



Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO

**ST. CALLISTUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
3580 San Pablo Dam Road,
El Sobrante, CA 94803
April 14, 2019



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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

PENANCE SERVICE FOR LENT: Tuesday April 16 at 7:30PM. A full schedule of Mass and Services during the Holy Week, is included in Fr. Jimmy's Easter Letter to all.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

(One of these days) Chrism Mass will be celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a Bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the Bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"ALMIGHTY, EVER LIVING GOD, WHO CAUSED OUR SAVIOR TO TAKE FLESH AND SUBMIT TO THE CROSS, GRACIOUSLY GRANT THAT WE MAY HEED HIS LESSON OF PATIENT SUFFERING AND SO MERIT A SHARE IN HIS RESURRECTION" (THE COLLECT / OPENING PRAYER OF TODAY'S MASS).

MY DEAREST SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND MY BELOVED CHILDREN, WE ARE ENTERING INTO THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR. DURING THIS WEEK WE RECALL AND OBSERVE THE MARVELOUS EVENTS THAT BROUGHT ABOUT OUR ETERNAL SALVATION: OUR LORD COMING TO JERUSALEM TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US, HIS INSTITUTING THE EUCHARIST AND THE PRIESTHOOD AND GIVING US THE SUPREME COMMAND OF LOVE, HIS HORRIBLE PASSION AND DEATH ON A CROSS, AND HIS COMING BACK TO LIFE AND GLORY AND THUS ASSURING OUR OWN PARTICIPATION IN HIS DIVINE LIFE AND THE GLORY OF HEAVEN.

THERE IS INEXHAUSTIBLE MATERIAL FOR ANY ONE TO WRITE ON ALL THIS. BUT, INSTEAD OF DOING THAT, TODAY I ONLY REQUEST YOU TO DO ONE THING, AND I WISH, HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU DO IT: DURING THIS WEEK PLEASE READ THE PASSION NARRATIVES IN ALL THE FOUR GOSPELS, ONE EACH A DAY, MEDITATE ON THEM, AND ASK OUR DEAR LORD TO ENLIGHTEN YOUR MINDS, INSPIRE YOUR HEARTS, AND DRAW YOU AND ALL OF US CLOSER AND DEEPER INTO HIS LOVE.

MAY OUR SAVING LORD BLESS AND SANCTIFY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND ALL OF US. AMEN.

*Fr. Jimmy
Your Pastor.*

EASTER BASKETS

We, the Hospitality Ministry requested for your donations of small items towards our Easter Baskets Program for children living in shelters. **This weekend is the deadline to bring in your donations.** However, if you are still able to donate after today, please contact

Josie Rocco at 510-222-9411 or

e-mail Bernierocco@sbcglobal.net

and we can make arrangements for drop-off.

Requested donations are: Small Easter baskets, small stuffed animals, bunny, ducks, Easter candies, chocolate bunnies, all individually wrapped, Easter Basket grass, any small toy, coloring book, crayons. Thank you.



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DONATION OF EASTER LILIES

Please bring your donations of Easter lilies to the Church vestibule **by Saturday morning April 20.** The flowers will be used to decorate our Church for Easter.

If you are unable to donate lilies, a monetary donation will help us purchase the flowers we need for our Church.

We thank you for your continued support.

The Art & Environment Ministry

THE PARISH OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

For all of our registered parishioners who have made changes to your family profile or family record, please inform the Parish Office so your family record will get updated. Updates may include death of a registered family member/spouse; family member no longer living in your registered household, address change or any change at all that you made or wish to make at this time. It is very important that we have the most recent family information for necessary mailings, and how to reach you only when necessary. The information you provide are all kept private and confidential.

For those who have not yet registered, please do so. There are blank Registration forms on the back tables in the Church. Thank you. *The Parish Office.*

THERE IS HELP!

COUNTER POINT, a support group for families struggling with addiction and alcoholism, meets on Tuesdays at 7:00PM at St. Michael Parish, 458 Maple St. at Fourth St., Livermore. You are not alone! There is help. For more information, contact Rachael at 510-501-1411.

Forgiveness

Love

Compassion



On Good Friday, April 19 and each day through Saturday, April 27 at 3:00 pm, the Divine Mercy group invite you to attend and say nine days of specific-intentioned prayers that Our Lord wanted prayed. "The Lord told me to say this chaplet for nine days

before the Feast of Divine Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday."

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to 'the fount of My mercy,' that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death." The Divine Mercy in My Soul by St. Faustina, 796 & 1209

GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	EASTER SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APR 19	APR 20	APR 21	APR 22	APR 23	APR 24	APR 25	APR 26	APR 27	APR 28
3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM



...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	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	Carrie Chew	Ashley Green
Ma. Christina Zamora	Judy Robinson	Zenaida Mendoza

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.

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

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

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 APR. 14 THROUGH APR. 20

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Paul Esguerra, Sr. ✠ by Lilian Esguerra & Family
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Deceased Members of Florencio Bautista Family ✠ by Estrell & Butch
	10:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	12:00 Noon	Leo Ocegüera ✠ by The Ocegüera Family
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Gregoria Ancheta ✠ by Lilian Esguerra & Family
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Regina & Julita Celestial ✠✠ by The Regines Family and Alfonso Monzon ✠ by The Zamora Family
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Bill & Carol Lujan (Both Living) (2nd Year Wedding Anniversary) by Carol Lujan
THU.	7:30 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
SAT	8:00 P.M.	Youth of the Parish of St. Callistus

Parish Staff

Marina Zamora, Office Manager
Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary
Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

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Parish Ministries

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Pastoral Council
Bernie Rocco, Facilitator (510) 406-6460
Youth Ministry
Beatriz Lopez, Coordinator.....(510) 222-0432

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF APRIL 14TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M. RCIA Class 7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting 7:30 P.M. Communal Penance Service
THU.	8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer (No Mass) 7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting 7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper 9:15 P.M. <i>Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 11:15 P.M.</i>
FRI.	8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer (No Mass) 12:00 Noon Recitation of the Holy Rosary 12:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross 1:30 P.M. Good Friday Services 3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer (No Mass) NO Faith Formation Class - Easter Break 3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil



Due to early submission of this Bulletin, the
Sunday Collection & Parish Maintenance Col-
lection for April 7th are not available. Will be
published in next week's Bulletin. Thank you.

Collection for Thursday, April 18th - Holy Thursday Offering
Collection for Friday, April 19th - Holy Land / Good Friday
Second Collection for Sunday, April 21st - Easter Offering

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