

ST. CALLISTUS CHURCH

November 24, 2019



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



**Thanksgiving Mass — November 28 at
10:00 AM**

No 8:30 AM Mass.

**You are welcome to bring food to be blessed
at Mass.**

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday,
Thanksgiving Day, and also CLOSED on Friday,
November 29.**

Please make every effort to go and participate in the Mass on Thanksgiving Day, wherever you are. All that we are and we have - our very life, our health, our well-being, our family, our home, our wealth - all come from the good Lord.

If the Lord takes His spirit from us we cease to exist. As the Psalmist says, "If the Lord does not build the city, in vain is the work of the laborers. If the Lord does not guard the city, in vain does the watchman keep his vigil".

Let us be people of gratitude to God for all his goodness to us. The greatest and the best way to show our gratitude to God is to go for Mass, as the word mass itself means thanksgiving.

Fr. Jimmy.

OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This is the last weekend of the year according to the Church's Liturgical calendar. The Feast we celebrate today in a sense should be our greatest, because it is about the culmination of the redemptive work of Jesus conquering sin and death fully and His Kingship is established once and for all.

We begin the liturgical year remembering the birth of our Lord. We prepare for that during the four weekends of Advent. A few weeks after Christmas we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus where the Lord committed Himself for the mission the Father sent Him to the earth, namely, His preaching of the Kingdom, His passion, death, resurrection and ascension. Next we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide the Church till the end of time. This period of the growth and development of the Church ends with the Feast of Christ the King which we celebrate today. We remember and celebrate today, that at the end of time, our Lord will come in glory as judge of the living and the dead, and all who follow Him faithfully will also enter with Him into His Kingdom.

When Jesus spoke about His Kingdom many missed the point, because they were thinking in terms of earthly kings. Thus the jeers and sneers we hear in today's Gospel: "if you are the king of Jews save yourself and us", "come down from the cross", etc. But that was not the kind of kingdom Jesus had any interest in, though He is the King of kings.

One of the thieves crucified with Jesus understood this. That was why he prayed to the dying Jesus, "remember me when you come into your Kingdom". Though he was a big sinner he had integrity enough to own his sins and seek forgiveness from the Lord of life and death. This is what we too need to do: acknowledge humbly that we are sinners and sincerely and truly ask the Lord for forgiveness.

Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. He will forgive any sinner regardless of how hopeless the case may be. But He can do nothing with self-righteous people. Let us truly be sorry for our sins and be determined to avoid them in the future and ask the Lord to help us and save us. Then He will be our King too now and after our death.

Fr. Jimmy.





O HOLY NIGHT...

Come Little Children, be part of this great event...

St. Callistus children are invited to play a special part in this year's celebration of Christmas. They will

be singing and reenacting some of the events of the Christmas story at the **Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy on December 24 at 6:00PM.**

All St. Callistus children (not only those in Faith Formation classes) are invited to participate. There will be practice times. Spread the light of the world!

For questions or to sign-up, please contact Sr. Anitta, at **510-222-0432**

or at **aan.stcal@gmail.com**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), a program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops which funds local grassroots organizations that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. Among the groups being supported by CCHD this year in our Diocese is Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. CCHD will fund a CCHD program to engage its formerly homeless residents to take active role in local and statewide political discourse around the need for permanent affordable housing. This will be done through several means, including the training of a group of resident leaders to speak to elected officials about homelessness and housing issues.

By supporting this collection, you are assisting East Bay organizations doing important work like this.

Please be generous.

CCHD



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

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

Classes begin on Wednesday, December 4th.

Morning session 10:15 to 11:30

Evening Session 7:30 to 8:45

All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY, Dec. 1st - First Sunday of Advent.

There will be lighting of the First Advent Candle at all the Masses this weekend (Vigil Mass 11/30 & all Masses on Sunday 12/1).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMPAIGN

We, the Knights of Columbus - St. Callistus, thank you for your generosity in last weekend's campaign to help people with mental disabilities. Our net proceeds came to \$413.20 which will be of great help to fund the program for our brothers and sisters with special needs. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

**The Knights of Columbus
Council 10244**

THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.

—Henry Van Dyke



*From Death
to New Life*

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**Please pray for the
repose of the souls of**

SHUSI LATA PRASAD

who passed away last week. Mrs. Prasad was a longtime member of our parish, with deep faith in the Lord;
and

SANDY MacGREGOR

The Parish Office came to know of Sandy's passing only last week. She passed away in September 2019. She was a long-time member of St. Callistus Parish, had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart, regularly attended the First Friday Adoration, until she became ill, and could no longer come to Church.

Please pray for the Prasad and the MacGregor families in the loss of their loved ones.



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 NOVEMBER 24TH ~

SUN. 1:15 P.M. Lectors Meeting - in Hall
MON. 6:55 P.M. Youth Confirmation Class
TUE. **NO RCIA Class - THANKSGIVING BREAK**
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting
THU. **OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**
FRI. **OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY**
6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT. **NO Faith Formation Class - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

MASS INTENTIONS FROM NOV. 24 THROUGH NOV. 30

SAT. 5:15 P.M. Milagros Tabada (Living, Birthday)
by Mila Tabada
and Nadia Alpay & Sam Chernak
(Both Living)
by The Alpay & Villas Family
SUN. 8:00 A.M. Mama Ines ☩ & Tio Alvaro ☩
by The Buitrago & Cohoon Family
10:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
12:00 Noon Carmen Bautista ☩ (Death Anniversary)
by Lourdes & Family
and Pedro Oña ☩
by The DeLeon Family
MON. 8:30 A.M. Luz Solemnidad ☩
by The Solemnidad Family
TUE. 8:30 A.M. Jonathan Gorospe (Living)
by Guia Gorospe
WED. 8:30 A.M. Elisa Dris (Living)
by The Dris Family
THU. 10:00 A.M. Baltazar Munsayac ☩
by Helen & Gerry Munsayac
FRI. 8:30 A.M. All Souls in Purgatory ☩
by Elisa Dris
SAT. 8:30 A.M. Albert Tamayo ☩
by Ritzi & Gibran Faust

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias that will decorate our Church this Christmas will be placed as a memorial. Envelopes for this memorial will be available next weekend, Nov. 30—Dec. 1. Please **PRINT CLEARLY** the name/s of your loved one on the envelope. **The donation is \$10.00 PER NAME.**



Sunday Collection	11/10	\$4,101.95
Archdiocese for the Military	11/10	\$1,394.55
Sunday Collection	11/17	\$3,332.94
Faith Formation Support	11/17	\$1,304.67

Collection for Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving
Second Collection for Sun. December 1st - Parish Maintenance
Thank you for your offering. May God bless you all.

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally, Pastor

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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

Children's Faith Formation—Sister Anitta

Youth Confirmation Program Sister Anitta

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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.