

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803
December 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent



**We Wish
You A
Merry Christmas**

FROM: *Fr. Jimmy Marina Gilbert*
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Estrell

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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Welcome

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We welcome the new parishioners who have registered and joined the St. Callistus Parish Family, during the course of the year 2018. We are very happy that you and your family come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us, and to participate in the various Parish activities. We look forward to worshipping with you here at St. Callistus.



REFLECTION

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy for all people". Today is the last Sunday of Advent. Just one more day, and then what we will hear is what I just quoted above.

Christmas is here. But it comes every year. So, what is new? In one sense there is nothing new. But in another far deeper sense, Christmas is never stale or pale, it is ever new.

The meaning and message of Christmas is that we are very precious and dear to God. He can, and will, never forget or forsake us. He wants us to be with Him always sharing His eternal joy. No matter how much we disobey Him, however ungrateful we are to Him, how much we ignore Him, or how far we go away from Him, He will still wait for us to return to Him, like the father of the prodigal son.

What are we to do, always, but especially at this time? First and foremost, we need to reflect on and realize God's intense love for us and then to love Him in return. We need to once again acknowledge that our love for Him often is feeble and unsteady. Together with the Psalmist of today let us ask our dear Lord, "Lord, make us turn to you" ever more. And, let us rejoice in our loving and saving Lord. Let us be grateful to Him, and let us live according to His will.

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY
BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.**

Fr. Jimmy Thottapally
Your Pastor.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST is the Feast Day of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

Our Mass on January 1st will be at **10:00AM**. It is a big feast of our Blessed Mother and the beginning of a New Year. So please make every effort to go for Mass that day.

Fr. Jimmy.

2018 - 2019 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE and CELEBRATIONS

(Sunday, December 23 Regular Sunday
Mass schedule)

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
8:30AM Regular Morning Mass

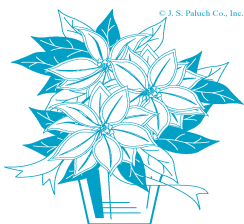
6:00PM Children's Liturgy

11:00PM Christmas Concert

12:00 Midnight Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day
Masses at **8:00AM; 10:00AM; 12:00Noon**

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
10:00AM (No 8:30AM Mass)



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

Last day to turn in the Memorial envelopes is **Sunday, December 16th**.

If you wish to **donate potted poinsettias**, please bring them to the Church vestibule **on Dec. 22 or 23**.

Thank you. From: **The Art & Environment Ministry , and The Parish Office**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: The Respect Life Ministry invites you (parishioners of St. Callistus) to a special 91-minute-presentation of the best film of the year 2006, rated PG13 "BELLA". FREE admission and FREE popcorn, on **January 5, 2019**. Starts at 6:30PM after the 5:15PM Mass at the St. Callistus Parish Hall. For your planning: The WALK FOR LIFE will be on January 26, 2019.

PLEASE JOIN THE CASINO TRIP... to Jackson Rancheria and Red Hawk on **February 9, 2019**. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Net proceeds will benefit the refurbishing of the Church main doors. Reserve now. Have fun & our Church at the same time. Contact: Guia Gorospe 510-734-9289.

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve
Open 8:30AM to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day - CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26 - CLOSED

Parish Office will re-open on Thursday, the 27th.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day. Office CLOSED

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

A CHRISTMAS MASS FOR CHILDREN

All children and their families are **invited to a special Children's Christmas Liturgy on Dec. 24, at 6:00PM**. A group of our parish youngsters will be reenacting the Nativity story immediately following the Gospel reading, and all present will be invited to sing Christmas carols throughout, enlivening the story. Also, all children attending this Mass will take home an ornament gift. Come and offer your hearts, and receive the greatest gift of Christmas - Jesus!



....the **SICK and/or HOMEBOUND**
in our parish family,

Faye Eaton
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Lisa Savio
Josefa Frondoza
Suzie Lata Prasad
Jeno Szabo
Rosa Barbara
Laura Peters
John Jeanpierre
Dan Craighead
Ydalia Deleón & Children
Venancio Talao
Albert Tamayo

Juanita Estrelles
Tommy Garcia
Theresa Padilla
Rebecca Mowbray
Joanne Northcutt
Lilia Szabo
Jim Briones
Lilia Oseguera
Angelita Tantoco
Lee Peres
Liling Hernandez
Lyda Mata

Rose Riepel
Georgann Chiozza
Faustino Aguilar
Consolacion Aguilar
Charlene Nichols
Joyce Smith
Celina Gonzales
Joel Rivera
Lino Destacamento
David Trejo
Avelina Juat

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

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.

Parish Staff

Marina Zamora, 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

Leandro Darosa, Grand Knight 225-5302
St. Vincent de Paul Conference 243-7501
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery 234-2012

Baptism of Infants: Make arrangements with priest at least
six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be *registered pa-*
rishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FROM DEC. 23 THROUGH DEC. 29

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Estrell Bautista (Living, Thanksgiving) by Butch Bautista
	10:00 A.M.	Adelina Oliva ☩ (Birthday) by The Oliva Family and Aurea Karlstrom ☩ by Linda Camaya & Family
	12:00 Noon	Vicente & Antonio Ferrer ☩☩ by Manny & Myrna Villasica
MON	8:30 A.M.	Luz Solemnidad ☩ by Nelly Pichay
	6:00 P.M.	Youth of the Parish of St. Callistus
	12:00 Midnight	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
TUE	8:00 A.M.	Roxas & Balagot Family (Thanksgiving) by Rebecca Balagot
	10:00 A.M.	Wayne Faust ☩ by Gibran & Ritzi Faust
	12:00 Noon	Victoria Jiz De Ortega ☩ by Mila Delossantos
WED	8:30 A.M.	Henrylee Peres ☩ by Lee & Gerda Peres
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Juana Juat ☩ by Carmencita Ferreros and Aurea Karlstrom ☩ by Estrell & Butch
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Esperanza Jamelarin ☩ by The Casimiro Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Destin Rey Tianero (Living) by Rey Tianero

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 23RD ~

MON.	NO Confirmation Class - CHRISTMAS BREAK
TUE.	OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY NO RCIA Class - CHRISTMAS BREAK NO Young Adults Meeting - CHRISTMAS BREAK
WED.	OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY
THU.	7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
FRI.	5:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	NO Faith Formation Class - NEW YEAR'S BREAK



Due to early publication of this Bulletin, the Collec-
tions for Sunday, December 16th are not avail-
able. Will be published in next week's Bulletin.

Collection for Tuesday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Gift for my Parish
Second Collection for Sunday, Dec. 30th - St. Vincent de Paul

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