

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.

Third Sunday of Easter: April 19, 2026



Welcome to the Family!

Baptisms celebrated on:
(clockwise from top left)

4/4: McKenna Lancaster (parents, Ivan & Jessica; godparents, Maya & Alec)

4/11: Emilia & Aaliyah Sibal (parents, Angele & Eric; godparent, Norma Barajas)

4/12: Charlotte Canon (parents, Ferdinand & Charisse; godparents Travis & Lesley)



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Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday

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

Available remotely through email & voicemail

Church Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

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

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

Clergy Corner



Dear Family,

A blessed Third Sunday of Easter to you all. A reminder is in order now, as with Christmas; Easter is not simply one day, but an entire **season** that extends until Pentecost Sunday on May 24th. During this time, we continue to celebrate Jesus' rising from the grave as well as the period He remained with the His Apostles and disciples until His Ascension 40 days after the Resurrection. I imagine those were incredible days to be with the risen Jesus. We too can have this opportunity to encounter Him and remain with Him during this sacred season. How?

Firstly, in the Mass. This is the most tangible way to encounter Jesus, for Jesus said, ***"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world...Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him"*** (Jn 6:51, 56). This truth of our faith spills over into our prayer, where Jesus waits for us, in the tabernacle and in the monstrance during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During this season, try to be more intentional about creating time that is dedicated to silent prayer in front of our Lord.

It doesn't have to all be silent, though. Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of Scripture, is an essential aspect of cultivating our relationship with Jesus, for Jesus said, ***"For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me"*** (Jn 5:46). This means that all of Scripture, which is inspired by God, points to Jesus as the Messiah and Savior of the world. Therefore, reading Scripture, especially the Gospels, is a way to converse with the living God, who continues to speak to us personally through His inspired Word.

If you forget these things, remember the acronym SCARS, from my homily from the Second Sunday of Lent. Scripture – Confession – Adoration – Rosary – Service. All awesome ways to encounter Jesus today.

However, there is another way I would like for you to view this season of encounter with Jesus. On one hand (as we have just mentioned), Jesus is waiting to encounter you and me, the people who come to church and read bulletins. On the other hand, Jesus is waiting for all those other people out in the world who have never heard of Him, or who have heard of Him but have walked away. Jesus wants them to encounter Him too, for the power of His Resurrection is meant for them. So, how does He accomplish this? **Through you!**

On Tuesday night, this was the topic of conversation for our newly baptized at their OCIA meeting: "how have you been Jesus for someone this week?" This is such a critical question for all the baptized because it points to the transformative power of baptism; we have "put on" Christ and become new creations. He lives in us and sends us out on mission to share the Gospel, which means that our prayer in church is meant to send us out into the world to share the Good News. Last week, I shared about my encounter with the rental car agent in Atlanta as I began my trip to the Masters. I have another similar story.

After my parents and I left the Masters in Augusta, GA, we went to Savannah and spent a couple days there. We decided to go to a pub to watch the end of the final round of golf on Sunday. We sat at the bar because there were no tables, which turned out to be a providential experience, just like at the rental car kiosk. We got to talking to the bar tender (who was very friendly), who we had overheard saying it was his dad's 90th birthday, to which my dad responded, "he must be a tennis player" (since tennis players are quite healthy), to which the bartender curiously responded, "he used to be a priest." My parents and I kind of gasped, why would he mention that? My dad immediately pointed to me and said, "he is one." The bartender went on to tell us that his mom was a religious sister, who met his dad when they worked together in a Catholic school. They left these vocations, got married, and started their family. The bartender went on to say that he had a couple of uncles who were also priests in Detroit. For the rest of the meal (a couple hours or so), the bartender referred to be as "Father" with the utmost respect.

What is the point here? Something was awakened in that bartender when we started talking about Catholicism. I am not 100% sure, but I got the sense that, even though his family had a deep Catholic history, he was not practicing (despite the beautiful Celtic cross tattoo on his arm). Who knows, maybe I am inferring something that isn't there, but this was the second time on the same trip that a young man noticeably changed his demeanor when he met a priest. The point is, when you and I bring Jesus out into the world it makes a difference, even if we do not notice it right away. So, be bold and courageous; not everyone you meet will be happy to hear about Jesus or the Catholic Church, but many will be, because they want what we have, they want the Easter message: Christ is risen, and we are loved.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

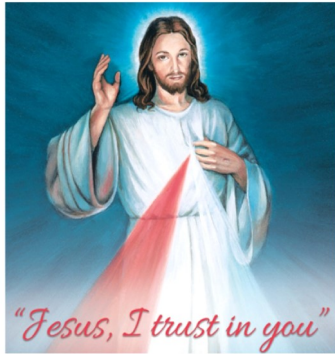
- **April 20:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **April 23:** Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30-11:30 am weekly online reflection and sharing on upcoming Sunday's readings through Dialpad Meetings (<https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y>)
- **April 23:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, April 24
3:00 pm, Basilica

On the last Friday of each month, the Community is invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm during the Eucharistic Adoration.

Please join us this Friday.



Taizé in the Basilica

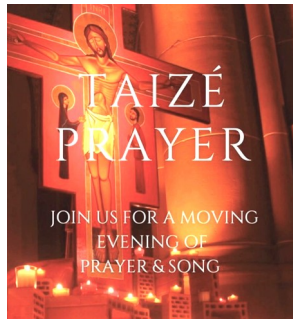
Friday, April 24

8:00 - 9:00 pm

Taizé is a simple, ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered as a witness to peace and reconciliation, for which we gather each month on the fourth Friday of the month—all are welcome to participate!

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

(Note: For the months of November and December Taize in on the third Friday)



First Friday Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus May 1, Basilica

Confession: 5:30-6:30pm
Mass: 7:00pm

New to our St. Joseph Parish?

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass in the Plaza (weather permitting) and connect and make new acquaintances, and enjoy the St. Joseph community!



Communal First Saturdays in the Basilica May 2, 7:15 am

(every First Saturday of the month)

The Communal First Saturdays is a monthly parish service in which the faithful can join together in the four practices requested by Our Lady in reparation to



her Immaculate Heart (Post Fatima app. December 10, 1925). The opening prayers and the recitation of the Rosary precede the 8 am Mass which includes the Communion of Reparation. The Mass is followed by keeping Our Lord and Our Lady company while meditating communally for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. This is done in the form of lectio divina and using Scripture related to the mysteries of the Rosary. A book is used by the faithful to follow the service. Each of the four practices is done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information, please visit website:

www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org

Save the dates!

Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima on Zoom!

We invite you to join St. Joseph's Legion of Mary for a dedicated prayer session to Our Lady this year on Zoom.

Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us!



Your participation will contribute to a powerful and uplifting experience with Our Lady of Fatima.

The first prayer session to Our Lady Fatima will start on May 13th and will continue on the 13th of each month through October 13th as the final date.

The meeting will start at 6:00 pm each month except for September 13 where it will start at 1:30 pm. Please mark you calendar if you plan to participate.

All are welcome!

Here is the Zoom link [here](#)

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263434680?pwd=sazuMBnaXmJUNr2HCKME3QJcBQJ0Vb.1>)

Meeting ID: 827 6343 4680, passcode: 546618.

Contact Teresita Dean for more details:

thewellnesscenter2017@gmail.com

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

*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*

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, Tim Treister, 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.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

<u>Saturday, April 18</u>	
8:00 am	+Edythe Harlan
5:00 pm	Khiat Nguyen (Healing) & Ancestors
<u>Sunday, April 19</u>	
7:30 am	+Yoradyl Bianchi Sarda
9:30 am	+Edison Gabriel
12:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm	+Miguel Nelson
<u>Monday, April 20</u>	
8:00 am	+George Chaix
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u>	
8:00 am	Raquel Smith (personal intention)
<u>Wednesday, April 22</u>	
8:00 am	+Juliet Farni
<u>Thursday, April 23</u>	
8:00 am	+Phu Nguyen - Death Anniversary
<u>Friday, April 24</u>	
8:00 am	+Nora May Feeney
<u>Saturday, April 25</u>	
8:00 am	+Ida Kempel
5:00 pm	+Bibiona V. Bermudes & Perfecto M. Posadas
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	
7:30 am	+Eddie Catubig - 40th day Death Anniversary
9:30 am	Felix Family - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm	+Charles & Jeanne Strohm
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

<u>Saturday, April 18</u>	
4:30 pm	+Renato Conocono
<u>Sunday, April 19</u>	
9:00 am	+Rodolfo & +Carmelita Canio
11:00 am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday, April 20</u>	
12:10 pm	+Sancho Silva
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u>	
12:10 pm	+Honorita Awayan
<u>Wednesday, April 22</u>	
12:10 pm	Sonny Visperas (Birthday)
<u>Thursday, April 23</u>	
12:10 pm	Akira Handor (Birthday)
<u>Friday, April 24</u>	
12:10 pm	+Freddie Garcia
<u>Saturday, April 25</u>	
4:30 pm	+Porfirio Dio
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Roger Dio

Monthly Financial Report - March 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
Mar	65,552	57,990	67,065	113%	-2%
Jan-Mar	171,669	173,982	167,615	99%	2%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Mar	33,398	22,084	26,281	151%	27%
Jan-Mar	76,957	66,244	62,882	116%	22%

Other News

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST. BARNABAS CONFERENCE

Greetings St Barnabas Parishioners!

Our pantry that we utilize year-round to help out our neighbors in need is substantially low on several items. We are hoping you could assist us with stocking the items list below.



All donations can be left inside the church entrance in the food bin.
Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

- SVdP Members

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Michael Chinnavaso - 7:00pm Music Coordinator,
mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas

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Bernadette Baria - Music Director, 510.522.8933

Bulletin Submission Deadline: Please email short blurb for the bulletin **two weeks before the event**. Event is subject to Parish approval. Thank you.

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