

# 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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025



***Congratulations to all the couples who celebrated their Convalidation last Saturday, July 26!***

## St. Barnabas

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**Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday**

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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**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

## Clery Corner



Dear Family,

At the beginning of April, I wrote a bulletin article about convalidation. This is the process of making the civil marriage of a Catholic valid. Catholics are obliged to be married in the Church, much like a man called to the priesthood must be ordained in the Church; he cannot, for example, get a civil license to witness his friend's wedding vows, and then the next day try to celebrate Mass at his parish. Similarly, Catholics called to the vocation of matrimony must be married in the Church since the vocation comes from God and has God as its end and goal. This is confusing for some because marriage exists in both realms, the secular and the religious, and although they resemble each other, the two are not the same. A civil marriage license grants benefits for the temporal sphere; tax benefits and other privileges, but it does not impart grace, even though it may be a sign of commitment. Even there, however, a civil marriage does not inherently presuppose indissolubility since divorce is always available.



Marriage between two Christians in the Church, on the other hand, does presuppose indissolubility since it is a sign – or Sacrament – of the unbreakable love Christ has for His bride, the Church. Ultimately, this is why Catholics must get married in Church, because in baptism we are called to conform our lives to Christ. All the vocations, whichever ours may be, do this. For me, it was priesthood. For most people, it is covenantal marriage. This may sound odd, since Jesus wasn't married to a woman, but in laying down His life for the ones He loved, the Church, He showed us the example of what authentic married love looks like.



So, enough explanation. The reason I am sharing this again is because of the joy we experienced as a parish last Saturday when eight couples convalidated their marriages! These couples ranged from being civilly married for a few months to about 15 years. And what was the process like for them to convalidate their marriage, you are probably wondering. It was super simple.



The process began in early June when the couples attended one of the info sessions. Then we began acquiring some simple paperwork, witness testimonies, baptismal certificates. On the Saturday before the ceremony, we hosted them for a few hours for a mini retreat. I spoke about the Biblical roots and the theology of marriage. Then Mariana and Carlos de la Torre gave a moving talk about their own marriage and the tools of the Church they use to have a successful marriage, namely prayer. Then we moved to the Basilica and had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reflection on Jesus' presence in marriage by our pastoral associate, Jimmy. During this time of prayer, the spouses were given the option to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, and to pray for their spouse and write them a personalized letter. In the days that followed we finished our paperwork. See! Super easy.

It is my hope to host another convalidation mini retreat and ceremony soon. I know there are more couples who would like to do this. If you are one of them, and want to start working on this with me, please let me know! I deeply enjoy this process of helping couples fulfill this obligation because the benefits to you are inestimable. This is your vocation *from God*. He gave it to you



for a reason. Say 'yes' to Him, and He will pour out graces upon you.

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

## Upcoming Events

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

- **August 4:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **August 5:** Tuesday Talk on Second Vatican Council, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Basilica. All are welcome! (Past recordings at <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-faith-formation>)
- **August 7:** 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>)
- **August 7:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **August 7:** Our Lady of Guadalupe First Thursday Meeting, 6:30, Basilica's Grotto
- August 10: Parish Family Activity, following 9:30 am Mass, Gathering Space
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

### St Barnabas Church-St Vincent De Paul Annual School Supply Drive July 26 to August 3, 2025

SB-SVdP annual school supply drive will benefit the community we serve.

Please drop off your donations in bin located in the Church's Candle room.

**Items needed:** backpacks, pens, pencils, color pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, binders, paper, subject dividers, highlighter pens, glue sticks and scotch tape.

### Basilica's Annual Mission Appeal August 9 & 10

Nex weekend, please welcome Fr. John Susaimanickam from the Diocese of Ootacamund, India. Fr. John will speak at all Masses as part of our Annual Mission Appeal.

The Diocese of Ootacamund was established in 1955 in the mountainous area of Tamil Nadu State in India by Pope Pius XII. It has a Catholic population of 98,000 which would be 5% of the total population of that area. About 150 priests and 415 religious nuns serve in 67 parishes and 226 mission stations and 22 high schools in this Diocese. About two-third of the faithful of the Diocese are illiterate and mostly daily-wage laborers and farmers earning about \$4 a day with which the families cannot afford to send their children to school. The funds raised from this appeal will specifically be spent for educational expenses of these poor children in the orphanages and for the education of the seminarians of the Diocese.

Donation envelopes can be found in the pews, or donate online with REALM by clicking on the link [here](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and selecting "Mission Co-op" in the drop-down bar.

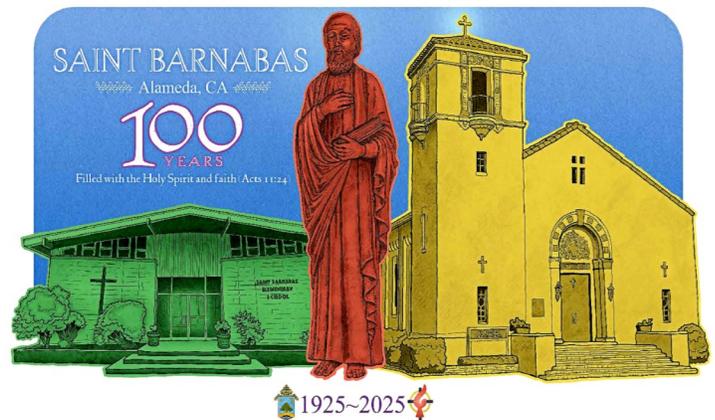


**Friday, August 15**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Mass Times:**

St. Joseph: 8:00 am & \*7:00 pm (\*incense)

St. Barnabas: 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm



## YOU'RE INVITED!

### St. Barnabas 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

Mass with Bishop Barber, 11:00am  
Reception to follow in Selhorst Hall

RSVP on signup sheets in the vestibule or call the parish office at (510) 522-8933

St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 1427 6<sup>th</sup> St., Alameda

If you can help/donate in anyway with the reception, please call St. Barnabas Parish office, 510.522.8933 or add your name to the sign-up sheets found in the Church's vestibule:

- ◆ **Potluck dishes - mains, finger food, salad, dessert**
- ◆ **set up/cleanup**
- ◆ **Donation for gift baskets (for raffles)**

## 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

### Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

	<b><u>Saturday, August 2</u></b>
8:00 am	In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm	+Dora Gil - 1st Death Anniversary
	<b><u>Sunday, August 3</u></b>
7:30 am	Delgadillo Family
9:30 am	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm	1) Nicholas Ortiz - Thanksgiving
	2) Rose Aghaji Egbuonu - Birthday
7:00 pm	+Dolly Ceralvo
	<b><u>Monday, August 4</u></b>
8:00 am	Rose Aghaji Egbuonu - Thanksgiving
	<b><u>Tuesday, August 5</u></b>
8:00 am	1) +Roberto Ricaña. Sr.
	2) Rose Aghaji Egbuonu - Birthday
	Thanksgiving
	<b><u>Wednesday, August 6</u></b>
8:00 am	+Catherine Cavanaugh
	<b><u>Thursday, August 7</u></b>
8:00 am	+Rosalinda Ayson - Birthday Remembrance
	<b><u>Friday, August 8</u></b>
8:00 am	The Barrantes Family - Living & Deceased
	<b><u>Saturday, August 9</u></b>
8:00 am	Eddie & Kathryn Embree
5:00 pm	Rose Aghaji Egbuonu - 85th Birthday
	<b><u>Sunday, August 10</u></b>
7:30 am	+Patricia Jackson
9:30 am	+Marian Schobert
12:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm	1) +Claro M Torio - Birthday Remembrance
	2) Dana May Payopay - Thanksgiving intention

## St. Barnabas Catholic Church

### Pray the 100 Day Rosary

(May 16 through August 23, 2025)

St. Barnabas invites you to join us in praying the Rosary for 100 days in thanksgiving for the 100-year celebration of our parish. The Rosary will be held at the following times:

- \* 11:30 am, Monday to Friday, before the 12:10 pm
- \* Mass 3:30 pm on Saturdays, before the Vigil Mass
- \* 10:15 am on Sundays, before the 11:00 am Mass

Please take just 25 minutes to spend time before Jesus in the Tabernacle, thanking Him for being present at St. Barnabas for 100 years. In conjunction with this, we will also pray the Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Priests of the Precious Blood served our parish for 50

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, Fong Che, Calito Franco, Madelen Lontiong, Pablo Maldonado, Norma de la Cruz, Erica Rivard, JoAnn Tuazon & Lorrie Proctor.

*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](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org).*

### Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

	<b><u>Saturday, August 2</u></b>
4:30 pm	+Julita Gomez
	<b><u>Sunday, August 3</u></b>
9:00 am	Legion of Mary-Our Lady Undoer of Knots
11:00 am	People of the Parish
	<b><u>Monday, August 4</u></b>
12:10 pm	Pablo Maldonado
	<b><u>Tuesday, August 5</u></b>
12:10 pm	+Emanuel Barcena
	<b><u>Wednesday, August 6</u></b>
12:10 pm	Rustico Partosan
	<b><u>Thursday, August 7</u></b>
12:10 pm	John Deptowicz
	<b><u>Friday, August 8</u></b>
12:10 pm	Carlos Ramon Maldonado
	<b><u>Saturday, August 9</u></b>
4:30 pm	Bernadette Keogh & Theresa Milne
	<b><u>Sunday, August 10</u></b>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	+Rosalina Fortaleza

## Other News



### Faith Formation – Faith In Action

For the third year, “St. Joe’s Youth” team (captained by Zoey confirmed last year and mom Willa) participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Alameda in July. They served throughout the day, hosting a bead-craft table and a scavenger hunt to raise money to support an end to cancer. Families participated in the theme laps and activities, united in service. (Donations to the American Cancer Society are accepted through August at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/stjoesyouth>)

**Sunflower Girls Club** is a mother-daughter club formed by Catholic moms with a joint purpose: to create a meaningful community for ourselves and our daughters and support each other in our efforts to evangelize within our own families.

What does that look like? Coming together to learn about the Bible, saints, and Catholic teachings and traditions... having fun going on outings, making crafts, and doing projects together... finding ways to serve the poor, the lonely, and the needy.

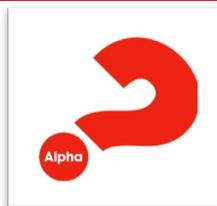
Do you have a school-age daughter (grades K-8) who may be interested in joining this school year? Please contact Michelle King at [michelleking234@gmail.com](mailto:michelleking234@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!

**Sign up for Alpha in Fall 2025!**  
Each Tuesday, starting August 26  
through November 4  
6:30-8:30 pm in Notre Dame Hall

Alpha is a ministry focused on exploring questions about life and faith while seeking answers. It provides an open and friendly environment to learn about the basics of Christianity. Topics include: *Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how should I pray?* and more. The program includes simple meals, videos, and group discussions.



Sign up by scanning the QR code or sign-up sheets are available in the Basilica niche - look for the Alpha logo. All are welcome!



## Parish Information

### Clergy Contacts:

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#### St. Barnabas

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### Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners please contact:

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Registration is open for programs starting this fall. Find information on our website or contact Anne Marie at 510.995.9409:  
Adult Confirmation:  
[www.sjbalameda.org/adult-confirmation](http://www.sjbalameda.org/adult-confirmation)

Youth Confirmation: <https://sjbalameda.org/youth-confirmation>

Whole Family Catechesis: <https://www.sjbalameda.org/childrens-programs>

Christian Initiation is offered year-round; info at <https://sjbalameda.org/initiation>



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