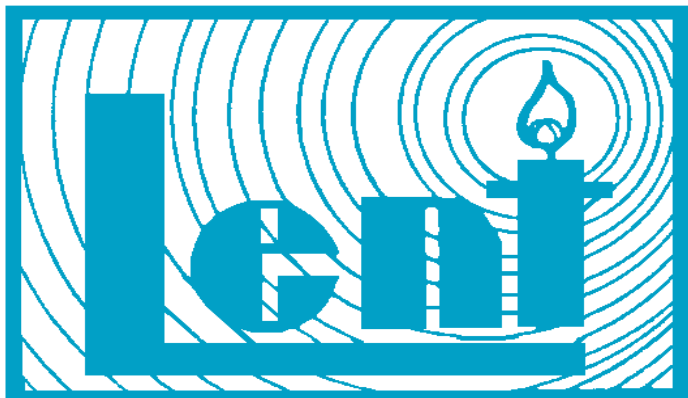


St. Callistus Church

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El Sobrante, CA 94803



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Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010

“The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?”

— Psalm 27:1

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

Rev. Jimmy Thottapally

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Rev. Nick Reina, SDBPastoral Support

Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator(510) 222-0432

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Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary

Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant

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Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)

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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

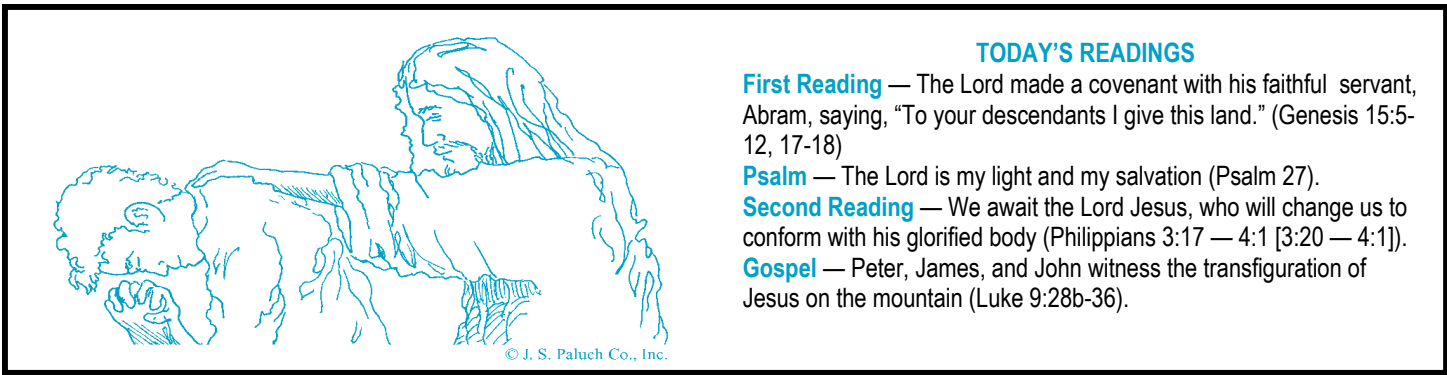
Mondays only, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus

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

St. Vincent de Paul Conference243-7501

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



REFLECTIONS

The call of the season of Lent is change. We are called to change ourselves. Thus all the readings of today talk about change.

Abram is changed: by his move from his father's land to a foreign land; by God's promise that he would be the father of countless descendants; soon God would even change his name (into Abraham).

Paul says that we are to be continuously transformed into the likeness of Jesus by "standing firm in him". If we do that the Lord finally "will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" and we shall be in heaven where "our true citizenship is".

The gospel relates how Jesus was transformed on the mountain. The three apostles get a short glimpse of the true identity of their Master. The result is that they do not wish to miss that joy any more!

The glory Jesus revealed momentarily on Tabor is the glory awaiting us. But in the midst of our busy life we often forget it. Lent is God's call to us to re-claim it and get ready to possess it eternally.

To many people paradise is here on earth. But we know otherwise. We know that we are here only for a short span of time which is given to us so that we will prepare ourselves for an eternity of bliss which "eye has not seen and ear has not heard". But for that, we need to change too.

HOW AM I TO USE LENT IN A GOOD/MEANINGFUL WAY? By better/deeper prayer; works of penance such as fasting, cutting on TV, computer etc; forgiving others; works of charity such as almsgiving; reading and meditating on the Scriptures; reflecting on the suffering and death Jesus accepted for our salvation; etc.

Let us keep Lent well and become more Christ-like. Then we shall inherit "the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world".

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land." (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **First Friday, March 5th** from after the **8:30 A.M.** Mass until 3:00 P.M. when we conclude it with Benediction. All those who signed up, please remember to keep your hours. All are welcome to come and spend time in the presence of the Lord.

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.

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 asked to be present. Also, the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, please be present if at all possible.

WEEKDAY MASS

One of the best ways to get closer to Jesus is to participate in the mass, which is the re-enactment of the self sacrifice He made for us on Calvary. So please try to come for mass as often as you can, especially during the season of Lent.



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

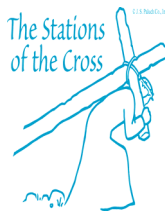
Fr. Larry Byrne		
Max Poehnell	Frances Arnold	Louie Silva
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Theresa Dang	David Gutierrez
Hermie Asuncion	Erika Montoya	Larry Lazzeretti
Raymundo Aldana	Gloria Villaroman	Jose Victorino
Maria Impanglozada	Joe Martinez	Marlene Guillen

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.

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:

- 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.



CHURCH REFURBISHING

Our church is over 55 years old. It has reached a stage where it needs some major refurbishing work. The things that need to be done are:

- ◆ removing the elevated portion of the floor in the sanctuary between the altar and the tabernacle,
- ◆ re-carpeting the sanctuary and the other areas that are carpeted,
- ◆ repair/replace and re-pad the kneelers, clean up the benches,
- ◆ remove the tiles and put new ones,
- ◆ put new furnaces and re-do the heating system,
- ◆ have better lighting system, re-do the sound system,
- ◆ get a new piano and a new organ,
- ◆ re-paint the interior and exterior of the building, etc.

Certainly it is going to be expensive. **But together we can get it done.** It is God's house, it is our church, and we have to take good care of it. Please support the effort as best as you can, both financially and with your prayers.

Your Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Fr. Jimmy.



YOUTH FINGER FOOD FESTIVAL

On **Sunday, March 7**, after all the masses, the youth of the parish will be selling finger foods. It is a fundraiser for all the youth of the parish, and we hope you will help them. Donation of finger food items that do not require cooking or reheating will be appreciated. Please drop it off in the parish hall on Sunday morning. Thank you for your support!



Please pray for the soul of **Mrs. Fely Aguila-Palma** who died last week. She was a long time parishioner of St. Callistus. Please pray also for her family in their time of sorrow.

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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| 2/28 Pat Morgan | 3/04 Loreto Vickroy |
| 3/01 Butch & Estrell | 3/05 Sister Angela |
| 3/02 Bert & Josie | 3/06 Tony & Geny |
| 3/03 Fannie Regines | 3/07 Nelly Pichay |

	Sunday Collection	2/21	\$4,318.65
	Bishop's Appeal	2/21	\$1,903.42
	Rice Bowl	2/17	\$1,978.25
Second Collection for March 7th Parish Maintenance			
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 28, 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
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.	Guadalupeño Group
FRI.	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Practice
	7:30 P.M.	Stations of the Cross
	8:00 P.M.	Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 28th - March 6th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	St. Callistus Guild Members (Living & †) by The St. Callistus Guild Gloria Groff (L—for health)
SUN	8:00 A.M.	John Campbell † by Sabiha Campbell
	10:00 A.M.	Carlos Perez (Living) by Graciela Perez
	12:00 Noon	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church Fely Aguila Palma †
MON	8:30 A.M.	Josefina Angeles † by Encarnacion Demorest
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Anselmo Reyes † by Arnel & Linda Camaya
WED	8:30 A.M.	John Campbell † by Sabiha Campbell
THU	8:30 A.M.	Alice Cheng (Living) by Estrell Bautista & Geny Fabella Gloria Groff (L-for health)
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Al Fortune † by Mary Toomey
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving by Butch & Estrell Bautista

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 _____
Address _____

Phone _____
City _____ Zip _____

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