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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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."
(Genesis 18:1-10a)

Psalm 15

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Colossians 1:24-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

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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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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



The Church's beautiful teaching on artificial contraception...

Dear Family,

If you were to ask a priest what his favorite part is about being a priest, he will likely say celebrating the Sacraments, most especially Confession and Mass. In Confession, I've seen people leave transformed after hearing the words, "I absolve you from your sins." Similarly, in the Mass, priests are charged with speaking those most sacred words of Jesus, "this is my body...this is my blood." It is a blessing to be able to do this.

One part of the ministry priests might not be so quick to say is their favorite is marriage preparation. This is because the words we need to speak to couples during preparation aren't always as clear as in the ceremonies; each couple is different and has their own needs. Oftentimes, however, one thing that is similar is that the engaged couple is living and sleeping together, while using contraception. Having conversations about the Church's teaching on sex is not easy, but couples deserve to hear what the Church's has in mind for them since it is true, good, and beautiful.

I bring this up because this week the Church recognizes Natural Family Planning Awareness week. Natural Family Planning, or NFP, is the Church's prescribed means for married couples to regulate pregnancies and fully experience the beauty and depth of lovemaking. This teaching, put forth by the Church in many documents, but most especially in *Humana Vitae* of 1968, is hotly contested, and oftentimes ignored. In short, *Humana Vitae* taught that the use of contraception is wrong, not because the Church hates sex, but because it reveres it so highly.

Lovemaking between husband and wife is like a sacrament, which means that it communicates something without words. In our seven Sacraments, visible signs are used (e.g., water, oil, bread, wine, etc.) to show forth some invisible reality (e.g., the Holy Spirit cleansing us from sin in Baptism, or Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist). The same is true when married couples make love. I will often explain it as a "body-language." Just as a handshake communicates goodwill or agreement without speaking, or a hug communicates friendship or compassion without words, so does lovemaking. And what does it say, what does it make visible? It makes visible the marriage vows, which are a participation in God's covenant love with humanity, and most especially Jesus' union with His bride, the Church. Let's look at this more deeply.

The Church says that God's love for humanity is free, total, faithful, and fruitful. We are called to participate in this, manifesting it to the world. God loves us **freely**, he wasn't forced to create us, and isn't forced to love us; He wasn't forced to send His Son, and He wasn't forced to lay down His life for us. He chose to. Similarly, married couples aren't forced to marry the other, but freely choose their spouse without pressure, and freely give themselves to each other on their wedding day. Next, God loves us **totally**, holding nothing back from us. He shows this most fully in sending us His Son, Jesus, who in turn gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist; He can give nothing more. Married couples commit to a love that is total, giving all of themselves and accepting everything from the other, in good times and in bad as the vows say, sins and all. In the marital act, they also give totally, holding nothing back, including their fertility. In doing so, married couples agree to be **fruitful**, to be open to life, as God is the fruitful creator and "giver of life," as we say in the Creed. Married couples consent to being fruitful each time they come together. Lastly, married couples are **faithful** as God is faithful to us. God asks for fidelity to Him, that we do not have "other Gods," that we follow *Him*. In turn, He will be faithful to us, even if we sin against Him. Similarly, married couples commit that what they do together, especially in the bedroom, they will never do with another.

Thus, the physical act of making love is a kind of sacrament, a consummation of the wedding vows, a communication of the commitment to participate in the love of God Himself, in the love of Jesus Christ, the "bridegroom" of the Church. Hence, every act of lovemaking is like a renewal of the wedding vows, which is why the Church teaches that, before marriage, couples should not say with their bodies what they have not said with their souls. It is also why the Church teaches that married couples should not exclude the essential element of fruitfulness from their lovemaking, because when that happens, an entirely different reality is communicated. When contraception is introduced into a marriage, what is communicated is "instead of giving all of me, I will give a portion of me; instead of receiving all of you, I will receive a portion of you." What NFP helps couples to communicate is, "I am making a free, total, faithful, and fruitful gift to you, as God has made to us." Which would you rather say?

Sharing this with couples can be awkward, but it is a gift that couples deserve to know because it sets them free to experience and enjoy the depth of God's plan for lovemaking. The Church is not a prude. The Church understands the marital act and wants married couples to experience and enjoy it more fully. If you would like to learn more about NFP and how it can enhance your marriage, please do not hesitate to ask me. I am on the Board of the California Association of Natural Family Planning (CANFP) and have resources available for you.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **July 21:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **July 22:** Tuesday Talks, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Basilica (every week through August 17)
- **July 24:** 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>)
- **July 24:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **July 25:** Taize, 8:00 - 9:00 pm, Basilica
- *For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>*

Tuesday Talks

Join Fr. Mario this Tuesday in the Basilica, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, for the first of five sessions on some of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. All are welcome! (Recordings of previous Tuesday Talks can be found at <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-faith-formation>)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, July 25
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 us this Friday.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Ministry: Our Lady of Guadalupe is called the Patroness of the Americas and at St. Joseph, we have Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry. Anyone is welcome to join the Ministry in any of their Meetings and/or partake in any events that are being planned each year in the month of December to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.



The Ministry meet on the **first Thursday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Grotto (located in the Basilica's Vestibule) to pray the Rosary in Spanish or plan for December events. Volunteers can assist with ongoing fundraising activities, help with the liturgies (plan, create worship aid, organize children's procession, lector in Spanish, serve as greeter, etc.), volunteer your music or entertainment skills, provide technical assistance, or assist with the food, set up or clean-up for hospitality.

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, August 7
For more information, contact Yunia S. Renteria: yuniarenteria@gmail.com



**Jubilee Year of Hope
Designated Pilgrimage Site**

St. Joseph Basilica

1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda, CA

Friday, August 1, 2025



8:00am
Daily Mass



1:00pm-5:45pm
Adoration with
Benediction



3:00pm-5:30pm
Sacrament of
Reconciliation



6:00pm
Mass with
Bishop Barber

For more information, visit parish website:
<https://sjbalameda.org/>

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT...

Summer Fun Road trip

SAT-AUGUST 30, 2025
9 AM - 2 PM

Join us for our 2nd Annual
Discovery & Adventure to our
parishes!

**SCAN FOR
DETAILS &
REGISTRATION!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. JOSEPH BASILICA

Or contact:

Patrick Thong: patrickthong68@gmail.com

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Register by August 25, 2025

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

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



David N. Lillevand: Friday, July 29, 11:30 am, Basilica

Tamara Centeno: Friday, August 8, 11 am, Basilica

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the Sick & the Suffering
in our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Miriam Cruz, Kwame Cunningham, Fong Che, Jazlynn Alana Cain, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Norma de la Cruz, Zachary Ramos, Freda Racelis, Nory A. Reyes, Erica Rivard, Rina Tobis, André Toribio, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Lorrie Proctor, Dean Villanueva, Femy Visperas and Bernardita Meaney.

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.

Estate Plan up to date? Please consider including a bequest to St. Joseph or St. Barnabas.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, July 19

8:00 am +Jose Lim - Birthday Remembrance
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am +Phu Nguyen
9:30 am +George Naclerio Sr.
12:00 pm 1) +Soledad Natac - Death Anniversary
2) +Joe Champlin
7:00 pm +Dolly Ceralvo

Monday, July 21

8:00 am 1) +Isabel T. Sanos - Death Anniversary
2) +Elizabeth Astle

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am 1) +Carlo Di Rucco
2) Day Nguyen & Family - Thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am +Rino Gacad - Repose of Soul

Thursday, July 24

8:00 am +Sally Gallagher

Friday, July 25

8:00 am Henriette & Linda Perry

Saturday, July 26

8:00 am +Victor Natac - Death Anniversary
5:00 pm Khiet Nguyen & Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Angela Naclerio - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm +Marie Martinez
7:00 pm +Dolly Ceralvo

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, July 19

4:30 pm +John Milne, Sr & +Mary Milne

Sunday, July 20

9:00 am +Joseph S. Fernandez
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, July 21

12:10 pm +Josephine Reynado

Tuesday, July 22

12:10 pm +Rodesindo Aquino

Wednesday, July 23

12:10 pm Father Kenneth Nobrega

Thursday, July 24

12:10 pm +Benito Awayan

Friday, July 25

12:10 pm +Fausto Awayan

Saturday, July 26

4:30 pm +Nicolas 'Loloy' Espadilla

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Ernesto Macatumpag

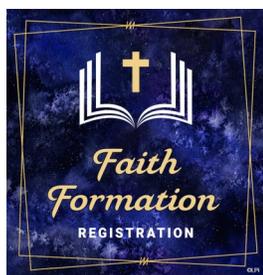
Monthly Financial Report - June

Please contact Parish Business Manager, Stan, if you have any questions,
at 510.995.9411, or business@sjbalameda.org

Stewardship Update					
St. Joseph Basilica				2025 Actual Comparisons	
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Jun	64,459	54,583	55,257	118%	17%
Jan-Jun	358,773	347,500	353,347	103%	2%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Jun	19,706	22,016	27,865	90%	-29%
Jan-Jun	130,585	134,333	141,886	97%	-8%

Other News

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

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>

St. Joseph Basilica's Annual School Supply Drive

- starting July 16 through July 26. For a list of things to donate, pick up a flyer and drop your donations in special baskets found in the Basilica. Please help in any way you can. (Drive is coordinated by St. Joes' St. Vincent de Paul)



Bulletin Submission Deadline: Please email short blurb for the bulletin **two weeks prior** to date of event to: secretary@sjbalameda.org. Event is subject to Parish approval. Thank you.

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St. Barnabas

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