

St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2010

**“Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.”**

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

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Parish Ministries

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

Larry Marion, Facilitator..... 223-5706

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

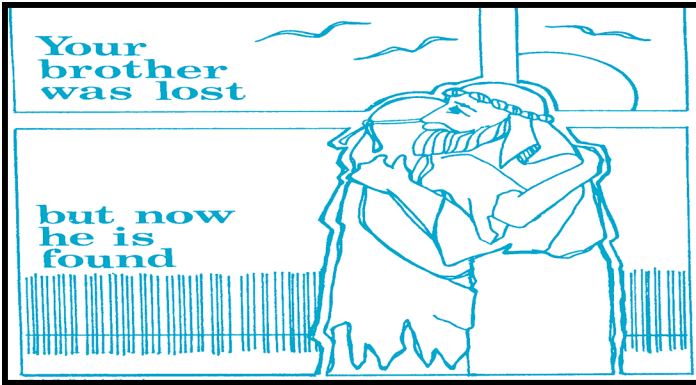
Mondays only, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Knights of Columbus

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

St. Vincent de Paul Conference243-7501

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



REFLECTIONS

God freed the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt. Then the people make the long and tedious journey through the desert and reach the promised land.

But on this journey God watched over the people and took care of them. He fed them with manna and gave them water from the rock to drink.

Today's First Reading speaks about the people eating the produce of the land in the land of Canaan. Once they eat that, the manna ceases; the manna was only the food for the journey. The real food was in the promised land.

Manna was a prefiguration of the Eucharist. Like Israel we too are on a journey. God has delivered us from the slavery of sin and eternal death. In Christ He has made us free people. Now we are on the journey through the desert of our tedious, laborious life to the 'Land' of heaven. On this journey God feeds us with the True Manna, the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Except for manna, the people of Israel could not have made it. Nor can we make it except for the Eucharist.

THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE OF OUR LIFE AND STRENGTH. IT IS OUR POWER. IT IS OUR HOPE. IT IS OUR COMFORT. IT IS GOD WITH US.

What is my attitude to the Eucharist? Do I really believe that it is Jesus Himself who is present in it, that it is truly Jesus, my Lord and my God? Do I love the Eucharist? Am I grateful to God for this marvelous gift of His love for me? Do I come for the mass as often as I can? Do I receive the Lord with love, reverence and gratitude? Do I try to foster devotion to the Eucharist in others as well?

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

Fr. Jimmy.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 18 7:00 P.M.— Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. All are invited.

Saturday, March 20 11:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M. Workshop on Liturgy, conducted by Fr. Nick Glisson, in the 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.

Saturday & Sunday, March 20-21—Parish Mission. Retreat starts at all the Masses this weekend.

Monday, March 22 7:30 P.M.—Retreat continues, in the parish hall.

Tuesday, March 23 7:30 P.M.— Retreat continues, in the parish hall.

Wednesday, March 24 7:00 P.M.—Conclusion of retreat, followed by **Communal Penance Service**. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

Please 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.

Wednesday, March 24—Deanery-wide Holy Hour for Year For Priests. 9:00 A.M.— 1:00 P.M. at St. Callistus Church. All are welcome. The following parishes will lead the prayer:

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.—St. Callistus

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.—St. Joseph

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon—St. Patrick

12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M.— St. Rose of Lima

Every Friday in Lent at 7:30 P.M.—Stations of the Cross

The following ministries/groups will lead and coordinate the Stations of the Cross: **March 19**—Young People & Fil-Am Choirs

March 26—Youth & Confirmation Groups.

Please come and participate as a preparation for Easter.



Please Pray for the Sick and/or Home-bound....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

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.**

CHRISM MASS

Next **Thursday, March 18**, the diocese celebrates the Chrism Mass. It will be at our **cathedral at 7:00 pm**. All are invited. It will be a wonderful experience to celebrate the Institution of Priesthood and of the Eucharist, with our Bishop, all the priests in the diocese and a lot of people from the various parishes.



Friday, March 19th is the **Feast Day of St. Joseph**, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of St. Joseph, *Sacramentary*).

CHURCH REFURBISHING

Together we shall get it done! The Church is the house of God. We need to make sure that it is appropriate, pretty, safe and suitable. Things that need to get 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. From: *Your Pastoral Council, Finance Comm. & Fr. Jimmy*

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER : Individuals/Families participating in the daily prayer dedicated to priests: Thank you.

3/16 Tony & Geny	3/19 Mila Tabada
3/17 Denny & Sue Brown	3/20 Butch & Estrell
3/18 Louie & Diana Silva	3/21 Laura Peters



We welcome **Sophia Alexis Payumo & Emma Margaret Grossenbacher** through the waters of Baptism. May our community embrace these children and may our words and example be a reflection of God's love for them. Let us offer our joy filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

When Sr. Angela's eyes are smiling, it must be **St. PATRICK'S DAY!** Have a great celebration on **March 17th**.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION: On Saturday, April 10th, Richmond Br. 154 of the Italian Catholic Federation will celebrate it's 50th Anniversary, at the Galileo Club 371 S. 23rd St. Richmond. All are invited for a Mass at 3:pm, followed by a Pasta & Roast Beef dinner, \$20. Please call May Barbano for reservations 510-232-4963.

ST. ROSE CHURCH 25TH ANNUAL FISH FRY: It's "Fish Fry" time in Crockett again! Mark your calendars March 26th, 11:30 A.M.–7:30 P.M. in the St. Rose Parish Hall, Crockett on Starr St. between 3rd & 4th. Adult Dinner tickets: \$15, Children under 12: \$7. Home delivery is available for Crockett, Tormey & Port Costa. Takeout dinners are available. Call (510) 787-2052 March 26 for ticket, to place an order for home delivery or more information.

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



Sunday Collection	3/7	\$4,726.85
Parish Maintenance	3/7	\$1,780.40

Second Collection for March 21st Eastern Europe

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 14, 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 Prayer Group
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.	NO Faith Formation Class - Rel. Ed Congress

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 14th - March 20th

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Romer de Leon Cuerdo (Living) by The de Leon & Cuerdo Families
SUN	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
	10:00 A.M.	Lupita & Ausberto Beltran (Both Living) by Graciela Perez
	12:00 Noon	Mark & Dino Gutierrez ☩☩ by The Gutierrez Family Alfonso Mira ☩ by Jeannette Mira
MON	8:30 A.M.	Rev. Monsignor Robert G. Adams ☩ by The St. Callistus Parishioners
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Apolonia Magsino ☩ by Bong & Annie Magsino
WED	8:30 A.M.	Pablo, Melisa & Venancia Rozul ☩☩☩ by Josefa O. Rozul
THU	8:30 A.M.	Ambrosia Maano ☩ by Romy & Rachel Mariano
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Emilio & Francisca Esperanza ☩☩ by Bert & Josie Esperanza
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Butch Bautista (Living, Birthday) by 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.