠ by The Regines Family and Cynthia Cochran ✠ by Fred & Mary Cochran
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Noli Tiongson ✠ by Menchie Palma & Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Lily A. Ramiro ✠ by Menchie Palma

