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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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Mass Schedule

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

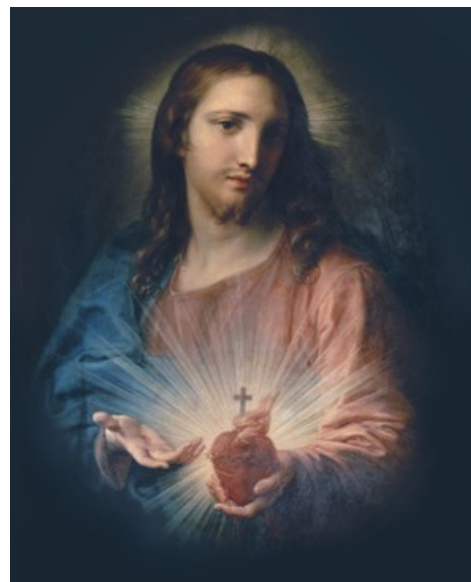
Saturday: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall

Sunday: 10 am ONLY, High School Quad

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, also known as "*Corpus Christi*," which is Latin for "body of Christ." For the past two weeks we have been celebrating extraordinary feast days (Pentecost and Trinity), and now we come to the final one. We won't say that this feast day is the pinnacle, but that it brings to a fitting end this "trinity" of celebrations, for the Church Herself tells us that the Eucharist is **"the source and summit of the Christian life"** (cf. Catechism #1324, Lumen Gentium 11). The Catechism goes on, **"The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."** (ibid.) Lastly, **"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."** (CCC 1325). So, there we have it, "the culminating action," the summit toward which everything in the Church moves, for Jesus is truly present there. What a blessing it is to be Catholic!



As we move on from the Easter season, we also move on from ordination anniversary season. On behalf of Fr. Kenneth, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Alvaro, **I want to extend my humblest thanks to everyone for making this season so special.** Thank you for celebrating with us and for your gifts. I received many beautiful cards, which caused me to reflect on a common question that priests receive, **"what is the best part about being a priest?"** While I could say the parties rank high, like the one we just had, I had another experience recently that put the honor and dignity of priesthood into clear perspective, the passing of one of our long-time parishioners, Greg Binder. Greg was the husband of Patricia; father to four (including two active parishioners, Gisele and Remy), and grandfather to several little ones. Greg was a great friend and supporter of our priests. He lived a beautiful life, but his passing into eternal life was something special. Why?

To begin, Greg's passing is incredibly sad. He went to the hospital on Saturday, May 16, and passed on Sunday, May 31. It was a rapid decline, but the family used every minute with Greg well. How was that time spent? Greg was covered in prayer, not only by the prayers of his family and parish, but also by the prayer of the Church. He received the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick; he received Holy Communion, and finally, Last Rites and the Apostolic Pardon (a plenary indulgence given by the Church to those who are dying). At home, he had the parish's relic of St. Therese of Lisieux by his bedside, and was sprinkled with water from Lourdes, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. He died with his wife of 55 years next to him on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (May 31), which is also the feast day of the Visitation of Mary. It was a beautiful death, a holy death, one for which I pray God will grant to me.

Therefore, when I am asked, "what's the best part about being a priest?" I will give the answer, preparing people for heaven. This takes me back to the time before I entered the seminary, when I would cantor funerals at my home parish. I would say that this experience was pivotal for me to take the leap of faith to try priesthood, for even though death is a challenge – it is the final carrying of the cross – what could be more meaningful, since even Our Lord carried His own, and commanded us to carry ours, **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"** (Mt 16:24-25). Yes, accompanying people as they find their true life in Christ is my favorite part about being a priest.

As we enter the month of June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we be renewed in our understanding of God's love for us. God sent His Holy Spirit to us at Pentecost to increase the divine life of the Trinity within us, the life that is nourished and strengthened by our participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass and reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. May God's love be the foundation of rock on which we build our lives, that when our earthly life is through, we may inherit the eternal reward He has prepared for us.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **June 8:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, St. Barnabas
- **June 10:** Young Adults Group, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center
- **June 11:** 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>)
- **June 11:** 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>

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

Tuesday, June 9, 7:00—8:00 pm

(Second Tuesday of every month)

at St. Barnabas School, Room 3

(Door opens at 6:40 pm. Enter through parking lot on Taylor at Sixth St)

Centering Prayer is a silent prayer method that connects us to God's presence within. It is part of the Christian contemplative tradition and helps us build our relationship with Him. Lectio Divina will follow the session, led by Bill Kueppers, PhD. For details, contact Bill at billkueppers@gmail.com. No experience is needed, and everyone is welcome!

Important Update:

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 13 @ Learning Center

Please note that the 8:00 am Mass will be celebrated in the Elementary School's Learning Center AND NOT in Notre Dame Hall. This change is to accommodate a High School event.

(All other dates will remain unchanged.)

Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima Continues on Zoom: June 13

Join St. Joseph's Legion of Mary for a prayer session to Our Lady on Zoom. Being part of this session will create a powerful and uplifting experience with Our Lady of Fatima.

The monthly prayer sessions, which started on May 13th, will continue on the 13th of each month until the final session on October 13th. You are most welcome to join each month.

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

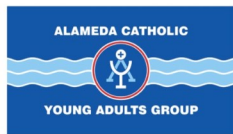
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Contact Teresita Dean for more details:

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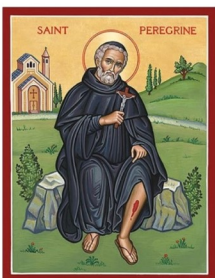
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A PRAYER TO SAINT PEREGRINE

Saint Peregrine, you were a man of deep faith and prayer. When you were diagnosed with cancer, you turned to God with trust and accepted His will with peace. You experienced the healing power of God, and you now intercede for all who are suffering.

Please pray for all those with cancer, for strength in their journey, comfort in their trials, and hope in God's loving mercy.

Pray also for their families and caregivers.

May we always turn to Jesus, knowing that He walks with us every step of the way.

Amen.

Special collections: Catholic Communication: June 13 & 14

Donation envelopes can be found at entrances to St. Barnabas or Quad, or donate online with REALM by clicking on the link [here](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and selecting "Catholic Communications" in the drop-down bar.

Ministry of Caring

(2nd Sunday meeting)

Sunday, June 14 1:30 - 3:00 pm
St. Joseph's Rectory

The Ministry of Caring is here to help you survive the loss of a spouse or significant other. Losing a spouse is unlike any other type of loss where nothing can compare or prepare you for it. Join others who have lost spouses or significant others and draw strength and hope from sharing memories, and learning valuable skills to navigate loss and grief. Drop-ins welcome!

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, Bob & Anna Heimbichner, 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

Saturday, June 6

- 8:00 am 1) In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
2) Eddie & Kathryn Embree - 55th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 7

- 10:00 am +Felino C. Estigoy
+Rev. Don C. McDonnell
Michael Apel - Birthday

Monday, June 8

- 8:00 am +Rosalinda Ayson - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, June 9

- 8:00 am 1) + Sally Gallagher
2) Magarita Mendoza - Happy Birthday

Wednesday, June 10

- 8:00 am +Dominic Ramirez

Thursday, June 11

- 8:00 am +Francisco B. Ferrer

Friday, June 12

- 8:00 am Therese Le Thuy Phuc

Saturday, June 13

- 8:00 am +James Hanson

Sunday, June 14

- 10:00 am Francis & Maria Rueca
- 56th Wedding Anniversary

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, June 6

- 4:30 pm Greta Rosenberger

Sunday, June 7

- 9:00 am Rene Sarmiento
11:00 am People of the Parish
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Monday, June 8

- 12:00 pm Michael Shen-Brunetti (Birthday)

Tuesday, June 9

- 12:10 pm +Manuel Silva

Wednesday, June 10

- 12:10 pm +Christopher Del Rosario

Thursday, June 11

- 12:10 pm +Maria de Leon Ong

Friday, June 12

- 12:10 pm Apostleship of Prayer

Saturday, June 13

- 4:30 pm Paolo & Candice Baligaya
- Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 14

- 9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Nathaniel Ciceron
7:00 pm +Andi Plummer

Other News

Basilica Closure for Renovations

The Basilica renovations are currently in progress. To aid your participation in the Sacraments, we've created an Alameda Catholic Schedule with service times and locations at neighboring churches available [here](https://sjbalameda.org/alameda-catholic-schedule-may-november) (<https://sjbalameda.org/alameda-catholic-schedule-may-november>)

We encourage you to sign up for electronic giving to by scanning on the QR codes below to support our community during this time. Thank you for your generosity.

Whether you're excited about outdoor Mass or curious about the new Basilica, we pray for strength in our service to the Lord. Stay updated through our social media, e-news, and bulletin. We're all in this together!



Online Giving



Capital Campaign

Holy Water Dispenser in the Parish Office

While the Basilica is closed for renovation, the holy water dispenser near the Grotto has been relocated to the Parish Office. Bring your own vial during business hours.
(9 - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm)



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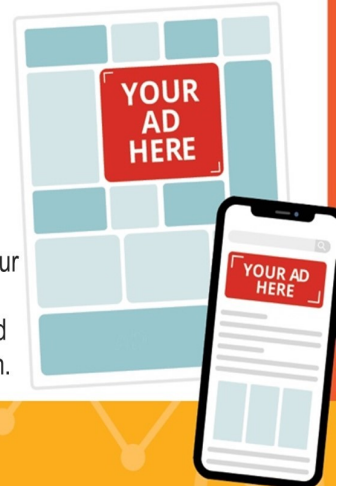
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