

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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 17, 2025



Picture: Fr. Mario leading "Tuesday Talk" on the Second Vatican Council

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

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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)

Basilica Hours: 8:00 am - 7:00 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

Dear Family,

This weekend, we enter the second half of August, the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In the old Church calendar, the feast of the Immaculate Heart used to be August 22, eight days after the celebration of the Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15), making it the Octave Day (we only celebrate two Octave Days now, after Christmas and Easter). Now, the feast of the Immaculate Heart follows the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is always the Friday after Corpus Christi (this fell in June this year). Nevertheless, August is still dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary goes back centuries, but it took on new fervor in the 20th century after the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. During those apparitions, which took place on the 13th of the month from May to October to the three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, Our Lady revealed to the children her desire that we pray the Rosary daily and strengthen our devotion to her Immaculate Heart. What's more, she gave specific instructions that we foster this devotion on the first Saturday of each month to make reparation for the offenses that take place against Mary, which she listed as fivefold: offenses against the Immaculate Conception of Mary; against Mary's Virginitly; against Mary's Divine Maternity and her Motherhood of all mankind; turning children against Mary as their heavenly Mother; offenses against Mary's Sacred Images.



Our Lady also promised that if we pray in common on five consecutive Saturdays, Russia would be converted, and the world would enjoy a period of peace. Unfortunately, it does not seem like the world heeded her message, as we entered the Second World War, followed by the Cold War, and we see our world continuing to struggle. Lastly, Our Lady promised that the souls who make this devotion would be saved at the end of their life. Speaking to Lucia in 1925, Mary said, *"I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

These are the requirements of the First Five Saturday devotion, which, thanks be to God, our community has. This group meets each first Saturday at St. Joseph before Mass at 7:15am to satisfy the requests of Our Lady. Perhaps you would like to join them; the group is open to everyone.

Although devotions like this are not necessary for salvation, they are worthy aids, for, if prayed with the proper attitude of faith, hope, and love, we will grow in union with Jesus Christ, our Savior. That is why one of my expectations for all the parishioners at St. Joseph and St. Barnabas is to have some devotion to Mary. Here they are again:

At St. Joseph and St. Barnabas, people can expect to find Catholics who...

1. **celebrate the Mass with joyful reverence.** We prepare for Mass by reading the Mass readings during the week. We wear dignifying clothes to Mass to remind us of the dignity of the Liturgy. We arrive to Mass early to pray to God, and we participate actively and consciously at Mass by singing and saying all the responses with conviction, because we know God is speaking to us and is attentive to our prayers.
2. **are nourished by Sacred Scripture.** Scripture is the inspired word of God, which means God speaks to us through the Bible. We know, as St. Jerome said, "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" and that "one does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4).
3. **adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.** Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass is the greatest gift of God, for in receiving Him we receive a share of His divine life. This process of transformation is elevated to new heights the more time we spend with our Lord in prayer in the church.
4. **love Mary.** Mary was, and is, the perfect follower of Jesus. Jesus loved His mom and gave her to the Church because she was an expert at connecting people to Him. It is His expectation that we love her as He does.
5. **give generously to their community.** Our churches are here to help us grow in faith, but they also need our contributions, our gifts of **time, talent, and treasure**. This means we must sacrifice, knowing that if we lay down our lives for Christ and His Church, we will find them.

May the month of August, which also involves the return to school, be a blessed time for you. May Mary, the spouse of Joseph, and her Immaculate Heart guide us closer to her Son, Jesus.

With love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **August 18:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **August 21:** Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30 -11:30 am. Prepare for Mass through weekly online reflection and sharing on Sunday's readings (<https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y>)
- **August 21:** Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- *For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sibalameda.org/events-1>*

Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, August 22
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Taizé is an ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered in simple chant, Scripture readings, silent worship, and veneration of the Cross, established in 1940 in Taizé, France to pray for peace and reconciliation. All are welcome
(Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland)



Important Update on St. Barnabas weekend Masses for August 23 & 24

Due to St. Barnabas's Centennial celebration, there will be NO Confession or 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, August 23 and no 9:00 am Mass on Sunday.

On August 24, the only Mass will be at 11:00 am (with incense), with Bishop Barber presiding. Reception will follow in the Church Hall.

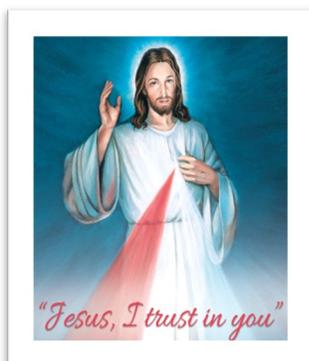
RSVP requested for reception to assist with planning; sign up sheets are available at St. Barnabas Church vestibule or call the St. Barnabas Parish office, 510.522.8933.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, August 29
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 mark your calendar for August 29 and join us for the prayers.



Sign up for Alpha Now for Fall 2025!

Each Tuesday, starting August 26 through November 4
6:30 - 8:30 pm in Notre Dame Hall

Alpha is a ministry focused on exploring questions about life and faith while seeking answers. It provides an open and friendly environment to learn about the basics of Christianity. Topics include: *Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how should I pray?* and more.

The program includes simple meals, videos, and group discussions.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or signup sheets are available in the Basilica niche - look for the Alpha logo. All are welcome!

Note: *If you participated in Alpha 1 this Spring and would like to participate again, you will be placed on a waiting list to make room for new attendees. We will notify you if there are openings by August 24.*



Knights of Columbus Summer Fun Road Trip Saturday, August 30, 9:00 - 2:00 pm

Join us for our second Road Trip and discover other Parishes in our Diocese and have a fun-filled adventure! Registration is \$60 per car. Event will start at St. Joseph and end in Notre Dame Hall with hospitality.

Register by August 25 by scanning the QR code, or help with registration contact: Patrick Thong: patrickthong68@gmail.com
Felix Marquez: felvmad@yahoo.com



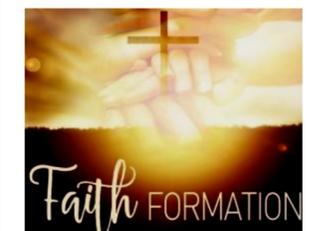
Registration is open for programs starting this fall. Find information on our website or contact Anne Marie at 510.995.9409:

Adult Confirmation: www.sibalameda.org/adult-confirmation

Youth Confirmation: <https://sibalameda.org/youth-confirmation>

Whole Family Catechesis: <https://www.sibalameda.org/childrens-programs>

Christian Initiation is offered year-round; info at <https://sibalameda.org/initiation>



Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, August 16

8:00 am Michael Anthony Egbuonu - Birthday
5:00 pm +Marie Mason

Sunday, August 17

7:30 am Ifeoma Metu & Chidi Egbuonu - Birthday
9:30 am Lydia Yalung - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm Michael & Julie Apel & Family
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Monday, August 18

8:00 am +Arlene L. Estigoy - Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 am 1) +Madeline Kim Phan
2) Ofelia Payopay & Family - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 am +Sr. Maura O'Sullivan

Thursday, August 21

8:00 am 1) +Mary Mullen
2) Ofelia Payopay & Family - Thanksgiving

Friday, August 22

8:00 am +Ann Howard

Saturday, August 23

8:00 am +Rino Gacad - Repose of Soul
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, August 24

7:30 am +Cynthia Mina
9:30 am +Phu Nguyen
12:00 pm 1) +Jim Howell
2) +Dan Lydon
7:00 pm +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata

Note: August & September Mass Intention requests are closed as dates are filled.

St. Barnabas Catholic Church

Pray the 100 Day Rosary

(May 16 through August 23, 2025)

St. Barnabas invite you to join us in praying the Rosary for 100 days in thanksgiving for the 100-year celebration of our parish. The Rosary will be held at the following times:

- * 11:30 am, Monday to Friday, before the 12:10 pm
- * Mass 3:30 pm on Saturdays, before the Vigil Mass
- * 10:15 am on Sundays, before the 11:00 am Mass

Please take just 25 minutes to spend time before Jesus in the Tabernacle, thanking Him for being present at St. Barnabas for 100 years. In conjunction with this, we will also pray the Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Priests of the Precious Blood served our parish for 50 years, ending in 2004.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, Fong Che, PJ Deschenes, Larry Dennis II, Sofia Fabroni, Norma de la Cruz, Calito Franco, Madelen Lontiong, Sophia Miles, Pablo Maldonado, Lorrie Proctor, Erica Rivard, Cynthia Soto, Rosemarie Lopez Tangloa and JoAnn Tuazon.

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.

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, August 16

4:30 pm +Cesar Reynado

Sunday, August 17

9:00 am +Ernesto Hale
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, August 18

12:10 pm +Alice Gualberto

Tuesday, August 19

12:10 pm Julissia Doranti Howell

Wednesday, August 20

12:10 pm Cristina Lopez

Thursday, August 21

12:10 pm +Cristeta Reyes

Friday, August 22

12:10 pm +Ismaela Juachon

Saturday, August 23

4:30 pm *No Mass celebrated*

Sunday, August 24: Centennial Celebration

9:00 am *No Mass celebrated*

11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation - Why Confirmation?

You've been reading about registration for Confirmation, but what's the big deal? Many people aren't aware that only a "fully initiated" Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving Eucharist) can be a godparent or a sponsor, or serve as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, or bring Communion to the sick or homebound. But the sacrament is much more than simply that. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "*the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For 'by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.'*" (1285) Don't miss out on this connection, this source of strength, this great gift from God. Programs for adults AND for teens start next month.

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Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners
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2025 Bishop's Ministries Appeal

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal helps us extend Christ's love to those seeking comfort, guidance, and support. Through more than 70 vital programs that serve as beacons of hope in communities across the Diocese, our ministries provide essential assistance and spiritual nourishment to all who seek it. Your donations aid, comfort, and sustain those in need in our diocese.

Donations envelopes are available in the churches. Or, donate online with REALM [here](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now).

Select "Bishop Appeal" on the drop-down bar.

For more information on the Bishop's Appeal, visit the diocese website [here](https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal) (https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal)



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