

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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 12, 2025



Welcome to the Family!

Baptisms celebrated last Sunday during the 9:30 am - Averie (parents, Lisa & Michael) and at the Noon Mass - from left, Francesca (parents, Jon & Liana) and Amelie (parents, Edward & Adrienne).

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Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday

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)

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,

Please enjoy the second Rosary testimony from our parish pastoral associate, Jimmy.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

"Cling to the Rosary — for without Our Lady we cannot stand. The family that prays together, stays together, and if you want peace in your heart and your home, pray the Rosary every day. Our Lady has never refused me anything I have asked through the Rosary. She is our tender Mother, eager to grant all we need if only we will come to her with trust and love." — St. Teresa of Calcutta

The first lesson the Rosary has taught me is generosity, not just in giving, but in trust. One of my most prized Rosaries was a gift I received on a retreat, and it became a companion to my faith journey. Years later, while at a gas station in Oakland by 98th Ave and International (I remember the day clearly), a homeless man looked at my Rosary and asked if he might have it. Hesitation seized me, it was precious, tied to my spiritual life, yet his story moved me: he had once been shot, and claimed that the crucifix deflected or absorbed part of the bullet, saving him. In that moment I gave him the Rosary, offering it with a mixture of trembling sacrifice and joy. A week later, to my astonishment, a stranger after Mass approached me and handed me the very same Rosary I had given away. The coincidence still humbles me. That experience taught me that in genuine generosity, especially when it costs us something, God often returns blessings beyond our imagining.

The second lesson the Rosary has taught me is to deepen my devotion to Jesus Christ, particularly through the way Mary leads me to Him. In the "Hail Mary" prayer, we see that every prayer to Mary pauses at the name of Jesus — "Jesus" is placed at the very center of that prayer. This is not accidental. The Catechism teaches that the invocation of the holy name of Jesus is "the simplest way of praying always." When repeated with humility and attention, the Name itself bears His presence: to call on "Jesus" is truly to invite Him into our hearts.

In the Eastern Christian tradition, there is the "Jesus Prayer." "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner," which underscores how the name "Jesus" is a living bridge between the soul and the Savior. Catholic devotional practice likewise honors the powerful mystery of Christ's name: by it, we call upon the Redeemer. In praying the Rosary, Mary escorts us through the mysteries, but always points us inward toward her Son. The Spirit teaches us to pray in His name, and every Hail Mary becomes an act of communion with Jesus. Lastly the Rosary has also shown me something that every man needs to know, that real strength begins in prayer. Too often, men think their job is only to fix, to protect, to provide. But spiritual fatherhood means more than that. It means standing in the gap, interceding for your wife, your kids, and your household before God. When a man prays the Rosary, he isn't just repeating words. He's fighting for his family in the most powerful way possible, not with control or pride, but through humble strength. Every Hail Mary becomes a shield over his home, every mystery a reminder that his family's story is caught up in God's story.

Look at St. Joseph, silent, steady, and strong. Scripture records not one of his words, yet his actions spoke volumes. He prayed, he trusted, he protected. That's what men are called to do: to cover their families spiritually, to bring their fears and hopes to God through Mary's hands. When a husband or father prays the Rosary, he becomes a spiritual warrior, not one who dominates, but one who defends through love. His intercession becomes like a spiritual backbone for the home. It unites, it steadies, it strengthens.

The world needs more men like that, men who pray with conviction, who take up the Rosary not as a decoration but as a weapon of peace. Through Mary, our prayers reach Christ's heart, and through Christ, grace flows into our families. The Rosary trains a man to lead not just with authority, but with humility, to be a protector of souls, not just a provider of things. In the hands of a praying man, it's not just beads, it's a lifeline for his family.

Jimmy Jimenez-Garcia



Upcoming Events

Sorry WE'RE
CLOSED

Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, October 13** for the Columbus Day holiday, and reopen as usual the next day.

Note: St. Joseph's 8:00 am Mass will be celebrated as usual and St. Barnabas Mass at 9:00 am instead of 12:10 pm.

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **October 13:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **October 14:** Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, 7:00 - 8:00 pm (Second Tuesday of every month) at St. Barnabas School, Room 3. (Door opens at 6:40 pm)
- **October 16:** 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>)
- **October 16:** Thursday Women's Rosary: 6:00 pm. Basilica
- **October 18:** Alameda Deanery Sensory Friendly Mass (3rd Saturday), 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Barnabas Church
- **October 19:** Ministry of Caring 3rd Sunday Gathering. 1:30 - 3:00 pm, Rectory. Drop ins welcome!
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry Fundraiser: Tamales for sale, Sunday, October 19 after all the earlier Masses, in the Gathering Space

You can pre-order by contacting Roberta Fuentes at 510.924.6872. Pre-orders must be placed by October 17. You can pick up your tamales on that day between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm at St. Joseph's Gathering Space.
Price of tamales: \$5 each or \$50 for a dozen

World Mission Sunday Collection October 18 & 19

Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

As the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."

In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be "messengers and builders of hope" in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair.

Reflecting on the significance of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis urged us to keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the center of history, emphasizing that His mission continues today through the Church: *Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope.*

Note: Donation envelopes can be found in the pews, or donate online with REALM (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and select "World Mission Sunday" in the drop-down bar.



Sunflower Girls
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Sunday, October 26th
after 7:30am, 9:30am, and 12:00pm masses

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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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, October 11

8:00 am 1) +Dana & Kathryn Curtis
2) Steve & Nancy Cytron
- 41st Wedding Anniversary

5:00 pm 1) +Felicidad Soriano
2) Anna Woo - Birthday

Sunday, October 12

7:30 am Pilar Alcontin - 94th Birthday
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm 1) Jonathan-Paul Acker
2) +Carlo Di Rucco
7:00 pm James Clark

Monday, October 13

8:00 am +Benigno Macasieb - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am +Mila Q. Sangines - 1st Death Anniversary

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 am 1)+Nick R. Santos Jr.- Birthday Remembrance
2) James Clark

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am +Helene Pare - Death Anniversary

Friday, October 17

8:00 am 1)+Julita Manese - Death Anniversary
2) +Dr. Concordio Ursal

Saturday, October 18

8:00 am James Clark
5:00 pm Italian Eucharistic Miracles Pilgrimage Group

Sunday, October 19

7:30 am Mary Grace Keeler & Juan Carlos Cattaneo
9:30 am Deceased Family Members of Naclerio Family
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Perla Ramos

Note: October & November Mass Intention requests are closed since all dates are filled.



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Romelita Bautista, Kwame Cunningham, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Cris Foley, Calito Franco, Lorrie Proctor, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, 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@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

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

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, October 11

4:30 pm Benjamin Cuvelier

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am +Sofia Perez
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, October 13

(Holiday Schedule)

9:00 am +Gerarda Aquino

Tuesday, October 14

12:10 pm +Ronin Bulda

Wednesday, October 15

12:10 pm +Nonito Zamora

Thursday, October 16

12:10 pm Marcelo Monela

Friday, October 17

12:10 pm +Norberto Ociana Sune

Saturday, October 18

4:30 pm Madonna Munila

Sunday, October 19

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Tuyen Nguyen

Other News

Faith Formation – Growing Opportunities: Last week's gospel spoke of the power of faith, even if as small as a mustard seed. There are so many ways we can continue growing in faith, in addition to participating in the sacraments regularly and praying the rosary. Many of our youngsters are attending classes or preparing for sacraments and/or participating in the monthly Family Holy Half Hour of Adoration. Teens are in Youth Confirmation or the new Youth Group. Quite a few adults are in Christian Initiation preparing for baptism, or in Adult Confirmation for Confirmation and in some cases Eucharist and Reconciliation, and others are in Alpha. SPRED provides spiritual formation for those with special needs. Next month the "Adventures in Marriage" workshop offers an enrichment opportunity for married couples. Learn more on our website (except marriage is <https://sfarch.org/event/adventures-in-marriage-learn-how-to-be-married-2/>) and keep on growing!

SVdP Thanksgiving Drive: Let's Support Our Alameda Neighbors in Need

As we enter this season of gratitude, let us come together to support families in our community who are facing hardship. We are deeply thankful for your generosity and welcome donations from November 1 -16 for the following non-perishable healthy food items:

- Brown or white rice (1 or 2 lbs.)
- Low-sugar cereal
- Spaghetti or pasta noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Whole grain crackers
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter and jelly or jam (low or no sugar preferred)
- Canned green beans, brown beans, corn, spinach
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit (low or no sugar)

Please place your food donations in the Red Boxes located near the Basilica doors

In addition to food, we are accepting **monetary donations** to help purchase turkeys and other essentials for large families.

- Make checks payable to **SVdP-St. Joseph Basilica** Place checks or cash in an envelope labeled "**SVdP Thanksgiving**".

🙏 A special thank you to the SJES families who are already contributing turkey dinner items. Your kindness makes a real difference.



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St. Barnabas

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Bernadette Baria - Music Director, 510.522.8933

St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners please contact:

St. Joseph: Fr. Mario Rizzo - 510.995.9421 / email:
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St. Barnabas: Fr Kenneth - phone: 510.995.9406 /
email: fatherkennethnobrega@icloud.com

Mandatory Safety Training for all Liturgical Ministers (Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir groups, Ushers & Greeters)

All Liturgical ministers at both parishes are requested to attend the mandatory safety training. If you have not received any communication on the training from your Ministry Leader, kindly reach out to them to confirm your attendance as we would like to keep track of all participants.

There will be two training sessions. Participants may attend either one, but it is preferable to go to the church where they regularly minister.

⇒ St. Joseph is Saturday, November 1, from 10 am - 12 pm

⇒ St. Barnabas is Saturday, November 8, from 10 am - 12 pm



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