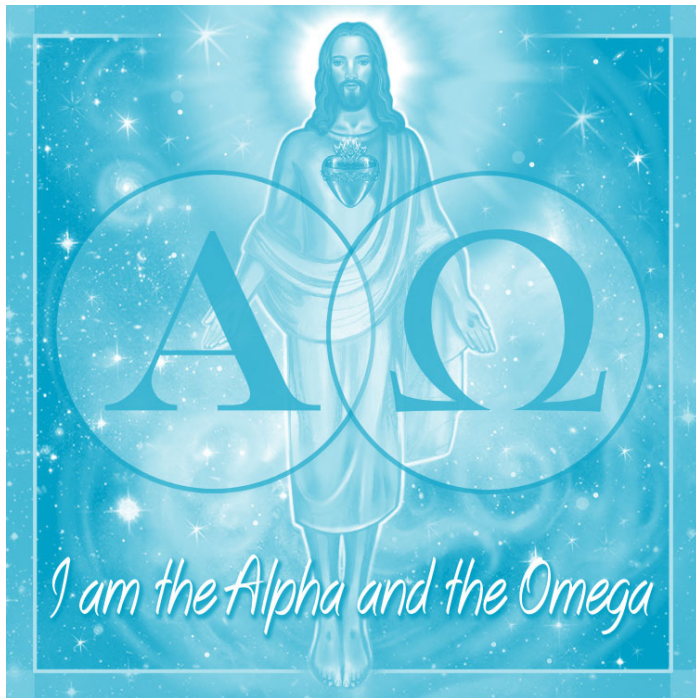


# WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803  
November 25, 2018 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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**Next Sunday, Dec. 1, is the First Sunday of Advent. For the family / individual who signed up to light the Advent Candle/s, please remember the date and the Mass time you signed up for.**

## REFLECTION

When Pilate asks Jesus "are you a king?" Jesus asks him back, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you this?" As we today celebrate the Feast of Christ our King, Jesus asks this same question to us too, although in a different manner.

Pilate was not a believer, but a political ruler who ruled according to expediency, whereas we are believers. We believe that Jesus God; that all things came into being through Him, He is King of kings and Lord of lords, He is our King; He is King of love. He wishes us all to rule with Him forever in heaven. We believe all this. But the question is: if our life is according to this faith, if Jesus is supreme in our life?

"When He ..... reached the Ancient One, one like a Son of man received dominion, glory and kingship" the 'Son of man' here refers to Jesus. But how did He reach there to receive it all? By a life of total obedience to the will of the Father, through suffering. Is our life one of total obedience to God? What is our attitude to the various kinds of difficulties and suffering in life?

Today's Readings, especially the first and the Gospel, are part of the apocalyptic writings in the Bible which deal with the 'last things'. They were written during periods of great trials and tribulations for the people. Their purpose was to keep the people's faith strong so that they would be enabled to deal with their trials and difficulties with faith, hope and confidence. The Feast of Christ our King reminds and assures us of our own glorious life in heaven after all the struggles and pains of this life. So, let us be strongly attached and united to our King now, no matter what.

*Fr. Jimmy*



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## CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday, our Pastor Fr. Jimmy, commissioned our new Lectors. Let us welcome them and pray for them. We are very happy that they said YES to God's call to proclaim His

Word to His people.

Our prayers and congratulations to: Misael, Ajay, Ahiya, Jason, Pam, Anne, Kyle, Lyda and Beatriz in their ministry.



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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

## FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Faith Formation Children and the Members of the Hospitality Ministry invite you to help us (our Parish family) in filling our "Fresh Start Kits".

We are asking for donations of personal care items (travel size, or Hotel size or regular size) of personal care products such as:

Shampoo and hair conditioner  
Mouthwash  
Toothpaste & Toothbrush  
Face Towel  
Hand wipes and hand sanitizer  
Combs and hair brush  
Chap stick

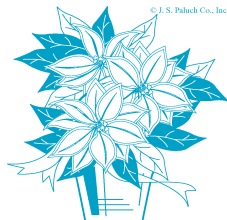
Anything else you would like or able to donate.

These kits will be delivered this Holiday Season to the Bay Area Rescue Mission who provide shelter and food for the homeless. Thank you.

Faith Formation Children  
Hospitality Ministry



Pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Luz Solemnidad, mother of Vivian Solemnidad-DeLeon. Mrs. Luz was a long-time parishioner of St. Callistus and very faithful to the Church. She came to Mass every morning. Vivian is a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister. Her children are Altar Servers. Please pray for the Solemnidad and DeLeon families in the loss of their loved one.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias that will decorate our Church this Christmas will be placed as a memorial. Each poinsettia will represent a departed loved one and his/her name will be written on a name tag which will be placed in the Church vestibule. The donation for each name is \$10.00. Envelopes for this memorial will be available next weekend, December 1-2. Check the tables by the entrance to the Church.

Envelopes will be available from **Dec. 1 thru Dec. 16**. Last day to turn in Memorial envelopes is **Dec. 16** to give time to prepare the Memorial display.

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**



|                          |                   |                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Faye Eaton               | Juanita Estrelles | Rose Riepel         |
| Gilbert Estrada, Sr.     | Tommy Garcia      | Georgann Chiozza    |
| Lisa Savio               | Theresa Padilla   | Faustino Aguilar    |
| Josefa Frondozo          | Rebecca Mowbray   | Consolacion Aguilar |
| Suzie Lata Prasad        | Joanne Northcutt  | Charlene Nichols    |
| Jeno Szabo               | Lilia Szabo       | Joyce Smith         |
| Rosa Barbara             | Jim Briones       | Celina Gonzales     |
| Laura Peters             | Lilia Oseguera    | Joel Rivera         |
| John Jeanpierre          | Angelita Tantoco  | Lino Destacamento   |
| Dan Craighead            | Lee Peres         | David Trejo         |
| Ydalia Deleón & Children |                   | Avelina Juat        |
| Venancio Talao           | Liling Hernandez  | Thomas Cope         |
| Albert Tamayo            | Lyda Mata         | Albert Tamayo       |

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.

**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.

**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.

**~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25TH ~**

MON. 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class  
TUE. 7:00 P.M. RCIA Class  
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting  
THU. 7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - **in Church**  
FRI. 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room  
SAT. 9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class  
6:00 P.M. St. Callistus Christmas Dinner & Dance



**Collections from November 18th Weekend will  
be published in the next Bulletin due to early  
submission of this Bulletin.**

**Second Collection for Sunday, December 2nd  
Parish Maintenance**

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

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Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary  
Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

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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

**MASS INTENTIONS FROM NOV. 25 THROUGH DEC. 1**

|      |            |                                                                                                                           |
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| SAT. | 5:15 P.M.  | People of the Parish of St. Callistus                                                                                     |
| SUN  | 8:00 A.M.  | Mercedes Lee Fong ✠<br>by Jaime & Cheryl Chu                                                                              |
|      | 10:00 A.M. | Nadia Alpay & Sam Chernak<br>(Both Living, Birthday's)<br>by The Alpay & Villas Families                                  |
|      | 12:00 Noon | Thanksgiving by The Revecho Family<br><b>and</b> Carmen Bautista ✠<br>(2nd Year Death Anniversary)<br>by Lourdes & Family |
| MON  | 8:30 A.M.  | Joseph Miller ✠<br>by Violet Miller<br><b>and</b> Monica Gorospe ✠<br>by Rico & Minda Maralang                            |
| TUE  | 8:30 A.M.  | Antonio Scardina ✠<br>by Violet Miller                                                                                    |
| WED  | 8:30 A.M.  | Conrad Matundan ✠<br>by Menchie Palma & Family                                                                            |
| THU. | 8:30 A.M.  | Ramon Viray (Living, Birthday)<br>by The Viray Family                                                                     |
| FRI. | 8:30 A.M.  | Nunzia Storniolo ✠<br>by Violet Miller                                                                                    |
| SAT  | 8:30 A.M.  | Nunzia Storniolo ✠<br>by Violet Miller                                                                                    |

