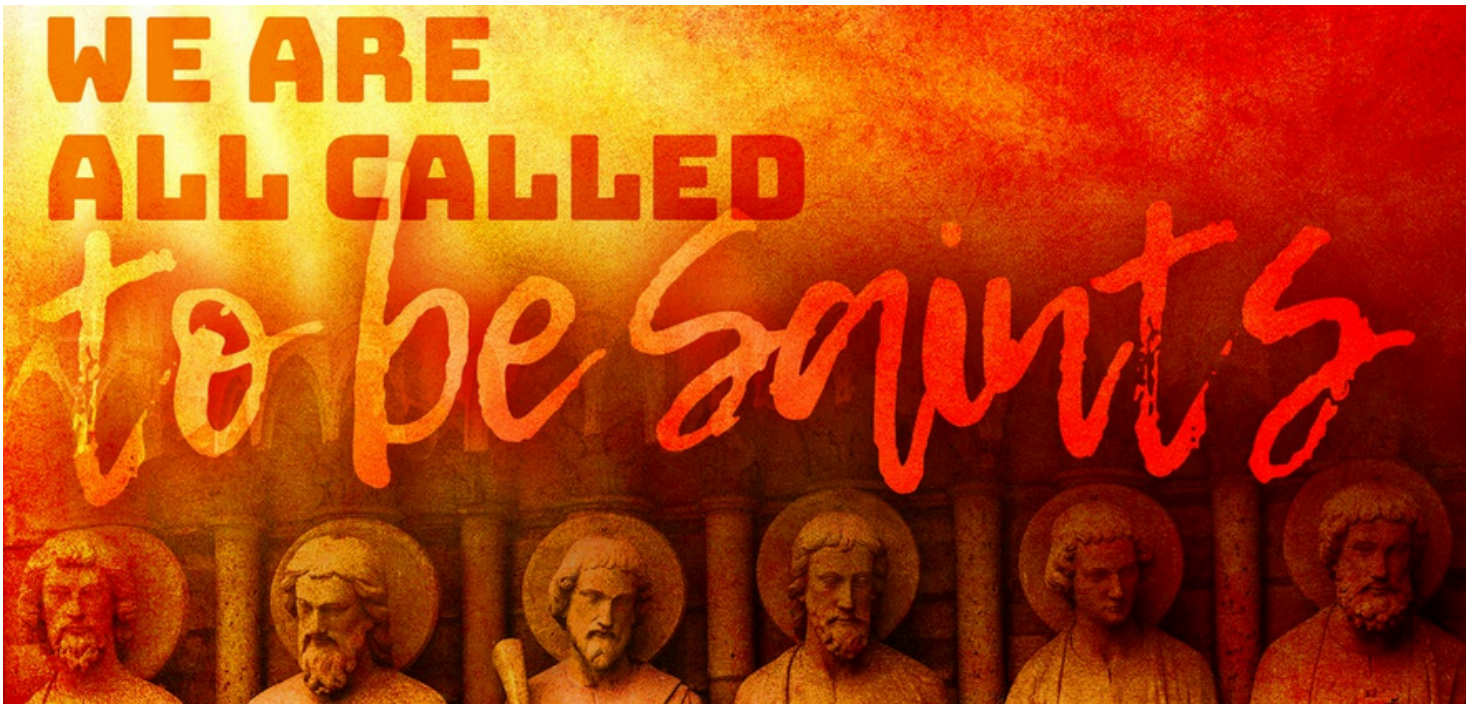


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Solemnity of All Saints: November 1, 2026

Clergy Message



Dear Family,

As some of you may have heard, a dozen of the U.S. Catholic Bishops met with President Trump last week in the Oval Office. This has resulted in a flurry of demands for the Bishops to apologize. To my knowledge, at least two have done so. Earlier this week, Bishop Barber sent out this letter to the diocese as his official response. Please read the letter, followed by some concluding remarks.

Dear brother Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Chancery, Cathedral and Parish Staff and all Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

I went to Washington DC with eleven other bishops to advocate for my diocese, my community, and our Church. For three hours, the president's staff listened to our concerns about abortion and in-vitro fertilization; fear in our community over deportations and arrests; the need for visas for our international priests; scholarship tax credits for our Catholic schools; religious freedom, especially related to policies of gender identity and DEI; protection for Catholic health care professionals; assisted suicide; and restoring contracts for civilian priests serving US military bases.

The conversations were helpful and constructive and in the spirit of Pope Francis's guidance, as explained in Fratelli Tutti: "Either we stake all on dialogue, on the culture of encounter, or we all lose."

As the bishop of Oakland, I met personally with Governor Jerry Brown during his tenure. He also attended Mass in our Cathedral, dined at my residence and met with all the bishops of California during one of our plenary sessions in Sacramento.

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There are significant points of disagreement on matters of faith and morals between the Catholic Church and the Democratic and Republican parties. It is urgent, therefore, that we communicate with one another and participate as faithful citizens. After meeting with the President of Spain Pope Leo XIV stressed the need "to foster constructive dialogue between the local Church and public authorities … based on mutual respect and aimed at promoting the common good." That is why I went to Washington.

A bishop's duty is to "preach the Gospel in season and out of season." (2 Tim 4), not to contribute to division. I ask all people of good will to join in praying for our public servants, that they may be enlightened by our witness of mercy and faith.

I treasure my meetings with Governor Brown. I was grateful to be invited to the White House and meet with the President of the United States. I hope the opportunity to share our Faith and values will contribute to the betterment of our country and society.

With the assurance of my continued prayers,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

I am grateful to Bishop for the letter, and for taking the risk of attending the visit itself. I even wrote to him and told him that I do not think he should apologize. If he had met with President Obama or Biden, I would have said the same thing. And why? Because our faith is the determining factor for every other aspect of our lives, and if he has the opportunity to make change for the better, he should take it. We all should, even if it means going into challenging situations.

In the document on participation in public life, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, (created in 2007, last revised in 2023), the US Bishops remind us that the faithful have an ***obligation*** to not only participate in public life (i.e. vote), but also to influence the moral character of society. What else were the Bishops doing than fulfilling this obligation by taking the rare and privileged opportunity to speak to the president! Did the president's administration use the opportunity for their own gain? Perhaps, but to accuse the Bishops of something political – and to expect an apology – is borderline pharisaical.

Before passing any judgement on the Bishops, I invite you to read the Gospel, and to ask, what Jesus might have done in the same situation…

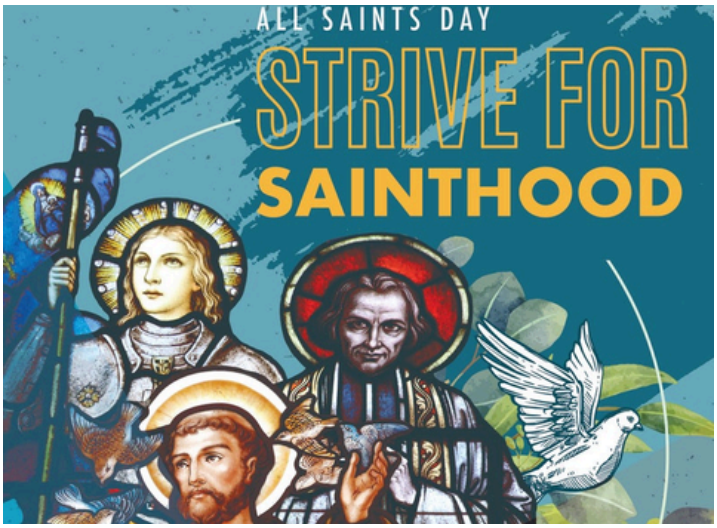
"As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. **While he was at table in his house**, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. **The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?**" He heard this and said, "**Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.** Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mt 9:9-13)

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. **When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.**" But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. **For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost**" (Luke 19:5-10).

Can't you hear the pharisees murmuring, "Jesus should apologize for this." If Jesus had had the chance to meet with Caesar, would he have taken the opportunity? I think he would have. What do you think?

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming events



This Week at St. Barnabas & St. Joseph

- Nov 2: Men's Power Hour; Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, St. Barnabas
- Nov 4: Young Adults Group, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center
- Nov 5: Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30-11:30 am weekly online reflection and sharing on upcoming Sunday's readings through Dialpad Meeting: https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y
- Nov 5: Our Lady of Guadalupe (first Thursday) and Thursday Women combined Rosary, 6:00 pm, St. Barnabas
- Fridays: Acts29 Youth Group Gathering, 6 pm, Notre Dame Hall
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: https://sjbalameda.org/events-1

First Friday at St. Albert The Great Church
November 6
9.30 am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

First Friday Devotion
in honor of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus
November 6, St. Barnabas
Rosary: 11:30 am
Confession: 5:30-6:30pm
Mass: 7:00pm



"The sacred heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain, and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure."
—St. Margaret Mary

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), celebrated November 1-7, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.
NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Pray for increased in vocations:
God our Father,
We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Remembering our Loved Ones in the month of November

Throughout November, as Catholics we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died. At our Parishes, we offer the following opportunities to commemorate our faithful departed:

Monday, Nov 2 - All Souls Day Masses:
- St. Joseph - 8:00 am (Notre Dame Hall)
- St. Barnabas - 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 8 - Mass of Remembrance honoring those who have died the past year at the 10 am Mass, High School Quad

You may also write the names of your loved ones on the special offering envelopes available in at the entrances to the Quad or St. Barnabas Church.

Envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.
Don't forget to visit the cemetery to place flowers and offer prayers for your loved ones.



Devotions

Note: Changes to events due to closure of the Basilica for renovations, starting May 18—November (subject to change)

Daily Rosary:
St. Joseph at Notre Dame Hall,
Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas, Monday - Friday, 11:15 am; Saturday, 3:00 pm & Sunday following 9:00 am Mass

Men's Power Hour: St. Barnabas,
Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
(Note: Rosary at 6:00 pm & Lectio at 6:30 pm)

First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese
- canceled during renovations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday - St. Barnabas, following the 12:10 pm Mass
Saturday - St. Joseph, following the 8 am Mass

Thursday Women's Rosary
St. Barnabas, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Barnabas:
--11:30 am, Rosary
--Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 pm & Mass: 7:00 pm

3rd Fridays - Praise & Worship Night
6:00 - 7:00 pm, St. Barnabas

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Barnabas
Fridays, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

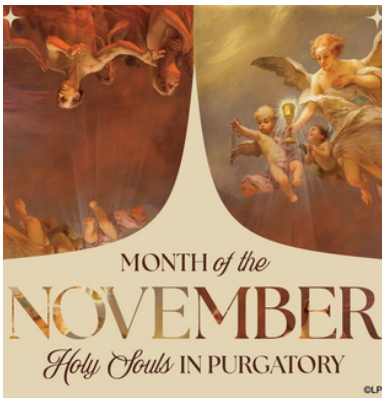
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer
St. Barnabas, last Friday of the month, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

The Communal First Saturdays:
7:15 am, St. Joseph at Notre Dame Hall

Monthly Apostleship of Prayer Meeting: 4th Sunday
St. Barnabas: 2:00 pm, Room 4

November 2: All Souls Day

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) is the feast day when we remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory as they are purified in preparation for Heaven. Consider lighting a candle today for those who have passed, and keep them in your prayers all month long!



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!

Mass Intention: To request a Mass Intention, please visit the Parish offices:
St. Joseph: 9 am - 1 pm or 2 - 4 pm (Mondays - Fridays)
St. Barnabas: 9 am - 12 pm, 1 - 4 pm (Wednesdays - Fridays)

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, Oct 31, 4:30 pm: +Cris Foley
Sunday, Nov 1:
9:00 am: People of the Parish
11:00 am: +Lorenzo Roberto Ramos, Jr.
7:00 pm: People of the Parish
Monday, Nov 2: All Souls' Day
12:10 pm: All Souls
6:30 pm: All Departed Souls
Tuesday, Nov 3, 12:10 pm: All Souls
Wednesday, Nov 4, 12:10 pm: +Ernesto Silva
Thursday, Nov 5, 12:10 pm: +Doris Dee Burk
Friday, Nov 6, 12:10 pm: Apostleship of Prayer
Saturday, Nov 7, 4:30 pm: +Rosalie Hale
Sunday, Nov 8:
9:00 am: Conrado Dio
11:00 am: People of the Parish
7:00 pm: Cheryl Jimenez Mandap - Healing

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, Oct 31: 8:00 am:
1)+Juanita Olive Green
2) +Alfonso Hernandez - Death Anniversary
Sunday, Nov 1, 10:00 am: People of the Parish
Monday, Nov 2: 8:00 am: +All Departed Souls of the Parish (All Souls Day)
Tuesday, Nov 3 8:00 am:
1) All Souls in Purgatory
2) Mai & Tuyen - Thanksgiving intention
Wednesday, Nov 4, 8:00 am: +Noel O'Dowd
Thursday, Nov 5,
8:00 am: +Isabel T. Santos - Birthday Remembrance
Friday, Nov 6,
8:00 am: +Sister Pat Nagle
7:00 pm (First Friday): +Michael Shawn Hunt
Saturday, Nov 7: 8:00 am:
In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday, Nov 8: 10 am:
1) +Remembrance Mass for +All Souls
2) +Perseveranda Ricana

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Narciso Ayran, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Elvie Diones Gurat, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Mandy Tham, 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@sjbalameda.org.

November 3 is Election Day! Have you voted yet?

As Catholics, we are called to be faithful citizens by forming our conscience, exercising our right to vote, and prayerfully working toward the common good.

Other News

Faith Formation – Sainthood is the Goal

It can be easy to forget the real reason for signing our children up for Faith Formation, or for participating in adult programs. It's not simply about preparing for sacraments or spiritual enrichment, but about preparing to become saints. On today's Solemnity of All Saints, it's worth reflecting on our universal call to holiness. The 1964 Dogmatic Constitution on the Church reminds us: "The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory. Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity." (LG 41)

We invite you to join us in the St Joseph Basilica tradition of the **ANGEL GIVING PROJECT.** This project is a way to provide gifts or gift cards to a needy child, adult or senior in our community. Beginning October 3rd you can participate by making a check payable to St Joseph Basilica with Angel Giving Project or Midway Shelter in the memo line.
You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to St Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St, Alameda, CA 94501. Please put Angel Giving Project on the envelope. You may also donate via credit card through online giving with Realm: https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now

On drop down bar, scroll for "Angel Giving Project". Or scan the QR code. We will accept donations from October 3rd through December 23th.



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(closed for lunch: 12 - 1 pm)

Church Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

Mass Schedule
Weekdays: 12:10 pm
First Friday: 7 pm
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil) Sunday: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
First Friday Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Saturday, 3:30 - 4 pm

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Basilica Hours: Closed during renovations

Mass Schedule
Weekdays: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall (*subject to change)*
Saturday: 8 am, Notre Dame Hall
Sunday: 10 am ONLY, High School Quad

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