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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 Easter : April 26, 2026



Group Convalidation celebrated on March 28.

If you would like information on Convalidation, please email Fr. Mario at:

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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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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,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter to you!

As many of you have probably heard or seen in the news, Pope Leo and President Trump have had a squabble over their stances on the war in Iran. I was considering addressing that here, but I decided not to. If you want to look it up, you can. If you know one thing about my stance on sharing political views, it's that I don't do it, at least not often, except when it comes to a specific issue, abortion; that, I have written about extensively.

When it comes to this recent dispute between our Pope and our President, I am reminded of something I wrote to you in November 2024 before Trump was elected for his second term:

*I am writing this on Wednesday morning after the election. By the time you read this on Thursday afternoon in the E-news or over the weekend in the bulletin, much may have developed. What I want to say, though, is unchanging. Although some may accuse it of being cliché, it is true nevertheless, and that is that **no matter who is elected president, Jesus Christ is King. He is king of the universe, which means that he is also the king of our hearts. This must be the guiding principle of our lives as individual Catholics, and as a Catholic parish family.** There may be some of your neighbors in the pews who are happy about the election results, and some who are upset, but **regardless of who you voted for, there is a unifying factor that we must cling to moving forward, and that is our faith in God who gives us our shared identity as His beloved children.***

*Yes, **it is our relationship with God that defines us, not the political party we belong to, which means that even if the results were not what you were expecting, your mission is still ongoing; there is still much work we must do within our Church, work we must do together, for one another and for the world.*** Jesus called the twelve apostles to begin this work, and at first, they probably were hesitant to work together. The TV series, "The Chosen" does a good job drawing out these assumed strained relationships, especially between Simon Peter the faithful Jew, and Matthew the disgraced tax collector. Yet, we can also presume that over time, these differences were eased as the Apostle's grew in friendship with Jesus. They recognized that following Jesus was the most important thing. What's more, they had to realize the truth that Jesus had called these other guys to follow Him too, and not as individuals; Jesus never called anyone to follow Him on their own. **The Apostles knew that this group identity He gave them was essential to their individual one. Their identity, their worth, did not come from their prior occupations, family social status, or political affiliations. They knew that Jesus loved them, and that they were called to love one another;** this was how Jesus began the Church.

As I get deeper into parish ministry, I find myself moving further away from the desire to engage in political discussion, or even to follow political news. Call it apathy or indifference. I call it reality. Jesus said, "my kingdom is not of this world" (Jn 18:36), which means that this world is not all there is. Should we be working to make it a better world? Of course! Should we be speaking out against injustice and working for peace? Absolutely. We do that here in our parish when we join the Walk for Life and distribute food to the poor. We do this when we donate clothing and supplies for backpacks and when we do bake sales for pregnancy centers. The thing to remember is, if one makes it their priority to advance God's Kingdom, then earthly politics will improve as well. The converse is not always true. So, please don't misunderstand, if I say my desire to follow earthly politics may be waning, it is only because my desire for true justice and peace, found only in Jesus, is increasing. With that, and following a recommendation from the U.S. Bishops' committee on the Liturgy, I will be moving the American and Vatican flags out of the sanctuary at St. Joseph's to another suitable place, to reserve the sanctuary for the sacred objects that pertain to the most important, the most just, the most peace-making action done on behalf of the world, the Mass.

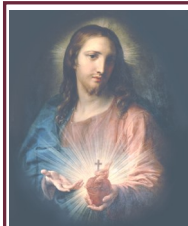
So, where do you stand on this? Do you find yourself leaning into a political party for guidance and direction? Or is the Risen Lord and His Church your one true compass? Now you know why I do not speak out on every issue that emerges in the news cycle; not because it isn't important, but because our Lord has already spoken on it through His Church.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **April 27:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **April 30:** 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>)
- **April 30:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>



First Friday Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus May 1, Basilica

Confession: 5:30-6:30pm

Mass: 7:00pm

First Friday at St. Albert The Great Church May 1

9.30 am: Mass with
Anointing of the Sick



Upcoming Collection: May 2 & 3

◇ **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!

Communal First Saturdays in the Basilica

May 2, 7:15 am

(every First Saturday of the month)



The Communal First Saturdays is a monthly parish service in which the faithful can join together in the four practices requested by Our Lady in reparation to her Immaculate Heart (Post Fatima app. December 10, 1925). The opening prayers and the recitation of the Rosary precede the 8 am Mass which includes the Communion of Reparation. The Mass is followed by keeping Our Lord and Our Lady company while meditating communally for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. This is done in the form of lectio divina and using Scripture related to the mysteries of the Rosary. A book is used by the faithful to follow the service. Each of the four practices is done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information, please visit website: www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org

Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary May 9

Gather with the Alameda Catholic Community and join us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion, and for our voiceless little brothers and sisters. We meet in front of City Hall in Alameda at 9:15am.

Rosary will start at 9:30 am.

"We must remember that life begins at home and we must also remember the future of humanity passes through family." Mother Theresa

Save the dates!

Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima on Zoom!

We invite you to join St. Joseph's Legion of Mary for a dedicated prayer session to Our Lady this year on Zoom.



Your participation will contribute to a powerful and uplifting experience with Our Lady of Fatima.

The first prayer session to Our Lady Fatima will start on May 13th and will continue on the 13th of each month through October 13th as the final date.

The meeting will start at 6:00 pm each month except for September 13 where it will start at 1:30 pm. Please mark you calendar if you plan to participate.

All are welcome!

Here is the Zoom link [here](#)

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263434680?pwd=sazuMBnaXMiUNTZHCkME30JcBOJ0Vb.1>)

Meeting ID: 827 6343 4680, passcode: 546618.

Contact Teresita Dean for more details:

thewellnesscenter2017@gmail.com

Ministry of Caring Sunday, May 17, 1:30 - 3:00 pm St. Joseph's Rectory

(Note: Due to Mother's Day weekend on May 10, the meeting will be held on the third Sunday of May. It will resume on June 8, the usual second Sunday.)

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!

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

<u>Saturday, April 25</u>	
8:00 am	+Ida Kempel
5:00 pm	+Bibioona V. Bermudes & Perfecto Posadas
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	
7:30 am	+Eddie Catubig - 40th day Death Anniversary
9:30 am	Felix Family - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm	+Charles & Jeanne Strohm
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
<u>Monday, April 27</u>	
8:00 am	+Eduardo Alcontin - Death Anniversary
<u>Tuesday, April 28</u>	
8:00 am	Matt & Thea Riles - Wedding Anniversary
<u>Wednesday, April 29</u>	
8:00 am	+Felino C. Estigoy - Death Anniversary
<u>Thursday, April 30</u>	
8:00 am	1) +Rosa Aquino - Death Anniversary
	2) Paula Mae Mendoza - Birthday
<u>Friday, May 1</u>	
8:00 am	1)+Paulo Perez
	2)+Coco Jaramillo
<u>Saturday, May 2</u>	
8:00 am	In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
<u>Sunday, May 3</u>	
7:30 am	+Fred Corcoran
9:30 am	+Byron Buckley Jr - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm	+Victoriano U. Nabaza, Sr. - Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory

The first Thursday of May is the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.**

This is a great reminder to pray for our nation, our leaders, our media, and each other!



May 7

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."

—1 Chronicles 16:24

The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America.

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, Madelen Lontiong, Richard Magahiz, Jose Oblena, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Tim Treister, 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@sibalameda.org.

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

<u>Saturday, April 25</u>	
4:30 pm	+Porfio Dio
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Roger Dio
<u>Monday, April 27</u>	
12:10 pm	+Felipa Aguas-Reyes
<u>Tuesday, April 28</u>	
12:10 pm	Cristina Lopez (Birthday)
<u>Wednesday, April 29</u>	
12:10 pm	+Porfirio Dio
<u>Thursday, April 30</u>	
6:30 pm	+Porfirio Dio
<u>Friday, May 1</u>	
12:10 pm	Apostleship of Prayer
<u>Saturday, May 2</u>	
4:30 pm	Anna Rossi
<u>Sunday, May 3</u>	
9:00 am	Anna Rossi
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 Thoughts: Have you ever considered how fortunate we are as Catholics, in our liturgical seasons? We don't have simply days in which to prepare for or celebrate major feasts. While other Christian denominations may observe Lent, our celebration of Easter for 50 full days is special. You may have noticed that the First Reading at Masses since Easter have not been from the Old Testament, but from the Acts of the Apostles. Throughout this season they give us insight into the development of the Church in its earliest days, illuminating and inspiring us. Even if you aren't participating in any of our formal parish offerings (Christian Initiation, SPRED, Scripture Reflection, Adult Confirmation, Whole Family Catechesis, Alpha, Men's Power Hour, etc.) there are many opportunities to enrich your faith life: reading Scripture, resources on www.Formed.org (free through St. Joseph's subscription), apps like Hallow or Ascension (free as well as paid versions). Let us continue celebrating Easter!

2026 Basilica's Lenten Soup Nights donations update: \$2406

Thank you to everyone who supported and donated generously to this event, benefiting our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry in their good works. God bless!



SPRED THE WORD
Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of socializing, dinner, dancing, & raffle benefiting the Special Religious Education Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland!

**Saturday
9 May, 2026**

**5:00 PM Liturgy
6:15 PM Registration**

Admission:
\$50- Adult
\$30-Child age 3-10

St. John Vianny
1650 Ygnacio Valley Blvd.
Walnut Creek, CA

RSVP by May 1, 2026

Dinner: Chicken entree, side, coffee and dessert.

SPRED the Word is our renewed annual fundraising celebration, this year held at St. John Vianney Church, Walnut Creek, on May 9. The SPRED Ministry (Special Religious Education) invites all of our supporters of SPRED, SPRED families, catechists, and Friends to this grand event for joyful fellowship and fun. With every ticket purchase, you will help our ministry thrive in its ongoing work of developing the faith of small communities for the developmentally disabled. \$50 for Adults and \$30 for Children. We cannot wait to celebrate with you! Buy your tickets by May 1 at: <https://qrco.de/SPREDTICKETS>

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Greetings St Barnabas Parishioners!

Our pantry that we utilize year-round to help out our neighbors in need is substantially low on several items. We are hoping you could assist us with stocking the items list below.



Crackers
Canned Vienna
Sausages
Canned Chili
Canned Chef Boyardee
and Ravioli
Canned Spam
Canned Spaghetti O's
Canned Chicken
Cereals
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Pasta
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Soups

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