

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 28, 2025



Youth Confirmation students: Please keep them in your prayers.

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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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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



Dear Family,

A blessed Feast of the Holy Family to you all. We remember that, as Catholics, we are just beginning the Christmas season, which will extend until Sunday, January 11, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, don't move away from Christmas so quickly. Remain in the season known for giving and receiving gifts. This does not mean you have to continue to buy people gifts, because you already possess the greatest gift to be given away, your faith. As we meditate on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, let us continue to look at the liturgy through the lens of the family and the role the family plays in sharing the faith.

In my bulletin article for the first Sunday of Advent, I referenced a very important section from the document on the liturgy from the Second Vatican Council. It read,

*"the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ (SC 7)...From the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a font, **grace is poured forth upon us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God**, to which all other activities of the Church are directed as toward their end, is achieved in the most efficacious possible way" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 10).*

"Sanctification." This is another way of saying that we are called to be saints. The word for saint in Latin is *sanctus* or *sancta*, which is a word ascribed to God alone. God is "*sanctus, sanctus, sanctus*," as we say in the Mass, or "holy, holy, holy." We are called to be holy as God is holy (cf. Lev 11:44, 1 Pt 1 :16). The question is, where, and how, does the process of sanctification start? For some people, the decision to come to faith is made on one's own, but for most people, it begins in the family. This is what the Council had to say about the role of the family,

By virtue of this sacrament...[spouses] increasingly advance the perfection of their own personalities, as well as their mutual **sanctification**, and hence contribute jointly to the glory of God... As a result, with their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and **holiness**... As living members of the family, children contribute in their own way to making their parents **holy**. For they will respond to the kindness of their parents with sentiments of gratitude, with love and trust. They will stand by them as children should when hardships overtake their parents and old age brings its loneliness (Gaudium et Spes, 48).

As you can see, the Council was reminding the Church of the exalted role of the family, in that it is the primary place of growth in holiness, which comes from participating in love, our first vocation. This leads us to acknowledge the responsibility and vocation of the family to witness to the Gospel, which in turn culminates in the discernment and acceptance of one's individual vocation. Pope Saint John Paul II, who was present at the Council, and who focused on the role of the family during his Pontificate, wrote, **"The family must educate the children for life in such a way that each one may fully perform his or her role according to the vocation received from God. Indeed, the family that is open to transcendent values, that serves its brothers and sisters with joy, that fulfills its duties with generous fidelity, and is aware of its daily sharing in the mystery of the glorious Cross of Christ, becomes the primary and most excellent seed-bed of vocations to a life of consecration to the Kingdom of God"** (*Familiaris Consortio*, 53). Parents, grandparents, extended family, even family friends, we all have the responsibility of helping to educate the next generation in how to know and accept their vocation, of which there are four: marriage, priesthood, religious life, and single life. How is this done? I want to offer two ways, of which there are many more.

First, prayer at home. This can consist of formal prayers, like the Rosary after dinner, but also informal reflection on spiritual readings like the Bible, the lives of the saints, or any other authentically Catholic book. It can even be as simple as having ordinary conversations about the faith, which can begin by displaying religious images around the home. Ultimately, we ask, is discussion about the faith, the saints, life with God and His plan for our life normal conversation in our homes? If no, begin small, start a discussion about what everyone heard in the homily on Sunday.

Second, and most importantly, the way to foster a knowledge of, and a love for, one's vocation is through active participation in the liturgy together as a family. Why is this unique in its importance? Because we encounter Jesus Himself in the liturgy. When we go to liturgical celebrations, of which the Mass is preeminent, we go to encounter the living God, and we see in the liturgy, in which God Himself acts, the model for our lives. In the liturgy, we are re-presented with Jesus' perfect sacrifice of obedience, praise, and love; His total gift of Himself to the Father, and to the Church. Besides the Mass, a great place to encounter this gift of Jesus is in Eucharistic Adoration. This is what we were made for, to follow Jesus in making a gift of ourselves back to God and to one another. We begin to learn how to give in this way in the family.

This new year, pray that your family, and our parish family, continues to grow in the appreciation of our individual vocations, as well as in our shared vocation to witness to the Gospel, to share our faith, and to love one another.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 31 for the New Year holidays, and reopen on Monday, January 5 at 9:00 am as usual.

On behalf of Frs. Mario, Kenneth, Steve & Alvaro, and the Parish Staff, we wish you and your family a very blessed and Happy New Year!

Note:

Wednesday, December 31

⇒ 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph as usual

⇒ 9:00 am Mass at St. Barnabas (Holiday schedule)



Prayer for the New Year

Dear God,

Be with us as we begin our journey into a new year.

We know that You hold us and go ahead of us.

Help us to experience this year in Your grace.

Amen.

End of Year Celebrations!

Tuesday, December 30, 5:00—9:00 pm

@ St. Joseph Notre Dame High School's Kelly Gym

All are welcome to the End of Year potluck celebrations!

One last fun party for our parishes before we say farewell to 2025! There will be plenty of food, music and fellowship.

Note: We are requesting for help with donations of food. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the Basilica.

Help is also needed with clean up after the event - putting chairs and tables away and with removing of thrash. Contact Gisele, gtanasse@sjbalameda.org if you would like to lend a hand to help with the event. Thank you.

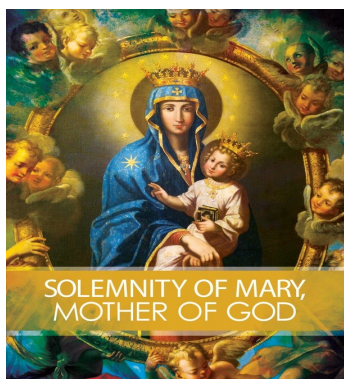
This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **December 29:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **January 1, 2026:** Thursday Scripture Reflection & Women's Thursday Rosary will take a break. They will resume as usual on January 8, 2026
- **January 1:** Our Lady of Guadalupe First Thursday Gathering & Rosary is canceled. Will resume February 5
- **January 2:** First Friday Devotion - Confession at 5:30 - 6:30 pm (in the Grotto) / Mass at 7:00 pm
- **January 3:** Communal First Saturdays in the Basilica: 7:15 am - Prayers & Devotion, 7:30 am - Rosary, & Lectio Divina after 8:00 am Mass
- **January 4:** Parish Family Activity, 10:45 am, Gathering Space (or Learning Center if it rains)
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Upcoming Collection: January 3 & 4

- ◇ **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!



**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Thursday, Jan 1, 2026
Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Times:

St. Joseph: 8:00 am &
*7:00 pm (*with incense)
St. Barnabas: 9:00 am

World Day of Peace: January 1, 2026

Pope's theme for 2026 World Day of Peace: "Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace" is the theme for the annual celebration dedicated to universal peace, held on January 1, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.



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



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Narciso Ayran, Jane Burgelin, Br. Mary Conrad, Romelita Bautista, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Calito Franco, Chris Kapowich, Mario Lopez, Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Femy Visperas and Daniel Yañez.

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

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. Joseph

Saturday, December 27

- 8:00 am + Joseph La Nguyen & An Nguyen
- Wedding Anniversary
- 5:00 pm 1) Living & Deceased Family members of Harnett & Curtin Families
2) +Anna Harnett (Death Anniversary)

Sunday, December 28

- 7:30 am +Shirley Binesh
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm +Roger Sanchez - Death Anniversary
7:00 pm Pericles Parandiang

Monday, December 29

- 8:00 am 1) +Maria Gordo
2) +Scott McEntee

Tuesday, December 30

- 8:00 am Rodrigo Ortiz - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 31

- 8:00 am Lim & Thong Families - Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 1, 2026

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

Friday, January 2

- 8:00 am Julia Perez-Zapata - Healing

Saturday, January 3

- 8:00 am In Reparation of the Immaculate of Heart of Mary
5:00 pm Melissa Valdez - Healing

Sunday, January 4

- 7:30 am +Remedios "Remy" Ramos
9:30 am +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm Bill Dow - Birthday

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, December 27

- 4:30 pm +John Murao, & +Cristina Murao

Sunday, December 28

- 9:00 am People of the Parish

- 11:00 am +George Kassissia

Monday, December 29

- 12:10 pm Holy Souls of Purgatory

Tuesday, December 30

- 12:10 pm + Cesar Reynado

Wednesday, December 31

- 9:00 am D'Cruz & Fernandez Family

Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Holiday Schedule)

- 9:00 am People of the Parish

Friday, January 2

- 12:10 pm Apostleship of Prayer

Saturday, January 3

- 4:30 pm Holy Souls of Purgatory

Sunday, January 4

- 9:00 am +Roland Viray
11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation – Year in Review

It has been a Spirit-filled year for our Faith Formation programs. Many were prepared for sacraments: four adults were baptized and fully initiated and two others were received into full communion of the Catholic Church, 22 teens (not counting those who prepared through SJND) and 7 adult Catholics celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation, and 31 children (including students in St. Joseph Elementary School), 4 teens and 1 adult Catholic received First Eucharist. There are 19 candidates attending the current Adult Confirmation classes to be confirmed or received into full communion in the coming year, 11 catechumens preparing for baptism in the next year or so, and several inquirers in the first stage of the Christian Initiation process. Many others are growing in faith through participation in programs or groups. How has your faith been enriched this year?

****MUCHAS GRACIAS – SALAMAT PO – VIELEN DANK –
MERCİ BEAUCOUP****

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of St. Joseph's, along with the dedicated staff and volunteers, for your incredible support in providing gifts to those in need within our community. Thanks to your generous contributions through online giving with Realm, checks, and gift purchases, we were able to deliver 410 gift cards and presents to children, adults, and senior members of our community in Alameda and Oakland. You have truly been angels, and your kindness shines brightly.

As we embrace the spirit of the Christmas season and welcome the New Year, we wish abundant blessings upon the St. Joseph's community.

With appreciation, The Angel Giving Project Committee

Basilica's Santo Niño Novena Schedule, 2026

Day 1: Friday, 01/09 @ 7 pm, following Benediction
Day 2: Saturday, 01/10 @ 6pm, following 5 pm Mass
Day 3: Sunday, 01/11 @ 10:30 am, following 9:30 am Mass
Day 4: Monday, 01/12 @ 6 pm, with Men's Rosary Group
Day 5: Tuesday, 01/13 @ 6 pm
Day 6: Wednesday, 01/14 @ 6 pm
Day 7: Thursday, 01/15 @ 6 pm, with Women's Rosary Group
Day 8: Friday, 01/16 @ 7 pm, following Benediction
Day 9: Saturday, 01/17 @ 6 pm, following 5pm Vigil Mass

Please join us Sunday, 01/18 at the Noon Mass to celebrate the Feast of Santo Niño!

Light Refreshments after Mass.



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Important Phishing Scam Awareness!

We want to warn our parish community about phishing scams, especially during the festive season. Please stay vigilant! For tips on protection, visit the FTC website:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

Remember, our priests and staff will never ask for gift cards or money transfers. If you receive any suspicious requests, contact the Parish Office. Your safety is our top priority!

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 Parishes:

St. Barnabas: contact Gloria 510.995.9401; email: gmaldonado@sjbalameda.org

St. Joseph: Pick up a registration form found in the Basilica's Vestibule, Parish website: sjbalameda.org, or Parish Office. Drop off the completed form to the Office or email to: secretary@sjbalameda.org

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