

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.

Pentecost Sunday: May 24, 2026



Welcome to the Family!

May Baptisms: From left, Rowan Ann Frost (parents, Patrick & Freya; godparents, Mark & Marie Frost) and Enrique Romo Sanchez IV (parents, Melanie & Enrique; godparents Osvaldo & Cherl Jimenez)

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Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday

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

Church Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

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

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday

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

Basilica Hours: Closed during renovations

Mass Schedule

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

Saturday: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall

Sunday: 10 am ONLY, High School Quad

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

Happy feast of Pentecost! Today we remember and celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus. This is where we get the word Pentecost (penta, from five). But there is a deeper meaning to the name of our celebration. Pentecost is a Jewish feast day, also known as Shavuot, or “Feast of Weeks.” As we read in Acts, during the time the Holy Spirit descended, “...there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem” (2:5). Why were they staying in Jerusalem? For this Jewish feast, whose origins can be found in the book of Leviticus: *“Beginning with the day after the sabbath, the day on which you bring the sheaf for elevation, you shall count seven full weeks; you shall count to the day after the seventh week, fifty days. Then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD”* (23:15-16).

For the Jewish people, Shavuot/Pentecost was a harvest festival, but it also commemorated the giving of the Law by God to the Israelites on Mount Sinai. The Law was the great gift from God that sealed the people’s covenant relationship with Him, setting them apart from all other peoples. The Apostles, who were Jewish, recognized the giving of the Holy Spirit as the fulfillment of that earlier gift. Now, we no longer need a written law to follow; the Spirit of God enables us to fulfill the new law of love, as St. Paul says, “But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law...If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit” (Galatians 5:18; 25).

My friends, we live in the age of the Spirit of God! What an immense blessing. And we have received the Holy Spirit! Perhaps this can help us interpret the informal title of Pentecost as “the birthday of the Church.” Just as a child makes its first public appearance on its birthday, so also the Church – made up of this small group of Jesus’ followers – makes its appearance in a new way, preaching with boldness. It is the birth of the mission of the Church, to make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19-20), as we heard last week on the Feast of the Ascension. And what is a common aspect of birthday celebrations? The giving of gifts. And yet, it is not us who give Christ the gift; it is He who gives the gift to us.

Dear family, we must never underestimate this gift. A few weeks ago, we finished Alpha 3. If this program has taught me anything, it is how to rediscover (or perhaps, learn for the first time) how to call upon the Holy Spirit, our paraclete, advocate, comforter. Although we received this gift at Baptism and Confirmation, do not think that we cannot ask for more of Him. God wants to give a full measure, and He never tires of giving; it is we who tire of asking. So, ask! **“Come, Holy Spirit.”** Ask every day! Ask for the Holy Spirit to come upon yourselves and upon your families, friends, co-workers. Everyone!

As your priests remember their ordination anniversaries, remember that we share in the common priesthood of Christ. As Pope Leo recently shared in one of his Wednesday catecheses,

*The holy People of God, therefore, is never a formless mass, but the body of Christ, or, as Saint Augustine said, the Christus totus; it is a community organically structured by means of the fruitful relationship between the two forms of participation in the priesthood of Christ: **the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood** (cf. LG, 10). By virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful participate in the very priesthood of Christ. Indeed, “the supreme and eternal Priest, Christ Jesus, since He wills to continue His witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work” (LG, 34).*

I share with you this photo from our recent teen Confirmation ceremony with Bishop Barber. Pray for our young people, that may be increasingly know the power of the Holy Spirit that has been given to them, and that they may be continually *confirmed* to carry out the good works God has in store for them!

On behalf of your priests – Fr. Kenneth, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Alvaro – I want to say thank you for your support and prayers. It is an honor and a privilege to minister to you and with you!

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

Happy Birthday, Fr. Mario!

Let us extend our warm wishes to our priest on his birthday this Sunday. And, congratulations on the anniversaries of the Priestly Ordination for Fr. Mario, marking his 8th year, and Fr. Alvaro, commemorating his 1st year on May 25th!

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Grant them wisdom, understanding, and strength to follow in Christ's footsteps.



Important Basilica Daily Mass update (subject to change)

Daily Masses (Mon - Sat):

- **8:00 am Mass, May 22, 23 & 25, Basilica**
- 8:00 am Mass: May 26 - 29, High School Gym
- 8:00 am Mass, May 30, Notre Dame Hall
- 8:00 am Mass, June 1 - November (Monday -

Memorial Day Monday, May 25

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 for the holiday and reopen as usual on Tuesday, May 26.



This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

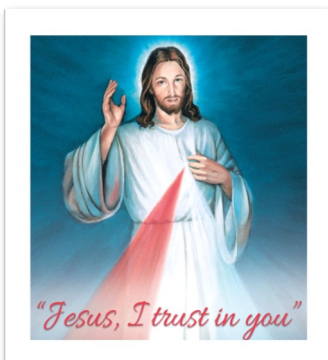
- **May 25** : Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, St. Barnabas
- **May 28** Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30-11:30 am weekly online reflection and sharing on upcoming Sunday's readings through Dialpad Meetings (<https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y>)
- **May 28**: Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, St. Barnabas
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, May 29, 3:00 pm
St. Barnabas Church

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.



St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday next weekend

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!

Note: At St. Joseph, Vicentians will be at entrances to collect donations after the 10 am (Quad) and 7 pm (St. Barnabas) Masses.

Young Adults Group Update

The Deanery Young Adult Group is now meeting weekly starting June 3! Young adults in their 20s & 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6:30–8:00 pm in the Parish Center for faith, fellowship, discussion, prayer, and community.

Questions? Reach out to Heather at (510) 502-1920.

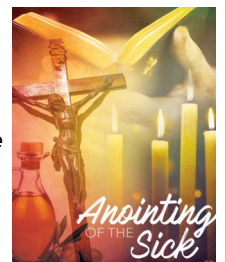
First Friday at St. Albert The Great Church June 5

9.30 am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Catholic Trivia - just for fun

Question: How old does someone need to be to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer: Eight years old, the age of reason.



Mark you calendar!

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 7

Time: 1:00 pm

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



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 at Notre Dame Hall,
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 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



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@sjbalameda.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 23</u>	
8:00 am	1) +Phu Nguyen
	2) Joeseeph DelaCuadra
<u>Sunday, May 24</u>	
10:00 am	+Phu Nguyen & +Carl Boeckenheuser
<u>Monday, May 25</u>	
8:00 am	Fr. Mario's 8th & Fr. Alvaro's 1st Priestly Ordination Anniversaries
<u>Tuesday, May 26</u>	
8:00 am	Consuelo P. Estrada - Birthday
<u>Wednesday, May 27</u>	
8:00 am	+Eldrida Benavides
<u>Thursday, May 28</u>	
8:00 am	1) + Felipe Sagurit
	2) +Emilio L. Sangco - Birthday Remembrance
<u>Friday, May 29</u>	
8:00 am	+Venerando M. Ferrer
<u>Saturday, May 30</u>	
8:00 am	Arlene Gamusaran & Maria Malave - Birthdays
<u>Sunday, May 31</u>	
10:00 am	+Rosana Bernardo &
	+Dindo, Peter & Angelito Gabunada

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

<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 - birthday
<u>Monday, May 25</u>	
9:00 am	Michelle Castillo & Joaquin Castillo - Birthdays
<u>Tuesday, May 26</u>	
12:10 pm	Anthony Visperas - Thanksgiving
<u>Wednesday, May 27</u>	
12:10 pm	+Jaime Quevedo
<u>Thursday, May 28</u>	
12:10 pm	David Austin & Michael John Brunetti
<u>Friday, May 29</u>	
12:10 pm	Flordelice & Michael John Brunetti - Wedding Anniversary
<u>Saturday, May 30</u>	
4:30 pm	Eugenio de Leon, Jr
<u>Sunday, May 31</u>	
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Czarina Visperas - Birthday
7:00 pm	Mayeth Agregado - Birthday

Other News

Faith Formation and Parish Family Activity: What do crafts have to do with Faith Formation? The Parish Family Activity provides an experience of the liturgical year through glitter, glue and crayons. By transforming a paper plate into a dove or creating a “tongues of flame” headband, parents help their children engage in the excitement of today’s celebration of

Pentecost. Activities are offered monthly during the school year following morning Mass. During the Basilica’s renovation they move to the high school quad, usually immediately after the 10am Mass (but on May 24 a bit later to coincide with the Parish Potluck at noon). Open to all ages; just stop by the table and enjoy. **HELP WELCOME!** Adults or teens with a creative spirit and desire to help with planning or assisting day-of are needed to join the team; visit <https://sjbalameda.org/family-activity> to learn more or contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org. (Safe Environment training and screening applies.)



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While our basilica is closed, our parish mission and operations will continue. Please sign up for electronic giving to help sustain our community.

Thank you, Father, for this place to gather and your Spirit who gathers us. May we accept your gift with grace and wisdom, hope and fearlessness. Give us strength and wisdom to act on your will.



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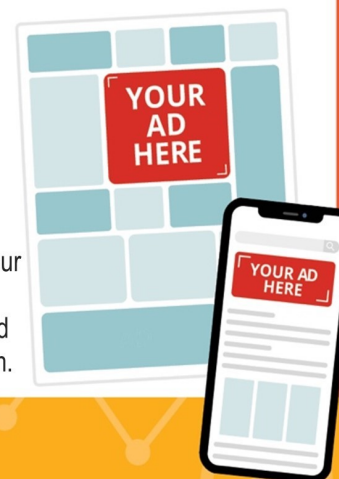
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