

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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 19, 2025



In recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10, we thank all who participated in the prayer service, which also included the veneration of St. Dymphna's relic. St. Dymphna, pray for us!

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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)

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,

Please enjoy the third Rosary testimony from a fellow parishioner and Men's Power Hour member, Dado.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God. If you wish peace to reign in your homes, pray the family Rosary. If you wish for the conversion of sinners, offer the Rosary. It is the chain that links heaven and earth, binding hearts to the heart of the Immaculate. By this holy prayer, Mary protects the Church and her children, even in the darkest of times." – Pope St. Pius X

With much love,
Fr. Mario

As we celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary, a tradition rooted in the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th, which commemorates a 1571 victory attributed to the Rosary's intercession, I want to celebrate my late mother, Wilfrida, who in my mind was victorious, armed with a Rosary, in facing the challenges of life here on earth.

I was six years old when I prayed the Rosary for the first time. My 4'8" tall and petite mother taught me how to pray it. My mother always gathered her children to pray the Rosary at exactly 6 p.m. everyday. The prayer that I did not understand when I was very young was the Latin 'Glory Be'. My late sister Rose and I were always giggling when we prayed it. Now, I love chanting the 'Our Father' (Pater Noster) and 'Salve Regina' during my Men's Power Hour Rosary on Mondays as introduced by Fr. Mario.

In June of 1964, I recall that my sister and I weren't giggling when our mom gathered us to pray the Rosary during Typhoon "Winnie". The typhoon had sustained winds of 118 miles per hour that uprooted our huge acacia tree, and fully matured multi-trunked guava tree in our yard. It was a Category 3 typhoon that sowed death, destruction, and floods. One of my baby twin sisters died after this typhoon because the water that we were drinking was contaminated. Despite this tragedy that happened to our family, my mom did not stop trusting Our Lady of the Rosary in interceding for her with Jesus Christ.

Recently, during one of the Alpha small group discussions, I shared the power of my mom's faith in praying the Rosary for I was able to walk normal after suffering from poliomyelitis when I was 5 years old. While I was being treated at San Lazaro Hospital in Manila on Wednesdays, my mom went to the National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church praying the Rosary on her knees from the entrance of the church to the altar, and on first Fridays she visited the Minor Basilica & National Shrine of Jesus Nazarene / Quiapo Church, again praying the rosary on her knees from the entrance to the altar while focused on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for my healing and for her guidance.

I have a copy of mom's baptismal certificate that indicated she was born on December 27, 1922, and was baptized on January 20, 1923 at the Santa Maria Assumpta Parish (St. Mary Assumption Parish Church). She prayed the Rosary from a very young age perhaps inside a small chapel named St. Francis Xavier next to her house where she was born. She trusted the intercession of Mother Mary for her ordeals and triumphs in life.

She stopped school because of World War II when Japan occupied the Philippines in 1942. While learning to speak Japanese, she prayed the Rosary for the release of her dad from the Japanese Imperial Army prison. She married in 1944 amidst the turmoil of war. She was pregnant when she hid in caves with my dad with little or no food or drink, but firmly resolved to pray the Rosary and trust God that someday this ordeal would pass (the three years of Japanese occupation was referred by most Filipinos as the "Three Years of God's Absence in the Philippines").

She gave birth in 1945 to her first-born son Victorino and was overjoyed and thankful to Mother Mary when the Americans, led by General Douglas MacArthur, returned victorious and liberated the Philippines. She gave birth to 10 children, buried five of them in her lifetime and I am certain that Our Lady of the Rosary was her strength and comfort as she mourned the deaths of her children. As she established her family, she donated a large piece of her inherited land to St. Francis Xavier Parish Chapel to build a bigger church next to her birthplace. She facilitated the "Santacruzán", a procession during the month of May to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross by Saint Helena and her son, Emperor Constantine. She would pray the Rosary with her neighbors and provided provisions for them for nine days leading up to the procession. She provided shelter, food, and clothing in times of natural disasters such as typhoons, floods, and earthquakes as she prayed the Rosary with her neighbors.

Through the years and up to her last breath, I witnessed my mom pray the Rosary every day and every chance that she had to seek help, guidance, and protection. My mom, Wilfrida, died on August 18, 2017 at the age of 94. I was there by myself when she joined my dad and siblings with Mother Mary as she closed her eyes peacefully.



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **October 20:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **October 23:** 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>)
- **October 23:** Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **October 24:** Taize, 8:00 - 9:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Annual "Human Rosary" at St. Barnabas' Church Hall Saturday, October 25, 10:00 am

Join us for St. Barnabas' annual 'Human' Rosary on the last Saturday of October, in honor of the month dedicated to the Rosary. Instead of using traditional rosary beads, participants will become the beads themselves as we pray through all four Mysteries of the Rosary. After the devotion, we invite everyone to enjoy fellowship and a potluck lunch. All are welcome!

Please gather at 9:45 am for a timely start of the Rosary.



"Jesus, I trust in you"

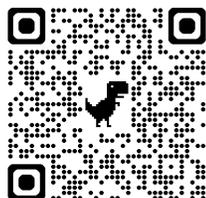
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, October 31
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.

Support St. Joseph Basilica's ANGEL GIVING PROJECT, which provides gifts to those in need in our community. To donate, make a check payable to St. Joseph Basilica with "Angel Giving Project" or "Midway Shelter" on the memo line. Place check in the collection basket, mail it to 1109 Chestnut St, Alameda, CA 94501, or drop it off at the Rectory.

You can also donate online at <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/give/AGP> or scan the QR code. Donations are accepted until December 23.



Our angel table with gift requests will be set up on Saturday, November 22nd. For questions, call Peggy Ritchie at 510 865 8352. Thank you for your support!



**Sunflower Girls
Respect Life
Craft and Bake Sale**
...Plus donation drive!

Sunday, October 26th
after 7:30am, 9:30am, and 12:00pm masses

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We are also collecting diapers (sizes 4-7) and infant formula to assist BACN in their mission. Please bring contributions on the day of the sale.

Questions? Email Michelle King at michelleking234@gmail.com

Thank you!

Feast of St. Jude Tuesday, October 28 Mass at 6:00 pm, St. Barnabas

Parish communities are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Jude at St. Barnabas Church with Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by individual blessings with St. Jude's relic.

Solemnity of Saints:

This year, November 1 falls on a Saturday and is **not a Holy Day of Obligation**. However, we encourage you to attend the 8:00 am Mass to honor all the Saints in Heaven and to offer proper worship to the Lord, whose holy friends and collaborators are the saints.



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.

Praying Together

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

<u>Saturday, October 18</u>	
8:00 am	James Clark
5:00 pm	Italian Eucharistic Miracles Pilgrimage Group
<u>Sunday, October 19</u>	
7:30 am	Mary Grace Keeler & Juan Carlos Cattaneo
9:30 am	Deceased Family Members of Naclerio Family
12:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm	1) +Perla Ramos 2) James Clark
<u>Monday, October 20</u>	
8:00 am	1) Amelia Downing - Birthday 2) +Clem Kamo
<u>Tuesday, October 21</u>	
8:00 am	Dang Nguyen - Birthday
<u>Wednesday, October 22</u>	
8:00 am	1) James Clark 2) +Megan McEntee
<u>Thursday, October 23</u>	
8:00 am	+Rino Gacad - Repose of Soul
<u>Friday, October 24</u>	
8:00 am	+Lorraine Stoltenberg
<u>Saturday, October 25</u>	
8:00 am	1) +Dana & Kathryn Curtis 2) +Phu Nguyen
5:00 pm	+Peter Winters
<u>Sunday, October 26</u>	
7:30 am	+Sally Gallagher
9:30 am	+Felipe Sagurit
12:00 pm	James Clark
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

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

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.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Sheila Balwin, Romelita Bautista, Cris Foley, Kwame Cunningham, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Calito Franco, Lorrie Proctor, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, 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@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 or St. Barnabas.

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

<u>Saturday, October 18</u>	
4:30 pm	Madonna Monela
<u>Sunday, October 19</u>	
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	+Tuyen Nguyen
<u>Monday, October 20</u>	
12:10 pm	+Cora Brandt
<u>Tuesday, October 21</u>	
12:10 pm	Pablo Maldonado
<u>Wednesday, October 22</u>	
12:10 pm	Vicent Rodrigues, Marco Pereira
<u>Thursday, October 23</u>	
12:10 pm	+Vincent Paul Sablan
<u>Friday, October 24</u>	
12:10 pm	+Reynado & +Linda Bulda
<u>Saturday, October 25</u>	
4:30 pm	+Vivian Gill
<u>Sunday, October 26</u>	
9:00 am	Madelon Hsue
11:00 am	People of the Parish

Monthly Financial Report - September, 2025

Please contact Parish Business Manager, Stan, if you have any questions,
at 510.995.9411, or business@sjbalameda.org

Stewardship Update					
St. Joseph Basilica				2025 Actual Comparisons	
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Sep	60,015	54,583	55,215	110%	9%
Jan-Sep	528,265	511,250	510,051	103%	4%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Sep	18,806	22,018	21,883	85%	-14%
Jan-Sep	205,828	200,380	201,313	103%	2%

Other News

SVdP Thanksgiving Drive: Let's Support Our Alameda Neighbors in Need

As we embrace this season of gratitude, let us come together to uplift families in our community facing hardship. Your generosity is a source of hope, and we invite you to share non-perishable healthy food items from November 1 to 16. Thank you for being a beacon of support for those in need.

- Brown or white rice (1 or 2 lbs.)
- Low-sugar cereal
- Spaghetti or pasta noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Whole grain crackers
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter and jelly or jam (low or no sugar preferred)
- Canned green beans, brown beans, corn, spinach
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit (low or no sugar)

Please place your food donations in the Red Boxes located near the Basilica doors

In addition to food, we are accepting **monetary donations** to help purchase turkeys and other essentials for large families.

Make checks payable to **SVdP at St. Joseph Basilica**

Place checks or cash in an envelope labeled "SVdP Thanksgiving".

🙏 A special thank you to the SJES families who are already contributing turkey dinner items. Your kindness makes a real difference.



Parish Information

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Michael Chinnvaso - 7:00pm Music Coordinator, mchinnvaso@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas

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Bernadette Baria - Music Director, 510.522.8933

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