

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 10, 2026



Congrats Alpha 3 participants for completing your course on May 5! God bless!

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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

St. Joseph Basilica

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday

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,

As we continue to walk through the uncertainty of the parish closures (no new information has been shared at this point), we must remind ourselves of the motto that emerged from the St. Barnabas pastoral council meeting last Thursday, the 30th. In that meeting, as the members of the council shared their sadness and disappointment, they also shared their gratitude for the parish and their commitment to one another. “We are in this together,” was the motto that emerged. Yes, we are! And not only that, but our Lord Jesus also promised us that God would never abandon us, as we hear in this weekend’s Gospel, **“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you”** (cf. Jn 14:15-21).

As we approach Pentecost, pray that the Holy Spirit will shower Himself down upon us, giving us wisdom and peace. Just say, “Come, Holy Spirit!” We can already glimpse His presence among us. As we do every year, I like to share the testimonies of the newly baptized. I hope these testimonies give you comfort and encouragement; although some parishes are making the ultimate sacrifice to close, the mission to preach the Gospel and make disciples will not stop. We will continue to live and share our faith, no matter which building we pray in.

Thank you for your prayers. Your priests are praying for you.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Ever since I was young, I felt connected to the Catholic Church. My dad was baptized Catholic as a baby but he grew out of the practice, and my mom is a non-Catholic Christian who sometimes goes to church. I was never baptized or taken to church on a regularly. The times I did go to church were on Sundays when I was in Mexico. Every time I looked forward to it, not knowing why, but I just knew it was something I wanted to be a part of. Even though I barely knew anything about what I had to do in church, and felt out of place at times, I wanted to learn.

Eventually as I grew older and went through many hard times in my life, I felt that the Lord was with me even when I felt that nobody was. I finally decided that I not only wanted to, but I needed to be baptized and officially acknowledged in the church, because I felt happiness through my relationship with God. I told my parents on a Saturday I had planned for over a month, and their support led me to go on my around two-year journey to be baptized, have my first communion, and confirmed on the Easter Vigil Mass in 2026. I have never felt such belonging and happiness in one single night, and I am forever grateful that I accepted Jesus into my life, because I know He was only waiting for me to say yes. (Melissa, age 16).

I moved to Alameda for school, and when I did, I didn’t know anyone; I felt really lonely and anxious. I wasn’t going to church at the time, but I thought maybe it would help, so I started visiting different churches. I was raised Protestant, but none of the ones I went to out here felt like home the way my church back home did. After a few Sundays, I still felt lost and unsure of where I really belonged.

That’s when I started researching church history and learning about the early Church and Church Fathers. The more I looked into it, the more I could no longer deny that the Catholic Church is the one true church. I realized I had found my way home to the Catholic Church. I came searching for truth, and I found it in the beauty, worship, and reverence of the Church. That’s what led me to want to be baptized. (Diana, age 22)



Upcoming Events

Happy Mother's Day!

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, and it is also the month when we celebrate Mother's Day, to honor our earthly mothers. It's a beautiful opportunity to pray for all the mothers, including those who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. However, Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many, including those struggling with infertility, those who have lost children, and those who have lost their mothers. Please keep all mothers, living and deceased, and mother-figures in your prayers.

A Blessing For Mothers

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother, may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

MARY IS
THE MOTHER
WHO WATCHES
OVER US,
HER CHILDREN,
ON OUR
JOURNEY
THROUGH LIFE,
OFTEN WEARY
AND IN NEED,
ANXIOUS THAT
THE LIGHT OF
HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **May 11** : Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **May 12**: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, 7:00 - 8:00 pm (Second Tuesday of every month) at St. Barnabas School, Room 3 (door opens at 6:40 pm)
- **May 14**: 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 14**: Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

St. Joseph Masses and Ministries updates affected by the Basilica renovations will be in effect from May 18 to November (subject to changes)

Mass:

- 8:00 am Mass, Monday - Saturday, will be in Notre Dame Hall starting May 18
- Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will be canceled starting May 23
- All Sundays Masses at 7:30, 9:30 am and 12 pm will be canceled starting May 24
- Sundays: Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am only** in the High School Quad starting May 24
- Sundays 7:00 pm Mass will be celebrated at St. Barnabas Church starting May 24

Note: Saturdays 8:30 am & 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation will be canceled. Sacrament will be offered at St. Barnabas on Saturdays, 3:30 pm.

Weekly Events moved to St. Barnabas Church effective week of May 18 (subject to changes):

- Monday God's Children Prayer Group, 9:15 - 11:00 am
- Monday Men's Power Hour; 6:00 pm
- Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm
- Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Monthly Groups moved to St. Barnabas starting June (subject to changes)

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry's First Thursday Gathering/Rosary, 6:00 pm (combined with Thursday Women's Rosary)
- Communal Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer on the last Friday of the month, 3:00 pm

Other updates:

- Legion of Mary Rosary on Fridays: 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center (2nd Floor—Damien Room, 1119 Lafayette Street)

Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima!

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 first prayer session is on May 13th. It will continue on the 13th of each month until the final session on October 13th.

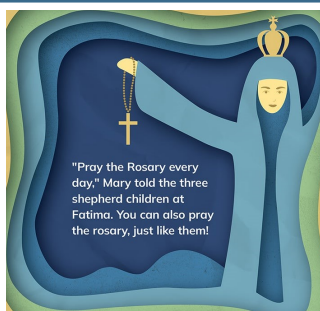
The meeting will start at 6:00 pm each month except for September 13 where it will start at 1:30 pm. Please mark your calendar if you plan to participate. All are welcome!

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263434680?pwd=sazuMBnaXmJUNt2HCKME3QjcBOJ0Vb.1>

Meeting ID: 827 6343 4680, passcode: 546618.

Contact Teresita Dean for more details:
thewellnesscenter2017@gmail.com



Other News

Faith Formation – Year-End for Children’s Classes

Congratulations to the families of more than 80 children who have completed this year’s classes in Sacrament Preparation or Whole Family Catechesis. Some were home-schooled, and others were in person on Sunday mornings with special thanks to each of our volunteer catechists. We ended with a celebration last week. Registration for 2026-2027 will open soon, for classes at an earlier time to accommodate the new Mass schedule during the Basilica’s renovation. We are planning to meet from 8:45 to 9:45 am, to allow families to attend the 10am Mass in the high school quad, or at St. Barnabas for the 4:30 Saturday Vigil or the temporarily relocated 7pm Sunday. Keep an eye on our webpage <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-programs>

Special Collection: Catholic Charities East Bay: May 16 - 17

Catholic Charities East Bay (CCEB), founded in 1935, serves the communities of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which are part of the Diocese of Oakland. Your donations support the mission and programs of CCEB, helping children, families, and seniors right here in the East Bay—neighbors helping neighbors. Special donation envelopes are available in the pews or at the entrances to the Church.

You can also donate online through REALM by clicking on the following link: <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/form/give/now>. Select “Catholic Charities” in the drop-down bar.

Catholic Charities East Bay is a nonprofit (501) (c)(3) organization. Federal Tax ID # 94-2677202. Donations solely support the mission and programs of Catholic Charities East Bay.



We want to make you aware of ongoing online scams targeting members of our parish community. Please be advised:

- Our Priests or Parish staff never use Gmail accounts for official communication.
- Official parish emails will always come from addresses ending in **@sjbalameda.org**
- Do NOT respond to any messages for purchase of any gift cards

If you receive a suspicious message or think you may be targeted, please contact the Rectory 510-522.0181 for clarification.

Please share this information with others who may not see this message. Staying informed helps protect our entire community.



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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.

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gmaldonado@sjbalameda.org

St. Joseph: 510.995.9420, or email:
secretary@sjbalameda.org

Mark your calendar!

St. Joseph’s Potluck Family Day
Sunday, May 24, 12 pm
High School Quad
All welcome!

We will also celebrate the anniversaries of the Priestly Ordination for Fr. Mario (8th year) and Fr. Alvaro (1st year)

Sign up sheets for donation of food are at the back of Basilica.

Praying Together

Devotions

Note: Changes to events due to closure of the Basilica for renovations, beginning May 18—November (subject to changes)

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, Wednesdays
St. Barnabas, following the 12:10 pm Mass

Thursday Women's Rosary
St. Barnabas, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Saturdays
St. Joseph, following 8 am Mass @ Notre Dame Hall

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, 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

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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am +Sabina M. Posadas
5:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

7:30 am, 9:30 am, Noon and 7:00 pm
For All Mothers - Living & Deceased

Monday, May 11

8:00 am 1) +Kathryn Curtis - Death Anniversary
2) +Sally Gallagher

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am Francis Alegre - Birthday

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am 1) +Ben Patrick F. Posadas
2) +Fred Corcaran

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am Fr Sunil - Birthday

Friday, May 15

8:00 am +Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Saturday, May 16

8:00 am Natividad Vasquez

5:00 pm +Estela Dalisay

Sunday, May 17

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Feliciano Ramos
12:00 pm +Herbert Apel & Ursula Apel & Family
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, May 9

4:30 pm +Gener Ayson

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

9:00 am For all Mothers
11:00 am For all Mothers

Monday, May 11

12:10 pm +Terecita F. Torres

Tuesday, May 12

12:10 pm Gilbert & Ruth Acuesta

Wednesday, May 13

12:10 pm Jao & Gabriela Nobrega

Thursday, May 14

12:10 pm Carmela & Chris Handor- Wedding Ann.

Friday, May 15

12:10 pm Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Saturday, May 16

4:30 pm Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

Sunday, May 17

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Rachel's Vineyard Ministry



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