



**SAINT JOSEPH BASILICA**

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Weekdays: 8:00 am / Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

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**Fourth Sunday Of Lent, March 22, 2020**



*Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind."*

— John 9:39

## Diocesan Coronavirus Update

Following is the communication from the Office of Bishop Michael Barber over the concerns of the Coronavirus outbreak:

*Because of the heightened concern for the well-being of all our people in light of the Coronavirus, especially the elderly, I am dispensing from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland. Effective immediately, this dispensation will remain in effect until further notice. We will continue to monitor the recommendations of public health officials and re-evaluate as the situation warrants.*

### Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

The service scheduled for April 6 has been cancelled until further notice.

### Ministries /Group Updates

All Weekly Devotions, Parish ministries or groups' events/ meetings are suspended until further notice.

### Upcoming Events at a glance....

Date	Description	Time	Where
Thursdays Nights	Thursdays Nights Lenten Soup Meals	Canceled	
Thursdays Nights	Lenten Spiritual Reflection Series	Canceled	
Wednesday, March 25	Basilica Choir	Canceled	
Thursday, March 26	Children's Choir	Canceled	
Fridays, through April 3	Stations of the Cross	Canceled	
Fridays, through April 7	St. Joseph Elementary School's Liturgy	8:45 am: Canceled	
Friday, March 27	Taizé:	Canceled	

## Update: Anointing of the Sick Mass

St. Joseph Basilica will no longer have the *Anointing of the Sick* on the first Saturday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass beginning April. Instead, we will schedule a Mass quarterly on the second Saturday at 10:00 am for anyone who would like to receive Sacrament of the Sick. The first Mass is scheduled for June 13th. Light refreshment to follow.

### The Rite of Anointing

*In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.*

*The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.*

*When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.*

*~from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*



## A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

After a weekend of decreased Mass attendance due to people staying home to protect themselves and others from the Coronavirus, I would like to share something I saw on Instagram this morning that I found inspiring:

*When this is over,  
May we never again  
Take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life Itself.*

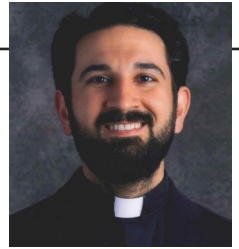
*When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way – better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

Amidst all the closures, social distancing, and quarantining, try to stay hopeful. We are a people of faith, who believe that God can - and will - always bring something good out of something evil. In addition to the hand washing, the elbow bumps, and the extra Vitamin C, remember to pray.

On a more practical note, I am making a request, looking to our future. Like businesses across the country, our parish depends on your financial contributions to survive. With the decreased Mass attendance, the parish will inevitably see a decrease in monetary contributions. So, while we are social distancing, I am asking you, if you are able, to continue to contribute to the weekly collection. If you are not attending Mass, you can mail in your contribution or drop it off in our mail slot. What is even better is to sign up for Faith Direct, our online giving service, which takes away all the hassle of paper envelopes. As of this week, I am signing up for Faith Direct. If you have any questions about how to sign up, please call the office or go to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and sign up using parish code CA702.

I am grateful for your consideration. During these uncertain times, please know of my prayers for our entire community.

God Bless,  
Fr. Mario Rizzo



## A Lent to Remember

Watch For Free on [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs *Symbolon* and *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

Register for free and easy [Formed.org/signup](http://Formed.org/signup). Select your parish and register with your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using [FORMED](http://FORMED).



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 21

8:00 am †Eliza Hankins - Birthday  
5:00pm †Newton Silva

### Sunday, March 22

7:30 am †Salvador Castaneda  
7:30 am †Mathew Zyla - Death Anniversary  
9:30 am †Jennifer Stahl  
11:30 am For the People of the Parish  
- Living & Deceased  
7:00p pm Marie Gloria Nabaza Torres  
- Birthday  
The Price Family - Thanksgiving

### Monday, March 23

8:00 am †Robert Mihalko  
Deacon Dave Young - Healing

### Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am †Patricia O'Grady  
†Teodoro Badilla

### Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am †Thomas J. Mason  
Barbara Wysocki - Birthday

### Thursday, March 26

8:00 am †Gianpaolo Gandolfo  
†Mary Turowski

### Friday, March 27

8:00 am †Maria & Joseph Nguyen

### Saturday, March 28

8:00 am †Mona Lee Bautista  
5:00 pm †Glen Amith  
†Fidela Singh Bautista

### Sunday, March 29

7:30 am Reynaldo Ramos  
Maya & Frank McKeney - Healing  
9:30 am †Felix Camerino - Death Anniversary  
†Lorenzo Villanueva  
11:30 am †Julita Guadalupe  
†Genevieve Avila  
7:00 pm For the People of the Parish  
- Living & Deceased

**Please remember to include  
St. Joseph Basilica in your will**

## Pray for the Sick

*May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord*

Sandy Anderson, Natalie Ackerman, Romelita Bautista, Ronald Bautista, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Mary Cronin, Lee Corral, Jamal Downs, Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Michael Long, Michael Lancaster, Monte McEntee, Maureen McGee, Lolla Manibusan, Michael Ricica, Becka Smith, Rachel Sutherland, Nory Reyes, Evangeline Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona, Prosperidad Salamanca, Dee Pickett, Charles H. Thomas & John Verduzco.

*Please call (510) 522-0181 if you would like a name to be added to the list.*

### DEVOTIONS

**Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - canceled**

Mon.- Sat., 7:30am

**First Friday Adoration - canceled**

10:00am - 1:00pm & 7:00 - 9:00pm

**First Tuesday Adoration - Vietnamese**

**- canceled**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help - canceled**

Wednesday after 8:00am Mass

**St. Joseph - Our Patron - canceled**

Thursday after 8:00am Mass

**Act of Consecration to  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus - canceled**

First Friday after 8:00am Mass

**Prayers to The Sacred Heart of Jesus - canceled**

Every Friday after 8:00am Mass

## The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord March 25

For Catholics, the theological importance of the Annunciation is its marking of the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises and preparations (CCC 484). Mary's assent to the angel's announcement was the beginning of Christ's Incarnation; God's coming into the world a fully human, born as we are born, with a grace-filled human mother. We remember each year that it was the beginning of Christ's coming for our salvation. It may not always be the easiest thing to do, but Mary shows us that we must listen to and do God's will. Let us follow her example this Lent. (USCCB)

## Labelling for Lent

As Catholics, and people of good will, we have both the right and responsibility to demand that the seafood we consume is not tainted by slave labor.

In an effort to prevent human trafficking, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking is asking seafood companies to clean up their supply chains and label their products as slave labor free. Learn more about Labeling for Lent and get involved: <http://catholiccurrent.org/salt-and-light/labeling-for-lent-2020/>

(Resources: USCCB/ CatholicCurrent.org)



## Offertory Collection Report

Due to the heightened concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak and as a precaution, our Counters Ministry has suspended their task indefinitely. The Report will be updated when we have the information. Thank you for your patience.

## St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) 5th Sunday Collection

Next week is SVdP collection. Envelopes will be at the doors this week and in the pews on March 28/29. Please take an envelope and prayerfully consider what you can give. The money that is collected in months that have a 5th Sunday is used to assist people in our neighborhood. We appreciate your support because it helps us provide help with utility bills (gas, electricity, water), rent, food, and sometimes medicine or other expenses. We also ask that you pray for the SVdP Conference at St. Joseph's and especially for the neighbors that we serve.

(Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish office's mail slot)

## Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially  
**Roland Minot**

As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to his family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

## Journey to Baptism

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Elect (those throughout the world preparing for Baptism this Easter) celebrate the Second Scrutiny. Today we hear of the man born blind, who in spite of his physical blindness was able to see that Jesus was the One who could help him. Is our vision as good? What are we unable or unwilling to see? Please pray for our six Elect who will be baptized and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The adults will also celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Newcomers are welcome to join Inquiry sessions on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center. Visit our website [www.sjbalameda.org/page/rcia](http://www.sjbalameda.org/page/rcia) or call Anne Marie at 995-9409 for information

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
(Office Closed for lunch: Noon to 1:00pm)

**Volunteer Coverage**

Sat. 8:30am - 12:30pm / Sun. 8:30am - 1:00pm

**Parish Website:** [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/sjbalameda](https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda)

**FORMED:** [www.sjbalameda.formed.org](http://www.sjbalameda.formed.org)

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**Sacrament of Marriage**

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: [frmario@sjbalameda.org](mailto:frmario@sjbalameda.org).

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under "Sacraments" for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Parish Office, 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409

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**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471**

**St. Joseph Basilica Ministries**

All God's Children Prayer Group - Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm, Basilica

Basilica Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Basilica

Bible Study - Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Children's Choir - Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Basilica

CIA (Christ in Action Children's Ministry) -Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Basilica

Cub Scouts - Weekly Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Learning Center (Ends June)

Grief Support Ministry - 2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)

Guadalupe Ministry - 1st Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Knights of Columbus - 2nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Legion of Mary - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Legion of Mary - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Reconciliation Room

Moms' Bible Study Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Pastoral Care Team - 1st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)

St. Vincent DePaul Society - 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)

Spirit Ensemble rehearsal Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm, Basilica

Sp. Needs Inclusion Ministry - 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)

Taize Prayer Service - 4th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm, Basilica

Young Adults - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)

Young Families Potluck - 3rd Saturday, 10 – noon, Notre Dame Hall