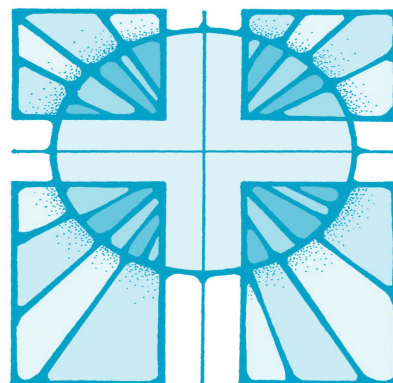


WELCOME
TO
ST. CALLISTUS

TWENTY-
SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

September 1, 2019



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HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

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CHOIR VACATION: Our choirs will be on vacation in September. On Sept. 7 (5:15 Mass) and Sept. 8 (8:00AM Mass), there will be NO CHOIR. However, there will be choir at the 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon Masses on Sept. 8.

Members of the choir: have a good vacation. Thank you for the good work you do for our parish worship.

MONDAY September 2 —LABOR DAY
A Holiday. The Parish Office will be CLOSED.
Our Mass will be at the usual 8:30AM.

Please pray for all those who labor, especially our farm-workers who bring produce to our tables.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).



**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy
on us.**

First Friday, September 6.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 AM to 3:00PM

Benediction 3:00PM



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FAITH FORMATION Grades K-8

Registrations are open for Faith formation, Confirmation and RCIA programs on Sundays. **Faith Formation classes** will commence on **Saturday, September 7 from 9:30 - 10:45 AM**. Please do register your child/children as soon as possible. **There will be a mandatory Student-Parent meeting on Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 - 10:45 AM in the Church.**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION (1year): Youth Confirmation program is for students attending high school and must be 13 to 17 years of age. Classes will commence on **Monday, September 9 from 6:55 - 9:00PM**. **There will be a mandatory Student-Parent meeting; at least one parent must attend with the child on Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM in our Parish Hall.**

Questions? Please call Sr. Anitta at 1-510-222-0432

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the Altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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FROM THE DIOCCESAN COMMUNICATIONSTIONS: DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is the weekend of **September 7-8, 2019**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Thank you.

EL SOBRANTE STROLL, PARKING LOT PASSES

The El Sobrante Stroll will be on Sunday Sept. 15. On that day, starting at 7:30AM, entrance to the St. Callistus parking lot will be by Parking Pass only. **Passes will be handed out to parishioners after all the weekend Masses on Sept. 7 & 8. If you do not have a Parking Pass, you will Not be allowed to enter the parking lot.**

FEAST DAY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH — August 28

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" He picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death.

Source: SpiritDaily/Life of Saints



....the SICK and/or HOME-
BOUND 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 facilities, and the homeless.

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally

Pastor

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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.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST ~

MON. OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

7:00 P.M. Hospitality Ministry Meeting

TUE. 7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting

THU. 7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church

7:00 P.M. Hispanic Group Prayer Meeting

FRI. 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM SEP. 1 THROUGH SEP. 7

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Tomas Bandong ✠ by The Fabella Family
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	Victorioso & Sofia Jiz De Ortega ✠✠ by Mila Delossantos
	10:00 A.M.	Conrad Matundan ✠ by Jovi Matundan & Family
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Bill Wierenga ✠ by The Wierenga & Paz Families
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Josie & Bernie Rocco (Both Living, Wedding Anniversary) by Josie & Bernie Rocco
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Gloria Maldonado ✠ by Marisol Zapater-Ferra
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Ed Talao ✠ by Mila Delossantos
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Pansy Torres ✠ by The Estrada Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Phil Rosete ✠ by Chat Rosete and Lilia Ramiro ✠ by Pinang & Jun Aquino

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out the Registration form and give it to one of the Ushers, or drop it off in the Parish Office mail slot. The forms are available on the back tables.

HOLY CHAOS! A MINI RETREAT FOR

PARENTS: Come be affirmed, encouraged and inspired in the most important job we have – as parents! **The retreat will be on Sunday, Sept. 1:30-6:00PM at St. Joan of Arc Parish, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon.** Cost is \$25 for one parent, \$40 for both. Child care: available for \$10, advance registration required. To register:

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/youth-ministry/holy-chaos>

Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation—Sister Anitta

Youth Confirmation Program Sister Anitta

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RCIA Program: Marisse Dongallo 1-510- 223-1153

Pastoral Council: Bernie Rocco 1-510-406-6460

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

Parish Staff

Marina Zamora, Office Manager

Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary

Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Thursday 8:30AM to 1:00PM

(12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM (closed for lunch)

Plan For These Sacraments

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.



Sunday Collection	8/25	\$3,384.85
The Catholic Voice	8/25	\$1,221.40

**Second Collection for Sunday September 8th
Diocesan Priest Retirement**

Thank you for your offering. May God bless you all .