

Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes



SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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Wednesday through Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

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Basilica Hours: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturday:

- Following Morning Mass, ending at 9 am
 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Dear Family,

On the night of the Easter Vigil a couple weeks ago, we welcomed 10 new members into our Catholic family. I asked them to share a little bit about why they made this decision. Over the next couple of weeks, as we continue to journey through the Easter season, I will share their responses with you, which are quite moving.

Sometimes, we can take our faith for granted (especially if we were baptized as infants), but when we hear stories of people choosing the faith, our appreciation for it ought to grow. Faith offered through the Catholic religion is a beautiful thing; there is nothing else like it, and as Catholics, we are called by Jesus to make disciples of all nations. Can you think of someone God might be asking you to share your faith with, or perhaps even invite to consider becoming Catholic? Pray about it. That would be an amazing gift to share.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Lauren Huynh, age 13

I decided to get baptized to grow a stronger relationship with God. In the beginning of my journey, I didn't fully understand what that meant until I started going to dismissal every Sunday during Mass. It was then, during those discussions, that I began to realize what it meant to have a closer connection with God. Being close to God doesn't necessarily mean being the "perfect Catholic" and never sinning, which is what I thought it meant, but rather putting your trust in God and growing your faith in him. Reflecting on the Gospel has also helped me understand the true purpose of God's works and how he has a plan for all of us in the world; all we have to do is listen to God's calling, and for me that was baptism. I have learned that God will always be watching over me and that he will never fail to shine his light on me during times of darkness. Throughout my journey to baptism, I have also learned about the importance of praying and listening for God's message in the Gospel. During this past Lent, before I got baptized, I specifically set my focus on reflecting on the Gospel and the message that God was trying to tell me. I learned about the importance of spreading the Gospel and what I am being called to do after baptism as well. My journey to getting baptized has allowed me to develop a stronger understanding of who God really is to me and how he can be seen in my life every day. I feel so incredibly lucky and

grateful to have been able to have this opportunity to get baptized through St. Joseph as this parish has such a welcoming and kind community. When I got baptized, I felt ecstatic and like I was closer to God than I had ever been. I am very happy to officially be called Catholic now and I feel like I better understand what that means. I can't wait to learn more about God and grow my faith in the future!

Lauren's younger sister, Morgan, age 11 (not baptized at the Vigil but wanted to share)

This journey of baptism has meant a lot to me. I got baptized when I was a baby and, when I got baptized, I wasn't aware of how it would affect my life so positively. Baptism has helped me build a relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Virgin Mary. It has made me realize my sins when I fall at my lowest moments. Along with this, baptism helps me stay close to the fire that burns within me, which calls me back to the Father, Jesus, and Mary. Throughout the time I've spent at this church, baptism has made me feel more like a member of the St. Joseph community. My baptism has drawn me back to those I love most, it helps me build a strong bond and relationship with God and the saints and allows me to feel my Catholic faith more from within me. In conclusion my Baptism journey from when I was a baby to where I am now has given me the ability to always have God, Jesus, and the Virgin Mary by my side. Baptism has truly meant the most to me.

Isaiah Rios, age 10

I chose to be baptized to feel closer to God. I like being able to talk to my cousins about my lessons because they are also being baptized and getting their First Communion in May. This journey has not only brought me closer to God, but my family and friends too.



Upcoming Events

Friday Eucharistic Adoration Update

Please note that the Eucharistic Adoration on **April 19** will start at 3 pm instead of 1 pm, to accommodate a wedding. The Adoration will end at 7 pm as usual with Benediction.

Alameda Deanery Sensory Friendly Mass - April 20 (3rd Saturday of the month) 5 pm Vigil Mass, St. Joseph Basilica



Did you know it can be difficult for some to attend Mass because of sensitivity to noise, brightness, or scents? As much as some of us love the power of an organ or the smell of incense, they can be overwhelming for others.

The Mass will be "sensory friendly" with quieter music to offer a sacred space more welcoming to those for whom "less is more." All are welcome!

For more information contact:
specialneeds@sjbalameda.org

This Week at St. Joseph & St Barnabas

- **April 16:** Tuesday Adult Formation: Symbolon 2's Episode 8 "**A Love That Lasts: God's Plan for Sexuality**" video and discussion, 7 to 8:30pm in St. Joseph Parish Center. Open to all. Info at <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-faith-formation>
- **April 21:** Ministry of Caring 3rd Sunday Gathering, 1:30 - 3:00 pm in St. Joseph Rectory. Join others who have lost spouses or significant others and draw strength and hope from sharing memories, and learning valuable skills to navigate loss and grief. Drop-ins welcome!
- **April 21:** Alameda Special Needs Inclusion Ministry 3rd Sunday Play Group, 4 - 5 pm at Woodstock Park, 351 Cypress St., Alameda
- **April 23:** Tuesday Adult Formation: Symbolon 2's Episode 9 "**Catholic Social Teaching: Build a Civilization of Love.**"

The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group (YAG) will resume on April 17!

YAG supports young adults in their 20s and 30s in deepening their relationship with God through fellowship, prayer, service, and social events. We are from all walks of life and engage in our faith in diverse ways. We invite you to join us on the journey!

We gather bi-weekly for prayer and discussion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6 - 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St.

For more information, please email
YAGAlameda@gmail.com

Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, April 26
8:00 - 9:00 pm

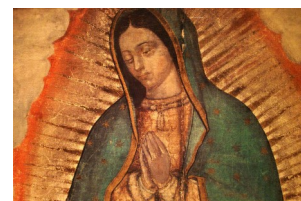


Taizé is an ecumenical candlelit service composed of music, prayer, scripture, and silent worship. All are welcome!

Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland

Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry:

Our Lady of Guadalupe is called the Patroness of the Americas and at St. Joseph, we have Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry. Anyone is welcome to join the Ministry in any of their Meetings and/or partake in any events that are being planned each year in the month of December to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.



The Ministry meet on the **first Thursday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Grotto (located in the Basilica's Vestibule) to pray the Rosary in Spanish or plan for December events. Volunteers can assist with ongoing fundraising activities, help with the liturgies (plan, create worship aid, organize children's procession, lector in Spanish, serve as greeter, etc.), volunteer your music or entertainment skills, provide technical assistance, or assist with the food, set up or clean-up for hospitality.

For more information, contact Maria Lopez:
mlopezox@gmail.com

2024 CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) SCHOLARSHIPS: Now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Bill Ford CYO Scholarship Awards. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 29, 2024. Application Form accessible [here](#) ([2024 CYO Scholarships Now Accepting Applications - Diocese of Oakland CA - Oakland, CA \(oakdiocese.org\)](https://www.oakdiocese.org/2024-CYO-Scholarships-Now-Accepting-Applications-Diocese-of-Oakland-CA))

Three, \$1000 scholarships will be awarded by the CYO Scholarship Committee. The application process includes: approval from a parent and a parish representative, a statement by the candidate on how CYO has influenced them, and a letter of recommendation from a significant person in the life of the candidate. Candidates selected by the scholarship committee will be invited to an interview. CYO players/participants who are currently enrolled in the 8th grade and who played in the Oakland Diocese CYO during the 2023-2024 school-year seasons are eligible to apply. See the Scholarship Application for more details on eligibility, the selection process and the scholarship application form.

For more information please contact Bill Ford:
bford@oakdiocese.org

Praying Together

Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter! You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, amongst the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer. —Pope John Paul II, 2004

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

8:00 am	Phu Nguyen - Healing
5:00 pm	+Jeannie Ahrens
Sunday, April 14	
7:30 am	+Teodora Merquillo - Death Anniversary
9:30 am	+Cipriana Gabriel
12:00 pm	+James Hanson, Jr - Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
Monday, April 15	
8:00 am	+Lee Kam - Death Anniversary
Tuesday, April 16	
8:00 am	Clare Alegre - Baptism Anniversary
Wednesday, April 17	
8:00 am	+Ana & Ben de Grano
Thursday, April 18	
8:00 am	Phu Nguyen - Healing
Friday, April 19	
8:00 am	1)+Rosalino Lopez
	2) Day Nguyen - Healing
Saturday, April 20	
8:00 am	+George & Helen Chaix
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
Sunday, April 21	
7:30 am	+Jose Burgos - Death Anniversary
9:30 am	+Arsenio Delos Reyes
12:00 pm	Ernest & Mila Eugenio - 63rd Wedding Anniversary
7:00 pm	Dr. Terecita Dean - Birthday

Mass Intention: To request a Mass Intention, please visit the Parish offices 9 am - 1 pm or 2 - 4 pm, or email:

St. Joseph: parish@sjbalameda.org
St. Barnabas: sbparishoffice@comcast.net

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday Vigil, April 13	
4:30 pm	Ambrose Leong - Birthday
Sunday, April 14	
9:00 am	People of the parish
11:00 am	+Dr. Aloysius Aghaji
Monday, April 15	
9:00 am	+Hedy Nacino
Tuesday, April 16	
12:10 pm	Gloria Maldonado - Birthday
Wednesday, April 17	
12:10 pm	+Honorina Awayan
Thursday, April 18	
12:10 pm	+Renato Conocono
Friday, April 19	
12:10 pm	+Sancho Silva
Saturday Vigil, April 20	
4:30 pm	John & Mickalina Feeney
Sunday, April 21	
9:00 am	Dee Burk
11:00 am	People of the Parish

Devotions

Daily Rosary

St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am

Men's Power Hour: St. Joseph, Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
(Note: Rosary at 6 pm & Lectio at 6:30 pm)

First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese
St. Joseph, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays
St. Joseph, following the 8:00 am Mass
St. Barnabas: following 12:10 pm Mass

Women's Rosary: St. Joseph, Thursday, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:
St. Barnabas, 11:30 am

Friday Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

St. Joseph Basilica

Rosa Aquino, Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Reynaldo Lucas, Mauro Munoz, Phu Nguyen, Nory A. Reyes, André Toribio, Dean Villanueva, Bill Woodle, Vinata Washington, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Dalmacio Quinto.

The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Basilica's Sick List, please email: secretary@sjbalameda.org, 510.995.9420

St. Barnabas

Lolla Manibusan Miller, Terri Vo, Ching Asuncion, Erica Rivard, Teresa Avina, Elvira Pangilinan, Terri Bowe, George Duenas, Cathy Garitano, Annie Sabaln, Madelen Lontiong, Dianna Munoz, Freddie Garcia, Brianna Benedetto, Ferny Vesperas, Norma de la Cruz, Jun de la Cruz, Seth Coldsnow Rosenberger, Antonia M. Lopez and Felicito Petilos.

If you would like to have someone added to the list, call St. Barnabas Parish Office at 510.522.8933 ext 10.

Other News



Faith Formation: Welcome to the Family!

Easter Vigil at St. Joseph is always an extraordinary liturgy. A highlight this year was the baptism of ten new members of the Catholic Church.

Philip Wilson had prepared through Christian Initiation and Adult Formation while the six young people who had reached the “age of reason” (**Lauren Huynh, Colette Tanasse, Isaiah Rios, Albert Tanasse, Ryder Faria and Elena Rodriguez**) prepared through Faith Formation and/or St. Joseph Elementary School, and they all had participated in the rites of Christian Initiation including Sunday dismissal over the past months. The three oldest were confirmed and they all received First Eucharist. Younger siblings **Ellia and Everett Rodriguez and Ella Faria** joined them in baptism. Many who assisted in the liturgy or the reception afterwards or attended the three-hour Mass had themselves entered the Catholic Church through the Christian Initiation process. Information at <https://sjbalameda.org/rcia>

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Welcome the Stranger Update: Members of the We Service Club of St Joseph Notre Dame High School made a presentation to an assembly of all of the St Joseph Elementary School students about what it means to be an immigrant/refugee. The students learned that many of us have family members (near or past) who immigrated to the United States. They explored why people need to leave their home country (wars, famine, poverty, natural disasters), the emotional toil (fear, danger, harm), and how hard it is to leave family members with only what you can carry on your back. They focused on Haiti's current issues, from which Welcome the Stranger's most recent family fled. They also learned about how organizations like Welcome the Stranger (WTS) help refugees/immigrants to learn English, with school enrollment, assessing skills to help find jobs, and much more; and, its sister organization, Shelter in Peace (SIP), in providing transitional housing. Anna Rossi led the middle school in an exercise that helped distinguish the difference between being an immigrant and a refugee and the response we as Christians can make to ease the plight of these families seeking refuge.



We also have wonderful news from one of our first Afghan families that WTS and SIP supported. The mother and children had to return to Afghanistan to care for sick family members. While they were gone, the dad took a job driving long-haul trucks. He has now started his own long haul trucking company and has 7 employees. He wants to pay forward for the help he received by being willing to hire refugees/immigrants interested in this type of work. They currently live in a 3-bedroom condo in Tracy! A little support can go a long way in supporting immigrant/refugee families making a new life in the United States.

If you have questions, would like to become a member of WTS, have a car to donate, or have a residential unit and would like more information about Shelter in Peace, or would like to donate to either organization, please get in touch with Welcome the Stranger chair, Anna Rossi at amrossi1238@aol.com or 510.814.1038. Welcome the Stranger is a non-profit 501(C)3s.

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