

WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA 94803

January 13, 2019 - The Baptism of the LORD



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

JESUS OF NAZARENE CELEBRATION

The annual celebration of the Jesus of Nazarene will be held here at St. Callistus on **Saturday, January 19**.

Mass will be at 12:00 Noon, followed by Procession inside the parking lot, weather permitting. Please come pray with us.

Reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Brief historical background: The Feast of the Black Nazarene is celebrated in the Philippines on January 9 each year. The large crowd of the faithful devotees walk through the streets of Manila for the traditional procession. It is an almost day-long procession of the Black Nazarene statue- — also called the Nazareno – which is deemed miraculous by its believers. Many believe that the image, made by an unnamed Mexican sculptor, was brought to Manila via the Acapulco galleon trade on May 31, 1606. (Ref: in part internet)

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “**peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.**”

Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 15th Annual Walk for life will be held on Saturday January 26, 2019.

Rally starts at 12:30PM at the Civic Center Plaza

Walking down Market Street (2 miles)

Ends at Embarcadero Plaza / Ferry Building.

Register and information: 415-658-1793 or

Email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

Please pray for our seminarians. Please pray also for our young men and women so that the Holy Spirit may guide them and consider entering the priesthood or the religious life. **The second collection this weekend is for the seminary.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

On Saturday, February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Presentation of the LORD, also known as Candlemas (approximately 40 days after Christmas Day). Because of the emphasis on the Light of Christ for all people, candles will be blessed that day. You are welcome to bring your candles to be blessed, when you come to the 8:30AM Mass that day.

THANK YOU to all the St. Callistus Parish ministries who helped make our Christmas and New Year's celebrations beautiful and memorable for all. Thank you also to our entire Parish Family who came to pray and celebrated Mass with us.

PLEASE NOTE

The Christmas Remembrance Trees will be taken down **after the 12Noon Mass on Sunday, January 13.** If you wish to keep the name/s of your loved ones you submitted, please feel free to pick them up from the "tree". Thank you for all your prayers for our loved ones.

PLEASE TAKE CARE

We have all been experiencing the freezing cold weather. If you feel you are coming down with a cold or feel flu-like symptoms, please take the necessary health precautions and preventive measures. If you feel necessary to stay home, please do.

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of West Contra Costa will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Los Cerros Restaurant in El Sobrante at 6:00 PM. We have an ambitious agenda planned, and a guest speaker. All parishioners are invited. Please join us. Call Secretary Raoul Martinez at (510) 964-4668 for reservations and/or directions



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

Faye Eaton	Juanita Estrelles	Rose Riepel
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Tommy Garcia	Georgann Chiozza
Lisa Savio	Theresa Padilla	Faustino Aguilar
Josefa Frondoza	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	Fred Granzella
Albert Tamayo	Lyda Mata	Vincent Dimalanta
Robert Maloney		

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.

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 JAN. 13 THROUGH JAN. 19

SAT.	5:15 P.M.	Shawnee Demorest ☩ by Chat Rosete
SUN.	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus
	10:00 A.M.	Warlito Villanueva (Living, Birthday) by The Villanueva Family
	12:00 Noon	Thanksgiving by The Rozul Family
MON.	8:30 A.M.	Juana S. Juat ☩ by Carmencita J. Ferreros and Elouise English ☩ (Death Anniversary) by Jessie English & Family
TUE.	8:30 A.M.	Francisca & Maria Sanchez ☩☩ by Ana Sedano-Gouveia
WED.	8:30 A.M.	Joseph Jocson ☩ by Ike & Meddie Victorino
THU.	8:30 A.M.	Leonila Zamora ☩ by Marina Zamora
FRI.	8:30 A.M.	Scot Branson ☩ by Judith Selerio
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Jose D. Ferreros ☩ by Carmencita J. Ferreros and For the Unborn by Agnes Uldricks

Parish Staff

Marina Zamora, Office Manager
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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

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 13TH ~

MON.	7:00 P.M.	Formal Dinner Committee Meeting
	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
	7:00 P.M.	Hispanic Prayer Group Meeting
FRI.	6:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class
	12:00 Noon	Black Nazarene Mass



Christmas Gift For My Parish	12/25	\$ 8,552.40
Sunday Collection	12/30	\$ 4,234.19
St. Vincent de Paul	12/30	\$ 2,244.16
Solemnity of Mary	1/1	\$ 1,519.00
Sunday Collection	1/6	\$ 4,001.90

**Second Collection for Sunday, January 20th
Parish Maintenance**

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