

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2016

**“Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory”.**

- Isaiah 62:2

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

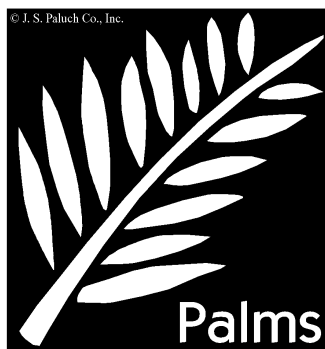
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PALM LEAVES ASH WEDNESDAY 2016



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If you have any dried palms from Lent 2015 and would like to donate them, please bring them to the Church and place them in the basket labeled **“PALMS”**. The basket will be placed on the back table in the Church. We will

burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Thank you.

A SACRAMENT OF PEACE

Congratulations to the Faith Formation students who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday, Jan. 16! Also, great thanks to the Salesian priests who ministered to our young ones. May the peace the children felt on this day encourage them to make this sacrament a regular part of their lives, and may they always feel grateful for God's incredible mercy!

Congratulations and thanks also to all the parents and teachers for all their time, support and encouragement to the children.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

More details will be published in this Parish Bulletin as the date of observance or celebration gets closer.

Next weekend: January 16th and 17th: Volunteers from the St. David of Wales will be selling tickets to a live presentation on the life of St. Maria Faustina. The live production will be held at St. David of Wales Church on Monday, February 1st at 7:00PM.

Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King Day — Holiday. The Parish Office will be closed.

Friday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Saturday, January 23rd: WALK FOR LIFE at the Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. Please join the members of Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus and participate in this year's WALK.

Sunday, January 31st: First Communion of our Faith Formation children.

Tuesday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord; also known as Candlemas.

Wednesday, February 3rd: St. Blaise. Blessing of the throat.

Friday, February 5th: First Friday. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, February 6th: First Saturday; and World Day of the Sick. Mass at 11:00 AM at The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland.

CELEBRATING YOUR 2016 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?

Let The Catholic Voice readers and your loved ones share in celebrating your lifelong commitment of marriage with other married couples in the Diocese of Oakland. Personal Congratulatory Messages for couples celebrating the sacrament of marriage will be published in the February 8 edition of The Catholic Voice. Deadline for Space Reservation is January 27.

Single business card size (3 1/8in by 2in) ...\$35.00
Double business card size (3 1/8in by 4in) ... \$60.00
510-419-1081 or ctompkins@oakdiocese.org

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SUPER BOWL 50—SQUARES

The Young Adult Catholic Community of St. Callistus will be selling super bowl squares after all the Masses this weekend.

PLEASE: *Come on time* for Mass and stay until the Mass is finished. Mass is finished after the Final Blessing and Recessional (when the Priest, Altar Servers and Lectors are outside of the Church).

Maintain silence in the Church BEFORE and AFTER Mass. Out of respect and consideration for the people who are praying and in the spirit of reverence in the presence of the Lord, please be quiet in Church.

Take care of yourself during this cold/flu season.



Sunday Collection	1/10	\$3,953.87
Parish Maintenance	1/10	\$1,476.00

Second Collection for Sunday, Jan. 24th
Faith Formation Support

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

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 17TH ~

SUN.	10:00 A.M. RCIA Class
MON.	OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY NO Confirmation Class - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY
TUE.	7:00 P.M. Young Adult Meeting 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Parents Meeting
THU.	7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group
FRI.	6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class

From
Jan. 17th



Through
Jan. 23rd

SAT	5:15 P.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers (Living) by Bill & Elba Donnelly
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Joyce Ruggiero ☩ by Violet Miller
	10:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving by Manny & Myrna Villasica and Safe Travel by the Hernandez Family
MON	8:30 A.M.	Nunzia Storniolo ☩ by Violet Miller
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Victoriano & Adelaida Navarro ☩☩ by Josefina Cuaresma
WED	8:30 A.M.	Nena Abuan ☩ by Grace Magtibay
THU	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving by Manny & Myrna Villasica and Cynthia Cochran ☩ by Fred & Mary Cochran
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Clare McCormick (Living, Birthday) by Clare McCormick
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Ron Wilson ☩ by Mila Canoy & Family

2016 CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES GRIEF WORKSHOP

The Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services will be offering different workshops on a regular basis throughout the year. All workshops will be facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene. The workshops will be held at the following locations:

Workshops for Those who Have Suffered a Loss

St. John Vianney, Mullen Commons, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek Holy Angels Sorensen Chapel, 1140 B St., Hayward Holy Angels Cooper Chapel, 1580 Cooper Chapel.

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
Every Second Sunday 10:00 A.M.—Youth Mass

Weekday Mass 8:30 A.M. Daily
Holy Day Masses 8:30 A.M. & 7:30 P.M.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 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—10:00 A.M.
Mother of Perpetual Help: every Thursday after the 8:30 A.M. Mass
Hispanic Prayer Group—every first & 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.



Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Allen Throolin	Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Gerardo Ursua
Joyce Herbert	Dottie Throolin	Tommy Garcia
Maria Poole	Georgann Chiozza	Zena Omega
Theresa Padilla	Sally Jordan	Lisa Savio
Maria Garcia	Josefa Frondoza	Faustino Aguilar
Rebecca Mowbray	Consolacion Aguilar	Mae Banks
Joanne Northcutt	Charlene Nichols	Suzie Lata Prasad
Hank Torrez	Louis Butler	
Bernie Infante		

...and all the family members and friends listed in the Book of Prayers in the Church, and our parishioners in hospitals and/or nursing homes. May they experience love and support of others.

WELCOME! If you moved recently to El Sobrante and come to celebrate Mass with us, we welcome you and/or your family. If you have not yet registered, please stop by the Parish Office one of these days and complete a Parish Registration form. The Office staff member could assist you in the process.

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Youth Ministry

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Other Ministries/Services

Senior Center (510) 548-2617
Marge Essel, Coordinator
Mondays only, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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

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