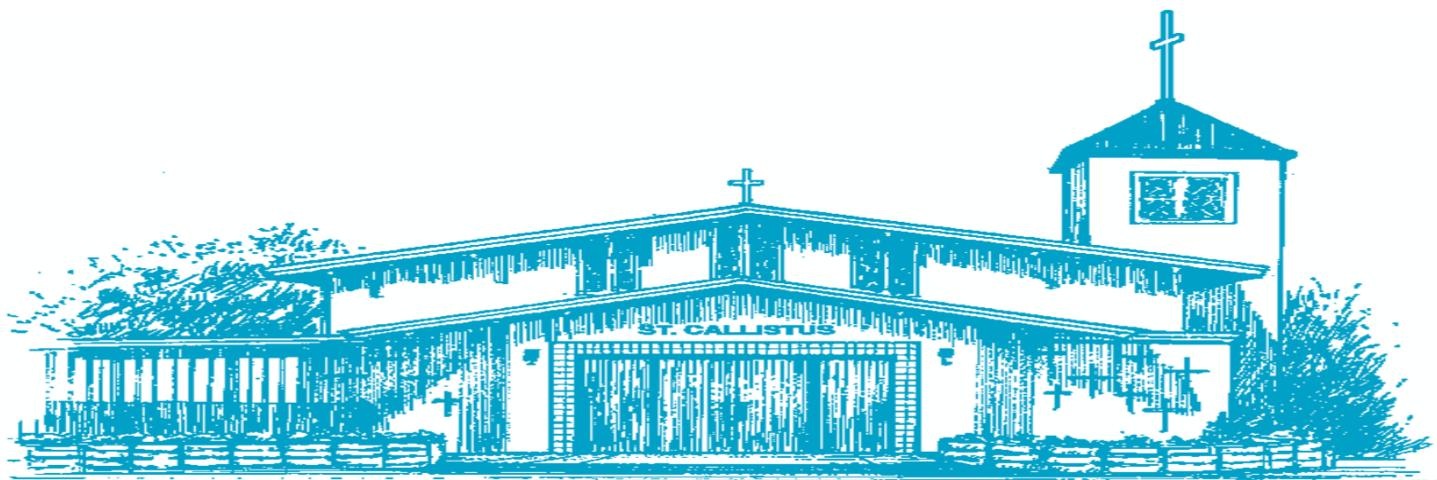


St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803



Weekly Mass Schedule

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
Weekday Mass8:30 A.M. Daily
After each Weekday Mass the Rosary is recited and the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, is prayed.
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)

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Nick Reina, SDBPastoral Support

Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator(510) 222-0432

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The Guild

Josie Rocco, President.....222-9411

Baptism of Infants (510) 223-1153

Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners for 3 months.

Weddings (510) 223-1153

Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) months in advance.

Other Ministries/Services:

Senior Center (510) 548-2617

Marge Essel, Coordinator

Mondays only, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus

Rey Tianero, Grand Knight.....758-4127

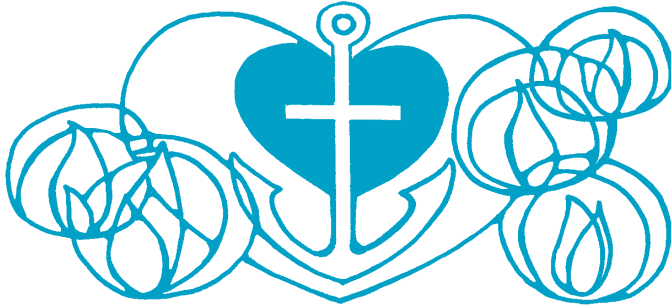
St. Vincent de Paul Conference243-7501

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.....234-2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2010

“Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.”

— 1 Corinthians 13:13



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REFLECTIONS

The readings from the prophet Jeremiah and the Gospel of Luke today speak about God's dealing with His people and the people's response to it. This is something we need to take serious note of.

God tells Jeremiah that He had chosen him even before he was born, which is a biblical way of expressing God's initiative for the salvation of Israel. God sets apart and sends the prophet to the people; but the people reject him.

The same is the case with Jesus. The people "were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth". And, yet He was too much for them. For them He was just "the son of Joseph" and so they try to destroy Him!

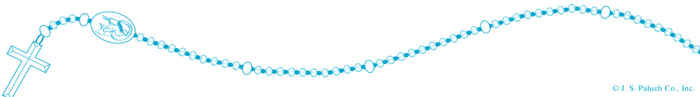
There are so many people who consider Jesus as a great teacher; but nothing more. Too many people, including many Catholics, pick and choose from His teachings: what is in accordance with their tastes is welcome; whatever is not, they wouldn't care less.

Where do we stand? Jesus can only be accepted in His totality: either we accept Him completely, in humble assent - even when our own thoughts may be different, and in obedience follow Him, or we do not. There is no middle ground.

Today the Lord speaks through His Church. How do I accept, and follow, the teachings of the Church: the teachings of the Church on matters of morality? On matters of the value of and respect for every human life? On matters of love of and concern for the poor?

Do I pick and choose?

Fr. Jimmy.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms—I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading—Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 [13:4- 13]).

Gospel—When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).



PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD— CANDLEMASS

Tuesday, **February 2nd**, is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemass. It is customary to bless candles on this day. You are most welcome to bring your candles at the **8:30 A.M. Mass** on Tuesday, and have them blessed.

ST. BLAISE—BLESSING OF THE THROAT

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise. It is customary to have blessing of the throat on that day. So we shall have it at the **8:30 A.M. Mass**.



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*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



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FIRST FRIDAY—ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Next **Friday, February 5th**, is the First Friday of the month. We shall have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass until 3:00 P.M. when we conclude with Benediction. All are welcome to come and spend some time in the presence of the Lord.



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Please Pray for the Sick and/or Homebound....in our parish family, may they experience love and support of others, especially.....

Fr. Larry Byrne

Max Poehnelt

Frances Arnold

Louie Silva

Gilbert Estrada, Sr.

Theresa Dang

David Gutierrez

Hermie Asuncion

Erika Montoya

Larry Lazzeretti

Raymundo Aldana

Gloria Villaroman

Jose Victorino

Maria Impanglozada

Let us pray also for our parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes. Names on this list will be deleted after 3 months, unless the office staff is notified. Please inform the bulletin editor if a name needs to be added.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MATTERS

I am very happy to inform you that the following have been chosen as the new office bearers of our Pastoral Council:

Diana Silva - Facilitator, Lizzy Lynn - Assistant Facilitator, and Tony Servey - Secretary.

The Council meets, as a rule, on the fourth Thursday of every month, except July and August when it does not meet. If any of you wish to bring some important matter to the attention of the Council, please make sure that you bring it to Diana or to me at least 10 days before the meeting of the Council. If appropriate, it will be brought before the Council. Last minute requests cannot be accommodated.
Fr. Jimmy.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2009

Please find enclosed in this weekend's bulletin our financial statement for last year and our budget for this year. With your generosity and goodwill we could end up 2009 in the green, even though we had started in the red. **Congratulations; it is your achievement.** And, thanks for your great love and generous support for the parish. Please take home the statement and go through it. If you have questions in this regard, a member of the Finance Committee will be available to answer them after the Masses next weekend. You can also e-mail your questions to the parish office and somebody will get back to you. Again, thanks a lot for your love for St. Callistus. **Fr. Jimmy.**

FEBRUARY 14TH—VALENTINE'S DAY BREAKFAST

All are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Adults \$7.00, Children ages 5-12 \$5.00, Under age 5—NO charge. Join us for scrambled eggs, **homemade** sausage, **homemade** biscuits and cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Relax and enjoy the home cooking with friends and families.....**we need your support.** We are also looking for people with a **BIG** heart who can donate some time to set up, serve or clean up.

Sponsored by **The Guild.**

FROM THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS:


"Congress continues to debate health care reform. Last weekend you received a special flier insert from the U.S. Bishops' Conference asking you to please contact your congressional representatives immediately asking them to oppose abortion funding and improve conscience protection, affordability for the poor and vulnerable, and access to health care for immigrants. **Additional fliers can be found on the back tables.** The bishops have asked for our swift action and our prayers. Thank you for your help.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER

Individuals/Families participating in the daily prayer dedicated to priests:

1/30	Meddie & Ike Victorino	2/3	Geny & Tony Fabella
1/31	Ed & Marina Zamora	2/4	Josie & Bert Esperanza
2/1	Sr. Angela	2/5	Faye Eaton
2/2	Butch & Estrell	2/6	Marge Parks

Thank you for your continued prayers.



Sunday Collection	1/24	\$3,751.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund	1/24	\$4,766.00

THANK YOU to all who have contributed so generously to the weekly offerings, especially to the Haiti Relief Fund.

Second Collection for February 7th - Parish Maintenance

~ SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2010 ~

SUN. 10:00 A.M. RCIA Class
11:00 A.M. Youth Group Meeting - High School

MON. 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Meeting



TUE. 9:30 A.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Youth Group Meeting - Jr. High School
7:30 P.M. St. Callistus Guild Meeting

WED. 9:00 A.M. *Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
7:00 P.M. All Seasons Choir Practice

THUR. 9:00 A.M. Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
7:00 P.M. Guadalupaño Group

FRI. 9 A.M. - 3 P.M. *Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir Practice
8:00 P.M. Fil-Am Choir Practice

SAT. 9:30 A.M. Faith Formation Class
9:30 A.M. Pastoral Council Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek

Mass Intentions

Week of January 31st - February 6th

SAT 5:15 P.M. Mark & Dino Gutierrez ☩
by The Gutierrez Family

SUN 8:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
10:00 A.M. Mary Ann White ☩
by Ken & Lauren Jacquart
12:00 Noon Tadek Kornobis ☩
by Ken & Lauren Jacquart

MON 8:30 A.M. Timothy Higgins ☩
by The Higgins Family
Allen Vickroy ☩ by Loreto Vickroy

TUE 8:30 A.M. Liam Clancy ☩
by Eleanor O'Farrell

WED 8:30 A.M. Liam Clancy ☩
by The Casillas Family

THU 8:30 A.M. Joseph Thottapally ☩
by Fr. Jimmy Thottapally

FRI 8:30 A.M. Nahida & Amin Al Haik ☩
by The Yousif Family

SAT 8:30 A.M. Salvacion Suarez ☩
by Romy & Lydia Matundan

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you! We invite you to fill out the contact information below and place in the collection basket, or mail to the rectory, if you are interested in registering in our parish. An official registration form will be mailed to you.

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
City _____ Zip _____

New to the Parish New Address New phone number Moving-remove from list Send Sunday Envelopes