

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024

1. Reminder that due to the onset of the cold season, the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ will be suspended after this weekend. Distribution will resume sometime in Spring or Summer 2025.
2. Parishioners, don't be alone this Thanksgiving. Join our St. Callistus Parish for a Home-cooked Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 27, in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 2pm for appetizers. Reservations are required and this weekend is the last opportunity to sign-up in the vestibule after Mass. There is no charge for this event. Please call Josie Rocco at 510.406.2707 or josierocco51@gmail.com if you wish to contribute. Again, reservation sign-ups are only thru this Sunday, Nov. 24.
3. This Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, we will have only one Mass - the 10am Mass. On that Mass, you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread to be blessed. Please only bring wine and/or loafs of bread for the blessing. Thank you.
4. Beginning next Sunday, December 1st, the Advent season begins. To prepares us for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, parishioners are asked to pray or sacrifice each day during Advent until Christmas Eve. This Friday, Nov. 29, go to our saintcallistus.org/advent web page and see or download the suggested to do checklist. Each of your sacrifice and/or prayer offerings will gain you a straw to place on the crib that's in front of the altar. Straws will be available at the back of the pews. The baby Jesus will, on Christmas, rest on all the straws we have offered! Extra this year will be that the presiding priests will bless your Advent offering checklist sheet on the last Advent weekend.
5. **[VIGIL ONLY]** Parishioners, we only need 1 more volunteer to sign-up for the Advent Weekend 4, Saturday, November 21 Vigil Mass Candle Lighting. Thank you to those who already signed-up for this special Advent season ceremony. Rose Wierenga will send reminder and info to volunteers thru Flocknote text or call you if you're not part of the St. Callistus Flocknote distribution.

6. The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce is hosting a crafts Holiday Faire next Saturday, November 30th in our Parish Hall. From 10am - 3pm you'll find 36+ stalls of unique handcrafted items in time for Christmas. Santa is visiting between 10am and 12pm for free photo ops.
7. December. 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and it falls on the second Sunday of Advent. With the new directive coming from Rome, the feast has been moved to Monday, December 9. Please mark your calendar for this holy day of obligation. There will be a 9am and 7pm mass offered at St. Callistus that Monday.
8. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! Please note that the rectory office is closed on Thanksgiving Day and the next day, Friday, November 29.

[Please do the St. Callistus Parish Prayer after the Thank You's.]