

St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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

Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

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Parish Staff

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

Pastoral Council

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2010

"I CONSIDER EVERYTHING AS A LOSS BECAUSE
OF THE SUPREME GOOD OF KNOWING
CHRIST JESUS MY LORD."

—PHILIPPIANS 3:8



REFLECTIONS

This week we are having something **VERY SPECIAL** here at St. Callistus, a Parish Mission, which basically is the name more commonly used these days for what was formerly called a Retreat.

What is a Retreat? As the term itself suggests, it is retreating from our normal /daily activities and spending some good quiet time alone with God, trying to hear what God has to tell us and to see ourselves as God sees us.

WE SEE JESUS DOING THIS SO MANY TIMES IN HIS OWN LIFE. The gospels tell us that he would often withdraw from the crowds and from **ALL** his numerous activities, simply to be alone with his Father. If the Lord himself needed it so much, how much more do we need it!

A parish Mission is a wonderful occasion to reflect upon our life, to look at where we are before God, to see what it is that God wants us to do at this time/stage of our life, to see where we need to make changes,

Often we are not aware of our sinfulness. A Mission will definitely make us more aware of our sins. Lent is especially a time when we are called to repentance. But how can we repent if we don't know our sins!

We start the Mission with the homily at all masses this weekend. It will continue on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. and will conclude on Wednesday with the preaching at 7:00 P.M. and the Penance Service after it at 7:30 pm.

Today's gospel speaks about Jesus forgiving the woman caught in adultery, giving her life back to her and bringing her to peace and joy. The Lord will do the same with us also through the Mission and the Penance Service. What a wonderful way to get ready for Easter, the celebration of Risen Life! We too shall rise to new life in Jesus through the Mission.

A Mission, a Retreat is one entity, one whole package. It is not enough to come for one talk or two. We should participate in it in its totality. Only then it can produce the intended result. So please make sure that you are present for it all the days.

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Let us also pray for each other in a very special way these days. May we all grow more and more into the Lord and may He bless us all.

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

PARISH MISSION (RETREAT)

Please make sure that you are present everyday this week to listen to what God has to tell us now.



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 church.

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

Wednesday, March 24 7:00 P.M.—Conclusion of retreat, followed by **Communal Penance Service**. There will be several priests to hear confessions. Please make use of this great opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and grace to start a new life in Jesus.

Wednesday, March 24—Deanery Holy Hour: The four parishes in our deanery are having a Holy Hour (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) in connection with the Year of Priests. All the four parishes will take one hour each. Please come and spend the hour with Jesus praying especially for our priests. It is our need and duty to pray for priests.:

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



Friday, March 26, 7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross - Youth & Confirmation Groups will lead and coordinate .

Please come and participate as a preparation for Easter.

PRAYER FOR THE UNINSURED

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the uninsured members of our community and for all who are in need.

For those who seek care but find that it is out of reach, may they find consolation in your healing presence.

For all who are blessed with health and security, may they work to fulfill the needs of those who are sick and insecure.

For leaders who make decisions that affect the health and well-being of others, may they strive to ensure the fundamental right to health care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord who healed those who believed.

Amen

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



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new schedule for April is ready for pick-up in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your service to this ministry.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER : Individuals/Families

participating in the daily prayer dedicated to priests: Thank you.

3/22 Sister Angela	3/25 Faye Eaton
3/23 Carmel Higgins	3/26 Zaid Faransso
3/24 Marge Parks	3/27 Yousif Family

The Serra Club of West Contra Costa invites all parishioners to its monthly dinner meeting at Denny's Restaurant in San Pablo on **Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 PM.** Bro. Gerald Pedrera, Pastoral Assistant at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Concord will be the speaker. Call Raoul Martinez, Secretary, at 223-2754, for reservations and/or directions.



Please pray for the soul of **Mr. Max Poehnelt** who died recently. He was a long time parishioner of St. Callistus. Please pray also for his family in their time of sorrow.

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 at *510) 222-0432.



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	Frances Arnold	Louie Silva
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.	Theresa Dang	David Gutierrez
Hermie Asuncion	Erika Montoya	Larry Lazzarotti
Joe Martinez	Gloria Villaroman	Jose Victorino
Maria Impanglozada	Cordie Montoya	Rosa Carvalho

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.**



Sunday Collection	3/14	\$3,726.10
Catholic Relief Services	3/14	\$1,394.40

Second Collection for March 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?

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2010

We wish to thank all who has given so generously to the 2010 Bishop's Appeal entitled "To Make Christ Better Known." This year we are asked to raise \$13,566.00. The total collected so far is **\$ 7,665.87.** We need approximately **\$5,5900.13** more to fulfill this year's obligation. May God Bless you for your Sacrificial Giving.

~ SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 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. <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
	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 March 21st - March 27th

SAT	5:15 P.M. Florence MacGregor ☩ by Sandy MacGregor
SUN	8:00 A.M. John Campbell ☩ by Sabiha Campbell
	10:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
	12:00 Noon Primitivo & Russell Tanquilut & Frank Kawamoto ☩☩☩ by Manny & Myrna Villasica
MON	8:30 A.M. Rev. Monsignor Robert G. Adams ☩ by The St. Callistus Parishioners
TUE	8:30 A.M. Halina & Mirek Byczynski ☩☩ by Monika Byczynski
WED	8:30 A.M. Joseph Vickroy ☩ by Loreto Vickroy
THU	8:30 A.M. Nick Rivera ☩ (1 yr. death anniversary) by Abigail Rivera Norberto Arago, Sr. ☩
FRI	8:30 A.M. Simon & Helen Silva ☩☩ by Dolores & Family
SAT	8:30 A.M. Wiktoria Mrowiec ☩ by Monika Byczynski

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