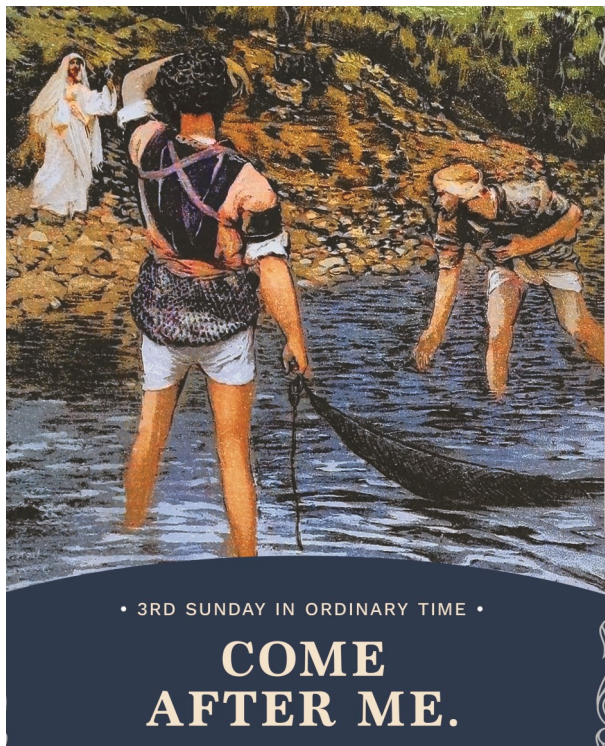


Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 25, 2026



(Feast of Santo Nino celebrated last week)

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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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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 week our Church celebrates Catholic Schools Week, a time for renewing our appreciation for these institutions, those who work in them, and the vital work they accomplish. Although Catholic schools are some of the most revered in the world, it was not always that way. Throughout history, Catholics have experienced public mockery, ridicule, even oppression. In Catholic schools, however, young people are given the opportunity to learn and grow in a peaceful and loving environment, and not just academically, but spiritually as well, which is the most important work of the Catholic school. Catholic schools above all are called to be places where our young people can meet Jesus and experience His love.

Some of you may not be aware, but I never attended Catholic school; my first experience of Catholic school was the seminary in Menlo Park. Since my ordination, I have been assigned to two parishes with schools (the first being Christ the King in Pleasant Hill), and have come to deeply appreciate the Catholic school system. This is because I have seen the impact our faith has on people, even if it isn't always obvious. Sometimes it is, like at our Reconciliation services during Advent and Lent. The smiles on our students' faces after they celebrate that Sacrament is a clear and indication of the importance of ongoing religious education and participation in the Sacraments!



Sometimes, the impact is not so obvious. Teaching the Catholic faith can be a challenge, especially to teens, who sometimes push back against Catholic teachings, for example, those on abortion and human sexuality. In these situations, educators are called to be courageous in teaching the truth, knowing that we are made for the truth, and the truth will set us free (cf. John 8:32). This means teaching difficult truths, but more than that. It means teaching the One who is truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (cf. John 14:6), which means that the goal of ALL education is to not simply know about Jesus, but to know Him, personally. As Pope Francis once said, echoing a principal commonly used by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, who drew this theme from the Second Vatican Council, "Christ is the center of creation, Christ is the center of his people and Christ is the center of history." What a privilege it is to attend Catholic school where Jesus Christ is the center of all that we do.

It is important to remember, however, that whether your family chooses Catholic school or not, the most important "school" is the home. The home is where the members of the family first learn about God and how to love and follow Him. Our schools and faith formation programs exist to assist this "school" and parents who are the first and primary educators of their children. Take it from me, when I was a child, I bemoaned going to faith formation class, but I have fond memories of when my family would go to my mother's family's Jewish synagogue in Daly City for special occasions. I have a deep appreciation now for my father leading our family in prayer at big family meals, always thanking those prior generations for passing on the faith to us. Now, after all my higher education, I can say that the most valuable educational experience I had was growing up in a faith-filled family.

Remember, you do not need to be a professional theologian to educate yourself or others; you just need to provide an authentic witness of your personal relationship with Jesus. You may not be able to explain the Trinity to your child, but you can take them to Mass each week or Adoration, and pray a little bit together at home. This is a powerful witness. As Pope Paul VI stated so poignantly in his letter *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, **"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."** This is the mission of the Catholic school, and the Catholic family, to raise up witnesses who know and love Jesus Christ!

On behalf of our principals, Fr. Steve Kim at SJND (who will be leaving us after this school year), and Danielle Colvert at SJES, I want to thank you for supporting our schools. Please pray for both schools and all the faculty, staff, and students who attend them. Pray that everyone who enters our halls will have a life-changing encounter with Jesus, our great teacher.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

• January 25—31: Catholic School week

For more information about our schools, please visit their websites:

- ⇒ St. Joseph Elementary School: <https://stjosephalameda.org/>
(Open House Day: 10:30 - 11:30 am)
- ⇒ St. Joseph Notre Dame High School: <https://www.sjnd.org>
- **January 26:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **January 29:** 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>)
- **January 29:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Catholic School Week: Prayer for our schools

Almighty Father,

You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Bless our schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others.

May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.

Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.

May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.

Fill our hearts with gladness.

May we always turn to you in times of need.

*Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.
May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.*

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Upcoming Collection:

Jan 31/Feb 1

◇ **St. Joseph: Maintenance**

◇ **St. Barnabas: Rebuilding the Church Fund**



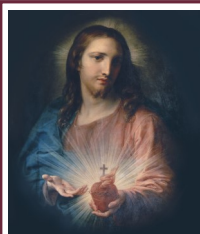
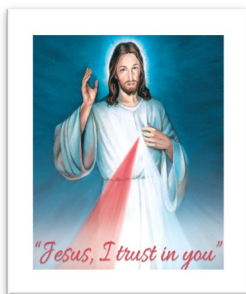
Your generous donations are crucial for maintaining our Parishes and Grounds. Your support enables us to continue our important work. Donation envelopes are available in the pews/entrances to the Church. Or, donate online with REALM - link here (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and on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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, January 30

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.



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

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

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

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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!

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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, January 24

8:00 am Agnes Marcheschi
5:00 pm +Phu Nguyen

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Douglas Steed – Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm Deja Batara - Thanksgiving
7:00 pm +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata

Monday, January 26

8:00 am +Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am Lorraine Stittle - Birthday

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am Bangloy Family - Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 29

8:00 am 1)+ Fetus Egbuonu
2) +Inez Gionti

Friday, January 30

8:00 am 1) Ador & Rebecca Quinto - 44th Wedding
Anniversary
2)+Helen Chaix

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

February Mass Intention request is closed since dates are filled.



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

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@sibalameda.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, January 24

4:30 pm +Feliciana Balajdia

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Maria Silva

Monday, January 26

12:10 pm +Benita Conocono

Tuesday, January 27

12:10 pm +Leonard Baligaya

Wednesday, January 28

12:10 pm Justin Gindlesberger

Thursday, January 29

12:10 pm +Isabel Lopez

Friday, January 30

12:10 pm +Olivia Guzman

Saturday, January 31

4:30 pm Rachel Vineyard Retreats

Sunday, February 1

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

Estate Plan up to date? Please consider including a bequest to St. Joseph or St. Barnabas.

Other News



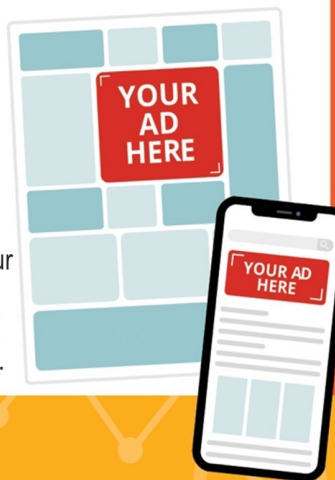
Faith Formation – Sacraments Abound

As Catholics we are so very blessed by the Sacraments, with several special celebrations this month! Two weeks ago, Julissa Martinez and Gil Ramos, Jr received First Eucharist; on Thursday, 40+ children celebrated First Reconciliation; and this Saturday nine adults from St. Barnabas and St. Joseph will be confirmed at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Next month we will celebrate a Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate as some of our inquirers take the first step toward Baptism. To explore preparing for Sacraments, visit our website <https://sjbalameda.org/formation>

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Bulletin Submission Deadline: Please email short blurb for the bulletin **two weeks before the event**. Event is subject to Parish approval. Thank you.

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Michael Chinnvaso - 7:00pm Music Coordinator,
mchinnvaso@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas

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Have you moved this New Year? Changed your phone number or email? If any of your contact information has changed, please contact either of the parish offices, or log into your REALM account and update your information. This will ensure that you receive any important updates or communications from us.

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