

St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803



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First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.”

— Romans 10:8

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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Pastoral Administrator(510) 223-1153

Rev. Nick Reina, SDBPastoral Support

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Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator(510) 222-0432

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RCIA

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

Pastoral Council

Diana Silva, Facilitator..... 708-5753

Youth Ministry & Confirmation Program

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

The Guild 223-1153

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms—Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading—All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel—Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

REFLECTIONS

We are once again in the beautiful Season of Lent which is a marvelous gift of God. The Lord gives it to us so that we truly enter into a deeper relationship of love for and fidelity to Him.

Lent calls our attention to the reality of our wanderings away from God. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that we should worship the Lord our God and Him alone. By yielding to our passions and evil desires we often 'worship other gods' rather than the Lord our God. Lent calls us back to the true God.

Lent also shows us, by the example of Jesus himself, how to resist temptations: by prayer, fasting, meditating upon the Scriptures, etc.... Prayer brings us the help and grace of God; fasting brings us the inner power to resist unruly passions; familiarity with the Scriptures fortifies us to follow God's will.

A word about fasting too. How to fast, what to give up? Of course, traditional ways are good: giving up food, drink, sweets, etc. But how about undue attachment to TV or computer,? How about getting away from unhealthy relationships? How about working at getting reconciled to people to whom we keep animosity, ill-will or grudge? How about giving to charity, not just a couple of dollars but something more substantial that it really hurts us a bit, in thanksgiving to the good Lord who gives us everything, especially who gives us so generously His forgiveness?

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT I GIVE UP DURING THIS LENT FOR LOVE OF MY GOD?

Fr. Jimmy.

PARISH MISSION

In preparation for Easter we shall have a Parish Mission (Retreat). It will start with the Masses on the weekend of **March 20-21 and continue through March 24th. The preaching on the 22nd and 23rd (Monday and Tuesday) will be at 7:30 P.M. On Wednesday, the 24th, we will start at 7:00 P.M. and then conclude the Mission with a Communal Penance Service.** Please mark your calendars and make sure that you are present for the Mission in its entirety. This is God's call to us to enter deeper into His love.

Q: WHAT'S A SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (SCC)?

A: A small group of 6-12 people who get together to explore the Sunday Scripture readings more deeply. Interested? Find out more by picking up a flyer at the back of the Church today!



Baptism

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BAPTISM WELCOME!

We welcome **Nica L. Galendez** through the waters of Baptism. May our community embrace this child and may our words and example be reflections of God's love for her.

Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

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THANK YOU

A **BIG** heartfelt thanks from the St. Callistus Guild to all of those people who helped to make the Valentine's Day Breakfast a success! Thank you

to all who cooked, set up, served, and cleaned up. But most importantly, thank you to all who came and ate breakfast. We appreciate your patronage.



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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 Poehnell
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Hermie Asuncion
Raymundo Aldana
Maria Impanglozada

Frances Arnold
Theresa Dang
Erika Montoya
Gloria Villaroman
Joe Martinez

Louie Silva
David Gutierrez
Larry Lazzeretti
Jose Victorino
Marlene Guillen

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.



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RCIA—RITE OF ELECTION

In the RCIA process, this weekend marks a time when the parish celebrates the Rite of Sending the Catechumens for Elections and Candidates for recognition by the Bishop. The Rite of Sending will take place during the **10:00 A.M. Mass today** here at St. Callistus. This celebration will be followed by the Rite of Election for the Catechumens and the Call to continuing Conversion for the Candidates at the Cathedral this afternoon. We ask all parishioners—the family of St. Callistus, to pray for our soon-to-become members of our Christian Catholic Family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Every Friday in Lent at 7:30 P.M. at St. Callistus Church. The following ministries/groups will lead and coordinate the Stations of the Cross:

- Feb. 19—Lectors & Eucharistic Ministries
 - Feb. 26—All Seasons Choir
 - March 5—Knights of Columbus
 - March 12—Bible Study Group
 - March 19—Youth & Fil-Am Choirs
 - March 26—Youth & Confirmation Groups
- Please make every effort to come as a preparation for Easter.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Feb. 27, 2010, 11:00 A.M. Cathedral of Christ the Light

The Order of Malta Health Clinic at the Cathedral is coordinating the second annual Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass on **Saturday, Feb. 27 at 11:00am**. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Cordileone. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all who suffer from a serious acute or chronic illness. For more information call the Malta Health Clinic at 510-587-3000.

MAKING HOLY CHOICES

Parish Mission at St. Joseph

The Mission begins with the weekend Masses on **March 7, 8 and 9 from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** in the Church—837 Tennent Ave., Pinole 741-4900.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER

Individuals/Families participating in the daily prayer dedicated to priests: Thank you for your continued prayers.

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| 2/20 Janice Torrez | 2/21 Jean Coyle |
| 2/22 Estrell & Butch | 2/23 Menchi Palma |
| 2/24 Josephine A. Paz | 2/25 Laura Peters |
| 2/26 Laura Peters | 2/27 Pat Morgan |

The **SERRA CLUB** of West Contra Costa invites all parishioners to its monthly dinner meeting at Denny's restaurant in San Pablo on **Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:00 PM**. Fr. Rolando Bartolay from St. John the Baptist parish in El Cerrito will be the speaker. Call Raoul Martinez, Secretary, at 223-2754 for reservations and/or directions.

	Sunday Collection	2/14	\$3,793.68
	Bishop's Appeal	2/14	\$2,224.65

**Second Collection for Feb. 28th
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 21, 2010** ~

SUN.	10:00 A.M.	RCIA Class
	11:00 A.M.	Youth Group Meeting - High School
	2:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Exemplification
MON.	7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Meeting
TUE.	9:30 A.M.	Bible Study
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
FRI.	7:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Practice
	8:00 P.M.	Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class (in Hall) & Safe Environment Training Class (in Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 21st - February 27th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	John Peconom ☩ by Denny & Sue Brown
SUN	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
	10:00 A.M.	Bernardino Ancheta, Sr. ☩ by Lilian Esguerra
	12:00 Noon	Carlos Palomero ☩ by Romy & Lydia Matundan
MON	8:30 A.M.	Josefina Angeles ☩ by Encarnacion Demorest
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving for Fely Aguila-Palma (Living, Birthday) by Menchie Palma & Family
WED	8:30 A.M.	Urbano Agos ☩ by The Bergunio Family
THU	8:30 A.M.	Josefina Angeles ☩ by Encarnacion Demorest
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Luisito A. Palma ☩ by Menchie Palma & Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Josefina Angeles ☩ by Encarnacion Demorest

VISITING THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY

If there are sick or elderly in their homes, hospital or nursing facilities who would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, please call Sr. Angela 222-0432.

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