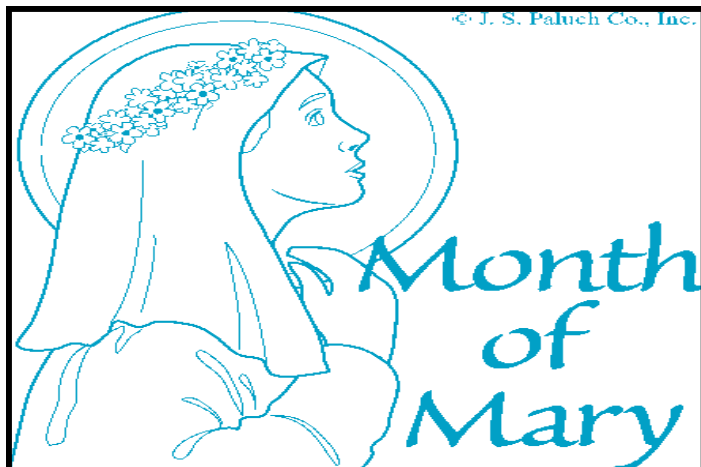


St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading—Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the Churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm—I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading—John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel—As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a; 34-35).

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)

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

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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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2010

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.”
— Revelation 21:3

REFLECTIONS

The passage from the Acts of the Apostles, our first reading today, speaks about the missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas and about the growth of the Church. This is something worth noting.

The Church today is a huge institution - with a membership of over a billion people, with structures and systems all over the world; it is truly catholic - universal. But at the beginning, only a handful of people followed Jesus.

How did this growth take place? Certainly the hand of the Lord was always there ensuring the success of the gospel message. But that was not all. This growth was also the fruit of the tireless labor of people like Paul and Barnabas, and others like them, who put their heart and soul for the cause of Jesus.

That brings us to the question: "what do **we** do for the spread of the gospel message?" We are also called to be messengers of the Lord, by our own life of fidelity to the teachings of Jesus, by the examples we give, by our prayers,, etc.

We are to fulfill this duty first of all in our homes. How do I bring up my children? Do I make sure that they grow up in the right way; do I inculcate values in them; do I deeply love them and care for them and spend enough time with them; do I check who their friends are,? What kind of an example am I to the other members of my family? What kind of a member am I in my community, in my parish? Am I an agent of love, care, selflessness and unity, or am I an agent of ill-will, discord and disunity?

Let us ask ourselves: "Is Jesus happy with me as His follower?" "What would He want me to do to be a better witness of Him in my life-situation?"

Fr. Jimmy.



VISITING THE SICK & ELDERLY: If there are sick in their homes, hospital or nursing facility who would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis, please call Sister Angela 222-0432.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FIRST FRIDAY

Next **Friday, May 7**, is First Friday. We shall have the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the morning Mass until 3:00 P.M. when we conclude with Benediction. All are welcome and spend some time in the presence of the Lord. For those who have signed up, please remember to keep your hours.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please offer your prayers for the following priests on the dates indicated below. May our collective prayers as a parish community help our priests remain faithful to the Gospel and in dealing with the challenges of their ministry:

- May 1—Bishop Salvatore Cordileone
- May 2—Fr. Jimmy Thottapally
- May 3—Fr. Nick Reina & the Salesian priests
- May 4—Fr. James Kimani Kairu
- May 5—For all Bishops throughout the world
- May 6—For all missionary priests
- May 7—For all retired priests
- May 8—For all priests who are sick or dying

We welcome **Alessandra Renee Campos** through the waters of Baptism last April 17. May our community embrace this child, and may our words and examples be reflections of God’s love for her. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome.



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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| Helen Padilla | Frances Arnold | Louie Silva |
| Theresa Dang | Gilbert Estrada, Sr. | Larry Lazzeretti |
| Hermie Asuncion | David Gutierrez | Jose Victorino |
| Joe Martinez | Erika Montoya | Rosa Carvalho |
| Ruth P. Caluya | Gloria Villaroman | Allen Throolin |
| Ruby Awil | Cordie Montoya | Steve Gonzales |
| Nella Parker | 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.



OUR CHURCH REFURBISHING

I am very happy to tell you that, by the grace of God and your generosity, the fund-raising for our church refurbishing is making steady progress. Your contributions so far has raised \$225,000.00 in cash and pledges combined. My sincere thanks to all who contributed. God will watch over you: no doubt about that.

Those of you who are yet to contribute, please do it soon. It is our common project, our common task. **Give your fair share**; in proportion to what God has given you. **It is your church.** If you have a reasonably good job, or have a reasonably good retirement situation, God expects from you accordingly.

Fr. Jimmy

UPDATES ON CHURCH REFURBISHING PROJECT

You can have the information as to where we are with regard to the fund-raising for this project, from the barometer placed in the vestibule of the Church. You can get the same information also from our website www.stcallistus-es.org

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.



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MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASSES

Mother's Day will be on Sunday, May 9th. We will celebrate the **Novena Masses from May 9 thru May 17**. The Novena cards are on the tables in the back of the Church. Please pick up your card, fill it out and put it in the basket in front of the altar, with your offering. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per person.

Felicidades a la comunidad Mexicana en éstas fiestas! Have a wonderful and safe celebration.



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ORACION EN ESPAÑOL: The El Grupo Hispano Guadalupaño will meet on **Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 P.M.** All are welcome.



Sunday Collection	4/25	\$3,731.99
Catholic Home Missions	4/25	\$1,336.70

Second Collection for **Sunday May 9th**
Parish Maintenance

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 MAY 2, 2010 ~

SUN.	10:00 A.M.	RCIA Class
	11:00 A.M.	Youth Group Meeting - High School
	1:30 P.M.	Faith Formation 1st Eucharist Family Day
MON.	7:00 P.M.	Confirmation Meeting
TUE.	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.	Hispanic Prayer Group
FRI.	9 A.M. - 3 P.M.	Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	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 MAY 2ND - MAY 8TH

SAT	5:15 P.M.	Vincente & Gregoria de la Cruz † † by The Revecho Family
SUN	8:00 A.M.	Nahida & Amin Al Haik † † by The Yousif Family Crescenciana Ramos (Living, Birthday) by The Ramos Family
	10:00 A.M.	Leobardo Perez † by Graciela Perez
	12:00 Noon	Geraldine S. Fabella (Living) by The Fabella Family Thanksgiving for Eric Hernandez (Living) by The Hernandez Family
MON	8:30 A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma † by Fannie Regines
TUE	8:30 A.M.	Catalino Bitanga † by Dr. Bernardo & Mrs. Adoracion Gomez
WED	8:30 A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma † by Alex & Didit Salcedo
THU	8:30 A.M.	Dino Gutierrez † (death anniversary) by The Gutierrez Family
FRI	8:30 A.M.	Madelyn & Yacoub Faransso † † by The Yousif Family
SAT	8:30 A.M.	Magdalena Magsino † by Bong & Annie Magsino

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