

# Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes



SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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#### Office Hours:

**Wednesday through Friday**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm).  
Available remotely through email &  
voicemail.

#### Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm  
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

#### Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

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

#### Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:00 am  
Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

#### Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturday:

- Following Morning Mass, ending at 9 am
  - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Dear Family,

We continue to make our Lenten journey together, guided by the theme, “**Revived by the Eucharist in the Wilderness.**” Below, please enjoy another parishioner testimony on the Eucharist. This week, I asked a member of both the parish and the elementary school, Gisele Tanasse, to share her thoughts on the Eucharist. Gisele is an alumna of our high school, but has recently begun to immerse herself into parish ministry, giving her time as a lector, sacristan, helper for Arts and Environment, and basically stepping up wherever there is a need in the church and the school where she has two kids.

I hope you find in these testimonies encouragement and inspiration to grow in your love of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is there to revive u

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

*“Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament... There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.”(J. R. R. Tolkien)*

*“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes.”(Pope St. Paul VI)*

My return to the Eucharist is recent: I wandered in the secular wilderness, largely away from the Church, for my entire adult life. When a good friend died in an accident, I was devastated and recognized that my pain was a spiritual pain. What stuck with me was an invitation from Fr. Mario for elementary school parents to take a break in the Basilica, "you don't have to do anything... just sit in silence."

This was the loophole I needed. I was in a tricky spot, on a second civil marriage, now with two kids who hadn't even been baptized. To reconcile with God and return to receiving the Eucharist seemed impossible, but spending time in peaceful silence with Jesus in the morning led to attending daily Mass and praying the Rosary.

One night, overwhelmed by a feeling of helplessness, through the Rosary, I perceived a message, “Bring it to your Father.” This phrase is at the center of the time I spend in Adoration and prayerful reflection - I am still learning what it means. “Bring it to your Father” can be a call to prayer or Reconciliation, a prompt to thank God, and often a reminder that I don't have to worry about doing anything, but just ask for the Lord's help and to remember God's love – some days, I have a harder time at this than others! It all seems to come down to how much time I have spent in Adoration, refilling my tank.

My favorite part of mass is the Consecration - knowing that God accepts our most humble sacrifice, simple bread and wine, and through the Holy Spirit, through His Word, He transforms them. Similarly, He has transformed the grief I offered Him into the comfort of loving, faith-filled friendships; He has transformed the civil marriage we offered him to a Catholic marriage; and He has transformed our unbaptized children into the Elect (soon to be baptized this Easter). He has transformed me and my life.

My love of the Eucharist and my appreciation of His true presence grew most fervently during the many months I did not receive Communion while preparing for my convalidation. Whether one approaches Jesus at Mass as I do today, with hands outstretched to joyfully receive the Body of Christ... or if we approach Him not yet ready to receive, but offering a sincere reverence, He is ardently thirsting for us all.

*For when he asked the Samaritan Woman for water to drink,  
He had already created the gift of faith within her,  
And so ardently did he thirst for her faith,  
That He kindled in her the fire of divine love. (Preface of the Third Sunday of Lent)*



## Other News

### Holy Thursday Special Collection, March 28

The special collection taken up on Holy Thursday will benefit St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). SVdP provide assistance to the needy in our Parish Community. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Thank you for your support!

*Note: Please issue check with memo line "Holy Thursday Collection".*

### Pontifical Good Friday Collection Benefiting Christians in the Holy Land, March 29

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Donation envelopes are in the pews.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday)

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## Upcoming Events



**Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org/holy-week](http://crsricebowl.org/holy-week) to learn more.

**Lenten Rice Bowls:** Please drop them off in baskets found at all entrances next weekend, or Rectory, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. Thank you for your support.

**For Holy Week Schedule, please see Page 5**

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

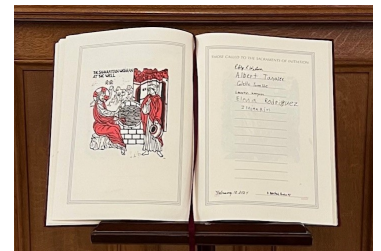
- Mar 25:** Monday Men's Power Hour continued as usual
- Mar 26:** Adult Formation Lenten Prayer & Reflection, 7pm starting in Parish Center. Open to all.
- Mar 28 & 29:** Morning Prayer - no 8 am Mass
- Mar 28:** Thursday Women's Rosary is canceled
- Mar 30:** Morning Prayer and Rite of Preparation at 8am
- Apr 2:** Adult Formation potluck social and Easter celebration, 7pm in St. Joseph Elementary School.
- Apr 7:** Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 6/7:** St. Vincent de Paul 'March 5th Sunday' Special Collection (moved from March 31)
- Apr 14:** Maintenance Collection (moved from Apr 7)

Parish Offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 29 at Noon, and reopen on Tuesday, April 2. Our Priests and Parish Staff wish the Parish Community a very blessed Holy Week and Easter!

### Faith Formation News: Journey to Baptism!

The journey to Baptism is in its final week for seven members of our community: Philip Wilson, Isaiah Rios, Lauren Huynh, Albert Tanasse, Colette Tanasse, Elena Rodriguez and Ryder Faria. They range in age from 7 to senior citizen. All started the journey more than a year ago, either through St. Joseph Elementary School or Faith Formation or Christian Initiation "inquiry" sessions. They've participated in classes or weekly gatherings, Sunday dismissals, the Rite of Election at the Cathedral after signing their names in the Book of the Elect (pictured), and the recent Scrutinies and Presentations that are so important the Church requires special readings at those Masses (info at <https://sjbalameda.org/lent-liturgies>). This Saturday during Morning Prayer they will celebrate the Rite of Preparation, prior to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and for some Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil that evening. They are grateful for your prayers and support, and you are invited to witness their baptism (Vigil starts at 8pm) and to join the celebration at the reception in the Elementary School afterwards.

*(Who will you invite to discover Jesus? The doors are always open: <https://sjbalameda.org/rcia>)*



## Praying Together



*God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.*

### Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

#### Saturday, March 23

8:00 am +Norma Tumang  
5:00 pm +Bernard Gauvin

#### Sunday, March 24

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
9:30 am 1) Patricia & Fortunato Zamora - Death Anniversary  
2) Felix L. Camerino Sr. - Death Anniversary  
12:00 pm +Reynaldo Ramos  
7:00 pm Mr & Mrs Ortiz

#### Monday, March 25

8:00 am +Jose Lim - 1st Death Anniversary

#### Tuesday, March 26

8:00 am +Pat Jackson

#### Wednesday, March 27

8:00 am 1)+Rev. Karl-Josef Kraus  
2)+Erika Merrick

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No 8 am Mass)  
7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper - People of the Parish

#### Good Friday, March 29

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No 8 am Mass)  
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 am Morning Prayer (No 8 am & 5 pm Masses)

#### Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm People of the Parish

#### Easter Sunday, March 31: 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 12 pm

People of the Parish  
(7:00 pm - The Mass will not be celebrated)

### Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

#### Saturday, March 23

4:30 pm Delia Cartwright - Birthday

#### Sunday, March 24

9:00 am People of the Parish  
11:00 am +Vincent Conocono

#### Monday, March 25

12:10 pm +Purification Macale

#### Tuesday, March 26

12:10 pm +Dr. Aloysius Aghaji

#### Wednesday, March 27

12:10 pm +Isaias Hernandez

#### Holy Thursday, March 28

12:10 pm **No Service until 6:30 pm**  
6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday, March 29

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### Easter Vigil, Saturday March 30

8:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 am Elizabeth & Raphael Baligaya & Family  
11:00 am People of the Parish

## Devotions

### Daily Rosary

St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am

**Men's Power Hour:** St. Joseph, Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
(Note: Rosary at 6 pm & Lectio at 6:30 pm)

**First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese**  
St. Joseph, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays**  
St. Joseph, following the 8:00 am Mass  
St. Barnabas: following 12:10 pm Mass

**Women's Rosary:** St. Joseph, Thursday, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

**First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**  
St. Barnabas, 11:30 am

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Joseph, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

*Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community*

### St. Joseph Basilica

Pillar Alcontin, Rosa Aquino, Sandy Anderson, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Mary Cronin, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Donnie Kelley, Reynaldo Lucas, Mauro Munoz, Jose Mariano, Nory A. Reyes, André Toribio, Dean Villanueva, Nina Woodle, Vinata Washington, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Dalmacio Quinto

The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Basilica's Sick List, please email: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org), 510.995.9420

### St. Barnabas

Lolla Manibusan Miller, Terri Vo, Ching Asuncion, Erica Rivard, Teresa Avina, Elvira Pangilinan, Terri Bowe, George Duenas, Cathy Garitano, Annie Sabaln, Madelen Lontiong, Dianna Munoz, Brianna Benedetto, Fermi Visperas, Norma de la Cruz, Jun de la Cruz, Seth Coldsnow Rosenberger, Antonia M. Lopez, and Felicito Petilos.

If you would like to have someone added to the list, call St. Barnabas Parish Office at 510.522.8933 ext 10.

## 2024 Holy Week Schedule

### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

Normal Mass schedule at both churches

### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

#### **St. Joseph**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm,

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Learning Center until Midnight

#### **St. Barnabas**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 pm,

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm

### **Good Friday, March 29**

#### **St. Joseph**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 12:00 pm  
(repeated at 7:00 pm)

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

#### **St. Barnabas**

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 pm

### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

#### **St. Joseph**

Morning Prayer: 8:00 am (No Mass at 8 am),  
followed by blessing of food

(no confession after Morning Prayer or at 3:30 pm)

### **Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30**

**St. Joseph:** 8:00 pm (with incense)

**St. Barnabas:** 8:00 pm (with incense)

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

#### **St. Joseph**

7:30 am, 9:30 am (with incense) & 12:00 pm (with incense)

(The 7:00 pm Mass will not be celebrated)

#### **St. Barnabas**

9:00 am and 11:00 am

(with incense at both Masses)

## **Welcome To Our Visitors!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We hope to see you again. If you would like to be a member of either Parish:

**St. Barnabas:** contact Gloria 510.522.8933 x 10; email: [sbparishoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sbparishoffice@comcast.net)

**St. Joseph:** Pick up a registration form found in the Basilica's Vestibule, Parish website: [sjbalameda.org](http://sjbalameda.org), or Parish Office.

Drop off the completed form to the Office or email to: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org)

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### **CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS**

#### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Priest:

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#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

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**St. Barnabas:** Gloria Maldonado, 510.522.8933 ext 10 / email: [sbparishoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sbparishoffice@comcast.net)

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