#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15-16, 2025

- Friday, November 21 is 3rd Friday. At 3pm, all are welcome to attend Adoration with the Divine Mercy group. It is recommended to arrive 5-10 minutes early as prayers begin promptly at 3pm
- 2. Our Liturgical year ends next week on Sunday, November 23rd The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Reminder that this is the last day of the distribution of the Precious Blood this year. Parishioners will be informed again once the distribution of the Precious Blood is reinstated in Spring 2026.
- 3. You're invited to come and CELEBRATE a THANKSGIVING DINNER with YOUR ST. Callistus family. ON Wednesday. NOVEMBER 26. Doors open at 2pm. RSVP Sign-up is requested in the Vestibule through next Sunday, Nov. 23rd. A side dish is an option for those who wish to contribute. Please contact Josie Rocco.
- 4. Please note that this year's Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, Nov. 27 is at 9 o'clock, not 10am. You're welcome to bring bread and wine to Mass to be blessed. Please also note that the rectory office is closed Thursday, Nov.27 & Friday, Nov 28th.
- 5. Support your local vendors during the Hometown Holiday Fair On Saturday, Nov 29th, 10am to 4pm at our Parish Hall. For more info, you may email <u>elsobrantechamber.com</u>.
- 6. Nov. 29-30 begins our Liturgical year (A) and the start of the Advent season. As in previous years, we will have many opportunities to enrich your Advent experience in preparation for the coming of Jesus:

# 1st) The Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony:

Each Mass through Advent starts with a candle lighting ceremony after procession & greeting. Two 8am spots are still needed for the Advent Candle Lighting. Sign-up through Flocknote with your contact number or sign up in the vestibule. Those who volunteered are requested to arrive 20 minutes before their chosen Mass time to meet with the Mass Coordinators for instruction.

# 2nd) Advent Challenge:

Same as previous years, on an Advent Challenge sheet are daily tasks offerings listed. For each daily task you accomplish, you may get a straw each week to place on the Nativity creche. On the fourth Advent weekend, bring your Advent Challenge sheet with you so that you may be blessed. The Advent Challenge sheet may be found either at the back of the pews or downloaded from our saintcallistus.org home page.

### 3rd) St. Callistus Jubilee Holy Rosary of Hope Offering/Promise:

Tied to our Jubilee Year of Hope and starting on 1st weekend of Advent, our parish community will come together to offer 2500 rosaries in 25 days or 3000 rosaries to the end of the year. The rosaries are for the intentions of our Pope Leo. More on this next week, but think of 3 other family and friends to join you in this offering. You will do a daily rosary for 7 days, then pass on to your chosen family and friends in your group. They, in turn, will do a week daily rosary and pass on to the next member after their week is done. By the way, these will gain you straws, also. More detail on this from Josie Rocco next week but also check our home page in the next few days for info.

#### 4th) The Parish Mission

Mark your calendar for December 15 & 16, 6:30pm Parish Mission. More details to follow in a week or two.

#### 5th) Simbang Gabi

Evening Masses will be held December 15 thru 23 at various times: 8pm 12/15-16, 7pm 12/17-23 for rest except Sat. 12/20, held during Vigil Mass at 5:30pm. For this event, we're seeking Simbang Gabi Sponsors, \$150 per individual or family with a minimum of 3 sponsors per Mass. Each sponsor is entitled up to 3 intentions. Sign-ups are in the Vestibule. For those who have already signed up, please call or email your intentions to the office or you may drop by the rectory during office hours.

# 6th) Saturday Communal Penances on 12/13 & 12/20

4 to 5pm on Saturdays, Dec 13 and 20, two priests will be available to hear confession. There will be no communal Penance service, but extended Saturday Reconciliation.

It's going to be a full and fulfilling Advent!

Thank you to the Choir, Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Mass Coordinator, <u>Altar Servers</u>, Ushers and Greeters and the Loft Team. And thank you all for your attendance.

Please stand for the St. Callistus Prayer.