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Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 22, 2026



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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,

Last weekend I was at St. Barnabas, which was lovely. Afterwards, I received an email from a parishioner saying how the 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph was unusually lively with the sound of children. This email was from a parent, so she wasn't complaining. She was writing to note how Fr. Vince Scott was so warm and welcoming. I guess he and I share a similar attitude. As one of six kids, and an uncle to 17 nieces and nephews, I am sympathetic to parents' desire to bring their children to Mass, and the unpredictability of the situation. More than sympathetic, however, I am supportive, which is why I have said on several occasions, "If your church isn't crying, your church is dying." It's providential that after receiving this email, I came across two articles in Catholic online publications about this very topic; I guess it's on people's minds. Here is one of the articles, ["Do Young Children Belong at Mass?"](#) And below is the other, ["Noisy Children at Mass are not the Problem."](#) (with my pictures added)



If you watched the Oscar's last weekend (I didn't), you may have seen Jessie Buckley's acceptance speech for winning the award for Best Actress. After thanking and praising her husband and daughter, she said, "I would like to dedicate this to the beautiful chaos of a mother's heart." Indeed, parenthood is beautiful in its chaos.

Let us continue to make our parish a beautifully chaotic place where all people are welcomed to worship God in the public assembly.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

"Noise Children at Mass are not the Problem," by Katrina Fernandez

Over the years I've written a bit about dealing with small children during Mass and have given my fair share of advice to parents; parents who are tired and exhausted by their struggles or who just need encouragement because every Sunday they're met with disapproving stares from those sitting near them. Seeing that after so many years it's still a popular, and contentious, subject proves that is an ongoing challenge that every parent eventually faces.

Even parents of older kids, myself included, do well to read about these struggles because it's a helpful reminder to be sympathetic to the trials of others. [Anna O'Neil recently addressed the subject in her letter to parents who find themselves discouraged and worry that their children are being disruptive in Mass.](#) It's important that we, as Catholics, continue to encourage each other and Anna's article does a wonderful job at just that.

However, here's the thing; as long as I've been writing about this subject and responding to parents' emails, we never seem to address the aggrieved, the individuals who seem most bothered by the behavior of others around them.

We keep advising parents to change their attitudes, their practices, lower their expectations, and even suggest they change the time and place they come to Mass. We continue to put the burden *entirely* on the already overburdened parents. I can't help wondering if there's someone else who should also shoulder some of this responsibility. I don't think it's an entirely unrealistic thing to expect some attitude and behavioral changes from those who are the most bothered by the sounds and distractions around them at Mass.

In light of that, I would like to propose something entirely different. A letter, if you will, to the *People Who Are Tired of Listening to Your Kid at Mass*. It would be a very short letter; something along the lines of, "Dear Annoyed Individuals, The liturgy is *public* worship, independent from private devotion. If you need absolute silence to concentrate on your prayers, *adoration* is a good place to start. So is daily Mass, or arriving to Mass early, or even praying in your own living room. It's unrealistic to expect the same noiseless environment be replicated in a public place of worship that houses hundreds, if not thousands, of families. If you have trouble hearing, sit up front. If you're tempted to glare angrily at the family with the fidgety toddler, close your eyes. If you feel the urge to suggest to a parent that they should leave their child at home, it's better if you just don't say so."



Sometimes the best thing that other Catholics can do to show their support for families is to just be more patient. Parents don't want their kids acting up anymore than you do, and all that tutting, huffing, hushing and eye rolling just exacerbates an already tense situation. The Church is welcoming to all individuals, including noisy children. I know we have to keep reminding parents not to be discouraged and that their presence is most welcome and needed, as if we do them the favor of tolerating their existence. As if we allow them and their unruly brood the privilege to worship with us. But it would probably be more accurate to say that families honor us with their presence, and they equally have to tolerate us at times.

So parents, keep doing what you're doing (brining your babies to Mass) and if someone has a problem with your kids, that's exactly what it is ... *their* problem. And folks who are bothered by children and their spontaneous outbursts: pray for patience as you worship in this public house of the Lord.

Upcoming Events

Friday Devotions During Lent: March 27

(This is the final gathering before Holy Week, which takes place from March 30 to April 4.)

St. Joseph Soup and Stations:

Soup is served from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the High School Notre Dame Hall
Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00 pm

St. Barnabas

Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30 pm
Mass: 6:00 pm *(in addition to the 12:10 Mass)*

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **March 23:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **March 26:** 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>)
- **March 26:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **March 27:** Taize is canceled and will resume April 24.
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service Monday, March 23

7:00 pm at St. Joseph Basilica

Palm Sunday, March 29

Normal Mass schedule at both churches

Holy Thursday, April 2

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

St. Barnabas

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 pm,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 12:00 pm *(repeated at 7:00 pm)*
(Reconciliation available from 2:00—3:00 pm)
Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

St. Barnabas

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm
(Reconciliation available from 12:30—1:30 pm)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

St. Joseph

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am, (No Mass at 8 am),
followed by blessing of food
(no confession after Morning Prayer or at 3:30 pm)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4

St. Joseph: 8:00 pm (with incense)

St. Barnabas: 8:00 pm (with incense) (no Confession at 3:30 pm)

Easter Sunday, April 5

St. Joseph

7:30 am, 9:30 am (with incense) & 12:00 pm (with incense)

(The 7:00 pm Mass will not be celebrated)

St. Barnabas: 9:00 am and 11:00 am (with incense at both Masses)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Friday, March 27 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.

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday March 28 & 29

Next weekend, we will have the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection.

Envelopes will be available in the pews 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!

(At St. Joseph, Vincentians will be at the doors accepting donations at the end of Mass.)

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



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Nancy Graham, Madeline Lontiong, Richard Magahiz, Jose Oblena, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, 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@sjbameda.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, March 21

8:00 am +John Paul Agulles
5:00 pm 1)+Teri Sanders
2)+Festus Gregory Egbuono

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am +Jose Burgos
9:30 am Marie Gloria Nabaza Torres - Birthday
12:00 pm +Jakob & Katiza Tudor
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Monday, March 23

8:00 am +Phu Nguyen

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am An Nguyen & Family

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am +Jose Lim - Death Anniversary

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am Haik Family - Thanksgiving

Friday, March 27

8:00 am +Joseph Toan Tran - Death Anniversary

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am +Louise Astle
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am +Angela & Francisco Gabunada, Sr.
9:30 am 1) Lydia Yalung - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm 1) +Reynaldo Ramos
7:00 pm 2) Scott Felluss - Birthday
+Lorrie Proctor

March Mass Intention request is closed since dates are filled.

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm +Mark Vigil Vargas

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Joesiah Kayden Brown

Monday, March 23

12:10 pm +Vicente Conocono

Tuesday, March 24

12:10 pm +Francisca Awayan

Wednesday, March 25

12:10 pm +Michael Shawn Hunt

Thursday, March 26

12:10 pm +Cassandra Macalino

Friday, March 27

12:10 pm +Marcelina Alcantara
6:00 pm Special Intention

Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm +Modesto Francisco

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation – Update on Journey to Baptism

Baptism draws closer for our Elect (pictured on the front page with their sponsors at the Rite of Election last month), with the Third Scrutiny at the 9:30 Mass today. The celebration of the Scrutinies should encourage each of us in the same efforts to cling more closely to Christ. Today's Gospel tells of the raising of Lazarus. *What prevents us from living the life to which Christ calls us? How can we help unbind others, so that they can live more fully?*

This Saturday, March 28, the Lord's Prayer will be "handed on" to the Elect during the 8AM Mass. You can find the alternate readings that will be used at Mass at <https://sjbalameda.org/lent-liturgies>. When the newly baptized take part in their first celebration of the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, they will pray it together with the rest of the baptized.

Although the Elect are in their final preparation, others continue the journey to the sacraments. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Anne Marie at 510.995.9409 or afourre@sjbalameda.org for information

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2026

With this year's Bishop's Ministries Appeal, the Diocese of Oakland is inviting people to join in mission. When many households participate, it strengthens the Church not only financially but spiritually. Participation itself is a sign of unity and shared purpose. Please make a gift today: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal/>

Note: Appeal envelopes are also available at entrances to the Churches. Or, donate online with REALM:

<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>

On drop down menu, scroll and locate 'Bishop's Appeal'.



St. Joseph Basilica

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United, we can do what no one can do alone.

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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,

Important Phishing Scam Awareness!

We want to warn our parish community about phishing scams. Please stay vigilant! For tips on protection, visit the FTC website:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

Remember, our priests and staff will never ask for gift cards or money transfers. If you receive any suspicious requests, contact the Parish Office. Your safety is our top priority!

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