

St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803

LENT



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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

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Pastoral Council

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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

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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

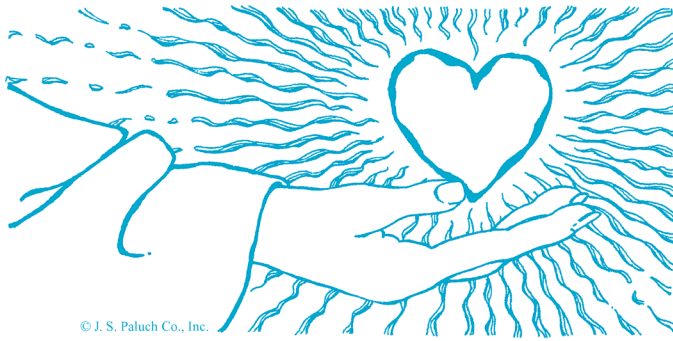
St. Vincent de Paul Conference243-7501

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2010

**"MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS IS THE LORD,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN KINDNESS".
-- PSALM 103:8**



REFLECTIONS

"Unless you repent, you will perish", Jesus tells the people, in today's Gospel. But what does it mean to repent?

For Jesus, repentance meant accepting His message, His Kingdom. He is the Savior sent by God who brought the message of God's goodness, that God loves all people dearly and wants them to share in His joy. But to be able to share in God's joy, to be found worthy of it, one has to be holy.

A fig tree is meant to produce fruits. Branches and leaves will not suffice. If it produces no figs, it is good only to be cut down. Likewise, if we do not produce fruits of holiness our lives are like barren trees, and then, Jesus says, we too will be cut off from the Kingdom.

WE ARE NOW ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH LENT. HOW MUCH HAVE WE GROWN INTO JESUS DURING THESE PAST ABOUT THREE WEEKS? We need to seriously pause and ask ourselves this question.

Let us use the remaining portion of Lent more carefully. Let us be truly aware of our sins and be sincerely sorry for them and humbly ask forgiveness from our merciful God.

Let us intensify our prayer-life, let us do penance, let us do works of mercy, let us practice self-denial, let us practice love of others, let us give alms, These are the ways to bear the kind of fruits the Lord wants to see in us.

Our God is a merciful God, full of compassion and goodness. He eagerly waits to embrace us in His loving arms.

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."

Fr. Jimmy.



Our Parish Mission (Retreat) 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 brief workshop on Liturgy, conducted by Fr. Nick Glisson, a liturgist in our diocese, on **Sat., March 20 from 11A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** in our parish hall. All are welcome. The members of the Liturgy Committee, Arts & Environment, Mass Coordinators, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members, please make sure that you attend it.

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 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.



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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| 3/08 Bernie & Josie Rocco | 3/12 Maria Ugaz |
| 3/09 Jim & Norma Olry | 3/13 Byron & Belen Cobb |
| 3/10 Janice & Henry | 3/14 Larry & Barba Marion |
| 3/11 Rosario Rosete | 3/15 Menchie Palma |



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

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| Max Poehnelt | Frances Arnold | Louie Silva |
| Gilbert Estrada, Sr. | Theresa Dang | David Gutierrez |
| Hermie Asuncion | Erika Montoya | Larry Lazzeretti |
| Joe Martinez | Gloria Villaroman | Jose Victorino |
| Maria Impanglozada | Cordie Montoya | |

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.

CHURCH REFURBISHING

As given in our last bulletin, the things we need to get done in our church 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.

It will be expensive. But the church is the House of God. We need to make sure that it is appropriate, pretty, safe and suitable. **Together we shall get it done.**

Your Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Fr. Jimmy.

ALTAR SERVERS' APPRECIATION

The Serra Club is having a mass and luncheon next **Saturday, March 13 at 11:30 A.M.** here at our church to show its appreciation and gratitude to our Altar Servers. All our Altar Servers and their immediate family are invited for it. But because food has to be prepared, they need the head count. So, all the altar servers, please inform Ugoeze Ofoegbu if you are planning to attend and how many from your immediate family will be attending.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Members of the Jerry J. Junk Council #10244 will meet on **Thursday March 11 at 7:00 P.M.** at the St. Callistus parish hall, St. Jerome Room.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet on **Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 P.M.** at the St. Callistus parish hall.

Pray For
The Dead



Please pray for the soul of **Mr. Raymundo Aldana, Jr.** who died last week. He was a long time parishioner of St. Callistus. Please pray also for his wife Majella, a member of the Fil-Am Choir, and the entire family in their time of sorrow.

WEEKDAY MASS: Please try to come for mass as often as you can, especially during the season of Lent. Mass is the re-enactment of the self sacrifice He made for us on Calvary.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS



Remember to change the time on your clock one hour forward for the Daylight saving time, before you go to bed next **Saturday, March 13.**

Sunday Collection	2/28	\$4,754.20
Bishop's Appeal	2/28	\$1,979.80

**Second Collection for March 14th
Catholic Relief Services**

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 MARCH 7, 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
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
	6:30 P.M.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Meeting
FRI.	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
	11:30 A.M.	Serra Club Altar Servers' Appreciation Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 7th - March 13th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Florencia & Eugenia Tabinga ☩ by Milagros Tabada
		Lydia & Pedro Celestial ☩☩ by Fannie & Lit Celestial
		Noon St. Callistus Guild Members (Living & ☩) by The St. Callistus Guild
MON	8:30 A.M.	Russel Gianifortone ☩ by Vince Anpatty Pistello
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Erwin Tianero (Living) by Rey Tianero & Family
WED	8:30 A.M.	Luisa Andrews ☩ by The Martis Family
THU	8:30 A.M.	Paul Esguerra, Sr. ☩ by Lilian A. Esguerra
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Gregoria Agos ☩ by The Bergunio Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Soledad Maravillas Siam ☩ (10 year death anniversary) & Edgar Torrecampo ☩ & Bonifacia Maravillas☩ by The Siam Family

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