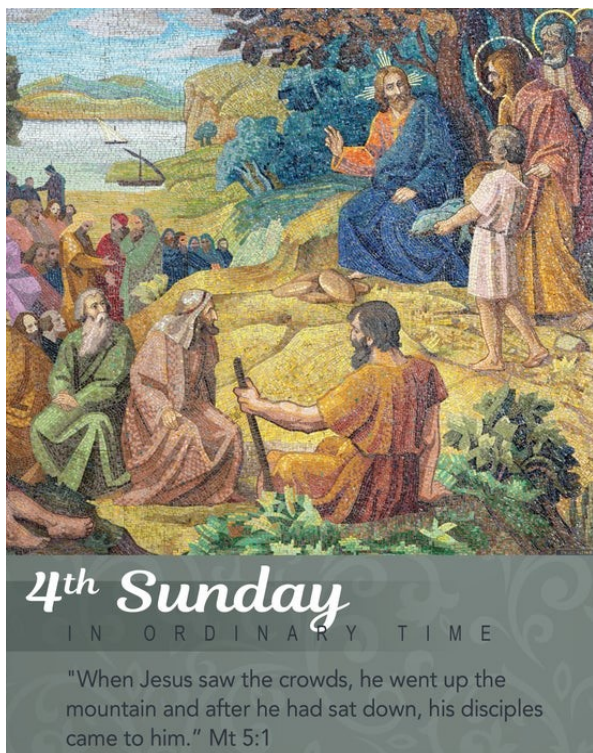


Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes

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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 1, 2026



Catholic Schools Week: Participation by our students, faculty & staff at the 9:30 am Mass on January 25.

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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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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

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

This weekend we enter the month of February, the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Family. This dedication is primarily because the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd, the event in which Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple 40 days after his birth and presented him to God. In that story, the old man Simeon takes Jesus into his arms and blesses God, saying, *“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel”* (Luke 2:29-32). This is why the Feast of the Presentation is referred to as Candlemas, because families have traditionally brought candles to church on this day to be blessed to illuminate their homes throughout the year.

This action of the Presentation made by Joseph and Mary provides a beautiful lens into what family life is called to be. First, it depicts a family that prioritizes the worship of God. Mary and Joseph made the journey to the Temple because they were aware of their religious obligations. They were obedient to God and His law. In our parishes, we have *many* families who take their religious duties seriously. Too often, however, we see other families relegate the practice of our faith to a low priority, when their other obligations, activities, and hobbies are completed. Mary and Joseph show us that God must be number one, for He is the light by which we see, by which we make our way through the dark and troubling moments that often confront us. This too is a mark of a holy family. A holy family is not a “perfect” family, not one that attempts to ignore or discard moments of weakness or suffering. In a holy family, each member finds support from the others, in joyful moments, and sorrowful ones as well.

We see this in a special way in the story of the Presentation when Simeon prophesies about Mary, declaring, *“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”* (vv. 34-35).

This line is where we get the first of the “Seven Sorrows” of Mary: the others being, **the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus in the Temple, the meeting of Jesus on the way to Calvary, standing at the Foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken down from the Cross, and the burial of Jesus.** Under this title, “Our Lady of Sorrows,” Mary is depicted with her heart exposed, pierced by seven small swords (there is a statue of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, in the side niche at St. Barnabas). As the Mother of God, Mary is uniquely united to each moment of her Son’s life, especially His Passion and death. She suffered with her Son, exhibiting a steadfast and courageous faith when so many others had fearfully abandoned Him. We might think of another image, Michelangelo’s *Pieta*. This is the pinnacle of what a holy family looks like.



Let us make February a month in which our families are renewed in love for one another, a love that goes beyond what is superficial, leading us into a greater availability for the other, especially in their moments of need. Consider a weekly family Rosary, a half an hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, or a nightly reading of Scripture.

I am happy to say that after a year and a half, I have finally hung this icon of the Holy Family, which I purchased in Sicily in July, 2024. Since then, it has been sitting in the sacristy, but is now in the grotto at St. Joseph for your veneration. Next to it, there is another new image of St. Therese of Lisieux (graciously donated by Patricia and Greg Binder). It is fitting that these images are together because Therese got her start to sainthood from a family environment that was rich in holiness, leading all five Martin sisters to become nuns. This was not simply an overly pious family, but a family that was tried and purified through suffering. Therese was one of nine children, but four of them died in infancy. When Therese was four years old, her mother died leaving her father to raise the remaining five girls. When the girls got older and entered their monasteries, their father’s mental health declined, and he had to be admitted into a psychiatric hospital.

So you see, the Martin family was a holy one, producing not just one saint – Therese – but also her parents, not simply because they went to Mass each Sunday and prayed the Rosary, which they did, and which is important for families to do. They became saints because they suffered with each other, and in those dark moments they saw the light of Christ manifested in the love they gave to one another.

This is the power that is offered to us through our beautiful Catholic faith. What a blessing it is to be a part of this faith family.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **February 2:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **February 5:** 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 5:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **February 5:** Our Lady Of Guadalupe First Thursday Rosary and Gathering. 6:30 pm, Basilica's Grotto. Drop ins welcome!
- **February 7:** Communal First Saturday, 7:15 am, Basilica.
- **February 10:** Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina, 7:00—8:00 pm at St. Barnabas School, Room 3

Feast of St. Blaise Tuesday, February 3

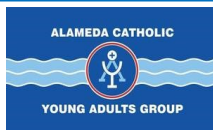
St. Joseph will celebrate the traditional blessing of throats during the 8:00 am Mass to commemorate the Feast Day of St. Blaise.

The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group (YAG) for the 20s & 30s

We gather bi-weekly for prayer and discussion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St.

Upcoming gathering: February 4)

Please contact Daniel Javier at danielcjavier@gmail.com or join "Alameda Young Adult Group" on WhatsApp for meeting details.



Ministry of Caring

Sunday, February 8, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
St. Joseph's Rectory
(2nd Sunday of each month)

Please note that starting February, the Ministry of Caring—your support group for those who have lost a spouse or significant other—will be meeting on the second Sunday of each month instead of the third. We hope this change works well for you, and we're here to support you every step of the way!



First Friday Devotion
in honor of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
February 6, Basilica
Confession: 5:30-6:30pm

Parish Family Activity : February 15

10:45 am, St. Joseph Plaza
All ages welcome!

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

East Ocean Seafood Restaurant (1713 Webster Street, Alameda)

No host bar 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45 per person

Menu:

American Beef Broccoli • BBQ Pork Chow Mein
Black Bean Rock Cod Fish Fillet with String Beans
Mixed Vegetables with Tofu • Prawns with Lobster Sauce
Sweet & Sour Chicken • Steamed White Rice • Fortune Cookie

Raffle with great prizes!

Physical tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend masses. Last date of sale February 15th at St. Barnabas only.
For immediate purchase (no physical ticket) please scan QR Code.

Cost: \$45 per person



Any questions, please contact Cindy Harless at (510-517-1289)

Or email: cindyharless2025@gmail.com

We look forward to enjoying the night with you.
See you there!

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Mass times with Ashes

St. Joseph: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

St. Barnabas: 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm



Sign up for Alpha 3 this Spring!
Each Tuesday from
February 24 through May 5,
6:30 - 8:30 pm in Notre Dame Hall

Alpha is a series that asks important questions about life and faith. We begin with dinner, followed by a short video exploring a question of faith. Then, we discuss it in our small group.

Scan or click on the QR code to register. Or, sign up sheets are available the Basilica's Niche.

Note: If you participated in Alpha 1 or 2 and would like to participate again, you will be placed on a waiting list to make room for new attendees. We will notify you if there are openings.



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

The Communal First Saturdays, St. Joseph, 7:15 am



Ida Mae Kempel

Rosary: Wednesday, February 4: 5:30 pm, Basilica
Funeral Mass: Thursday, February 5, 11 am, Basilica

Rest in Peace

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Louise Astle, Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Jane Burgelin, Romelita Bautista, Jun de la Cruz, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Bob Heimbichner, Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Rina Tobis.

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.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am Agnes Marcheschi
5:00 pm +Connie Consentino

Sunday, February 1

7:30 am +Vitaliano Ofrenco
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm Michaela Musngi - Birthday
7:00 pm +Catherine McCann - Death Anniversary

Monday, February 2

8:00 am +Festus Egbuonu

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am +Inez Gionti

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am +Gaudencio Pardo - Death Anniversary

Thursday, February 5

8:00 am +Yolanda Barrantes, Luisa DeLama and +Clara Pretell

Friday, February 6

8:00 am Roenna Alegre - Birthday

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am 1) In Reparation of the Immaculate of Mary
2) +Amy & Cliff Montandon
5:00 pm +Lorie Proctor

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am +Inez Gionti
9:30 am +Felimon Espinosa, Sr. - Death Anniversary
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata

February Mass Intention request is closed since dates are filled.

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, January 31

4:30 pm Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am +Marci Pereira
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, February 2

12:10 pm Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Tuesday, February 3

12:10 pm

Wednesday, February 4

12:10 pm +Aida & Mel Quiapo

Thursday, February 5

12:10 pm +Hermana Nelly Esther Rodriguez

Friday, February 6

12:10 pm Apostleship of Prayer

Saturday, February 7

4:30 pm Veronica D'Cruz

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Anna Nobrega

Other News



Faith Formation Update - Forgiven!

Recently our young people celebrated Reconciliation for the first time. Fr. Mario presided at the Communal Penance Service with a powerful reflection on God's great mercy expressed through the story of the Prodigal Son. Fathers Kenneth, Steve and Alvaro joined him in hearing over forty confessions. There were many joyful hearts and faces afterwards! Many thanks to their parents, teachers and catechists.

Convalidation Information Sessions

What is Convalidation?

Catholics are obliged to be married in the Church. Convalidation is the validation of the civil marriage of a Catholic by the Church. It is when a couple, married outside the Church, brings their union in line with the Church and returns to the reception of the Sacraments.

If you would like more information on Convalidation, please join Fr. Mario at one of the sessions at St. Joseph's Parish Rectory:
Thursday, February 5: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Sunday, February 8: 11:00 - 12:00 pm



Old Palms for New Ashes: Baskets are available in the Basilica for you to drop off your old palms this weekend through February 14. If the Basilica is closed, you can also leave your palms in a designated basket outside the Rectory. The old palms will be burned and prepared for distribution at all Ash Wednesday Masses.

**WORLD DAY
OF THE SICK
2026
FEBRUARY 7**

**SATURDAY@11AM MASS
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT**

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Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners please contact:

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SVDP Saint Barnabas Conference

Please help us help our neighbors in need, & keep the pantry stocked, our pantry is utilized year-round.

The following items are currently needed:

- Crackers, canned Vienna sausages, chili, canned Chef Boyardee & ravioli, canned tamales
- Peanut butter, Jam, Canned Chicken Pasta, cereal, Soup, Mac & cheese & Rice

Please drop donations in a bin labeled 'Food donations' located in St. Barnabas Church Vestibule.

St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

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