

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.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026



March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

Thank you to everyone who participated in the transformative journey of the 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph with Fr. Alvaro, which began on February 13.

Ite Ad Joseph. "Go to Joseph."

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30 - 4 pm

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8 am / First Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12 pm & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

Dear Family,

This week we enter “Holy Week,” the most sacred time of the year for us Catholics. I’d like to take this opportunity to write about the upcoming festivities to help you prepare. I hope that you will consider attending all the liturgies if you can.

First, today’s celebration is known as Palm Sunday. The curious thing about today’s liturgy is that Mass begins with the reading of the Gospel of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. Why is this? Because this Sunday is also referred to as “Passion Sunday.” Since Good Friday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, some people will not hear the Passion read before Easter, so the Gospel of the Passion is read at the normal time on Palm Sunday. This is why we begin with a first Gospel, the one that tells us of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. This double-Gospel phenomenon presents us with a striking contradiction; the people who were present to welcome the king they thought would free them from political oppression were nowhere to be found when he mounted his true throne, the cross. A question we might ask ourselves today is, do I show up for Jesus – and others – in good times only, or in the difficult ones as well?

On Thursday, we enter the Sacred Triduum, which means three days. It comprises the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. On each of these days, our normal daily Masses are cancelled, and we have special liturgies, however, you can attend morning prayer at St. Joseph at 8am.

On Holy Thursday, or, the “Mass of the Lord’s Supper,” we recall the Last Supper, which brought about two very important events, the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the new priesthood of Jesus Christ. It is common for the priests of the diocese to gather on this day for the Chrism Mass, when the new holy oils for this year are blessed by our Bishop and the priests renew their priestly promises (we do this on Tuesday). To remember the great gift of the priesthood, the presiding priest will wash the feet of a select number of people from the parish, as a sign of his commitment to imitate Jesus, just as Jesus said to His apostles after He washed their feet, *“If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do”* (Jn 13:14-15). This action should cause us to renew our dedication to serve each other, but also to pray for our priests and their ministry. After the Mass, the community travels with the reserved Blessed Sacrament to an altar of repose apart from the main church to keep a vigil, just as Jesus brought his apostles to the Mount of Olives, where He asked them to watch and pray with Him.

On Good Friday the Church gathers again, usually in the afternoon, to commemorate Jesus’ Passion, a word that means suffering. We read the Passion narrative from the Gospel of John and venerate a cross as a sign of our gratitude for Jesus’ perfect sacrifice of His life. Due to the solemn nature of this day in which we remember the death of our Lord, the Mass is not celebrated, meaning, the Eucharistic Prayer is not prayed over unconsecrated bread and wine. Rather, the leftover Hosts from the night before are distributed. This is the one day of the year where no Mass is celebrated in the entire world. It is also the second time the Church imposes a fast on the faithful, as on Ash Wednesday. For those who are 14+ years old, we abstain from eating meat. For those who are 18-59 years old, we only eat one main meal and two smaller ones.

The somber celebration of Good Friday continues into Holy Saturday, in which we enter into the silence of this day, remembering Christ’s descent into the realm of the dead. Although Good Friday is over, the church still asks us to observe a fast from food if we are able, until the celebration of the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8pm, after sunset. “The Vigil” as it is known, is also referred to as “The Mother of all Liturgies.” It is a beautiful liturgy, beginning with the blessing of the Paschal Candle in total darkness, followed by the chanting of the Esultet, a chant that praises God for bringing us from darkness into light, which culminates with an extended Liturgy of the Word, recounting salvation history. Then, the Elect are baptized and confirmed. The Vigil is a beautiful Mass, which catapults us into the Easter season. I highly recommend it, but if you cannot make it, or sit through a 2.5-hour Mass, feel free to join us on Sunday. **Please remember, there is no 7pm Mass at St. Joseph on Easter Sunday.**

As we enter this final week of Lent, perhaps you feel good about your Lenten observances thus far. Maybe you feel that you could have done more. Either way, celebrating Holy Week and the Triduum well is something we should all do. Our Lord gave Himself up to death out of a marvelous love for us. Let us return that love to Him by remembering these celebrations and praying them with full, active participation.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus during this sacred week, let us remember the countless women, children, and men who bear heavy crosses today—crosses of hunger, vulnerability to climate change, and lack of resources. Like Simon of Cyrene, we have the opportunity to help carry the burdens of our sisters and brothers in our local communities and around the world by supporting the CRS Rice Bowls. (Rice Bowls are still available for pick up in the Churches.)



Lenten Rice Bowls: Please return your Rice Bowls by April 12 in the designated baskets in the Church or at the Rectory, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Thank you for your generous support! You can also donate through REALM at this link: <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now> (on the drop down menu, scroll for "Rice Bowl-Lent")

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Normal Mass schedule at both churches

Holy Thursday, April 2

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

St. Barnabas

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 pm,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 12:00 pm (*repeated at 7:00 pm*)
(Reconciliation available from 2:00—3:00 pm)

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

St. Barnabas

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm
(Reconciliation available from 12:30—1:30 pm)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am, (No Mass at 8 am),
followed by blessing of food
(no confession after Morning Prayer or at 3:30 pm)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4

St. Joseph: 8:00 pm (with incense)

St. Barnabas: 8:00 pm (with incense) (no Confession at 3:30 pm)

Easter Sunday, April 5

St. Joseph

7:30 am, 9:30 am (with incense) & 12:00 pm (with incense)

(The 7:00 pm Mass will not be celebrated)

St. Barnabas: 9:00 am and 11:00 am (with incense at both Masses)

Holy Thursday Collection, April 2: The special collection taken up on Holy Thursday will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) at both parishes. SVdP provides assistance to the needy in our Parish Community. Thank you for your support!



Pontifical Good Friday Collection Benefiting Christians in the Holy Land - Building hope and a future in the Holy Land, April 3:

Each year on Good Friday, Catholic churches hold a collection to support Franciscans in the Holy Land. This help is crucial for Christians living there. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is part of a worldwide network that connects the Holy Land with Christians everywhere. In Washington, D.C., the Franciscan Monastery organizes support for Franciscans working in the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land are responsible for caring for the Holy Places and the "Living Stones," the Christians who live there. It is important to support these Christians to ensure there is a Christian presence in the land made holy by Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit: <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2026/>

Note: Holy Thursday and Good Friday donation envelopes are in the pews. For checks, please write on memo line "Holy Thursday" or "Good Friday". Or, donate online with REALM [here](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) On the drop down menu, scroll for "Holy Thursday" or "Holy Land".

Please note the following updates in view of Holy Week:

April 2: Thursday Women's Rosary at 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm due to the setting up of the 7:00 pm Mass.

April 2: Our Lady of Guadalupe First Thursday Meeting - canceled.

April 4: First Saturday Communal, 7:15 am & will continued after the Morning Prayers & blessing of food.

Upcoming Collection: April 4 & 5

◇ **St. Joseph: Maintenance**

◇ **St. Barnabas: Rebuilding the Church Fund**

Donation envelopes are available in the pews/entrances to the Church. Or, donate online with REALM - link here (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and on the drop down-bar select "Maintenance St. Joseph or /RBC St. Barnabas". Thank you for your generosity!

Praying Together

Devotions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Communal First Saturdays, St. Joseph, 7:15 am

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am +Louise Astle
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am +Angela & Francisco Gabunada, Sr.
9:30 am Lydia Yalung - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm 1) +Reynald Ramos
2) Scot Felluss - Birthday
7:00 pm +Lorrie Proctor

Monday, March 30

8:00 am 1) Jean Reynier
2) Helen Suzanne Forrester

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am +Dana & Kathryn Curtis

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am 1) +Sally Gallagher
2) +Dory Briones

Holy Thursday, April 2

8:00 am No Mass (Morning Prayer)
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - People of the
Parish - Living & Deceased

Good Friday, April 3

8:00 am No Mass (Morning Prayer)
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4

8:00 am No Mass (Morning Prayer)
8:00 pm Easter Vigil - People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 am, 9:30 am and 12:00 pm: People of the Parish

(7:00 pm Mass will not be celebrated)



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Daniel Esparza, Nancy Graham, Madelen Lontiong, Richard Magahiz, Jose Oblena, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, 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@sjbalameda.org.

Estate Plan up to date? Please consider including a bequest to St. Joseph or St. Barnabas.

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. Barnabas

Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm +Modesto Francisco

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am +Felicito Petilos
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, March 30

12:10 pm Jennifer Zamora (Birthday)

Tuesday, March 31

12:10 pm Pedro Ricardo Cortez

Wednesday, April 1

12:10 pm Erin Colton (Birthday)

Holy Thursday, April 2

6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3

12:10 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4

8:00 pm People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 5

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation News: Journey to the Easter Sacraments!

The journey to Baptism is in its final week for 8 members of our community. They have been on this path for over a year (two since 2023!), each called by God in a different way, sometimes through a family member or friend, sometimes through one of life's struggles. They participated in Sunday dismissals, weekly gatherings, and special rites that have been explained in past bulletins. This Saturday during Morning Prayer they will celebrate the Rites of Preparation prior to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil that evening. They will be joined at the Vigil by Hailey Johns and Harry Brown, baptized in different traditions, who after preparation through a combination of Christian Initiation and Adult Confirmation, will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church, confirmed and receive Eucharist. All are invited to witness their celebration of sacraments (Vigil starts at 8pm) and to join the celebration at the reception in the Elementary School afterwards. *(Who will you invite to discover Jesus? The doors are always open: <https://sjbalameda.org/initiation>)*

Parish Offices will be closed at Noon on Good Friday, April 3, and reopen as usual on Tuesday, April 7. Our Priests and Parish Staff wish the Parish Community a very blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Easter Flowers: Your help is needed to furnish our Churches with lovely flowers during the Easter Season. Please pick up an envelope found in the pews and make a donation. Drop the envelope in the donation baskets or to the Rectory. Thank you for your



SVdP Coat Drive: Thank you for your generous contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul coat drive. From October 2025 to February 2026, we distributed warm coats at 21 Dine and Connect events and 4 Warming Shelter events. These gatherings, hosted by various congregations throughout Alameda, embody our commitment to serve those in need by providing meals, coats, and shelter. Your support has empowered us to give 271 warm coats to our brothers and sisters in Alameda. Together, we are making a difference. In His service, thank you!



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12
3:00 - 4:00 pm, Basilica
 Jesus pours out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His mercy. To celebrate the Feast Day, following are offered at St. Joseph:

- Eucharistic Adoration following Exposition
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer

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St. Barnabas

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St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

Have you moved this New Year? Changed your phone number or email? If any of your contact information has changed, please contact either of the parish offices, or log into your REALM account and update your information. This will ensure that you receive any important updates or communications from us.

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9401, or email, gmaldonado@sjbalameda.org

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Important Phishing Scam Awareness!



We want to warn our parish community about phishing scams which are more rampant during the holidays. Please stay vigilant! For tips on protection, visit the FTC website: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

Remember, our priests and staff will never ask for gift cards or money transfers. If you receive any suspicious requests, contact the Parish Office. Your safety is our top priority!

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