

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.

Second Sunday of Lent: March 1, 2026



Thank you to the Basilica's Vietnamese Group for hosting the Lunar New Year reception on February 17 after the Morning Mass.
Special thanks to Ms. An Nguyen for coordinating the event.

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9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm)

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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

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

Lent can seem like a dreary time. But it isn't. Pope Francis once said that Lent is serious, but it isn't sad. I just want to take this time to encourage you in your Lenten journey. God calls us to enter into this season and make sacrifices because He has something amazing in store for us. New life. If you're open to it, you can see God's abiding presence each day. I do. A lot has been going on in our parishes this year that make God's presence known. I am grateful to everyone who has stepped up to make our parishes places of authentic, faith-filled community.



This past weekend, our teens in second-year Confirmation went on their retreat. It was a beautiful weekend of prayer and recreation. One of the major themes that emerged was resting with the Lord and reclaiming our God-given truth about why He made us. Because He wants to love us.



Before that, Saint Barnabas held another packed Mardi Gras dinner. We were filled with good food and laughter, and brought in over \$3,000 of donations for the church.

On Tuesday, we started Alpha 3 with a packed house of about 100 people, and welcomed our new catechumens to OCIA formation. We are looking forward with great excitement to baptizing our eight "elect" at Easter. These eight were sent to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral last Sunday to be welcomed by the Bishop into this last phase of preparation.

These are just a few things going on in the parishes. As I mentioned in my Ash Wednesday homily, we need Jesus, but, as you can tell by everyone's faces, needing Jesus is a good thing, a happy thing, something worth smiling about.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **March 2:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **March 5:** 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 5:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **March 10:** Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina 7:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Barnabas School, Room 3
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Friday Devotions During Lent:

March 6, 13, 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
(March 6: Stations at 8:00 pm)

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, March 6

Confession is offered from
5:30 - 6:30 pm, Mass 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)

Daylight Saving Time

starts March 8: Don't forget to check your clocks to be on time for Mass on Sunday, March 8.



Ministry of Caring

Sunday, March 8, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

St. Joseph's Rectory

(2nd Sunday of each month)

The Ministry of Caring is here to support you in coping with the loss of a spouse or significant other. a spouse is a unique experience, and nothing can truly prepare you for it. Join others who are also navigating this difficult journey, and find strength and hope by sharing memories and learning valuable skills to manage your grief. Drop-ins are welcome!

(If you know someone who has lost their spouse or significant other, please encourage them to contact us at 510.522.8431 for immediate assistance.)

Novena to St. Joseph

March 10 - March 18

In honor of St. Joseph's Feast Day on March 19, a Novena will take place from March 10 to March 18 at the Basilica. Prayer sheets to St. Joseph are available in the pews, and the prayer will be recited at all Masses. Please do not remove the prayer sheets from the pews during the Novena.

Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday, March 19

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

Soli Deo Gloria Concert: "Grant Us Peace"

March 8, 3:30 pm, Basilica

The Music of Ralph Vaughan Williams' (1872-1958) fascination with the voice was both lifelong and deeply profound. Regardless of their subject matter, his choral compositions affirm and celebrate the human experience, presenting choral singers of all levels with challenging but extremely satisfying musical experiences. From the sensuous beauty of the Serenade to Music—a piece so exquisite that it caused Sergei Rachmaninoff to weep—to a powerful plea for peace in the Dona Nobis Pacem, this is a timely and timeless program.

For more information or ticket purchase, please visit the Soli Deo Gloria's website: <https://sdgloria.org/performances/>



Knights of Columbus' Feast of St. Patrick

Corned Beef & Cabbage Fundraiser

Sunday, March 15

Are you hungry for a tasty Irish dinner?

Satisfy your craving for Corned Beef & Cabbage by supporting our Knights' fundraiser by ordering a delicious meal to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Food will be served in to-go containers and available for **pick up between 1:00 to 2:00 pm in Notre Dame Hall on Sunday, March 15.** Only \$20 per meal, or \$18 if you pre-order before Friday, March 13. Text Felix at 510.207.5094 for details or to pre-order. Payments can be made through Zelle using the above phone number or scan the QR code. Your support will also help sponsor our seminarians and provide scholarships for students.



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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, February 28

8:00 am +Rowena Montandon
5:00 pm 1) Candelaria Del Rosario - 1st Death Anniversary
2) James & Sharon LaCroix Snider
- 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Elizabeth Talay - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm Flavio Barrantes & Family
7:00 pm Maina & Vern Haik - Anniversary

Monday, March 2

8:00 am +Sebastian Baldassarre

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am 1) +Corazon Calilung
2) +Michael Evan Smith

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am 1)+Emilio L. Sangco - 2nd Death Anniversary
2)+Clementina Duenas

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am +Henriette Perry & Family

Friday, March 6

8:00 am +Regino Narito - Death Anniversary

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am In Reparation of the Immaculate of Heart
of Mary
5:00 pm +Inez Gionti

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Peyton Bangloy - Thanksgiving
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm +Felicidad B. Nabaza
- Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm +Bernie Tribayan



Catherine Louise Astle

Monday, March 16, 11 am, Basilica

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, Nancy Graham, Femy Visperas, Madeline Lontiong, Claire Robles, Zachary Ramos, 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@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. Barnabas

Saturday, February 28

4:30 pm Gabriel Macalino (Birthday)

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am +Veronica Caspillo
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, March 2

12:10 pm +Eduardo Cruz

Tuesday, March 3

12:10 pm +Engracia Awayan

Wednesday, March 4

12:10 pm Flordeliza & Conrado Tapado
Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, March 5

12:10 pm Flordelice Brunetti

Friday, March 6

12:10 pm Apostleship of Prayer
6:00 pm Special Intention

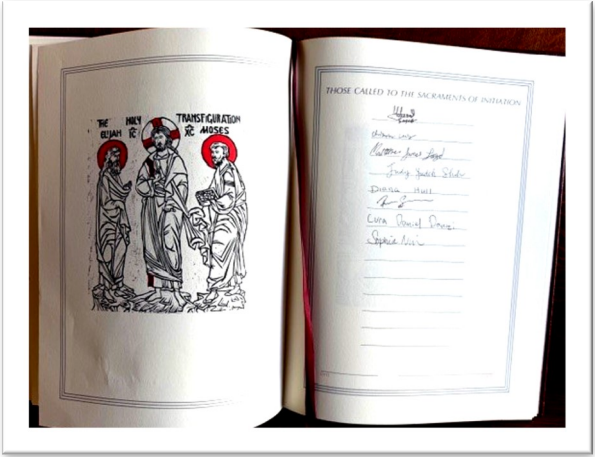
Saturday, March 7

4:30 pm +Nita & +Tommy Viloria

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +David Hoan Nguyen

Other News



Faith Formation – Preparing for Full Initiation

Last Sunday eight catechumens wrote their names into the Book of the Elect during the Rite of Sending to Election. The assembly at the 9:30 Mass then invoked God's blessing on them as they proceed to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on February 28. This marks the beginning of their final preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil next month. The entire parish community is asked to accompany them in prayer and participation at the remaining rites. The next three weeks (Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent) they will celebrate the Scrutinies at the 9:30 Mass. On March 14 the 8am Mass will have special readings for the Handing On of the Creed, and again on March 28 for the Handing On the Lord's Prayer. Their journey reminds each of us of the amazing gift of our faith. (Newcomers are encouraged to check out

Devotions, Explained!

Icon Writing: At first, the term “icon writing” may be confusing. Writing an icon? Shouldn’t it be drawing an icon, or painting an icon?

But although an icon depicts an image, it is so much more than just a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. Those who purchase icons for private devotion should have them blessed, as they are sacramentals. The Catechism tells us that “Christian iconography expresses in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words.”

In early Christianity, this was deeply controversial. Many so-called “iconoclasts” pointed to the Old Testament’s prohibition of idols and insisted that it was sinful to represent the face of God in an image. But defenders of iconography like St. John Damascene pointed to the incarnation as a turning point in our visual relationship with God. In Christ, God made himself visible, and thus continually invites us to contemplate and understand Him visually. ©LPi

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