

St. Callistus Church

3580 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803



TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** -- Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm -- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading -- May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.
Gospel -- The disciples, witnesses to all the events of Christ's life, were blessed by him as he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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

Pastoral Administrator(510) 223-1153

Rev. Nick Reina, SDBPastoral Support

Sister Angela Burke, SHJM

Pastoral Associate & RCIA Coordinator(510) 222-0432

Parish Staff

Geny S. Fabella, Office Manager / Bookkeeper

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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, 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

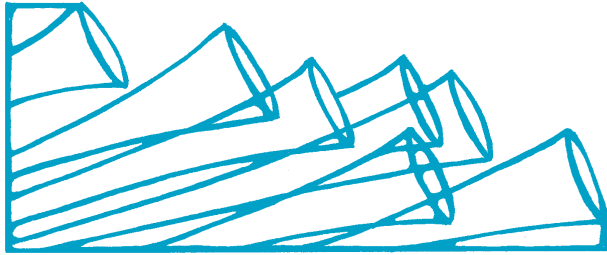
St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.....234-2012

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2010

**“God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.”**

—Psalm 47:6



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REFLECTION

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. What we remember today is that the Risen Jesus, after appearing to His disciples for forty days and giving them final instructions, was taken up into heaven where He is once again in His glory and majesty as the Lord of all.

In a sense, Ascension is the most joyful feast for us, because Jesus went up into heaven **only to come back and take us also with him.** "Where he has gone, we hope to follow", as we pray in the Preface of today's Mass. And, this hope is not a vague/vain hope, but **sure hope.** We have the certainty of faith in this. As Paul says, "**Christ ... will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him**".

"He who made the promise is trustworthy". So let us eagerly wait for the day when we shall fully be in God's Kingdom, by living upright lives. Let us live holy lives "with sincere hearts and in absolute trust with our hearts sprinkled clean from evil conscience".

Before concluding, I want to bring to your attention another matter of great joy for us all as well. Next weekend several of our children will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Most of the time we have this celebration on a Saturday, when basically only their family and friends are around. This year we are having it a little differently: having it at all the Masses during the weekend. The celebration of the Eucharist is a communal one; it is the celebration of the entire community, the entire parish family. The children who receive Jesus for the first time are **OUR** children. It is good that we celebrate it together at least once in a while.

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Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers. Let us also thank God for giving us this grace of our children growing more into Jesus. This indeed is a great blessing for our whole parish community.

Fr. Jimmy.

INSTRUCTIONS ON RECEIVING COMMUNION PROPERLY

Please remember to receive Holy Communion with reverence and devotion. As per the instruction given by the Bishop, please also stand while receiving communion.

VISITING THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY

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 510-222-0432.



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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

Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Helen Padilla
David Gutierrez
Hermie Asuncion
Joe Martinez
Ruth P. Caluya
Ruby Awil
Helen Aiello
Jennifer Boatright

Frances Arnold
Larry Lazeretti
Jose Victorino
Erika Montoya
Gloria Villaroman
Cordie Montoya
Reynerio Rivera
Audrey Ricardo
Alice Gonzales

Louie Silva
Theresa Dang
Rosa Carvalho
Allen Throolin
Steve Gonzales
Anselma Rivera
Nella Parker
Georgann Chiozza

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.**

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS ON!

Our Faith Formation program for this school year is ending soon, and we are already busy planning for next year.

You too, can start planning early. **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: (1) You won't have to worry about missing the late summer rush. (2) **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

You can see the progress of our fund-raising for our Church refurbishing from the barometer (chart) placed in the vestibule of the church. We are still quite a ways from the required amount of \$300,000. Those of you who have not made their contributions, please do so soon. We are very short of time. **We cannot do it without your support.** Please do the very best you can.

Fr. Jimmy.

THE ST. CALLISTUS GUILD'S June potluck will be held on **June 1ST:** Gathering and fellowship, 6:30 P.M., dinner, 7:30 P.M.

This is the last meeting before the summer break. Because of declining membership, this will be an important meeting as we will be discussing the feasibility of continuing in it's present format. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring your thoughts, recommendations and a dish to share. Above all, this will be a night of christian fellowship. We all share the same goals, let's join together. God bless each and everyone of you!

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 facing the challenges of their ministry:

- May 15—For Fr. Ciaran Dillon (St. Rose, Crockett)
- May 16—For Fr. Mathew Ittiyappara (Retired)
- May 17—For Fr. Ian Mendoza (newly ordained priest)
- May 18—For John Malloy, celebrating 60 yrs of Priestly Ministry
- May 19—For Dana Michaels & prior pastors of St. Callistus (L & +)
- May 20—For All Missionary Priests
- May 21—For Fr. Larry Byrne
- May 22—For Fr. John and the Franciscan Friars



From Death to New Life

Please pray for the soul of **Anthony Perfetto**, who passed away recently. Please also pray for his family in their time of grief.

Sunday Collection	5/9 \$4,552.85
Parish Maintenance	5/9 \$1,895.75

**Second Collection for Sunday May 23rd
Church Flowers**

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 16, 2010 ~

SUN.	11:00	A.M.	Youth Group Meeting - High School
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
	6:00	P.M.	Safe Environment Training
	7:00	P.M.	Hispanic Group Meeting
FRI.	7:00	P.M.	Youth Choir Practice
	8:00	P.M.	Fil-Am Choir Practice
SAT.	9:30	A.M.	Faith Formation Class - Last Day

MASS INTENTIONS — WEEK OF MAY 16TH - MAY 22ND

SAT	5:15	P.M.	Melisa Rozul ☩ by Josefa O. Rozul
SUN	8:00	A.M.	Mother's Day Novena (Living & ☩)
	10:00	A.M.	People of the Parish of St. Callistus Church
	12:00	Noon	Roberto Tanquilut ☩ by Manny & Myrna Villasica
MON	8:30	A.M.	Mother's Day Novena (Living & ☩)
TUE	8:30	A.M.	Gilbert & Yvonne Estrada (Living) (50th Wedding Anniversary) by The Estrada Family
WED	8:30	A.M.	Paulina & Czeslaw Bielikowicz ☩ by Monika Byczynski
THU	8:30	A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma ☩ by Bong & Annie Magsino
FRI	8:30	A.M.	Fely Aguila-Palma ☩ by Zeny Cruz
SAT	8:30	A.M.	Angeles Wyman ☩ by Larry Wyman

ORACION EN ESPAÑOL—The El Grupo Hispano Guadalupano will meet on **Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 P.M.** Please come and join us in prayer. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) is celebrating its 75th anniversary. **Today, May 16,** is the annual May Appeal to raise funds for more than 19,000 people in need. For info, call 510-768-3115 or visit www.cceb.org.

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