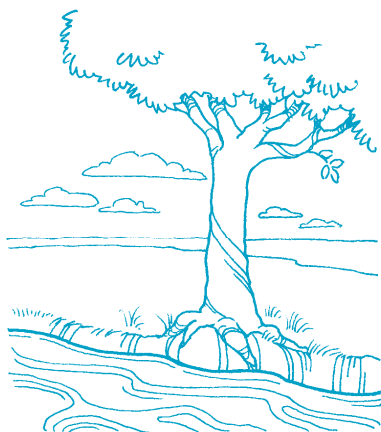


# St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

*The one who trusts  
the Lord is like  
a tree planted  
near running water*



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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 2010

**“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.”**

— Luke 6:20-21a

### 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 Mass .....8:30 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

#### Rev. Jimmy Thottapally

Pastoral Administrator .....(510) 223-1153

Rev. Nick Reina, SDB .....Pastoral Support

#### Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator .....(510) 222-0432

### Parish Staff

Geny S. Fabella, Office Manager / Bookkeeper

Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary

Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

(12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. closed for lunch)

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### Parish Ministries

#### Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)

Pat Morgan, Director (510) 222-2538

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#### RCIA

Sr. Angela, SHJM.....222-0432

#### Pastoral Council

Diana Silva, Facilitator.....758-2874

#### Youth Ministry & Confirmation Program

Liz Remigio, Director.....223-1240

#### 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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Conference .....243-7501

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



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading**—Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD.  
(Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalms**—Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading**—Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

**Gospel**—Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

## REFLECTIONS

We are at the threshold of the season of Lent, which starts on this 17th, Ash Wednesday. The readings of today, especially the first and the Gospel, provide an appropriate prelude to it.

The two readings tell us how to receive divine blessings (beatitudes). They also warn us about being deprived of them. 'Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord' (or, is "poor in spirit"), but cursed is the one who "trusts in man" (i.e., one who is rich, one who is full of oneself, one who does not recognize his/her total need of and dependence on God).

Lent asks us to take a hard look at ourselves, to truly realize our sinfulness. We are often self-righteous, full of ourselves. We don't realize how poor we are before God.

Lent aims at compunction. The word compunction comes from "to puncture". It suggests the deflation of our inflated egos. Lent is meant to challenge us, to disturb and trouble us enough to make us come out of our illusions and self-deceptions, and thus to make the required changes in our life.

Incidentally, two days before the start of Lent this year we observe Presidents' Day. On this day we especially remember two great men: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. They were not only great statesmen but also just and upright men. The former was the only Founding Father to free his own slaves. Lincoln was the one who signed the declaration of Emancipation.

The question is: how do we show love for the weaker sections of society? What is our attitude to those who are different from us? How do we treat each other? How do we practice the second of the two commandments Jesus gave us: to love one another? Again, very relevant material for reflection as we enter Lent.

**Fr. Jimmy.**



Next **Wednesday, February 17**, is Ash Wednesday. Our masses here will be at **8:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.** Ashes will be distributed at both the Masses.

Ash Wednesday is a day of **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE** from meat and meat products. Everyone between the ages of 14 and 60, except those who are sick or pregnant women, are required to fast. The obligation to abstain from meat and meat products is for all, except those who are sick or who need to eat meat for serious health reasons.



We will have **stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7:30 P.M., beginning on February 19th.** The Stations is a very helpful way in meditating upon the Passion and death of Jesus, getting more aware of our sins because of which the Lord suffered and died, and thus a good preparation for Easter. Please make every effort to come for it.

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

God sees us exactly as we are. It is very important that we see ourselves too as He sees us. Only that way can we make the necessary changes in our life and be on the way to eternal salvation.

In order to help us in this process we shall have a Parish Mission (Retreat) during Lent. The dates will be **March 21 to 24.** We shall conclude the Mission with a Communal Penance Service (Confession) on Wednesday, **March 24.** Please mark your calendars and make sure to participate in these in their entirety. This advance information is given for that purpose. More details will be given in due time.



**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 Poehnel  
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.  
Hermie Asuncion  
Raymundo Aldana  
Maria Impanglozada

Frances Arnold  
Theresa Dang  
Erika Montoya  
Gloria Villaroman

Louie Silva  
David Gutierrez  
Larry Lazzeretti  
Jose Victorino

**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.**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY—MONDAY FEBRUARY 15**

...is a holiday and the **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

**TEACHING ON LITURGY**

There will be a one hour teaching on Liturgy on **Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 A.M.** in the parish hall. Members of the Liturgy Committee, Arts & Environment Committee and the Mass Coordinators are requested to be present. Also, the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, please be present if at all possible.

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?**

Is it a deeper relationship with Christ? One sure way to develop that relationship is to look more deeply at the Sunday Scripture readings that we hear each week at Mass. But how? Small Christian Communities (SCCs) are the answer. Want to find out more? Pick up a flyer at the back of the church today!

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  
BREAKFAST SPECIAL—TODAY FEBRUARY 14**

Stop by for breakfast, 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.**  
Sponsored by **The Guild.**

**ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS**

Our new deanery-wide young adult group has officially begun. All young adults ages 18-35 years old, single or married are invited to attend a "pot luck social" on **Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 P.M.** St. Joseph's Parish Hall—837 Tennent Ave., Pinole. This new and developing ministry will give Catholic Young Adults, an opportunity to grow in their Catholic faith and develop friendships in Christ through prayer, topical discussions and socializing opportunities. And even if you have been away from the Church for a while, or are new to the area, you are most welcomed! You will be among friends.

Come and invite others as we continue to plan out this new ministry just for you and don't forget to bring a simple cooked potluck dish to share with others. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Kenneth Nobrega at 741-4900 ext. 206.

**YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER**

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

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2/13 Carmen Revecho | 2/14 Ham Silverio  |
| 2/15 Jo Ann Evans   | 2/16 Josie Mendoza |
| 2/17 Lizzy Lynn     | 2/18 Yousif Family |
| 2/19 Henry Torrez   | 2/20 Janice Torrez |

Thank you for your continued prayers.

**PRAYER IN SPANISH—ORACION EN ESPAÑOL**

The El Grupo Hispano Guadalupaño invites everyone to join them in prayer on the **first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 P.M.** in the parish hall. Maria Guzman 223-8742.



Sunday Collection	2/7	\$4,542.75
Parish Maintenance	2/7	\$1,588.85



**Collection for Wed. Feb. 17th - Rice Bowl  
2nd Collection for Feb. 21st - Bishop's Appeal**

*Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the weekly offerings*

**Will you please remember St. Callistus in your will?**

~ **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2010** ~

SUN.	7:30 A.M. St. Callistus Guild Valentine's Day Breakfast 10:00 A.M. RCIA Class 11:00 A.M. Youth Group Meeting - High School 2:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Exemplification
MON.	<b>OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY</b> <b>NO</b> Confirmation Meeting - President's Day Holiday
TUE.	9:30 A.M. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Youth Group Meeting - Jr. High
WED.	9:00 A.M. <i>Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 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.	7:00 P.M. Youth Choir Practice 8:00 P.M. Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	9:30 A.M. <b>NO</b> Faith Formation Class

**Week of February 14th - February 20th**

SAT	5:15 P.M. Sabas & Luisa Dela Cruz ☩ ☩ by The Revecho Family
SUN	8:00 A.M. John Peconom ☩ by The Freeman Family 10:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church 12:00 Noon Cres Dirilo & Helen Villasica ☩ ☩ by Manny & Myrna Villasica
MON	8:30 A.M. Frank McAskill ☩ by The Freeman Family
TUE	8:30 A.M. Oscar Ollano ☩ (2 year death anniversary) by The Ollano Family
WED	8:30 A.M. Sally Laureta (Living) by Butch & Estrell Bautista 7:30 P.M. Zinnia & Christy Tianero (Both Living) by Rey Tianero & Family
THU	8:30 A.M. Josefina Angeles ☩ by Encarnacion Demorest
FRI	8:30 A.M. Frank McAskill ☩ by The St. Callistus Guild
SAT	8:30 A.M. Josefina Angeles ☩ by Encarnacion Demorest

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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