

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter : May 3, 2026



*Meet your Alpha 3 (Spring) Team! Thank you!
(Alpha 4 will be offered in September/Fall. Look out for sign up announcements in August)*

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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



Dear Family,

Happy Fifth Sunday of Easter to you!

As our bulletins failed to be delivered last week, I am reprinting last week's bulletin letter. What's more, a lot is transpiring in the diocese this week, so bear with me as I try to navigate next steps with out leadership teams. Please pray for our diocese, our bishop, and our parishes.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Bulletin Article from Last Week:

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.

Upcoming Events

May, the month of Mary

"Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady, a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"—Pope St. John Paul II

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pope Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special importance and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgy, they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).



This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **May 4:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **May 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>)
- **May 7:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **May 7:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry's First Thursday meeting and Rosary, 6:00 pm, St. Joseph Grotto
- **May 8:** Families Holy Half Hour, 5:30 - 6 pm, Basilica, followed by potluck dinner in Notre Dame Hall.
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

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.

Mark your calendar!

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!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87263434680?pwd=sazuMBnaXMjUUNt2HCkME30JcBOJ0Vb.1>

Meeting ID: 827 6343 4680, passcode: 546618.

Contact Teresita Dean for more details:

thewellnesscenter2017@gmail.com



Updates on Masses and others events during the Basilica Renovations: May 18 through November (subject to changes)

As announced by Fr. Mario last weekend where the Basilica will be closed during the renovations, here are some of the updates impacted by the renovations:

Masses/Rosary:

- Rosary at 7:30 am and 8:00 am Mass, Monday - Saturday, will be in the Notre Dame Hall starting May 18
- (Note: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual help is moved from Wednesday to Saturday)
- Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will be canceled starting May 23
- All Sundays Masses at 7:30, 9:30 am and 12 pm will be canceled starting May 24
- Sundays: Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am only** in the High School Quad starting May 24
- Sundays 7:00 pm Mass will be celebrated at Barnabas Church starting May 24

Weekly Events moved to St. Barnabas Church effective week of May 18 (subject to changes):

- Monday God's Children Prayer Group, 9:15 - 11:00 am
- Monday Men's Power Hour; Rosary at 6:00 pm & Lectio at 6:30 pm
- Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm
- Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Monthly Groups moved to St. Barnabas Church starting June (subject to changes)

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry's First Thursday Gathering/Rosary, 6:00 pm (combined with Thursday Women's Rosary)
- First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Confession at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm
- Communal Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer on the last Friday of the month, 3:00 pm

Other updates during the renovations:

- Legion of Mary Rosary on Fridays: 5:30 pm, Parish Center (2nd Floor—Damien Room, 1119 Lafayette Street)
- Saturdays 8:30 am & 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation will be canceled
- Vietnamese Eucharistic Adoration (held on the first Monday of the month) and Taizé (held on the fourth Friday of the month) will be canceled during the renovations
- The Communal First Saturdays will take place at 7:15 am in Notre Dame Hall, followed by Lectio Divina after the 8:00 am Mass.
- **A comprehensive flyer listing the above and other important information will be available soon.**

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, May 2

8:00 am In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am 1) +Fred Corcoran
2) +Flora Mercado Castro
9:30 am +Byron Buckley Jr - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm +Victoriano U. Nabaza - Birthday
Remembrance
7:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am Sherley Lim - Birthday Thanksgiving

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am SPRED Ministry & their families
- Living & Deceased

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am +Juana B. Torio - Birthday Remembrance

Friday, May 8

8:00 am Hermie Camerino - Birthday Thanksgiving

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am +Sabina M. Posadas
5:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

7:30 am For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
9:30 am For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased

Dear Lord,

You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Bless me with Your peace.

Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.

Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm. Amen.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Madelen Lontiong, Richard Magahiz, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, Dorrie Thorsteinson Reyes, 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.

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, May 2

4:30 pm Anna Rossi

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am Anna Rossi
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, May 4

12:10 pm Morgan Colton

Tuesday, May 5

12:10 pm +Maude Narayan Wakare

Wednesday, May 6

12:10 pm +Rosario Lumalan

Thursday, May 7

12:10 pm Carmela Handor

Friday, May 8

12:10 pm Socorro & Eugenio de Leon

Saturday, May 9 (Mother's Day)

4:30 pm +Gener Ayson

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

9:00 am For all Mothers
11:00 am For all Mothers

Other News

Faith Formation – Adult Journey to Catholicism

Christian Initiation has been part of St. Joseph's for forty years, accompanying adults as well as older youth to full initiation in the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It has also assisted adults baptized in other Christian traditions to be received into full communion. A new "Inquiry" opportunity will begin soon on Wednesday nights. Inquiry is the first stage of the Christian Initiation journey: an informal weekly gathering using Scripture and conversation to help seekers discern whether they are being called to baptism. Adults who are already baptized can enter directly into the Tuesday catechesis sessions, to learn more about Catholicism and if desired to start preparing for the other sacraments of initiation. Contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409 for information or visit <https://sjbalameda.org/initiation>

Distribution of the May/June offering envelopes

is delayed due to a supply chain issue. We hope this will be resolved soon.

In the meantime, here are the ways to give:

- Check: Our church management software matches your bank information to your giving profile.
- Cash: Use any envelope and write your giving number on it. If you do not know your giving number, please contact our office and we will look it up for you.
- Online: Visit <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/give/now> Please note any special collection designation in the memo of your check or on the envelope with your offering.

Special collections this month:

- May 3: RBC (St. Barnabas), Maintenance (St. Joe's)
- May 17: Catholic Charities East Bay
- May 31: SVdP

Mother's Day Weekend, May 9 & 10

You are invited to take a Mother's Day offertory envelope, found in the pews, to honor and remember your loved ones. Kindly return the completed envelopes to the collection baskets next weekend or drop them off at the Rectory. Or, donate online with Realm, <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>. On the drop down menu, scroll for "Offering - Sunday and Holy Days".

During this special weekend, Mass intentions will be offered for all mothers, accompanied by a blessing at the end of each Mass.

In honor of all mothers, the Legion of Mary at St. Joseph is providing small gift bags to take home after all the weekend Masses in the Plaza.

Happy Mother's Day!



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Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

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Have you moved this New Year? Changed your phone number or email? If any of your contact information has changed, please contact either of the parish offices, or log into your REALM account and update your information. This will ensure that you receive any important updates or communications from us.

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