

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 of Lent: March 15, 2026



9:30 am Mass:

Left: Emiliano and parents, Jesse & Dalia. Godparents, Adrian & Maricela.

Right: Stefana and parents, Stefan and Ana Liza. Godparent, Teresita.



Noon Mass:

Left: Angelina and parents, Joel & Carly. Godparents, Daniel & Emily.

Right: Wren and parents, Glenn & Heather. Godparent, Tracey.

*Welcome to the Family!
(Baptisms celebrated on Sunday, March 1)*

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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

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9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 1 - 2 pm)

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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 are celebrating Laetare Sunday, the midway point of Lent, which mirrors the midway point of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Remember, “L” stands for Lent and Laetare. Today the Church invites us to rejoice. This is what Laetare means, from the entrance antiphon from Isaiah 66: **“Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”** We are invited to rejoice as the season of Easter approaches, while persevering in our Lenten penances, remembering that Lent although a serious season, is not a sad one.

This coming week, the Church extends Her joy as She celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Not only is he our patron here in Alameda, but he is the “patron of the universal Church.” Since the Church is the Body of Christ, St. Joseph is charged with watching over Her, just as he watched over the Christ child. And not only does he *watch over us*, but he gives us an example to follow.

In his book “Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives,” Pope Benedict the XVI wrote a striking description of Joseph:

“[Matthew’s] designation of Joseph as a just man (zaddik in Hebrew) extends far beyond the decision he takes at this moment [to not divorce Mary]: it gives an overall picture of Saint Joseph and at the same time it aligns him with the great figures of the Old Covenant—beginning with Abraham, the just. If we may say that the form of piety found in the New Testament can be summed up in the expression ‘a believer,’ then the Old Testament idea of a whole life lived according to sacred Scripture is summed up in the idea of ‘a just man.’

Psalm 1 presents the classic image of the ‘just’ man. We might well think of it as a portrait of the spiritual figure of Saint Joseph. A just man, it tells us, is one who maintains living contact with the word of God, who ‘delights in the law of the Lord’ (v. 2). He is like a tree, planted beside the flowing waters, constantly bringing forth fruit. The flowing waters, from which he draws nourishment, naturally refer to the living word of God, into which he sinks the roots of his being. God’s will is not a law imposed on him from without, it is ‘joy.’ For him the law is simply Gospel, good news, because he reads it with a personal, loving openness to God and in this way learns to understand and live it from deep within.

If Psalm 1 sees it as the mark of the just man, the ‘happy man,’ that he lives by the Torah, the word of God, the parallel passage in Jer 17:7 calls ‘blessed’ the one ‘who puts his trust in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.’ This text brings out more strongly than the psalm the personal character of righteousness—the trust in God that gives man hope. Although neither passage speaks explicitly of the ‘just’ but rather of the ‘happy’ or the ‘blessed,’ we may still regard them, with Hans-Joachim Kraus, as providing the authentic Old Testament image of the just man, and so we can learn from them what Matthew means when he describes Saint Joseph as ‘just.’

This image of the man with roots in the living waters of God’s word, whose life is spent in dialogue with God and who therefore brings forth constant fruit—this image becomes concrete in the event recounted here, as well as in everything we are subsequently told about Joseph of Nazareth. After the discovery that Joseph made, his task was to interpret and apply the law correctly. He does so with love: he does not want to give Mary up to public shame. He wishes her well, even in the hour of his great disappointment. He does not embody the form of externalized legal-ism that Jesus denounces in Mt 23 and that Paul opposes so strenuously. He lives the law as Gospel. He seeks the path that brings law and love into a unity. And so he is inwardly prepared for the new, unexpected and humanly speaking incredible news that comes to him from God.”

What a beautiful description of St. Joseph, a just man, who found his joy in doing the will of God, and who shows us that the life of faith, hope, and love, is a life of true strength.

With that, I want to encourage all the men in our parish to join me at the Men’s Power Hour on Mondays from 6-7pm. This group, which began in 2020 in response to Pope Francis’ Year of St. Joseph, has become a true brotherhood in which we seek to “sink our roots” in God’s Word, in the Gospel, to bear fruit in our lives. It is a highlight of my week, and I think it will benefit you greatly.

St. Joseph, patron of the Church, pray for us!

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **March 16:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **March 16:** 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>)
- **March 16:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **March 21:** Alameda Deanery Sensory Friendly Mass (3rd Saturday), 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Barnabas
- *For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>*

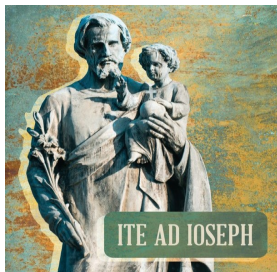
Feast of St. Joseph Thursday, March 19

Mass Times: 8 am and *7 pm
(*with incense)

In honor of St. Joseph, please join us at the Basilica for celebrations at either 8:00 am or 7:00 pm. Together, we will commemorate the feast day of our patron saint.

Prayer to St. Joseph

*O Saint Joseph,
please assist me with
your powerful
intercession and
obtain for me from
your Divine Son all
spiritual blessings
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. In doing so, may I, having
experienced your heavenly power here on
earth, offer my thanksgiving and homage to
the most Loving Father. Amen*



The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group (YAG)

YAG supports young adults in their 20s and 30s in deepening their relationship with God through fellowship, prayer, service, and social events. We come from all walks of life and engage in our faith in diverse ways. We invite you to join us on the journey! 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: March 17**) Please contact Daniel Javier at danielcjavier@gmail.com or join "Alameda Young Adult Group" on WhatsApp for meeting details.

Friday Devotions During Lent:

March 20 & 27

St. Joseph

Soup and Stations:

Soup is served from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the High School Notre Dame Hall

Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00 pm

St. Barnabas

Stations of the Cross begin at 5:30 pm

Mass: 6:00 pm (*in addition to the 12:10 Mass*)

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service Monday, March 23

7:00 pm at St. Joseph Basilica

Palm Sunday, March 29

Normal Mass schedule at both churches

Holy Thursday, April 2

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 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, April 3

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*)
(*Reconciliation available from 2:00—3:00 pm*)

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

St. Barnabas

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 pm

(*Reconciliation available from 12:30—1:30 pm*)

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

Holy Saturday, April 4

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, April 4

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

St. Barnabas: 8:00 pm (with incense) (no Confession at 3:30 pm)

Easter Sunday, April 5

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)

Praying Together

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas, Monday - Friday, 11:30 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



Catherine Louise Astle

Monday, March 16, Basilica

9:30 am: Rosary

11:00 am: Funeral Mass

Rest in Peace

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Daniel Esparza, Nancy Graham, Madeline Lontiong, Rich Magahiz, Claire Robles, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis & Femy Visperas.

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, March 14

8:00 am +Diane Dean
5:00 pm 1) +Melinda Layos
2) +Deceased family members of Dao Mao

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am +Elizabeth E. Clair
9:30 am 1) +Angela Naclerio
2) Eliana Clare Laguicao - Birthday
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm 1) +Ida Mae Kempel
2) +Estela Dalisay - 40th day of death anniversary

Monday, March 16

8:00 am +Leticia & Gaudencio Pardo - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am +Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am 1) +Felimon Espinosa, Sr. - Birthday Remembrance
2) Ronald Narito - Death Anniversary

Thursday, March 19

(Feast of St. Joseph)

8:00 am & 7:00 pm: People of the Parish

Friday, March 20

8:00 am Harnett & Curtin Families - Living & Deceased family members

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am +John Paul Agulles
5:00 pm 1) +Teri Sanders
2) +Festus G. Egbuonu

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am +Jose Burgos
9:30 am Marie Gloria Nabaza Torres - Birthday
12:00 pm +Jakob & Katiza Tudor
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

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, March 14

4:30 pm +Sacramento Lopez Oregon

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am +Abon Manaloto
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, March 16

12:10 pm +Michael Shawn Hunt

Tuesday, March 17

12:10 pm +Sancho Juachon

Wednesday, March 18

12:10 pm Michael Castillo (Birthday)

Thursday, March 19

12:10 pm Rachels Vineyard Ministries

Friday, March 20

12:10 pm +Valeriano Tagudin
6:00 pm Special Intention

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm +Mark Vigil Vargas

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Joesiah Kayden Brown (Birthday)

Monthly Financial Report - February 2026

Please contact Parish Business Manager, Stan, if you have any questions,
at 510.995.9411, or business@sjbalameda.org

Stewardship Update					
St. Joseph Basilica			2026 Actual Comparisons		
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Feb	50,176	54,583	44,660	92%	12%
Jan-Feb	106,117	109,166	99,096	97%	7%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
Feb	18,504	22,016	19,262	84%	-4%
Jan-Feb	40,929	44,032	36,601	93%	12%

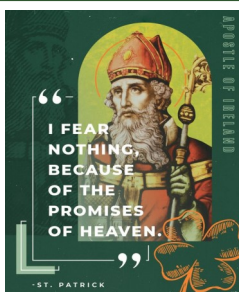
Other News

Faith Formation Update: On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Elect (those preparing for Baptism this Easter) continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. "In order to awaken a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three Scrutinies take place, both to teach the elect gradually about that mystery of sin from which the whole world and every person longs to be rescued in order to be saved from its present and future consequences, and to fill their spirit with the sense of Christ the Redeemer who is the living water (cf. the Samaritan Woman), light (cf. Man Born Blind), resurrection and life (cf. Raising of Lazarus)" (OCIA 143) All are welcome to attend the 9:30 Mass on March 15 and 22 to add your prayers and support for Diana, Chris, Judy, Matt, Melissa, Luca, Sophia and Rocco. And of course attend the Easter Vigil on April 4, to witness their full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and participate in the celebration afterwards!



Feast of St. Patrick | March 17:

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world. St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family. His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. St. Patrick—pray for us!



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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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