

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

January 27, 2019 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing His listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's Word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday Jan. 28:	St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday Jan. 31:	St. John Bosco
Friday Feb. 1:	First Friday
Saturday Feb. 2:	The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life;

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor".*

— Luke 4:18a



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's Feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. **Why does liturgy require candles?** In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. **Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation:** wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of His love.

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The St. Callistus Parish Family, friends, and devotees from various parishes celebrated the Feast Day of JESUS OF NAZARENE

last Saturday, January 19th. Mass was celebrated at 12:00Noon, followed by a Procession and a scrumptious Reception in the Parish Hall, all well-attended and enjoyed by all. Above picture shows the Solemnidad-DeLeon Family with the Statue of Jesus of Nazarene.

FIRST FRIDAY, FEB. 1: We will have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00AM and conclude with Benediction at 3:00PM. Please come, bring your family and friends, and join us in prayer.

CANDLEMAS SATURDAY Feb. 2: There will be blessing of candles at the **8:30AM Mass**. Please bring candles that you want to be blessed when you come for Mass at 8:30 AM on Saturday Feb. 2nd.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 9, 2019 at 11:00AM

At the Cathedral of Christ The Light

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope Saint John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.

Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the Diocese. Please join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population. No RSVP is necessary.



....the SICK and/or HOME-BOUND in our parish family,

Faye Eaton
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Lisa Savio
Josefa Frondoza
Suzie Lata Prasad
Jeno Szabo
Rosa Barbara
Laura Peters
John Jeanpierre
Dan Craighead
Ydalia Deleón & Children
Venancio Talao
Albert Tamayo
Robert Maloney

Juanita Estrelles
Tommy Garcia
Theresa Padilla
Rebecca Mowbray
Joanne Northcutt
Lilia Szabo
Jim Briones
Lilia Oseguera
Angelita Tantoco
Lee Peres
Liling Hernandez
Lyda Mata

Rose Riepel
Georgann Chiozza
Faustino Aguilar
Consolacion Aguilar
Charlene Nichols
Joyce Smith
Celina Gonzales
Joel Rivera
Lino Destacamento
David Trejo
Avelina Juat
Fred Granzella
Vincent Dimalanta

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
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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

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 JAN. 27 THROUGH FEB. 2

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Dave Rocco ☩ by Josie & Bernie Rocco
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Anna C. Regines (Living, Birthday) by The Regines Family
	10:00 A.M.	Marina Talao ☩ by Marina Zamora and Bernardo Gomez, Jr. ☩ by Arnel & Linda Camaya & Family
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving for the repose of a Liver Donor by Marisol Zapater-Ferra
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Wilma Espino ☩ by Gidesse Racelis & Family
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Consolacion V. Aguilar ☩ by Tony & Geny Fabella
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Luz Solemnidad ☩ by Tony & Geny Fabella and Thomas Cope ☩ by Nelly Pichay
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Hiram Christopher (Living) by Guia Gorospe
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Adelaida J. Cruz ☩ by Carmencita J. Ferreros

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH ~

SUN.	1:30 P.M.	First Reconciliation Family Day
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	1/20	\$4,122.74
Parish Maintenance	1/20	\$1,578.56
Offering: Jesus of Nazarene	1/19	\$ 650.00

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

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