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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 22, 2020

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God’s ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for “blind spots,” and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God’s healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to “live as children of light” as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

SPECIAL NOTICE
BISHOP BARBER SUSPENDS ALL PUBLIC MASSES

In collaboration with local Bay Area officials, and in service to the common good of our communities and our country, the Diocese of Oakland is immediately putting into effect the following actions:

- All public Masses are suspended. Priests are receiving specific guidance from Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, regarding the celebration of sacraments, including baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- Information on online daily Masses can be found at https://www.oakdiocese.org/response-to-coronavirus-pandemic.
- All other events at parishes and schools are to be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled until further notice.

In issuing these new guidelines Bishop Michael Barber stated, “Our Lady, Health of the Sick, has always come to the aid of the Church in times of plague, pestilence and danger. Let us pray to her to intercede for us with her Son.”

ONLINE MASSES AND OTHER LITURGICAL RESOURCES

Daily Mass (Including Sunday)
Archdiocese of Boston CatholicTV - http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass
Archdiocese of New Orleans - https://thedailymass.com/mass/
EWTN - http://ewtn.com
Relevant Radio (audio only) - http://relevantradio.com/

Sunday Mass
Catholic Extension Society -- https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/sunday-catholic-mass-online
Christ the King Parish Live Streaming — https://christthekingparish.com/live-streaming/

Daily Scripture readings from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in English and Español
**BIBLE PASSAGE:**
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-12

The Lord said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “surely the Lord’s anointed is here before him.” But the Lord said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said “The Lord has not chosen any one of these.” Samuel then asked “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said “send for him.” The Lord said, “There-anoint him, for this is the one!”

**REFLECTION:**
God’s providence is beyond the spectrum in which we humans see. He sees the whole people, not just an individual. We are clearly reminded that we are not judged based on our outward appearance, for God looks into the heart of every person. Do not worry about what other people say about you. Worry instead of what God knows about you. We must not judge based on outward appearances but to look within. We are also reminded that God often chooses unlikely people to do His work, so that all know the work is God’s work and not man’s work. David was the youngest and yet God chose him. He saw David as a man after His own heart.

**ACTION:**
Look within our own hearts and reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. This week:
- Spend time daily in prayer to grow in your relationship with God. Have a conversation with Him.
- Make an effort to notice someone each day and give them a smile. Say a prayer for them.
- Make an effort to not judge anyone this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
**FROM FR. JIMMY**
Effectively immediately

- All Masses have been cancelled through April 7, 2020.
- The Church will be open daily from 11:00AM to 1:00PM for those wanting to come and pray in the church. But those who come to pray must stay at least 6 feet from anyone else at all times in the church premises.
- The Parish Office will remain open until 1:00PM, Monday through Friday.
- If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confession please call the Parish Office during office hours. Confession will be heard only outside the confessional. If you are uncomfortable with face to face confession, you may wear a mask.
- When Masses Resume, Communion will be given only in the hand, in order to protect to the maximum all concerned including the Eucharistic Ministers as well as the Priests. All the Eucharistic Ministers and Priests will sanitize their hands before giving communion.
- All meetings in the Parish Hall and the Youth Group Building are cancelled until further notice.
- Faith Formation and Youth Confirmation cancelled for the remainder of the month.
- The Youth Confirmation Retreat scheduled for March 28/29 is postponed to some other date in the future.
- Stations of the Cross are cancelled.
- All Night Adoration scheduled for April 3rd is cancelled.
- There will be no April 3rd, First Friday Adoration. But the Eucharist will be exposed for private prayer from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon.
- Our Lenten Parish Mission for March 30 and 31 is cancelled.
- Bible Study classes are cancelled until further notice.
- The Communal Penance Service scheduled for April 7, Tuesday stands as of now.
Parish Staff

Sister Anitta Antony, Pastoral Associate
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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)

Sunday Collection  3/15 $1,567.19
The Catholic Voice  3/15 $ 695.31

Second Collection for Sunday, March 29th
Catholic Relief Services

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

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion.

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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Other Programs/Services
Knights of Columbus: Leandro Daroza, Grand Knight:
1-510-225-5302
St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Carol Brazil: 1-510-243-7501

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.