

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.

The Baptism of the Lord: January 11, 2026



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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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Website: sjbalameda.org

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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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we enter back into the season of Ordinary Time, we do so not with sadness that the Christmas season is over, but with hope. This is because the Advent and Christmas seasons at our two parishes were full of joy, which is a sign of God's abiding presence. He has been working in our parishes and will continue to do so. I know this because I've seen it over the last six years. As I enter my 7th year in Alameda, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to you all who give so much to this faith family. Thank you for making this year, and especially this season of Christ's birth so special.

Thank you to both Angel Giving Tree projects, and for all of you who bought a gift for those in need. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting Santa Clause, for making us a delicious pancake breakfast, and for hanging our Christmas lights.



Thank you to the Guadalupana ministry for praying a novena for us to our Lady of Guadalupe, and for hosting Mañanitas and Mass at St. Barnabas on December 12th – the band was spectacular. Thank you to both parish's Simbang Gabi groups. Simbang Gabi is always a highlight of the year when we are nourished with faith and food!

Thank you to those who helped coordinate the end of the year party in the high school gym, and to everyone who donated food.

Thank you to our Arts and Environment teams. Each season you do an amazing job transforming the churches, drawing us deeper into the mystery of the different liturgical seasons.

Thank you to our liturgical ministers, our lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and greeters, sacristans, altar servers, and musicians. The liturgy is the most important thing we do as Catholics, and I am so proud of the reverent and joyful liturgy we have developed together. Visitors are always telling me how beautiful our Masses are.

Thank you to our staff: Bernadette, Cyril, and Michael (musicians), Anne Marie and Jimmy (faith formation and Sacramental Prep.) Chris and Santiago (facilities), Gloria, Sherley, and Stan (office), Fr. Kenneth, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Alvaro. I consider myself extremely blessed to have co-workers like you in the "vineyard," and I look forward to ministering with you in the new year.

Lastly, thank you parishioners! As in past years, I received many heartwarming cards this year. Thank you! But not just for the cards. Thank you for your commitment to our Church and for giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Together, we will make 2026 a hopeful, joyful year. May the joy of Christmas continue to be a light for you in the new year!

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **January 12:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **January 13:** Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, 7:00—8:00 pm (Second Tuesday of every month) at St. Barnabas School, Room 3
- **January 15:** 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>)
- **January 15:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **January 17:** 3rd Saturday Sensory Friendly Mass at St. Barnabas Church, 4:30 pm
- **January 18:** 3rd Sunday Ministry of Caring gathering. 1:30—3:00 pm, St. Joseph's rectory. Drop-ins welcome!
- *For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>*

9-days Novena for Life January 16 - 24

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life!

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more resources or to sign up to pray a novena for life, January 16-24, visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-dayssignup> (USCCB)



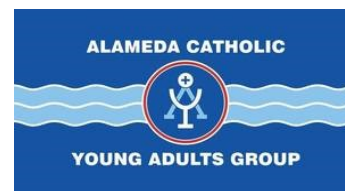
Feast of Santo Niño Sunday, January 18

To celebrate the Feast of Santo Nino, St. Joseph's Simbang Gabi Ministry invites you to join them at the Noon Mass followed by light refreshments after Mass in the Gathering Space.



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.

The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group (YAG)



YAG supports young adults in their 20s and 30s in deepening their relationship with God through fellowship, prayer, service, and social events. We come from all walks of life and engage in our faith in diverse ways. We invite you to join us on the journey! We gather bi-weekly for prayer and discussion on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St. **(Upcoming gathering: January 20)**

Please contact Daniel Javier at danielcjavier@gmail.com or join "Alameda Young Adult Group" on WhatsApp for meeting details

Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, January 23
8:00 - 9:00 pm



Taizé is a simple, ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered as a witness to peace and reconciliation, for which we gather each month on the fourth Friday of the month, November and December on the third Friday. All are welcome to participate!

(Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland)

Catholic Schools Week: January 25 - 31

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2026 is January 25 – January 31.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

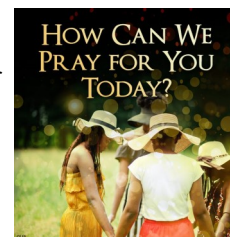
The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2026 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community."

St. Joseph All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Ministry on Monday Morning

The Ministry is a scripture-based intercessory Community that meets to praise, worship and honor our God, and opening to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The Group meet-in-person for prayers in the Basilica's Grotto, Mondays, 9 - 11am. Drop-ins are most welcome!

Have a prayer request?

Email: Jacinta, richcarj@gmail.com, or Joanne, j.harnett@comcast.net



Praying Together

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph: Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas: Monday - Friday, 11:30 am,
Saturday 3:30 pm & Sunday, 10:15 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



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Jane Burgelin, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Bob Heimbichner, Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Rina Tobis.

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. Joseph

	<u>Saturday, January 10</u>
8:00 am	1) +Ed & Yolanda Barrantes & Family
	2) +Holy Soul Purgatory
5:00 pm	+Festus Egbuonu
	<u>Sunday, January 11</u>
7:30 am	+James Hazelitt
9:30 am	Amelia Jimeno Nabaza - Birthday
12:00 pm	+Anibal & Mary Perez Zapata
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<u>Monday, January 12</u>
8:00 am	+Alfonso & Teresita Colobong
	<u>Tuesday, January 13</u>
8:00 am	+Elba Espinoza
	<u>Wednesday, January 14</u>
8:00 am	1) +Clem Kamo - Birthday Remembrance
	2) +Leonarda Q. Estigoy - Death Anniversary
	<u>Thursday, January 15</u>
8:00 am	1) +John Beam
	2) Carmen Sandoval (Birthday) & Family
	- Thanksgiving
	<u>Friday, January 16</u>
8:00 am	Roena & Chris Alegre
	- 17th Wedding Anniversary
	<u>Saturday, January 17</u>
8:00 am	+Elba Espinoza - Death Anniversary
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<u>Sunday, January 18</u>
7:30 am	+Festus Egbuonu
9:30 am	+Lourdes Villalon-Hartrick
12:00 pm	+Lorenzo & Katiza Tudor, Petra Martinovich
7:00 pm	+Celia Catubig

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

	<u>Saturday, January 10</u>
4:30 pm	+Eustacio Parras
	<u>Sunday, January 11</u>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	+Carmelita Ray
	<u>Monday, January 12</u>
12:10 pm	+Maria Susan Costumbiado
	<u>Tuesday, January 13</u>
12:10 pm	Carmen Sandoval & Family
	<u>Wednesday, January 14</u>
12:10 pm	
12:10 pm	<u>Thursday, January 15</u>
	Patricia Lopez
	<u>Friday, January 16</u>
12:10 pm	+Christopher Visperas
	<u>Saturday, January 17</u>
4:30 pm	+Maria de Leong Ong
	<u>Sunday, January 18</u>
9:00 am	+Joseph Cabatu
11:00 am	People of the Parish

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

Other News



Faith Formation – Welcome to the Table!

Jay Ruiz ended the year with a special gift: he received Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time during the noon Mass on December 28. Although baptized as an infant, he had never celebrated the other sacraments. In March he started Alpha and joined the Christian Initiation sessions, switching to the Adult Confirmation series in September. He will be confirmed by Bishop Barber along with his classmates at the end of this month. Please keep all those who are preparing for sacraments in your prayers.

Special Collection: Typhoon Disaster Relief Fund for Vietnam & Philippines January 17 & 18

In light of the recent typhoons, on behalf of Catholic Relief Services, the Diocese has requested all parishes to consider a special collection before February 1, to support disaster relief efforts in these affected regions.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to “St. Joseph” and include the notation “Typhoon”.

Donation envelopes can be found at all entrances to the Basilica. Please drop donations in the collection baskets or to the Rectory.

You can also donate using the QR code, or online donation with REALM link: <https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/give/DisasterRelief>

Thank you for your compassion and support to help provide with this much-needed assistance. God bless.



Saturday, January 24
For details visit website: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>



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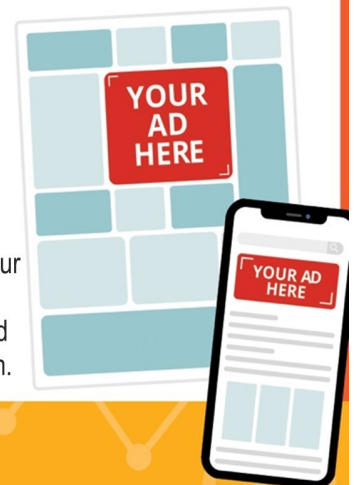
St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

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