

# St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante, CA 94803



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## TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY—APRIL 25

Please join the Catholic Church worldwide as we follow Jesus' command to, "Pray that the master of the harvest send out workers for his harvest" (Lk 10:2).

## VOCATION PRAYER

### LOVING GOD,

You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray, especially in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother or deacon.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service.

AMEN.

## 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  
Gilbert Estrada, Administrative Assistant  
Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday - Friday  
(12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. closed for lunch)  
(510) 223-1153

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## Parish Ministries

Children's Faith Formation (CCD/RCIC)  
Pat Morgan, Director (510) 222-2538  
E-mail: [pmorgan.stcallistus@gmail.com](mailto:pmorgan.stcallistus@gmail.com)

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, President..... 223-5706

Baptism of Infants (510) 223-1153  
Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Callistus for at least 6 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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25, 2010

**“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation to the  
ends of the earth.”**

— Acts 13:47b

## REFLECTIONS

The reading we have today from the Acts of the Apostles is part of the first missionary journey of St. Paul. The apostle preaches the Gospel, some accept it, others oppose it. Paul urges those who accept his message to remain faithful to the Gospel.

We have accepted God’s call. Now we too are to remain faithful. What does it mean, how are we, to be faithful? First of all, we need to realize what a favor God has shown us by calling us to His love and friendship and we need to be deeply grateful to Him for that grace. Next we need to live according to the teachings of our Master, Jesus, live as He lived: in love, goodwill and service to all people, especially those who are poor, weak, lonely, abandoned, ill-treated, .....

Christian life is challenging. John’s vision narrated in the Book of Revelation speaks of a “great multitude..... wearing white robes, holding palm branches.” But they reached that glory only through surviving “the time of great distress.” Jesus Himself reached the glory of the resurrection only through the cross. Only through the struggles that are involved in following His path can we also reach eternal glory.

**But to remain faithful to the grace of God, we need power and strength. The resurrection of Jesus brings us that power. We only need to turn to Him and ask for it in prayer. Then we too shall reach the “springs of life-giving water” (heaven).**

*Fr. Jimmy*

## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading**—The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas’ preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13 -14, 43-52).

**Psalm**—We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading**—John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before throne and before the Lamb (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel**—My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

## SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

**Today, April 25th**, is the kick-off day for the Small Christian Communities. Father Jimmy will meet with all groups **in the hall at 5:00 P.M.** to ask God’s blessing on the groups and to give some guidelines. All Facilitators, and group members who have signed up, are expected to be present. Each Facilitator will have time to meet with his/her group members and explain in more detail what’s happening and where the group will meet. Materials will also be distributed at that time. See you there!

*From the SCC Core Group.*

If there are sick or elderly in their homes or nursing facility who would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, please contact Sr. Angela 222-0432.



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

especially.....Fr. Larry Byrne  
Frances Arnold Louie Silva  
Gilbert Estrada, Sr. Larry Lazzeretti  
David Gutierrez Jose Victorino  
Erika Montoya Rosa Carvalho  
Gloria Villaroman Allen Throolin  
Cordie Montoya Steve Gonzales  
Reynerio Rivera Anselma Rivera

**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.**



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**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS ON!**

Although our Faith Formation program for this school year is nearly ending, we are already busy planning for next year.

And so can you!

Register your Kindergarten thru 8th grade child now for the 2010-2011 Faith Formation Year. Classes meet on Saturday mornings beginning in September.

Why register early? There are many reasons. Here are two to get you started:

You won't have to worry about missing the late summer rush. **Every family whose paid registration is received by June 15th will receive a \$10 discount on the first child registered!**

Faith Formation is an important part of raising our children as Catholic Christians. Make sure your child is registered. (Forms are on the back tables in church.)

Any Questions? Call Pat Morgan 510-222-2538.



**CHURCH REFURBISHING**

**Together we shall get it**

**done!** Please support the effort as best as you can, both financially and with your prayers.

From: Your Pastoral Council, Finance Committee & Fr. Jimmy

**BAPTISM OF INFANTS**

Attention: Parents who are planning for the baptism of their child: Please make arrangements with the priest at least six weeks in advance. **The parents must be registered parishioners of St. Callistus for at least six months.** To make initial arrangements or to schedule an appointment with the Pastor, please call the parish office at 510-223-1153.

**FREE COMPUTER TRAINING FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS**

Micro-Easy Computer Institute is offering free computer training for the unemployed. The Institute is located at 3851 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante. For more information, please call 510-262-9949.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gregoria Ancheta** who passed away last week. Mrs. Ancheta was a long time parishioner of St. Callistus. Please remember also in your prayers the Ancheta family in their time of grief.

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

Please pick up your copy of the **May** schedule in the mail bin located in the Church vestibule, and **make a note of your schedule.** Questions? call Estrell or your MC immediately.

Sunday Collection	4/18	\$4,624.60
Parish Maintenance	4/18	\$2,223.40

**Second Collection for Sunday May 2nd  
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?**

~ SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 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
THUR.	9:00 A.M.	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
FRI.	7:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Practice
	8:00 P.M.	Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	9:30 A.M.	Faith Formation Class

**MASS INTENTIONS — WEEK OF APRIL 25TH - MAY 1ST**

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Atanacio Camacho & Maria M. San Nicholas † † by Vicenta Camacho
SUN	8:00 A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
	10:00 A.M.	Graciela Perez (Living) by Graciela Perez
	12:00 Noon	Margaret Vasquez † by Adolph Vasquez
MON	8:30 A.M.	Simon & Helen Silva † by Dolores & Family Guillermo Pidlaon † (40th day of death) by Bert & Josie Esperanza
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Socorro Roco † by Dr. Bernardo & Mrs. Adoracion Gomez Gregoria Ancheta † (9th day of death) by Lilian Esguerra
WED	8:30 A.M.	Pablo Rozul † by Josefa O. Rozul
THU	8:30 A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma † by Nelly & Jayvee Pichay
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving for Jusel Selerio (Living) by The Selerio Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma † by Mila Tabada

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

4/24 Mila Tabada	4/28 Estrell & Butch
4/25 Arnel & Linda Camaya	4/29 Sister Angela
4/26 Geny & Tony Fabella	4/30 Laura Peters
4/27 Meddie & Ike Victorino	

**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