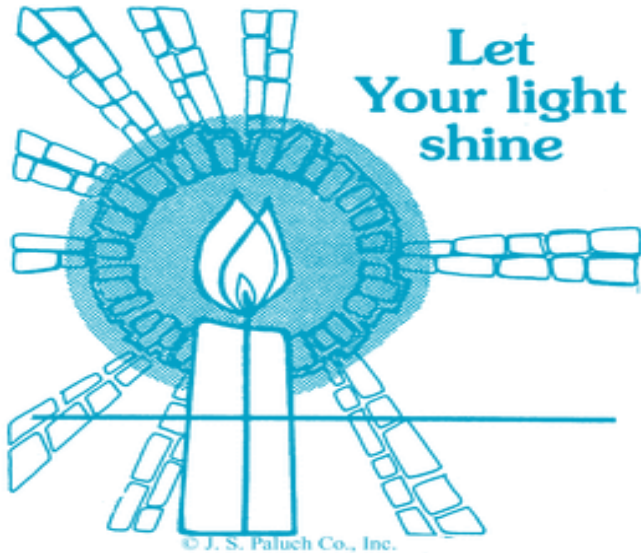


ST. CALLISTUS CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “**Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.**”

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REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a **spirit of rejoicing**.

Today’s First Reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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Our Gift Giving Tree is full of cards. Please open your heart, adopt a family and add a little happiness this Christmas.

**Please contact Josie Rocco with questions or if you need help with shopping:
510-406-2707.**

BIBLE STUDY

Session # 2: Wednesday, December 11th.

Morning session 10:15 to 11:30

Evening Session 7:30 to 8:45

Both sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.



2019 - 2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE and OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Thursday, December 19: Advent Penance Service 7:30PM

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Regular Morning Mass 8:30AM; Children's Liturgy 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass 12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day Masses: at 8:00AM; 10:00AM; 12:00 Noon
NO 8:30 Morning Mass
Parish Office — CLOSED

Thursday, December 26: Parish Office — CLOSED

Friday, December 27: Parish Office — OPEN

Wednesday, January 1, 2020: New Year's Day; Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Mass at 10:00AM Only; NO 8:30AM Mass

**Sunday, December 15, is the last day to
turn in your Christmas Poinsettia Re-
membrance envelopes.**

Please pick up an envelope, fill it out and drop it in the basket in front of the Altar, or in the Collection basket, with your offering. This will enable the Parish Office and the art & Environment Ministry to prepare the Remembrance display.

For questions: call Parish Office 510-223-1153.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Pastor,
Father Jimmy, on the 48th anniversary
of his

**Ordination to Priesthood on
Tuesday December 17th.**

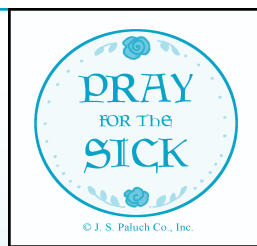
**We thank God for bringing Father Jimmy
to St. Callistus. Let us pray for our Pastor
and thank him for his spiritual guidance
he gives us for over 13 years now.**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"A sense of humor is a gift from God. Laughter unites us. Funny things help us get through the humdrum of life. Without humor, this would be a lot harder".

"—A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan, were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

source: Online Catholic Jokes



**....and the homebound in our
parish family,**

Faye Eaton
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Raoul Martinez

Lee Peres	David Trejo
Carrie Chew	Judy Robinson
Dan Craighead	Robert Maloney
Fred Granzella	Carole Freeman
Ma. Christina Zamora	
Aurea de Alza	

Lino Destacamento
Venancio Talao
Liling Hernandez
Vincent Dimalanta
Thinh Tran

And all the family and friends listed in our Prayer Book.

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

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.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH ~

MON. 6:55 P.M. Youth Confirmation Class
TUE. 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
THU. 11:00 A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00 P.M. Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting
7:30 P.M. Advent Communal Penance Service
FRI. 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT. 9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class

MASS INTENTIONS FROM DEC. 15 THROUGH DEC. 21

SAT. 5:15 P.M. Amy Paz Mack (Living, Birthday)
by The Paz Family
SUN. 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
10:00 A.M. Flora Victorino ✠
by Ike & Meddie Victorino
12:00 Noon Gary Magtibay (Living, Birthday - Dec. 18)
by Grace Magtibay & Family
MON. 8:30 A.M. Thanksgiving by The Revecho Family
and Paolo Silva ✠
by Maria Silva
TUE. 8:30 A.M. Samir Rohayem (Living)
by The Casimiro Family
WED. 8:30 A.M. Soledad Eslava ✠
by The Villanueva Family
and Crispina Reyes ✠
by Ike & Meddie Victorino
THU. 8:30 A.M. Nemesio Salvador ✠
by Ma Luisa Salvador & Family
FRI. 8:30 A.M. Sandra Inouye (Living, Birthday)
by Lyda Mata
SAT. 8:30 A.M. Henry Lee Peres ✠
by Lee & Gerda Peres

THANK YOU



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...once gain, to all who came to the Parish Christmas Dinner last Saturday, the 7th. We appreciate your support, and love for our Parish, and for your attendance. Congratulations to all the winners of the auction and raffle drawings. The Planning Committee



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Sunday Collection	12/8	\$3,259.74
Religious Retirement	12/8	\$1,524.66
Immaculate Conception	12/9	in next issue.

There will be NO Second Collection for Sunday, December 22nd

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

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor

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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))

Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation—Sister Anitta

Youth Confirmation Program Sister Anitta

1-510-222-0432

aan.stcal@gmail.com

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

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

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

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.

