



 **SAINT
JOSEPH
BASILICA**

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekdays: 8:00 am / Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

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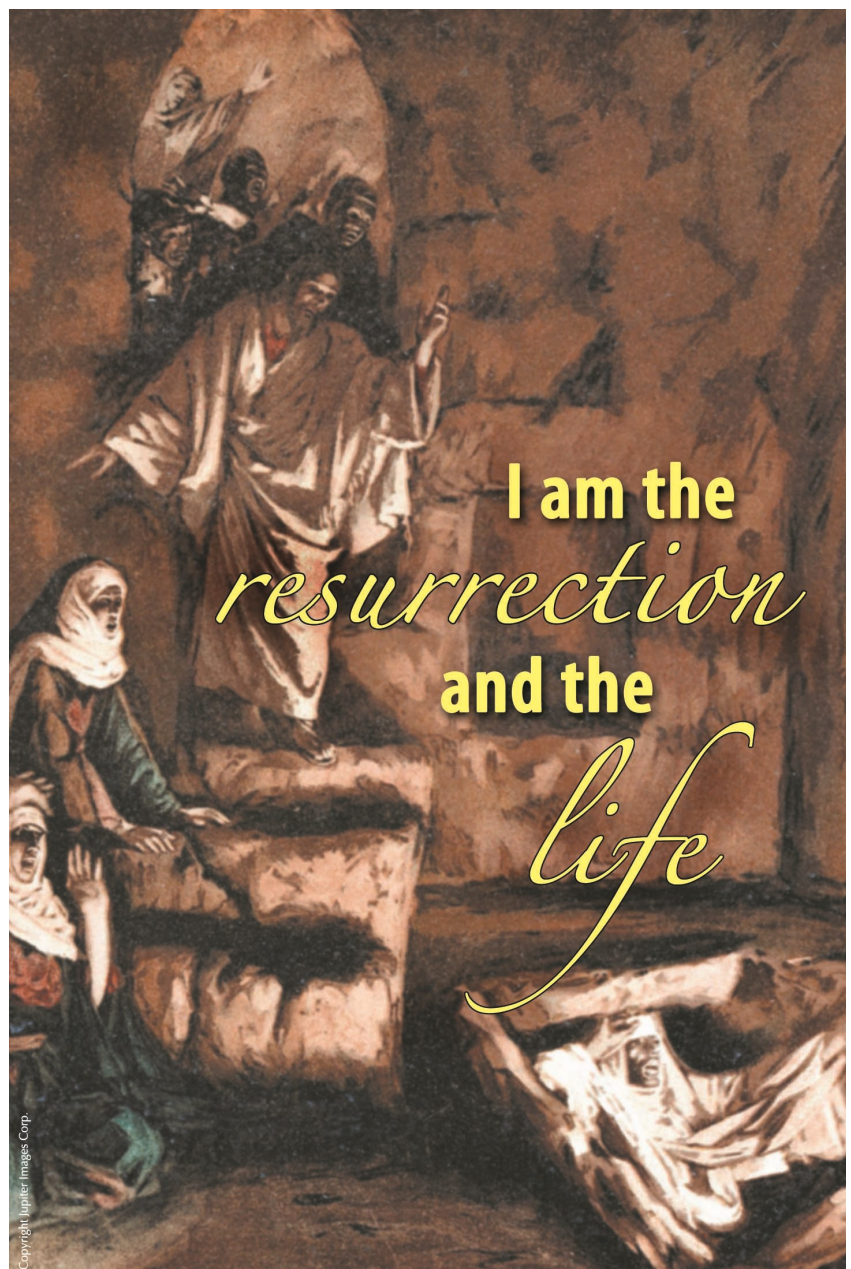
Fifth Sunday Of Lent, March 29, 2020

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although He was their close friend, He chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father.

As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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Faith Under Quarantine

How do we experience God and Church while we are asked to “shelter in place” and be isolated from others. Here is a short reflection by David and Elizabeth McGaffey, active parishioners, who were quarantined on the Grand Princess Cruise ship and at Travis Airbase. In the midst of that chaos they have found God and Church. How about you, where are you experiencing that in your life? If you would like to share a reflection with the parish, please send your story to Steve Mullin at: smullin@sjbalameda.org.

Together, we can share faith and uplift one another... Isn't that what Church should be?

Elizabeth and I were on a cruise aboard the Grand Princess, when it turned into a “plague ship” with 21 confirmed cases of Covid-19 on board. We were among the lucky ones who were proved to be healthy and asymptomatic. We were immediately confined to our small cabins and the ship altered course for California. While politicians argued, we remained at sea. We retained our calm by exchanging text messages with our family and friends from church (and temple). When finally allowed to disembark, we were put into strict government quarantine at Travis AFB. Again, electronics broadened our constricted world. When we heard that a St. Joe's parishioner was having heart surgery w/o his father, who was on duty guarding us, we were able to contact the father and tell him that the church was praying for him and his son. I was able to participate, electronically, in an RCIA Team Leaders meeting, and similarly arranged to lead the Sunday Dismissal.



We have heard from dozens of friends from church from Fr. Mario to Bible Study members. It is a strange contrast – we

are physically confined, but through the Internet we can touch hearts with our friends from Alameda, from other States, from Canada and Portugal and Macedonia. It reminds us that we are all part of a worldwide divine family even when we are physically confined. We will keep praying that this test of our faith will show that we trust in God, and obey the reasonable rules.

Chrism Mass Update

The Mass scheduled for April 2 will be closed to the public, but the faithful may participate in the Chrism Mass via live-stream broadcast at:

www.facebook.com/ctlcathedral.org.

Live streaming begins at 7:00 pm.

Holy Week Schedule To be advised

**PRAYER DOES
SO MANY THINGS.
IT HEALS,
COMFORTS,
STRENGTHENS,
AND BRINGS
YOU FAITH**

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Lord, help me

Be prepared, but not anxious.

Be aware, but not desperate.

Be vigilant, but not in fear.

Be joyful, but not clueless.

Be faithful, but not careless

Lord, be my hope and strength

A Reflection from our Director of Faith Formation

"Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany"

As I write this from my laptop at home, we are in the first week of "Shelter in Place." The first line of today's Gospel seems so timely! Illness is on everyone's minds: how to avoid getting ill, how to care for those who are ill, how to manage in this illness-induced reality of "social distancing" and empty shelves.



Normally at this time of year I would be focusing on doing the same things we do every year: Lent, with Soup Meals and Scrutinies and groups gathering for study and prayer. Getting ready for Easter Vigil with new members joining the Church through baptism, and Family Mass. First Communions following just weeks after Easter.

But this is not a normal time. Instead, we are operating day to day, considering what must be rescheduled, what must be canceled and what can be done differently. And together we are finding new and creative ways to observe Lent and attend classes and stay connected and "do Church." Our teachers are meeting with students online, continuing classes through technology and perseverance. The Young Adult Group gathers to pray the Rosary together, separated physically but united in faith (and Zoom). The RCIA team is working through conference calls and video conferencing to welcome inquirers and support and guide the catechumens, candidates and elect. Our clergy have stretched their skills to include livestreaming Mass, so we can still worship together. Faith Formation is working to reach students at home to offer online classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Staff is working from home using email and phone calls and internet to ensure needs are met as much as possible.

This is new territory, challenging and scary and uncertain, but also inspiring. We step back from the normal busy-ness of life and see with new eyes. We witness those who serve or share with compassion and generosity. We spend time with loved ones, maybe in person, maybe by Facetime or phone or mail. We pray for each other. We remember the words of Jesus:

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Yes, Lord! We believe!

Anne Marie Fourré

Growing In Faith While Sheltering in Place

All faith formation programs including Children's Faith Formation, Sacrament Preparation, Youth Ministry and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, for those interested in becoming Catholic) have temporarily suspended gathering in person in the interest of public safety. However, we are committed to staying connected as much as possible and supporting your efforts to grow in faith. For our young people, families registered in one of our programs have been sent materials to use at home, and we're looking into the possibility of video conferencing. (Parents, be sure to check your emails.).

RCIA will continue during the coming weeks through video conferencing or via phone. If someone new is considering becoming Catholic or preparing for sacraments, please email Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org for information. God is with us, in the midst of everything.



Christ's Second Visit to the Home of Mary and Martha

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" Lent is a time for reflection and restoration. Reflect on what strengthens your faith and ways in which you can continue to build a strong foundation. How can you be more open to God's will in your life?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during the month of April a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Safety for All

Every child deserves a safe environment. Ministry to children and young people is a privilege, not a right. The sexual abuse of minors is a crime and a grave sin. In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry. To help hold offenders accountable, report all abuse to local police authorities. You can also contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused. These individuals are available to assist you in making a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese/eparchy, in arranging a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and for obtaining support for your specific needs. To find contact information for the victim assistance coordinator, please visit: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/victim-assistancecoordinators.cfm>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am †Mona Lee Bautista
5:00pm †Glen Amith
†Fidela Singh Bautista

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am †Reynaldo Ramos
Maya & Frank McKeney - Healing
9:30 am †Felix Camerino - Death Anniversary
11:30 am †Genevieve Avila
†Julita Guadalupe
7:00p pm For the People of the Parish -
- Living & Deceased

Monday, March 30

8:00 am †Violet Cary

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am †Esther Geronimo
†Reynaldo Ramos

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am †Sally Gallagher

Thursday, April 2

8:00 am †Violet Cary

Friday, April 3

8:00 am †Harvey Hansen III - First Death
Anniversary

Saturday, April 4

8:00 am †All Souls
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish
- Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am †Carlos Rueca
9:30 am †Maria Giong & Joseph Tan Nguyen
11:30 am †For All Souls
7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
- Living & Deceased

**All Mass Intentions listed will be
honored during the suspension of
Masses due to
the Coronavirus outbreak.**

Pray for the Sick

*May those who are in need of our
prayers, place their trust and
faith in the comforting presence of
the Lord*



Sandy Anderson, Natalie Ackerman, Romelita Bautista, Ronald Bautista, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Mary Cronin, Lee Corral, Jamal Downs, Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Michael Long, Michael Lancaster, Monte McEntee, Maureen McGee, Lolla Manibusan, Michael Ricica, Becka Smith, Rachel Sutherland, Nory Reyes, Evangeline Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona, Prosperidad Salamanca, Dee Pickett, Charles H. Thomas & John Verduzco.

Please call (510) 522-0181 if you would like a name to be added to the list.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - canceled

Mon.- Sat., 7:30am -

First Friday Adoration - canceled

10:00am - 1:00pm & 7:00 - 9:00pm

First Tuesday Adoration - Vietnamese- canceled

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - canceled

Wednesday after 8:00am Mass

St. Joseph - Our Patron - canceled

Thursday after 8:00am Mass

**Act of Consecration to
The Sacred Heart of Jesus - canceled**

First Friday after 8:00am Mass

Prayers to The Sacred Heart of Jesus - canceled

Every Friday after 8:00am Mass

God Bless Our Newly Baptized Babies

(Baptized February/March)

Francis Isaiah Germundo,

Desmond Yves Espinosa Ng

Liam Fox Lugo Pelham

Natalie Clare Patterson

Please keep the children, their parents and god-parents in your prayers.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
(Office Closed for lunch: Noon to 1:00pm)

Volunteer Coverage

Sat. 8:30am - 12:30pm / Sun. 8:30am - 1:00pm

Parish Website: www.sjbalameda.org

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Rev. Sunil Orathel - Priest In Residence
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Dcn. Peter Lawongkerd (Youth Ministry Coordinator)
510-995-9474 / deaconpeter@sjbalameda.org

Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: frmario@sjbalameda.org.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under "Sacraments" for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Parish Office, 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409

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Katherine Francisco - Principal, Elementary School
510-522-4456 / kfrancisco@csdo.org

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471

St. Joseph Basilica Ministries

All God's Children Prayer Group - Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm, Basilica

Basilica Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Basilica

Bible Study - Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Children's Choir - Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Basilica

CIA (Christ in Action Children's Ministry) - Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Basilica

Cub Scouts - Weekly Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Learning Center (Ends June)

Grief Support Ministry - 2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)

Guadalupe Ministry - 1st Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Knights of Columbus - 2nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Legion of Mary - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Legion of Mary - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Reconciliation Room

Moms' Bible Study Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Pastoral Care Team - 1st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)

St. Vincent DePaul Society - 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Spirit Ensemble rehearsal Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm, Basilica

Sp. Needs Inclusion Ministry - 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)

Taize Prayer Service - 4th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm, Basilica

Young Adults - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)

Young Families Potluck - 3rd Saturday, 10 - noon, Notre Dame Hall