

# St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 28, 2010

“The Lord God is my help,  
Therefore I am not disgraced.”

—Isaiah 50:7a

### 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 Mass .....8:30 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

Pastoral Administrator .....(510) 223-1153

Rev. Nick Reina, SDB .....Pastoral Support

#### Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator .....(510) 222-0432

### Parish Staff

Geny S. Fabella, Office Manager / Bookkeeper

Estrell Bautista, Office Secretary

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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 Conference

Jo Ann Evans, President .....243-7501

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



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## REFLECTIONS

We are entering into the most awesome week of the year, when we recall the events that achieved our salvation. Only with deep emotion can we reflect upon them.

Today we commemorate the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the nerve center of Jewish faith. He is welcomed with great fanfare and acclaim. But the shadow of the cross looms large behind it all.

The Jewish leadership did not like Jesus or accept his message. Jesus comes to the seat of their power and authority to renew one last time his call to them to repent and enter into the Kingdom. But they refuse and plot to destroy him and succeed in it. The ordinary folks too who give him such a royal welcome today would turn against him and clamor for his blood in a few days. Even his friends who protest they would die for him desert him at the hour when he needs them most.

**Jesus is knowingly walking to his death. He who 'did not deem equality with God something to be grasped, emptied himself and took the form of a slave, only to be obedient to the point of death on the cross'. He gives his body and blood so that we might live.**

Let us reflect upon our loyalty to our Lord. Do we truly realize what he did for us, what he suffered for us? **Do we really remember that he suffered and died in our place and for us? Are we truly grateful to him for the incredible love he manifested thus?** We "confess with our lips that Jesus Christ is Lord"; but is our commitment and fidelity deep, or just fickle and shallow like that of the crowd of Jerusalem or Peter or the other apostles?

**This is HOLY WEEK. Let us make it truly holy by focusing on what will purify us more: reading and reflecting upon the passion narratives in the gospels, silent prayer, repenting on our sins and doing penance for them, forgiving anyone against whom we might have ill-will, .... Let us also pray for each other and for all the people of our parish, so that we together grow more into the likeness of our Master.**

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

*Fr. Jimmy*

## TODAY'S READINGS

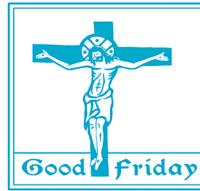
**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** -- The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]).



**Fasting and Abstinence:** Good Friday is a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence from meat and meat products. The obligation is for all who are between the ages of 16 to 60. The obligation to abstain from meat is for all except who need to eat them for serious medical conditions.

## SCHEDULES OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:30 A.M.— Morning Prayer (NO MASS)  
7:30 P.M.— Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, until 11:00 P.M.

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

8:30 A.M.—Morning Prayer (NO Mass)  
12:00 Noon—Recitation of the Rosary  
12:30 P.M.— Stations of the Cross  
1:30 P.M.— The Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

8:30 A.M.—Morning Prayer (NO MASS)  
8:00 P. M.—Easter Vigil  
**NO Sacrament of Confession**  
**NO 5:15 P.M. Mass**

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Masses at 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon

## PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY



**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 Lazzeretti
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.**

**‘KEEP WATCH AND PRAY’**

The liturgy Committee of our parish requests all Parish Organizations to take turns to “Keep Watch and Pray” in the upcoming **Holy Thursday Adoration, April 1st from 9:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.** Below is the schedule for your organization’s watch:

**FIRST PERIOD: 9:30 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.**

Youth & Fil-Am Choirs, Altar Servers, CCD/Confirmation/Youth Groups, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**SECOND PERIOD: 10:00 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M.**

Greeters, Ushers, RCIA, Bible Study Group and St. Vincent de Paul

**THIRD PERIOD: 10:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.**

All Seasons Choir, Pastoral Council Members, The Guild, Liturgy Committee Members, Knights of Columbus and Serra Club.

May our Parish, the St. Callistus Church, the Mystical Body of Christ in El Sobrante, be an ever vibrant witness in worship and in life to the Good News of Salvation.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection. Please support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the special collection for this on Good Friday. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** Thanks to all the parishioners who generously donated food and money and participated in the sale of finger foods at our youth fundraiser on 3/7/10. We were able to raise over \$300 for the youth! Thanks also to the youth and adult volunteers who generously donated food and their time to make the event a success.



**DONATIONS OF EASTER LILIES NEEDED**

The Art & Environment Committee is requesting donations of Easter Lilies to decorate our altar for Easter. Please bring your donations to the church on **Friday & Saturday mornings, April 2nd & 3rd.** Also we would appreciate the **loan** of the Orchid plants from those who have them. Please bring them to the church on Saturday, April 3. Be sure to label them with your name and telephone number. Thank you in advance!

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

- 3/28 Justin Gonzaga      3/31 Pat Morgan
- 3/29 Liz Remigio        4/01 Mila Tabada
- 3/30 Pat Morgan         4/02 Ike & Meddie Victorino

Sunday Collection	3/21	\$4,310.29
Eastern Europe	3/21	\$1,623.66

**Collection, Thu. Apr. 1st - Holy Thursday  
Collection, Fri. Apr. 2nd - Holy Land/Good Friday  
2nd Collection, Sun. April 4th - Easter Traditional**

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 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
WED.	9:00 A.M.	Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 P.M.	All Seasons Choir Practice
	7:30 P.M.	Rehearsal for Holy Thursday Mass in Church
THUR.	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (No Mass)</b>
	9:00 A.M.	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b>
FRI.	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (No Mass)</b>
	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Recitation of the Rosary</b>
	<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord’s Passion</b>
	7:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Practice
	8:00 P.M.	Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (No Mass)</b>
	9:30 A.M.	<b>NO</b> Faith Formation Class
	9:30 A.M.	Rehearsal for Easter Vigil in Church
	<b>8:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 28th - April 3rd

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Mark & Dino Gutierrez ☩☩ by The Gutierrez Family
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	Gaudencio Matundan ☩ by Romy & Lydia Matundan
MON	8:30 A.M.	Elsa Ramirez & Demi Grace Panganiban (Both Living) by Elsa Ramirez
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Wilfredo Vinelon ☩ & Louis Neil Panganiban (Living) by Elsa Ramirez
WED	8:30 A.M.	Brix Omega ☩ by Zena Omega Fely Aguila-Palma ☩ (40th day of death) by Bert & Josie Esperanza
THU	7:30 P.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
SAT	8:00 P.M.	Arsenio Cristi ☩ by Gerry & Helen

**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