

ST. CALLISTUS CHURCH

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:15PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon

Confession: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45PM

Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday 8:30AM

SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18

February 16, 2020

PASSING AWAY

There is some urgency in Christ's call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus' call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to "leave your gift at the altar" and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today's readings reflect on the deep connection between God's law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, "love is the fulfillment of the law." Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God's love and God's law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

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FROM THE HEART ...

Belated Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Hearts Day! A beautiful reminder for all of us that we have a heart, and that matters of the heart still do matter in our materialistic and pragmatic world. The bottom line is that true happiness and fulfillment happen in and depend on relationships and not so much on material achievements. I wish us all more peace in our hearts, in our families, in our relationships, in our country, and in the world.

In today's gospel, Jesus told his disciples to go beyond the details of the law and toward the spirit and the heart of the law. When we become too legalistic, we may end up calculating, controlling, judgmental and impersonal. May we not live according to the letter of the law but according to the spirit and heart of the law. God's love is far broader, far deeper, far wider, so let us not limit God's love according to our laws and traditions.

Sharing with you this beautiful prayer with the heart: *"Lord, enlighten what is dark in me; strengthen what is weak in me; mend what is broken in me; bind what is bruised in me; heal what is sick in me; revive whatever peace and love that has died in me. This is also my prayer for my loved ones, my country, my friends, and even those who hate me. Amen."*

Fr. Dante.

Monday, February 17

Presidents' Day

The Parish Office CLOSED in
observance of the Presidents' Day Holiday.

Please Note!



February 26 is Ash Wednesday.
There will be 2 Masses, 8:30 AM
and 7:30 PM. Ashes will be dis-
tributed at both Masses.



ST. CALLISTUS HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Bake Sale

February 22 and 23, 2020

After each mass in the Parish Hall

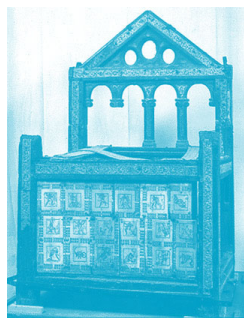
Please help us by donating your homemade baked goods. Drop them off in the parish hall before each mass. Funds raised will be used for church events.



**Free
Coffee**



Questions?? Call **Inez Tamayo @ (510) 406-6792**.
Credit and Debit Cards accepted with a \$10 Minimum purchase.



The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle

February 22nd is the Feast Day of the Chair of St. Peter The Apostle. The Lord said to Peter, *"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church"* and *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;*

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven". St. Peter is so important to the Church that he has more than one feast day during the year. This is another way the Church celebrates this.

The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority. This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the "authority of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, and emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter's successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The Chair of St Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of "feeding" the flock, to lead the people of God, the Church.



Please take special care of yourselves and your family. If you have cold or are coughing, please consider staying home. If you come to Church and are coughing: please refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ; avoid shaking hands at the

"peace" sign. We have a responsibility to each other by being mindful of our own health as well as the well-being of the others in the Church.



RESERVATION DEAD- LINE EXTENDED!!!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE,
*A Journey to the Land of the
Bible.*

An opportunity for those who need time to prepare and save for the pilgrimage. For details, please call **Guia Gorospe** at **(510) 734-9289**

JESUS FINDS HIS LOST SHEEP!

Congratulations to all the children who were found by the Good Shepherd in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 1st! We also congratulate the parents who guided them to this grace-filled milestone! Please pray for these families as they now focus on the children's First Communion preparation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28,

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

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Sunday Collection 2/9 \$ 3,833.10
Church Flowers 2/9 \$ 1,372.00

Second Collection for Sunday, February 23rd
Faith Formation Support

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

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH ~

MON. **OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**
NO Youth Confirmation Class - PRESIDENT'S DAY
TUE. 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting
WED. 10:15 A.M. Bible Study Session - **in the Parish Hall**
7:30 P.M. Bible Study Session - **in the Parish Hall**
THU. 11:00 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - **in the Church**
7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting
FRI. 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT. 9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class



FROM FEB. 16 THROUGH FEB. 22

SAT. 5:15 P.M. Primo & Jovita Castaneda ✠✠
by Mila Canoy
SUN. 8:00 A.M. Nora Miller ✠
by Alex & Gracita Salcedo
10:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
12:00 Noon Hernan Eneran ✠
by Luisa Escueta
and Hermie Asuncion ✠
by Dave & Margaret Campbell
MON. 8:30 A.M. Caridad Gutierrez ✠
by Romeo & Ofelia Serranzana
TUE. 8:30 A.M. Hermelita Asuncion ✠
by Romeo & Ofelia Serranzana
WED. 8:30 A.M. Encar Sanchez ✠
by Menchie Palma & Family
THU. 8:30 A.M. Felicidad Aguila-Palma ✠
(Death Anniversary)
by Menchie Palma & Family
FRI. 8:30 A.M. Clara Inyasi ✠ & Mukama Madoshi ✠
by Boniphace Madoshi
SAT 8:30 A.M. Catalina Ferra-Ostolaza ✠
by Marisol Zapater-Ferra



Venancio Talao
Liling Hernandez
Thinh Tran
Faye Eaton
Raoul Martinez
David Trejo
Carrie Chew
Dan Craighead
Vincent Dimalanta
Aurea de Alza
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Lee Peres
Lino Destacamento
Judy Robinson
Robert Maloney
Ma. Christina Zamora
Carole Freeman

And all the family members and friends listed in our Prayer Book; and those who are homebound or in nursing homes.

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.

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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))

Parish Ministries

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Youth Confirmation Program Sister Anitta

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

Other Programs/Services

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1-510-225-5302

St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Carol Brazil : 1-510-243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery: 1-510-234-2012

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.