

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 23-24, 2026

1. In honor of Memorial Day holiday, the rectory office will be closed. We remember those fallen heroes who gave their lives for our country. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.
2. Online Bible Study on The Gospel According to John begins Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm. Link to materials and other info are on our home page.
3. Ten of our Faith Formation children will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion next Saturday, May 30 during the 9am Mass. They will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconciliation the night before on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Let's pray for them and for the children's families who are fulfilling their promise to lead their children's spiritual journey to our Catholic faith and God.
4. The In-Person Bible Study will start on the Bible Study Timeline with updated videos on Wednesday, June 3, at 10am in the Parish Hall. Link materials are found on our saintcallistus.org home page. Vivian DeLeon is the contact for the group at 510.604.6697. Special thanks to Teresa Bautista and Gina Alvarez who leads the group.
5. Reminder that the distribution of the cup of Jesus' Precious Blood will be reinstated on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 7 weekend. In reverence to the Lord, please consider bowing to the precious body and blood as you are passing, if not receiving Him in this form.
6. Strong reminder that on the same Sunday, June 7 weekend we implement the closing of doors **15 minutes AFTER** Mass begins. This new implementation includes the daily 9am Masses. This new procedure is being done for the safety of our parishioners after a few interruptions and intimidating actions were experienced during Mass in the past few weeks and previous years. Fr. Dante and the Parish Council recommend the following instructions:

- A. Best to arrive 10 minutes BEFORE Mass begins OR, better yet, attend the Rosary ½ hour before your Mass Time.
- B. If you missed the cut-off time and the doors are closed when you arrive, you are highly encouraged to attend the next mass.
- C. For this matter, we also recommend you say hello to our Ushers and Greeters so they may become more familiar with you as you come or leave Mass in the next few weekends before the new security measure is implemented.

Again, we thank you for your utmost understanding of this new safety protocol. We live in unusual times and, unfortunately, we must take these measures to ensure continued, respectful worship and safety for all at St. Callistus Church.

- 7. This weekend, we have the Shepherds Field Olive Wood Handcrafts selling their beautiful items on behalf and in support of the Catholics in the Holy Land. Please welcome to the podium, John Qumsiyeh or his representative to say more about their mission.
- 8. A big THANK YOU to Carmelita Santos - our Altar Floral Sponsors this weekend. We still welcome sponsors for other weekends. The forms are at the back of the pews or may be downloaded at [saintcallistus.org](http://saintcallistus.org) home page.

Thank you to the Choir, Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Mass Coordinator, [Altar Servers](#), Ushers and Greeters and the Loft Team. And thank you all for your attendance.

Please stand for our St. Callistus Prayer.