

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.

First Sunday of Lent: February 22, 2026



Adult Confirmation celebrated on January 31, 2026 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

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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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Basilica Hours: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8 am / First Friday: 7:00 pm

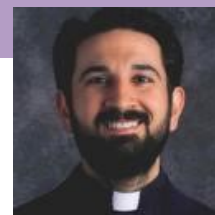
Saturday: 8 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

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,

Since I got some positive comments on last week's bulletin in which I shared the Instagram post from "Catholic Truth Society" on tips for what to avoid choosing as a Lenten penance, I thought I would follow that up with another one of their posts, **"Don't Make These Common Mistakes This Lent."** Enjoy.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

- 1. Expecting Perfection from yourself.** There's a difference between setting goals and setting unrealistic expectations. If Lent doesn't go as well as you hoped, don't condemn yourself. It's good to be confronted with your weakness because it teaches you to rely on God, not yourself.
- 2. Prioritizing penance over charity.** If your Lenten penance has a negative impact on other people, it's time for a rethink. Often, we focus on piety at the expense of charity, but this is a grave misunderstanding of holiness. Becoming closer to God should teach you to love others more, not make their lives unnecessarily harder.
- 3. Congratulating yourself on doing Lent well.** If, when Lent comes, you think that it's going well, don't attribute that to your own efforts. Instead, offer gratitude to God for all that He has done to help you and give Him the credit for it.
- 4. Not contemplating Jesus' Passion.** If you never spend time contemplating the Passion of Jesus during Lent, through praying the Stations of the Cross or your own private devotion, you've lost the meaning of Lent. The season then becomes reduced to what *you* need to do (your penance and Lenten observances) rather than what Jesus has already done. The only reason heaven is open to us is the cross.
- 5. Focusing solely on fasting.** Lent is not just a time for giving up something. While it's important to fast during Lent, it's also a time to increase in prayer and giving alms. Your fasting and almsgiving becoming "two wings of prayer," according to Saint Augustine.
- 6. Not setting clear Lenten resolutions.** If you go into Lent with only a vague idea of how you will spend your time, you will find that it is hard to do anything well. Be clear with yourself and God beforehand about exactly what you will do, being specific about what/when/how much etc.
- 7. Looking gloomy during Lent to prove you're taking Lent seriously.** You can't judge the success of your Lenten journey by how miserable it makes you. Jesus does not call us to walk around being gloomy for 40 days. In fact, He condemned sackcloth and ashes and told people to wash their faces so that their fasting would not be obvious to anyone. Only what God sees matters.
- 8. Seeing Lent as a reminder of all your mistakes.** Don't look at your penance as a symbol of all you've done wrong. We are called to atone for our sins, yes, but not to dwell on them and endlessly condemn ourselves for them. Instead of focusing on your mistakes, see fasting as a gift to give Jesus out of your love. In that way, you can see it as something beautiful and positive.
- 9. Assuming Lent should make you unhappy.** Don't look at your penance as a symbol of all you've done wrong. Neither should you look at it like something that's going to bring you misery for the next few weeks. Look at your penance as the vehicle which will bring you closer to Jesus, a perspective which should bring you great joy.
- 10. Avoiding true repentance.** There is a danger during Lent that we simply stay on the surface - we focus on what we're doing, but not on the *why*. Your Lenten penance and other Lenten practices should stir your heart to see ways that you have drifted from God, and to truly repent for those ways. Make sure you find time for confession and truly mean what you say when you go.
- 11. Comparing your Lent to other people's.** Don't become discouraged at your progress during Lent because other people appear to be doing "better." Everyone's Lenten journey is different just as everyone's spiritual journey is different. Focus on what God is calling you to do this land and don't look at anyone else.
- 12. Criticizing other people for their Lenten habits.** It's not your place to judge what other people do during lent. Even if you see someone indulging during Lent, seemingly doing an "easy" penance, or apparently not living differently at all, say nothing. The sins of judgment and pride often masquerade as fraternal correction. Focus on what God has asked of you and remember that there may be much about that person's spiritual life that you can't see.

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **February 23:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **February 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>)
- **February 26:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Friday Devotions During Lent:

February 27

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

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
(No Stations on March 6)

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, March 6

Confession is offered from
5:30 - 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm

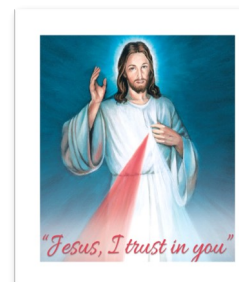
St. Barnabas

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, February 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.



Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, February 27
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Have you attended Taizé before?

Taizé is a simple, ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered as a witness to peace and reconciliation, for which we gather each month on the fourth Friday of the month—all are welcome to participate!

(Note: For the months of November and December Taizé is on the third Friday)

(Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland)



Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry: Our Lady of Guadalupe is called the Patroness of the Americas and at St. Joseph, we have Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry. Anyone is welcome to join the Ministry in any of their Meetings and/or partake in any events that are being planned each year in the month of December to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Ministry meet on the **first Thursday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Grotto (located in the Basilica's Vestibule) to pray the Rosary in Spanish or plan for December events. Volunteers can assist with ongoing fundraising activities, help with the liturgies (plan, create worship aid, organize children's procession, lector in Spanish, serve as greeter, etc.), volunteer your music or entertainment skills, provide technical assistance, or assist with the food, set up or clean-up for hospitality.

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, March 5
For more information, contact Yunia S. Renteria:
yuniarenteria@gmail.com



First Friday Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus March 6, Basilica

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

Upcoming Collection:

Febr 28 / March 1

- ◇ **St. Joseph: Maintenance**
- ◇ **St. Barnabas: Rebuilding the Church Fund**



Your generous donations are crucial for maintaining our Parishes and Grounds. Your support enables us to continue our important work. Donation envelopes are available in the pews/entrances to the Church. Or, donate online with REALM - link here (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and on the drop down-bar select "Maintenance St. Joseph or /RBC St. Barnabas". Thank you for your generosity!

New to our St. Joseph Parish?

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass in the Plaza (weather permitting) and connect and make new acquaintances, and enjoy the St. Joseph community!



Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary March 14

Join us in praying for an end to abortion with the Alameda Catholic Community. Gather at 9:15 am in front of Alameda's City Hall. Let's be a voice for our voiceless brothers and sisters!

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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, February 21

8:00 am 1) Harnett & Curtin Families - Living & Deceased
2) +Liliana Zell
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am +Jonathan Ramos
9:30 am +Festus Egbuonu
12:00 pm Harnett & Curtin Families - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Norma Steine

Monday, February 23

8:00 am 1) +Phu Nguyen
2) Peter Val Mendoza - Birthday

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 am +Roan Natac Kees - Death Anniversary

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 am +Louis Vonderheid

Thursday, February 26

8:00 am Lito-Rose Paus

Friday, February 27

8:00 am Braylon de Leon - Birthday

Saturday, February 28

8:00 am +Rowena Montandon
5:00 pm 1) Candelaria Del Rosario - 1st Death Anniversary
2) James & Sharon LaCroix Snider - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Elizabeth Talay - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm Flavio Barrantes & Family
7:00 pm Maina & Vern Haik - Anniversary



Patricia Millosovich

Friday, February 27, 11 am, Basilica

Rest in Peace

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Caesar Alvarez, Louise Astle, Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Nancy Graham, , Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Femy Visperas, Marlene & Craig Wilson.

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

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, February 21

4:30 pm St. Barnabas Ushers & Sacristans

Sunday, February 22

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Matilde Awayan

Monday, February 23

12:10 pm +Freddie Garcia

Tuesday, February 24

12:10 pm +Porfiria Dio

Wednesday, February 25

12:10 pm +Anunciacion Parras

Thursday, February 26

12:10 pm +Conrado Tapia

Friday, February 27

12:10 pm +Emmanuel Barcena

Saturday, February 28

4:30 pm Gabriele Macalino

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am +Veronica Caspillo
11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News



Faith Formation: Celebrating Sacraments

Last month ten participants in the Adult Confirmation classes were confirmed at the Cathedral: Alex Delle Cese, Melisa Fernando, Richard Gonzalez, Julissa Martinez, Andres Morales-Fuentes, Angie Parangueo, Giselle McAlister Pierce, Gil Ramos, Jay Ruiz and Marcel Sawicki (pictured on front page). Confirmed a few weeks earlier elsewhere was Abilen Mora. This month Heather Pitman (with Matthew Graybeal who was prepared elsewhere), both baptized in different Christian traditions, were received into full communion of the Catholic Church, confirmed and received Eucharist. Others from the class will complete their initiation at another time. Five adults are just beginning their journey to Christian Initiation, as last Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate. Salina Campbell, Anders Lee, Lindsey Harrington, Heather Dieguez and Rowan Vidal join our other catechumens preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

(Reception into Full Communion: Visit our parish Facebook page for photos.)

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Monthly Financial Report - January 2026

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

Stewardship Update

St. Joseph Basilica

2026 Actual Comparisons

Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Jan	54,881	54,583	54,436	101%	1%

St. Barnabas Church

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Jan	22,623	22,016	17,339	103%	30%

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