

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can’t be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before His death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says His own blood perspired from Him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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**“FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD...”**

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
March 18, 2018

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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Our Parish Mission (Lenten Retreat) is on Monday and Tuesday (March 19 and 20) at 7:30PM here in the Church. Please come for it, hear what the Lord tells you at this time and be more close to Jesus and be able to receive the blessings the Lord wants to give you.

Remember our **ALL-NIGHT ADORATION** this coming **Friday from 8:00PM to 7:00AM Saturday**. Please come and spend at least one hour with the Lord who suffered and died for us on the Cross. Try to come during the harder hours of the night (from 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, etc). Do a little penance. Those who have signed up for the various hours, please do not forget to keep your hours.

Fr. Jimmy



**at 7:30PM on Friday,
March 23 - Prayers will be led
by the RCIA & Youth Confirmation Members. Please come.
This is the last Friday we have
for the Stations of the Cross before the Holy Week.**

MASS & SERVICES' SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Note: There was an error in last week's Bulletin. The Adoration in the Parish Hall was listed under Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). It is now corrected and listed under Holy Thursday, as shown below:

March 19 & 20 - Monday and Tuesday: Parish Mission (7:30 P.M. both evenings)

March 23 Friday — Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.
— Mass before Adoration 7:30 P.M.
— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 P.M. until 7:00 A.M.

March 24 Saturday 5:15 P.M. Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday (Blessing of Palms at the courtyard and Procession to the Church)

March 25 Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule; Blessing of Palms at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the courtyard and Procession to the Church)

March 27 Tuesday - Communal Penance Service - 7:30 P.M.

March 29 Thursday - Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 P.M. (Washing of the Feet of 12 Apostles)
Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall. Prayers led by:

9:00 PM to 9:30 PM - Lectors/EMs/MCs

9:30 PM to 10:00 PM - Block Rosary Group

10:00 PM to 10:30 PM - Hospitality Ministry

10:30 PM to 11:00 PM - Knights of Columbus

March 30 Friday - Good Friday Passion of the Lord
12 Noon Rosary—Led by Guia Gorospe
12:45 P.M. - Stations of the Cross—Fr. Jimmy
Candle Bearers—Bernie Rocco & Butch Bautista
1:30 P.M. - Good Friday Services: Fr. Mel
Veneration of the Cross

March 31 Holy Saturday Mass 8:00 P.M.



Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Tommy Garcia	Georgann Chiozza
Lisa Savio	Theresa Padilla	Faustino Aguilar
Josefa Frondoza	Mae Banks	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	Julie Dracopoulos	Ydalia Deleón & Children
Debra Gunn	Lino Destacamento	

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.

2018 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The second collection next weekend will be for the Bishop's Appeal, which Fr. Jimmy spoke about last weekend. The Bishop's Appeal booklets will also give details about the Appeal. Please consider making a generous gift to the best that you can.

SVDP CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATION

St. Vincent de Paul will change their hours of operation and distribution of food to begin at 10:00 and end at 11:00AM Tuesdays and Thursdays. The new time will **begin on April 3rd**. Thank you.

SVDP
St. Callistus

		From Mar. 18th	Through Mar. 24th
SAT	5:15 P.M.	David Rocco ✠ by Tony & Geny Fabella and Teresa Gacayan ✠ by Rebecca Balagot	
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Elouise English ✠ by The English Family	
	10:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church	
	12:00 Noon	Luisita Fajardo ✠ By The Rosete Family and Norberto Castañeda by Ramon & Digna Sales	
MON	8:30 A.M.	Adelina Oliva ✠ by The Oliva Family and Rhonda Jefferson + by Mary Toomey	
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Butch Bautista (Living, Birthday) by Estrell	
WED	8:30 A.M.	Maria Poole ✠ by Sabiha Campbell	
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Konstantino Vardakastinis ✠ by Lino & Marisa Marcucci	
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Maria Poole ✠ by Sabiha Campbell	
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Nguyet Tran (Living) by Nguyet Tran	

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 18TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class
	7:30 P.M. Parish Mission
TUE.	7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
	7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
	7:30 P.M. Parish Mission
THU.	7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
FRI.	6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
	7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross
	7:30 P.M. Mass Before Adoration
	8:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	following Mass until 7:00 A.M.
SAT.	9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY — GIFT-GIVING FOR EASTER

The Hospitality Ministry is collecting gifts to fill Easter baskets for **children living in local shelters. We are asking for donations of stuffed animals, crayons and coloring books and small story books that explain Easter** or any small toy that will fit into a basket. You can drop off these items at the Parish Hall before each Mass; or at the Parish Office during Office hours **no later than Monday, March 26.** Thank you.

Josie Rocco 510-222-9411.

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.

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so everyone who believes in him might
have eternal life".*

— John 3:14-21



Sunday Collection	3/11	\$4,143.45
Catholic Relief Services	3/11	\$1,544.05

**Second Collection for Sunday, March 25th
BISHOP'S APPEAL**

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