

# 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 5, 2025



Sept 28: Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz. Thank you Simbang Gabi Ministry for hosting the wonderful reception!

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**Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday**

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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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

## Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

Happy October, the Month of the Rosary. As I did during Lent 2024 when I asked parishioners to write about their devotion to the Eucharist, during this month I am going to ask different parishioners to share their devotion to the Rosary. For the first one, I asked Seamus Harrington to share his thoughts. May these testimonies inspire a greater love of the Rosary within you. Enjoy!

With much love,  
Father Mario

*"The Rosary is a powerful weapon in our hands. It not only strengthens us in our personal struggles but also calls down heavenly help for the whole world. Each bead is a step towards the Heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary. Never be ashamed to carry your Rosary or to pray it wherever you are — for through it, you hold the key to countless graces and the sure protection of the Immaculata, who crushes the head of the serpent." — St. Maximilian Kolbe*

When thinking about my return to the faith, I can't help but reminisce on the 25-year journey that led me back. After graduating high school in '98, I couldn't wait to break free from the bondage of thirteen straight years of Catholic Schooling. No more uniforms or crusty rules. My new life was all set to begin, and I would now live it on my own terms! Well, it didn't take long before my proverbial faceplant. I guess nonstop partying with barely any sleep will do that to a person. I knew I had to make some adjustments.

As luck would have it, I just so happened to fall into a job that I liked and that I wanted to keep. So, I made the decision that I would shelve the partying to focus on my new career path. Of course, being a good Irish Catholic, I never thought drinking alcohol was one of the items needing to be put on the shelf.

Fast forward 17 years and numerous stories later (I'll spare you those details), I realized it was time to put the plug in the jug and finally grow up. As part of the process of getting sober, I had to face God and face the fact that I was not him. That step was easy for me since I had always believed in God, I just didn't want to have to visit him at church. However, I was curious as to why he thought that I was worth all the trouble.

About six years into sobriety, I was now married and living in Alameda with my wife and our dog. I was still working for the same company but now working fully remote due to the pandemic. Life was going as well as could be expected. If you ask my wife, she will tell you that I was thriving in these conditions. However, there was a feeling that something was missing.

One day while thinking about it, I felt a nudge as though God were saying, "you know what's missing." I started to get the sense that my days of avoiding church were coming to an end. I remembered my neighbor telling me that he attended Mass at St. Joseph Basilica. As I was long overdue for confession, I planned to head over on the following Saturday. When I arrived, I was greeted by Father Mario. I immediately got the feeling of good vibes. After confession, Father Mario suggested I spend some time in prayer with our Blessed Mother in the grotto. I didn't have to spend much time in the grotto before realizing, I was home. From that moment, I vowed that I would no longer take half measures and would immerse myself in the faith. A critical part of that immersion would be "spiritual fitness", and the Rosary would come to be my daily exercise. I came to realize that if I am praying the Rosary daily, I am less likely to sin. The Blessed Mother helps point me in the right direction, which is always to her son and our Lord. The message is the same as at the Wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." When I miss a day, I notice the difference. Sometimes it might be just slightly off, and other times, it can get downright dicey.

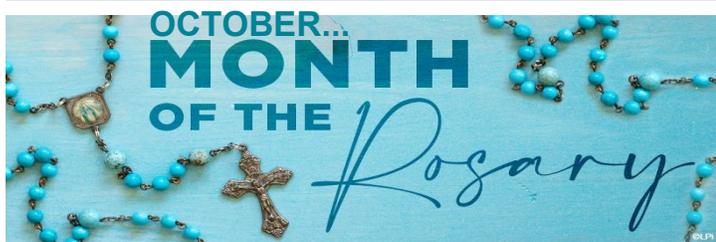
Another blessing has been praying the Rosary at the Monday Men's Power Hour. Believe it or not, I look forward to Mondays now, and it is a great start to the week. There is a real sense of camaraderie among this group of men, and you can feel the Spirit working through our collective prayer.

This past July, my wife Lindsey and I made the decision to bring our civil union before God. We had the opportunity to celebrate this special moment with seven other couples through a convalidation ceremony. The process was seamless from start to finish and the outcome was truly a blessing.

We are now attending the 12-week Alpha course. The program is seemingly geared toward newbies to the Christian faith, but we have found it to be extremely engaging. There is really something for everyone. I wasn't sure if my wife (who is not Catholic) was going to make it the whole way through. However, here we are 6 weeks in, and she is still showing up. Praise Jesus! We are also building bonds and there is definitely a noticeable sense of community.



## Upcoming Events



### Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Tuesday, October 7

In honor of Our Lady, St. Joseph's Legion of Mary invites you to join them for Rosary at 6:30 pm in the Basilica.

#### This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **October 6:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **October 9:** 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 10:** Families 'Holy Half-Hour', 5:30 - 6:00 pm, Basilica, followed by potluck in the Notre Dame Hall.
- **October 12:** Parish Family Activity, 10:45 am, St. Joseph's Gathering Space
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

### OCTOBER—RESPECT LIFE MONTH Building a culture that cherishes and protects every human life.

*With great joy, we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. —USCCB*

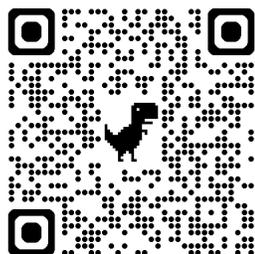
As we begin Respect Life Month, let us embrace the inspiring words of Pope Leo XIV: "Each baptized person is called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, affirming through our words and actions the inherent goodness and dignity of every human person. For resources on Respect Life Month, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

#### **\*\*ANGEL GIVING PROJECT 2025\*\***

We invite you to join the inspiring St. Joseph Basilica tradition of the Angel Giving Project, a heartfelt initiative that brings joy to needy children, adults and seniors in our community each year.

Starting this weekend, you can support the tradition and make difference by writing a check payable to St. Joseph Basilica with "Angel Giving Project" or "Midway Shelter" in the memo line. Place your contribution in the collection basket or mail it to: St. Joseph Basilica 1109 Chestnut St. Alameda, CA 94501. Remember to note "Angel Giving Project" on the envelope.

You can also donate via credit card through [Realm](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>). On the drop-down bar, search for "Angel Giving Project (Nov-Dec)", or scan the QR code. We will gladly accept contributions from October 5th through December 23rd.



Paper ornaments featuring gift requests will be available in the Basilica on Saturday, November 22nd. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your generous support! If you have any questions, please reach out to Peggy Ritchie at 510.865.8352.

#### The Catholic Voice/ Diocesan Communications Collection October 11 & 12

Support our Catholic Voice next weekend! Your support is vital as we build on that legacy and bring the Good News in familiar and new ways to our community in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews for in person donation or on line with [REALM](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>). On the drop-down bar, scroll for 'Catholic Voice (October)'. For free subscription to The Voice, subscribe [here](https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland) (<https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>)

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry Fundraiser: Tamales for sale, Sunday, October 19 after all the earlier Masses, in the Gathering Space

Tamales are back! If you missed them in September, don't miss out this time! You can pre-order by contacting Roberta Fuentes at 510-924-6872. Pre-orders must be placed by October 17. You can pick up your tamales on that day between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm at St. Joseph's Gathering Space.

Price of tamales: \$5 each or \$50 for a dozen  
(Proceeds will help sponsor Our Lady's celebrations in December)

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

## 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



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Romelita Bautista, 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 Cristina Villa.

**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](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org).

### Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

#### Saturday, October 4

8:00 am In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 pm 1) +Harvey Hanson III  
2) +David Sullivan

#### Sunday, October 5

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
9:30 am +Mr Simmons  
12:00 pm +Brendan Barker  
7:00 pm James Clark

#### Monday, October 6

8:00 am +Leo Cabrera - Death Anniversary

#### Tuesday, October 7

8:00 am 1) +Rosalino S. Lopez - Birthday Remembrance

#### Wednesday, October 8

8:00 am +Elvie Mendoza

#### Thursday, October 9

8:00 am 1) +Richard H. Bergstrom  
2) James Clark

#### Friday, October 10

8:00 am 1) +Danny Morena  
2) +Betty O'Neill

#### Saturday, October 11

8:00 am 1) +Dana & Kathryn Curtis  
2) Steve & Nancy Cytron  
- 41st Wedding Anniversary

5:00 pm 1) +Felicidad Soriano  
2) Anna Woo - Birthday

#### Sunday, October 12

7:30 am Pilar Alcontin - 94th Birthday  
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm 1) Jonathan-Paul Acker  
2) +Carlo Di Rucco  
7:00 pm James Clark

### 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

#### Saturday, October 4

4:30 pm +Andrea de Jesus & +Horacio de Jesus

#### Sunday, October 5

9:00 am People of the Parish  
11:00 am Khai Leong - Birthday

#### Monday, October 6

12:10 pm +Florencia Carrillo Flores & Children

#### Tuesday, October 7

12:10 pm +Paul Hwa Hsue

#### Wednesday, October 8

12:10 pm +Manuel & +Prudencia Rodrigues

#### Thursday, October 9

12:10 pm +Lauro Farrales

#### Friday, October 10

12:10 pm +Ricardo Daysog, Sr.

#### Saturday, October 11

4:30 pm Benjamin Cuvelier

#### Sunday, October 12

9:00 am +Sofia Perez  
11:00 am People of the Parish

## Other News



**Faith Formation News:** Welcome to the newest members of our faith community: Diana Hull, Clayton Chan, James Engebretson and Shahin Tabibzadeh who celebrated the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate last Sunday. They come from a diversity of different backgrounds, but all are seeking to follow Jesus through baptism. They join our growing number of catechumens who are preparing for full initiation in the Catholic Church. Please pray that our community continues to actively draw and welcome newcomers to the faith. Information at [www.sjbalameda.org/initiation](http://www.sjbalameda.org/initiation).

## Parish Information

### Clergy Contacts:

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**Sherley Lim** - Parish Secretary, 510.995.9420 / email:

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#### St. Barnabas

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### Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners please contact:

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**St. Barnabas:** Fr. Kenneth - phone: 510.995.9406 /

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### St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475

St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

### St. Barnabas' Ushers recruitment

The Ushers Ministry is one of the most enjoyable ministries in the Catholic Church. You have the honor of welcoming God's friends into His house every week. At St. Barnabas, we now need additional Ushers to make sure that each of our three weekend Masses is fully supported so we can provide a safe and fulfilling religious experience for all that attend. On the weekend of October 25th and 26th, there will be a sign-up table outside after each Mass. Please sign up and join our Ushers Ministry. For more information, please call or email Anna Rossi, [amrossi1238@aol.com](mailto:amrossi1238@aol.com) or 415.821.3643.

**Important Note:** Before starting, volunteers must complete the Diocese Safe Environment requirements.

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