

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025



(Adult Confirmation Class)

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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

St. Joseph Basilica

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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

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next Sunday, we will begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. I look forward to this season, for it provides a much-needed balance to the frantic mindset that will overcome the culture for the next month. As we rush around preparing for big dinners like Thanksgiving, holiday parties, and buying presents, our Church in all Her wisdom reminds us to do something very counter-cultural, to slow down, watch, and wait. Jesus is coming.

Just as He came into our world as a baby 2,000 years ago, He continues to make Himself present to us, albeit, in smaller, quieter ways. He comes in Holy Communion, in Confession, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We need to be watchful for these opportunities to meet Christ because they can sometimes be easy to miss. But, if we are watchful for Him and for those opportunities to imitate Him and live our faith through works of love now, then we will be ready to meet Him when He comes at the end of our lives and at the end of time. Indeed, these are the three “comings” of Christ that we recall during Advent (from the Latin *adventus*, which means coming). During this season we recall His first coming as a human, we recognize His present-day comings in our daily lives, and we prepare for His final coming, “the Second Coming,” at the end of time.

It might sound off, but the purpose of Advent is not so much to celebrate Christ’s birth, but to prepare for His Second Coming, when He will come to destroy death forever and restore all of creation to its intended glory. As a Church, we move toward that day as pilgrims on a journey, keeping before our eyes the truth that this life, as good as it can often be, is not everything; there is more to come in the next life, and we can get a glimpse, a foretaste of that life, the life of heaven, by choosing to love and serve God and one another. This is why Advent is preceded by November, a month dedicated to prayer for our beloved dead who have preceded us on the pilgrimage home. Their deaths remind us to prepare for our own, to prepare to meet our King, by living lives that resemble His own. Let us not forget that He was a humble king, a servant king, who laid down His life for His own, as our Gospel for this weekend relates.



So, watch and wait for the Lord. As a help for doing this, remember that the Basilica is open all day Monday through Friday until 7pm for silent prayer, and we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 1-7pm as well. Perhaps during Advent, you and your family can come and spend 10 minutes adoring the Lord together. If you are a male, you can pray the Rosary with other men in the parish at the Power Hour on Mondays from 6-7pm. The ladies pray the Rosary in the church on Thursdays at the same time. There is no better way to prepare to meet the King, than to follow the Queen, His Mother, Mary.

As we start to think about Black Friday and buying gifts, remember, there is nothing better you can give yourself, your family, and your friends than an encounter with the God who loves us with an infinite love, the God who created us, and wants to be with us forever, the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

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 Prayer: St. Joseph, 7:15 am

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, November 22

8:00 am 1) Dana Embree

2) +Phu Nguyen

5:00 pm 1) +Roberto Ricaña, Jr.
2) +Daniel Moreno

Sunday, November 23

7:30 am +Rino Gacad - 1st Death Anniversary
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm Filomena Macasieb - Birthday
7:00 pm +Steven Antonio Uribe

Monday, November 24

8:00 am +Rino Gacad - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 am Estela de Grano - Birthday

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 am Lim & Thong Families - Thanksgiving Intentions

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day Schedule

9:00 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Friday, November 28

8:00 am 1) +Phillip Fox
2) Minh Nguyen Family - Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29

8:00 am 1) Tony Aganus - Birthday
2) +Dan Lydon
5:00 pm Rosie Apura - Thanksgiving Intentions

Sunday, November 30

7:30 am +Avelina Ofreneo
9:30 am 1) +Almos Phraner 2) +Mailan Dao
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Ramon Jimenez

Missals for Advent-Lent, November 30, 2025 - March 28, 2026: Limited copies for personal use are available for purchase at \$5.00 to cover printing costs, while stock last. You can buy them at the St. Joseph Rectory during office hours from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Please note that the office is closed for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Romelita Bautista, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Calito Franco, Leslie Garcia, Madeline Lontiong, Lorrie Proctor, 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. Barnabas

Saturday, November 22

4:30 pm +John & +Mickalina Feeny

Sunday, November 23

9:00 am +Concejo "Ching" Herrera
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, November 24

12:10 pm +Norma David de la Cruz, +Martha Pereira, & +Diane Dean

Tuesday, November 25

12:10 pm +Gregory David Powell

Wednesday, November 26

12:10 pm +Jose Mario Lapuz

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day - Holiday Schedule

9:00 am People of the Parish

Friday, November 28 (Holiday Schedule)

9:00 am +Nicolas & +Carmen Angela Abay

Saturday, November 29

4:30 pm +Norma David de la Cruz

Sunday, November 30

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Carlos Ramon Maldonado

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closure

In preparation for Thanksgiving, the Parish Offices will be closed at Noon on Wednesday, November 26, through Friday, November 28, and reopen as usual on Monday, December 1.

On behalf of the priests and parish staff, we wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **November 24:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica

November 27 - The following are canceled/rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and will resume on December 4

- Thursday Scripture Reflection
- Thursday Women's Rosary
- Spirit Ensemble Choir rehearsal

Thanksgiving Day Masses Thursday, November 27

9:00 am at both St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

Note: No 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph nor 12:10 pm Mass at St. Barnabas on Thanksgiving day.

At St. Joseph, we invite parishioners to bring bread and a bottle of wine or sparkling grape juice that you will later share with family and friends for a special blessing. Churches will also be closed after Masses for personal prayer.



Parish Communities' Thanksgiving Day
Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 4:00—8:00 pm
St. Joseph High School's Quad

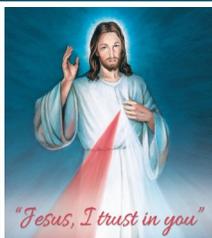
Fr. Mario invites you to join him and fellow parishioners for a fun get-together to give thanks to God and enjoy each other's company. Bring a dish to share!



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, November 28
3:00 pm, Basilica

On the last Friday of each month, the Community is invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm during the Eucharistic Adoration. Please join



Parish Family Activity next weekend!

November 30

10:45 am, St. Joseph Gathering Space
All ages welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday

November 29 & 30

Next weekend, we will have the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for donations. Please drop your envelopes in the collection baskets.

Your contributions, whether made during Mass or online with REALM (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/form/give/nw> - on the drop down menu scroll for 'SVDP') help us to provide essential assistance to families and individuals in our neighborhood, including support for utilities, rent, and groceries. We also appreciate your prayers for our neighbors and our ministry. Thank you for your support!

(At St. Joseph, Vincentians will be at the doors accepting donations at the end of Mass.)



Pancake Breakfast with Santa

(hosted by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus)

& Christmas Boutique Sale/Fundraiser

Sunday, December 7 @ Notre Dame Hall
after the three daytime Masses

Important date - mark your calendar!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

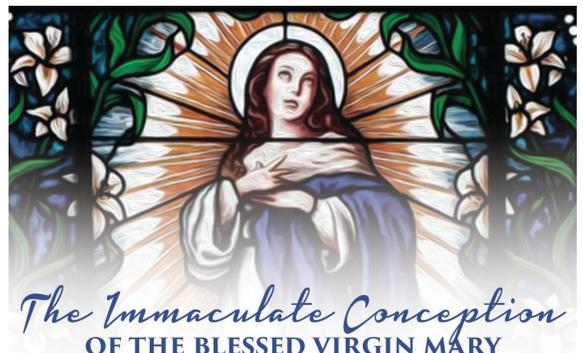
Monday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

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

St. Barnabas: 12:10 pm & *6:30 pm (*incense)



Other News

Faith Formation – Getting Formed For Advent

“Formed – Forming Catholics for Life.” If you have not yet taken advantage of this online resource available to all parishioners, now is the time. The new liturgical year starts next week with Advent, so check out the many Advent resources at <https://leaders.formed.org/advent>. There are short clips, full-length movies, studies, and audio talks in English and Spanish, for all ages. Register at no cost (St. Joseph Basilica purchases an annual Parish subscription) at <https://formed.org/signup>. Download the app! Good spiritual enrichment and formation always available at your fingertips.

Dear Parishioners: *On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has take steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.*



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2025

St. Barnabas Community

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a St. Barnabas tradition. It is an opportunity to give a Christmas gift to families served by the St. Barnabas Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Every gift is for a neighbor in need – a family living within our parish boundaries that needs a little help this holiday season.

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be decorated with paper ‘Angels’ and ‘Stars’. The Angels will be labeled with specific detailed request along with gender and age. The Stars will be labeled “groceries” that can be used at stores like Lucky’s, Safeway’s, Grocery Outlet, or Target. There will also be Stars labeled “gas card”.

How do you participate

Please select one or more Angels and bring back the wrapped gift(s) with the ‘Angel’ attached securely to the package. If you have chosen a ‘Star’ please place the gift card, the gift receipt securely attached to the Star in an envelope. Please remember that, if our neighbors have made requests for specific Christmas gifts, we don’t want to disappoint anyone. If you are unable to find the item requested, just return the Angel to the tree. PLEASE don’t substitute a different item or get a different size.

When should the gifts be returned

Everything must be returned by noon on Sunday, December 14th. Please place your wrapped gifts and envelopes under the Giving Tree. Conference members will pick up the gifts after every Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please do not leave gifts at weekday Masses. We don’t want your gift to get lost.

Parishioners are invited to join us on either dates to assist with gift assembly/wrapping or delivery: Sunday, December 14th, from 12-3 PM for gift wrapping/bag assembly
Saturday, December 20th from 1-3 PM, to distribute gifts to our neighbors.

Any questions, please contact Cindy at 510-517-1289 or email cindyharless@gmail.com.

God bless you and thank you for your generous support.



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St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

Basilica’s ANGEL TABLE

Don’t forget to visit the Angel Table this weekend!

Pick up paper ornaments identified with gift items which you may purchase. Please bring the wrapped gift back with the ornament securely attached.

Envelopes are provided with the stars for the checks and gift cards. We recommend that you use St Joseph Elementary School scrip, if possible.

Please return the wrapped gifts and gift cards to the rectory between 9:00AM and 4:00 PM (closed between 1—2 pm) by DECEMBER 7 so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

For questions, call Peggy Ritchie at 510 865 8352.
Thank you for your support!

Note: Due to early upload of bulletin, events are subject to changes. Possible changes will be updated on the Parish Facebook and E-news platforms.

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