

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.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) November 2, 2025



Thank you to those who participated in St. Barnabas' Communal Rosary and for supporting the Sunflower Girls Club's bake sale fundraiser at St. Joseph this past weekend!

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

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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,

As we enter into the month of November and the end of the calendar year, the Church beckons us to call attention to the end of life. During the month of November, we pray in a more fervent way for the dead who have gone before us. We pray for them, that they may undergo their final purification and enter heaven to meet our Lord, which in turn causes us to focus on our own end and destiny. We were made for union with God in heaven; we were made to be loved by Him, and to love Him in return forever. This is what it means to be a saint, which is why we start this month of praying for the dead who are journeying to heaven by remembering those who are there already, the saints.

Last year, the Men's Power Hour Rosary group read a homily by Pope Benedict XVI from All Saint's Day 2006. I would like to share some of it with you now, as I was struck by the way the pope explains sanctity with such simplicity, clarity, and beauty. We are all called to be saints, and it is indeed possible.

Before ending, I would like to thank the Living Rosary team at St. Barnabas for hosting this very special ministry, started by long-time St. Barnabas parishioner, Norma de la Cruz, who passed away in September. Thank you!

I would also like to congratulate the Sunflower Girls for a successful bake sale last weekend. They raised approximately \$2,500, up from \$1,750 last year, and \$600 the year before! These proceeds and donations of supplies, especially diapers, will be donated to the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Thank you to our young "saints in the making." Your acts of love are inspiring us all.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



(Full homily available [here](https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2006/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20061101_all-saints.html)) {https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2006/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20061101_all-saints.html}

...This, then, is the meaning of today's Solemnity [All Saints]: looking at the shining example of the Saints to **reawaken within us the great longing to be like them; happy to live near God, in his light, in the great family of God's friends. Being a Saint means living close to God, to live in his family. And this is the vocation of us all.**

But how can we become holy, friends of God?...to be a Saint requires neither extraordinary actions or works nor the possession of exceptional charisms...**it is necessary first of all to listen to Jesus and then to follow him without losing heart when faced by difficulties.** "If anyone serves me", he warns us, "he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him" (Jn 12: 26).

Like the grain of wheat buried in the earth, those who trust him and love him sincerely accept dying to themselves. Indeed, he knows that whoever seeks to keep his life for himself loses it, and whoever gives himself, loses himself, and in this very way finds life (cf. Jn 12: 24-25).

The Church's experience shows that **every form of holiness, even if it follows different paths, always passes through the Way of the Cross, the way of self-denial.** The Saints' biographies describe men and women who, docile to the divine plan, sometimes faced unspeakable trials and suffering, persecution, and martyrdom...

The example of the Saints encourages us to follow in their same footsteps and to experience the joy of those who trust in God, **for the one true cause of sorrow and unhappiness for men and women is to live far from him.**

Holiness demands a constant effort, but it is possible for everyone because, rather than a human effort, it is first and foremost a gift of God...

It is God, therefore, who loved us first and made us his adoptive sons in Jesus...How can we not respond to the Heavenly Father's love by living as grateful children? In Christ, he gave us the gift of his entire self and calls us to a personal and profound relationship with him.

Consequently, **the more we imitate Jesus and remain united to him the more we enter into the mystery of his divine holiness. We discover that he loves us infinitely, and this prompts us in turn to love our brethren.** Loving always entails an act of self-denial, "losing ourselves", and it is precisely this that makes us happy.

Thus, we have come to the Gospel of this feast, the proclamation of the Beatitudes which we have just heard resound in this Basilica...**The Beatitudes show us the spiritual features of Jesus** and thus express his mystery, the mystery of his death and Resurrection, of his passion and of the joy of his Resurrection. **This mystery, which is the mystery of true blessedness, invites us to follow Jesus and thus to walk toward it.**

To the extent that we accept his proposal and set out to follow him - each one in his own circumstances - we too can participate in his blessedness...

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **November 3:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **November 6:** 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>)
- **November 6:** Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **November 9: Special Collection** (collected every 3 years) **for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.** Envelopes are at entrances to the Church or donate online with REALM (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>). Thank you for your support.

For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Remembering our Loved Ones in the Month of November:

Throughout November, as Catholics, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. At our Parishes, we offer the following opportunities to commemorate our faithful departed:

- Write the names of your loved ones on the special offering envelope available in the pews or entrances to the Church. (Envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout November.)
- Bring a photo of a deceased loved one, no larger than 8x10 framed, and place them at an assigned space in the Church starting Oct 26 and pick it up on Nov 23. (Note: write your name and contact at the back of the picture)
- St. Joseph only: Write the names of departed loved ones in the Book of Life, which will be by the Niche from Oct 26 until Nov 23.
- Don't forget to visit the cemetery to place flowers and offer prayers for your loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. — Eternal Rest Prayer

(November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Please pray for the Souls.)



First Friday Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus November 7, Basilica

Confession: 5:30 - 6:30pm
Mass: 7:00pm



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), celebrated November 2-8, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was transferred to the first whole week of November. —USSCB

On October 11, fourteen men began a lifelong calling of serving God's people in our Diocese when they were ordained as permanent deacons by Bishop Barber. We ask that you keep them in your prayers. (Visit the Diocese's website for details of the ordained deacons: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/official-appointments-deacons/>)

*God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary: November 8

Gather with the Alameda Catholic Community and join us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion, and for our voiceless little brothers and sisters. We meet in front of City Hall in Alameda at 9:15am.

Rosary will start at 9:30 am.

Safe the dates!

- **Feast of the Vietnamese Martyrs: Saturday, November 22** celebrated at the 5:00 pm Bi-Lingual Vigil Mass (with incense) followed by reception in the Notre Dame Hall.
- **Thanksgiving Day Masses, Thursday, November 27** at 9:00 am at both St. Barnabas and St. Joseph

(Note: No 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph nor 12:10 pm Mass at St. Barnabas on Thanksgiving Day)

- **Parish Communities' Thanksgiving potluck dinner: Thursday, November 27, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at St. Joseph High School's Quad.

Fr. Mario invites the parish communities to a Thanksgiving potluck dinner this year. If you would like to contribute a dish, please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the Basilica.

Praying Together

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas, Monday - Friday, 11:45 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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

	<u>Saturday, November 1 (All Saints Day)</u>
8:00 am	1) People of the Parish 2) In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<u>Sunday, November 2 (All Souls Day)</u>
7:30 am	+All Departed Souls
9:30 am	+Remembrance Mass for +All Souls
12:00 pm	+All Departed Souls
7:00 pm	+All Departed Souls
	<u>Monday, November 3</u>
8:00 am	+Patricia & Terry LaCroix
	<u>Tuesday, November 4</u>
8:00 am	+All Souls in Purgatory
	<u>Wednesday, November 5</u>
8:00 am	Deceased Family Members of Felicitas Cabrera
	<u>Thursday, November 6</u>
8:00 am	+Evelyn Nobela
	<u>Friday, November 7</u>
8:00 am	1)+Isabel T. Santos - Birthday Remembrance 2) Joan Stewart - Healing
	<u>Saturday, November 8</u>
8:00 am	An Nguyen(94th) & Lorrie Proctor -Birthdays
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<u>Sunday, November 9</u>
7:30 am	+Joseph D. Putnam
9:30 am	Dao Mao - 100th Birthday
12:00 pm	Deceased Family Members of Lim & Thong Families
7:00 pm	Louis C. Torres Jr. - Birthday

Note: November & December Mass Intention requests are closed since all dates are filled.

St. Joseph All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Ministry

The Ministry is a scripture-based intercessory Community that meets to praise, worship and honor our God, and opening to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The Group meet-in-person for prayers in the Grotto, Mondays, 9 - 11am. Drop-ins are most welcome!

Have a prayer request? Email: Jacinta, richcarj@gmail.com, or Joanne, j.harnett@comcast.net

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Romelita Bautista, Cris Foley, Kwame Cunningham, Madeline Lontiong, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Calito Franco, Lorrie Proctor, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Richard Perez, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Femy Visperas and Daniel Yañez.

The List is refreshed monthly. If you would like a name to be added or removed from the Sick List, please email: secretary@sibalameda.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. Barnabas

	<u>Saturday, November 1</u>
4:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
	<u>Sunday, November 2</u>
9:00 am	+All Departed Souls
11:00 am	Deepa Pereira
	<u>Monday, November 3</u>
12:10 pm	+All Holy Souls in Purgatory
	<u>Tuesday, November 4</u>
12:10 pm	+Martha Joanes
	<u>Wednesday, November 5</u>
12:10 pm	+Ernesto Silva, Sr.
	<u>Thursday, November 6</u>
12:10 pm	+Rosalie Hale
	<u>Friday, November 7</u>
12:10 pm	Apostleship of Prayer
	<u>Saturday, November 8</u>
4:30 pm	Beatriz Cortez
	<u>Sunday, November 9</u>
9:00 am	+Rosa Aquino & +Brigido Aquino
11:00 am	People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation: "Come on in! The Water's Fine!"

Alpha 2 is drawing to a close, and many participants have been deeply moved by the experience. Several are considering becoming Catholic, and so St. Joseph Basilica will resume Christian Initiation "Inquiry" sessions starting November 12. If you know an adult who is thinking about the possibility of baptism, invite them to join us Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30pm upstairs in the Parish Center at 1119 Lafayette St. (With the upcoming holidays, call first to confirm; we won't meet the night before Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or New Years Eve.) Info at www.sjbalameda.org/initiation

Missals for Advent-Lent, November 30, 2025 - March 28, 2026: Limited copies for personal use are available for purchase at \$5.00 to cover printing costs, while stock last. You can buy them at the St. Joseph Rectory during office hours from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Please note that the office is closed for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm.



Day of Recollection in the Jubilee Year of Hope

"The Door of Hope is Always Open"

YOUTH AND ADULT DAY WITH JESUS

St. Anne Catholic Church
32223 Cabello St., Union City, CA 94587
Saturday, November 15, 2025
8:30am - 4:00pm

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Fr. Benedict Wonganant
I am the vine; you are the branches

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To register online please scan the QR code or click on this link:
<https://www.osvhub.com/saintannecatholic/forms/a-day-of-recollection-november-15-2025>
Please register early (on or before November 4, 2025) to reserve a free lunch.
Also, the St. Anne Church has limited seating capacity.
For more information: Please call: Office: 510.471.7766 or 510.386.7737 or 510.449.1350



Bulletin Submission Deadline: Please email short blurb for the bulletin **two weeks prior** to date of event to: secretary@sjbalameda.org. Event is subject to Parish approval. Thank you.

Parish Information

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Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

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Have you moved? 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 you information. This will ensure that you receive any important updates or communications from us.

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