

ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is February 14. If you have any palms and wish to donate them, please bring them to Church when you come to Mass next Sunday. Thank you.

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
February 4, 2018

**Sunday, Feb. 4th has been designated as
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE.**

Please pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, Our Bishop, our Pastor Fr. Jimmy, the Salesian Fathers, all the clergy, Sister Angela and all those in consecrated life. Please pray also for an increase in vocation to the priesthood and the religious life.



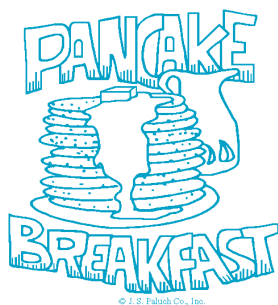
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TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of His new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day He rose before dawn to get away by Himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for Him, they pursue Him, filled with the fervor that His ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example He gave until the end of His earthly life, He tells His followers that this is His whole purpose. Through Mark, He is also telling the early church, and He is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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Thursday Feb. 8th is International Day of Prayer and Awareness for Human Trafficking. Please join this campaign by praying the Rosary wherever you may be.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Hosted by the Knights of
Columbus

Start your Valentines Day celebration with a hot breakfast. Please come to the Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Feb.

11. Bring your family, friends

and loved ones. Breakfast will be served from 8:00AM to 11:30AM in the Parish Hall.

Adult: \$7.50. Kids 12 years and younger **FREE**. Thank you all in advance for your support and generosity that enable us to carry out our programs.

Knights of Columbus, Council 10244
St. Callistus

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **MARIA POOLE**, a long time parishioner of St. Callistus. Maria has been sick for a while but always dearly loved and cherished St. Callistus.

Father Jimmy visited her several times; and one of our Extraordinary Ministers regularly brought Communion to her. Please remember her in your prayers and all those who have recently died.



**Sunday, February 11 is the Feast Day of Our
Lady of Lourdes. Stay tuned for further
announcements.**



Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Tommy Garcia	
Georgann Chiozza	Lisa Savio	Theresa Padilla
Faustino Aguilar	Maria Garcia	Josefa Frondoza
Mae Banks	Rebecca Mowbray	Consolacion Aguilar
Suzie Lata Prasad	Joanne Northcutt	Charlene Nichols
Jeno Szabo	Lilia Szabo	Joyce Smith
Josie Esperanza	Rosa Barbara	Jim Briones
Celina Gonzales	Laura Peters	Lilia Oseguera
Joel Rivera	John Jeanpierre	Angelita Tantoco
Julie Dracopoulos	Ydalia Deleón & Children	

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.

JESUS FINDS HIS LOST SHEEP!

Congratulations to all the children listed below, who were found by the Good Shepherd in the sacrament of Reconciliation on Jan. 27! We also congratulate their parents who guided them to this grace-filled milestone! Please pray for the families as they now begin to focus on the children's First Communion preparation.

Jeremiah Aung
Julian Aung
Julius Aung
Iliana Delmer
Tahani Dillard
Garrick Lee
Russel Manuel

Riley Naraja
Cyril Nnachetam
Devon Oson
Izayah Oson
Gavin San Juan
Kassandra San Juan
Joshua Tianero

From
Feb. 4th



Through
Feb. 10th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Herbert Barbagelata ✠ by The Barbagelata Family and Martha June Wetekamp ✠ by Patti Cohoon
	10:00 A.M.	Franco Olympio Ranjo, Hanah S. Ranjo, & Eusebio & Clara Benito ✠✠✠ by Flora Ranjo
	12:00 Noon	Simeon & Maria Kim ✠✠ by The Uldricks Family
MON	8:30 A.M.	Nunzia Storniolo ✠ by Violet Miller and C. Clemons ✠ by Mary Toomey
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Eugenio Miculob ✠ by The Miculob Family and Thanksgiving by Elisa N. Dris
WED	8:30 A.M.	Eogham O'Sullivan (Living, 6th Birthday) by The Uldricks Family
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Peregrina, Josie & Marife Villasica ✠✠✠ by Manny & Myrna Villasica
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Gilbert Angelo Estrada (Living, Birthday) by The Estrada Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Juan Victorino ✠ by Ike & Meddie Victorino

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Class
TUE.	7:00 P.M.	RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M.	Young Adults Meeting
THU.	11:30 A.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
	7:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
FRI.	6:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class



In 2017, 22 families registered in our parish.

If you moved to the El Sobrante area recently and have come to celebrate Mass with us, we welcome you and your family. If you have not yet registered, please stop by the Parish Office one of these days and complete a Parish Registration Form. The Office staff member could assist you in the process. The Registration Form is also available on the back table in the Church.

**[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.
— Psalm 147:4**

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor

(510) 223-1153

Parish Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

(12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. closed for lunch)

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.



Sunday Collection	1/28	\$4,253.82
Faith Formation Support	1/28	\$1,296.88

**Second Collection for Sunday, February 11th
Church Flowers**

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

Parish Staff

Gwen Eyike, 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

Other Ministries/Services

Knights of Columbus

Patrick Jalbert, Grand Knight 367-4595

St. Vincent de Paul Conference 243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 234-2012

Baptism of Infants (510) 223-1153

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 (510) 223-1153

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in advance.

