

Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes

We, the family of St. Joseph Basilica and St. Barnabas, invite all people into our spiritual home to encounter Jesus Christ through an authentically Catholic experience of worship, learning, gathering, and service.

The Ascension of the Lord: May 17, 2026



Faith Formation – Come to the Table

Congratulations to our young people who received First Communion on May 2: Elijah Abalos, Muroki Adlawan, Ahvi Alvarado, Nora Astroth, Henry Astroth, Annalise Becerra, Gabriel Chinnavaso, Elisa Dimaano, Mia Dimaano, Don Don Dizon, Enrique Dizon, Dawn Dizon, Isaac Duan, Jax Elbo, Edison Espiritu, Ella Faria-Maisel, Zander Flores, Isla Frost, Makoa Garcia, Aliyah Gonzalez, McKenzie Hall, Teddie Hamilton, Ozias Hernandez, Max Lee, Olivia Llorra, Ellie Masaschi, Cayssie Reinne Mendoza, Roscoe Narciso, Benjamin Nguyen, Gregory Obligacion, Aiden Onia, Alana Onia, Angelo Onia, Noah Phan, Faye Pierce, Wren Pitman, Jack Pons, Jacob Ramirez, Emilia Reyes, Aria Segado, Sara Simien, Chloe Tolentino, RaeLynn Ventanilla, Riley Wieschhaus and Leo Zgheib.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Clergy Corner



Dear Family,

Happy Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. As we know, the Ascension is one of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, an “essential” prayer as I like to say. We, as Christ’s disciples, must stay connected to Him daily, and the Rosary is one of those ways to keep that connection strong, for what is the Rosary but an invitation to Mary to lead us closer to “the fruit of her womb, Jesus.” During this month of May – the month dedicated to Mary – challenge yourself, if you are not already, to pray the Rosary every day and take note of the changes in your life. This is what our faith is about, transformation. This is what the Incarnation, life, death, and Ascension of Jesus are all about, as the Collect from this Mass states: **“Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ, your Son, is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope...”** Yes, we the baptized have been transformed, we have been exalted with Christ. Alleluia!

This is such an important truth for us to hold onto, especially now as our community wrestles with the very difficult news of the 13 parish closures. As of right now, I have no new information to share. I requested a meeting with Bishop Barber but will wait to meet with him until the diocese has more guidance on the way forward. I assure you; you will get the information as soon as possible. Until then, all I ask of our two-parish family is to continue to pray and support each other. During this time of waiting, there will be many temptations for us to fall into. Anger, blame, despair, resentment, directed at our bishop, diocesan leadership, or your own priest. There are also temptations within our community to create distinctions, divisions, and groups. Please don’t. We are one Church, one family. As Frank Manibusan said in our pastoral council meeting when we discussed the news of the closure, “we are in this together.” Amen. So, please pray. Ask Mary to intercede for us, and to send a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, for wisdom and strength.

As I approach eight years of priesthood on May 25, I look back on these years with awe; awe at God and His providence. I never thought I’d have to lead a community through something like this, but here we are. Sometimes, when we are amid a struggle, we don’t see how anything makes sense. It can take years to fully gain that insight that sees and judges events clearly. Right now, this might not make sense at all, but in time it will. I have seen God bring about amazing outcomes when it didn’t seem possible. I have hope now that this will make us a stronger Catholic family and that the Gospel will spread in new and exciting ways. This is how the Church has progressed through the centuries: amid so much turmoil, persecution, sacrifice, sadness, sometimes caused by Her own members, but from it all came grace and manifestations of God’s power. In these times of difficulty, God has always raised up saints.

This is what we celebrate this weekend, from the Crucifixion – a moment of great loss – came the Resurrection and the Ascension! We can now follow in hope where Christ has led us, to the glory of Heaven. I have no doubt that we will see His glory manifested in this difficult time, but to see it, WE MUST PRAY! Pray for our community, and pray also for St. Albert-St. Philip’s community, and the other proposed parish closures. Pray that our Blessed Mother, Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth and Queen of the Church will guide us through. She will!

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

Please note the important Mass updates during the Basilica renovation (subject to change)

Daily Masses (Mon - Sat):

- 8:00 am Mass: May 18 - 21, Notre Dame Hall
- 8:00 am Mass: May 22 - 29, High School Gym
- 8:00 am Mass, May 30, Notre Dame Hall
- 8:00 am Mass, June 1 - November (Monday—Saturday), Notre Dame Hall

Vigil & Sunday Masses:

- Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass and Sundays Masses at 7:30, 9:30 am and 12 pm - canceled effective May 24
- Sundays: Mass at **10:00 am only** in the High School Quad effective May 24
- Sundays 7:00 pm Mass at St. Barnabas Church effective May 24

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 8:30 am & 3:30 pm are cancel.

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **May 18** : Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, St. Barnabas
- **May 21:** Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30-11:30 am weekly online reflection and sharing on upcoming Sunday's readings through Dialpad Meetings (<https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y>)
- **May 21:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, St. Barnabas
- **May 22:** Taize—canceled
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group (YAG) for the 20s & 30s

We gather bi-weekly for prayer and discussion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St. (**Upcoming gathering: May 20**)

Please contact Daniel Javier at danielcjavier@gmail.com or join "Alameda Young Adult Group" on WhatsApp for meeting details.



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**St. Joseph's Potluck Family Day
with Parish Family Activity
Sunday, May 24 @ 12 pm
High School Quad
All are welcome!**

We will also be celebrating the anniversaries of the Priestly Ordination for Fr. Mario, marking his 8th year, and Fr. Alvaro, commemorating his 1st year.

Sign up sheets for donation of food are at the back of Basilica this weekend.

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St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday May 30 & 31

Envelopes will be available in the pews or at the entrances for donations. Please drop your envelopes in the collection baskets.

Your contributions, whether made during Mass or online with REALM (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/form/give/now> - on the drop down menu scroll for 'SVDP') help us to provide essential assistance to families and individuals in our neighborhood, including support for utilities, rent, and groceries. We also appreciate your prayers for our neighbors and our ministry. Thank you for your support!

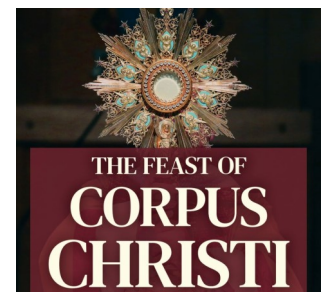


Save the date!

**Corpus Christi
Procession
Sunday, June 7**

Time: tbd

Procession will begin at St. Joseph Notre Dame High School's Quad and proceed to St. Barnabas Church.



Other News



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Official statements on the closure of 13 parishes are available at <https://www.oakdiocese.org/mission-alignment-process-challenges-opportunities/>

Praying Together

Devotions

Note: Changes to events due to closure of the Basilica for renovations, starting May 18—November (subject to change)

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas, Monday - Friday, 11:30 am

Men's Power Hour: St. Barnabas,
Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese
- canceled during renovations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday - St. Barnabas, following the 12:10 pm Mass

Saturday - St. Joseph, following the 8:00 am Mass

Thursday Women's Rosary
St. Barnabas, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Barnabas:

- 11:30 am, Rosary
- Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 pm & Mass: 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Barnabas, Fridays, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer: St. Barnabas, last Friday of the month, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

The Communal First Saturdays, 7:15 am, Notre Dame Hall
(continued after the 8 am Mass)



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Goodman, Madelen Lontiong, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, Dorrie Thorsteinson Reyes, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis & Femy Visperas.

The List is refreshed monthly. If you would like a name to be added or removed from the Sick List, please email:

secretary@sibalameda.org.

Need Anointing of the Sick?

If a member of your family is ill or if you learn that a parishioner is sick or hospitalized and in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or a pastoral visit from a priest or Communion Minister, please contact any of our Deanery Parish offices to notify them:

- St. Barnabas: 510.995.9401
- St Joseph: 510.522.0181
- St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great: 510.373.5215

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

	<u>Saturday, May 16</u>
8:00 am	Natividad Vasquez
5:00 pm	+Estela Dalisay
	<u>Sunday, May 17</u>
7:30 am	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am	+Feliciano Ramos
12:00 pm	+Herbert Apel & Ursula Apel & Family
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<u>Monday, May 18</u>
8:00 am	+Marie Tuyet Nguyen & Deceased family members of Nguyen family
	<u>Tuesday, May 19</u>
8:00 am	+Emilio Castila
	<u>Wednesday, May 20</u>
8:00 am	Leticia Lim - Birthday thanksgiving
	<u>Thursday, May 21</u>
8:00 am	+Nick R. Santos, Jr. - Death Anniversary
	<u>Friday, May 22</u>
8:00 am	+Willis & Gloria Leblanc - Death Anniversary
	<u>Saturday, May 23</u>
8:00 am	1)+Phu Nguyen
	2)+Joeseeph DelaCuadra
	<u>Sunday, May 24 (& General Intercession)</u>
10:00 am	+Phu Nguyen & +Carl Boeckenheuser

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

	<u>Saturday, May 16</u>
4:30 pm	Fr. Kenneth Nobrega
	<u>Sunday, May 17</u>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Rachel's Vineyard Ministry
	<u>Monday, May 18</u>
12:10 pm	+Doris "Dee" Burk
	<u>Tuesday, May 19</u>
12:10 pm	+Rebecca Jacobo
	<u>Wednesday, May 20</u>
12:10 pm	+Joseph Fernandez
	<u>Thursday, May 21</u>
12:10 pm	Maria Tiangha Fe
	<u>Friday, May 22</u>
12:10 pm	+Braulio Lopez
	<u>Saturday, May 23</u>
4:30 pm	+Dominador Visperas
	<u>Sunday, May 24</u>
9:00 am	+Marilyn Yuson
11:00 am	People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Fr. Mario's Birthday

Parish Information

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Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday

9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm)

Available remotely through email & voicemail

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm

First Friday: 7 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday, 3:30 - 4 pm

Church Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday

9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 1 - 2 pm)

Mass Schedule effective May 18—November due to closure of Basilica for renovations:

Weekdays: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall (*subject to change*)

Saturday: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall

Sunday: 10 am ONLY, High School Quad

Basilica Hours: Closed during renovations

Monthly Financial Report - April 2026

Please contact Parish Business Manager, Stan, if you have any questions,
at 510.995.9411, or business@sjbalameda.org

Stewardship Update					
St. Joseph Basilica				2026 Actual Comparisons	
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Apr	59,287	88,449	74,592	67%	-21%
Jan-Apr	230,805	262,429	242,207	88%	-5%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Apr	22,407	23,584	28,146	95%	-20%
Jan-Apr	99,364	222,396	91,028	45%	9%



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