

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 19, 2026



July 4th Parade

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Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday: 9 am - 4 pm
(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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Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9 am - 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

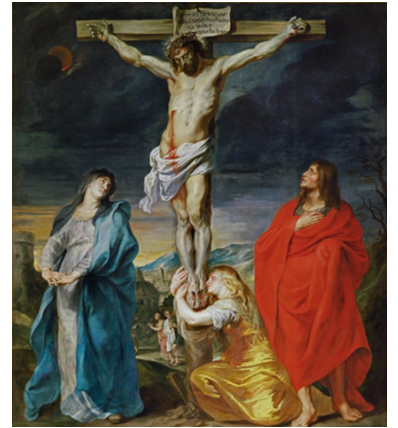
Sunday: 10 am ONLY, High School Quad

Clergy Corner

Dear Family,

This Wednesday the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. I do not think I have ever written about her, this giant of the faith, and given last Sunday and this Sunday's Gospels, I think she is a perfect topic.

Last week we reflected on the parable of the sower and the different kinds of ground in which he sows his seed. The sower is Jesus, and the seed is His word. In my homily I spoke about how we can identify as the barren, rocky, weed-ridden, fruitless soil. And yet, if we stay close to the Lord, He can transform us, since it is He who waters us with love and mercy with such profound generosity. This was Mary Magdalene. Contrary to what many people think, Mary Magdalene is not the woman caught in adultery from the story from John 8, nor is there anything in the Gospels that identifies her as a prostitute. Her background story gets convoluted due to the detail from Luke 8 which mentions Mary as the one from whom Jesus drove out seven demons. Indeed, Mary had a "rocky" past, but as I said in my homily last week, every saint has a past, **every sinner has a future**. Mary is a prime example of this.



We see this in the fact that Mary accompanied Jesus after her deliverance. In that same passage from Luke 8, it mentions how several other women, with Mary, supported Jesus' ministry. What's more, Mary was one of the few who accompanied Jesus to the cross. She is immortalized in Christian art, at the foot of the cross, next to the beloved disciple (John) and the Blessed Mother. When all the rest of Jesus' apostles abandoned Him, Mary was there.

This is a great lesson for us; the path of discipleship – which we all are walking – has many twists and turns. It is rarely a straightforward route. Which is why we should not despair when we find that our own paths are somewhat crooked, so long as we try our best to stay on them and follow Jesus. This is what the Lord Jesus asks of us; not that we perfect ourselves or save ourselves. Far from it, for this is impossible. He asks that we trust Him, follow Him, and be faithful to the mission that He entrusts to us.

Mary did this. On Easter Sunday, Mary went to the tomb to mourn for Jesus. It was there that He approached Her and then sent her on her mission, "Jesus said to her, 'Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and what he told her. This woman who started out as barren soil, ended up bearing much fruit as "the apostle to the Apostles."

Mary Magdalene lays out for us a model of discipleship. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see this in the parable of the weeds growing alongside the wheat. Sometimes our lives have weeds, like Mary's did. And yet, our Lord is not discouraged by this, for He does not look simply to what we are now, but who we can become if we follow Him, as Mary did. Remember, **every saint has a past; every sinner has a future!**

So, follow Jesus! There is no better endeavor we can embark on in this life than to be His disciples, for He is the One who calls even the worst sinners to make them great saints. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us, that we who are sinners, may be transformed into great saints too.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming events

This Week at St. Barnabas & St. Joseph

- **July 20:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, St. Barnabas
- **July 21:** Summer Enrichment: "Catholicism" video series 7pm in Notre Dame Hall. "Mystical Union of Christ and the Church"
- **July 22:** Young Adults Group, 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center
- **July 23:** 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>
- **July 23:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, St. Barnabas
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

CURIOUS ABOUT THE FAITH?

Everyone is welcome at Alpha. It's a safe space to ask anything about life, faith, and meaning.

Fall session starts September 1st
For more information, email your

Alpha team:

alphasjbasilica@gmail.com



Donations request to support victims of Venezuela earthquakes:

Two strong earthquakes hit about 100 miles west of Caracas on June 24, causing major damage in parts of Venezuela. Your donations will support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in providing immediate relief. Many buildings collapsed, leaving thousands without safe shelter. Catholic parishes are offering shelter and emergency help to displaced families.

The Diocese of Oakland is collecting donations to work with CRS to deliver shelter, food, clean water, medical care, and other urgent support to those in need.

Special donation envelopes are available this weekend and next in the Quad or St. Barnabas Church entrance. Alternatively, donate online with Realm:

<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/give/DisasterRelief>, or scan the QR code. Your support can truly make a difference.

Note: Issue check to "St. Joseph" or "St. Barnabas", with memoline: Disaster Relief.



American Red Cross & Knights of Columbus Community Blood Drive

Saturday, August 8, 10 am–3 pm Notre Dame Hall

Have you scheduled your appointment yet?

Visit [Redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) for more information, enter sponsor code ALAMEDAKOFC, or call 1-800-733-2767.

If you have questions about your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

ST. BARNABAS & ST. JOSEPH BASILICA



For parishioners of St. Barnabas or St. Joseph Basilica to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This may also be helpful for baptized non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic.

STARTING
17 SEPT 2026
THURSDAYS 7-8:30 PM
AT ST. JOSEPH

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION, VISIT:
[HTTPS://SJBALAMEDA.ORG/ADULT-CONFIRMATION](https://sjbalameda.org/adult-confirmation)
- CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AFOURRE@SJBALAMEDA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

→ SCAN FOR MORE INFO



St. Joseph Basilica Annual School Supply Drive July 12 – July 26, 2026

It is time to help elementary school children prepare for the new school year. We are now collecting school supplies for neighborhood

families facing financial hardship.

Below is a list of **school supplies** needed for children ages 6 to 13.

Thank you for your generous support.



New Backpacks
New Binders
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Spiral Notebooks
Composition Books
Binder Paper
Index Cards

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Highlighters
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School Scissors
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Mechanical Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners
Pencil Cases
Pink Erasers
Crayons
Pens

Please leave your donation on the Parish Rectory porch during parish business hours.

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is coordinating our annual Back-to-School supply drive. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Katelyn Johnson at katelyn@spiritrun.net.

Monetary donations welcome and please mail your check to,

St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o St. Joseph Basilica
1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda, CA 94501

Praying together

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God, move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness, Your justice to the oppressed, Your hope to those in despair, Your healing to those in pain. Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts, making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate. Amen.

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, 11:30 am

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

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

Wisdom, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarlyness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, July 18, 4:30 pm: +Gertrudes Nava

Sunday, July 19

- 9:00 am: People of the Parish
- 11:00 am: +Lili Carr
- 7:00 pm: Linda & David Oronos

Monday, July 20, 12:10 pm: +Joseph Fernandez

Tuesday, July 21, 12:10 pm: +Chris Foley

Wednesday, July 22, 12:10 pm: +Will Schnieder

Thursday, July 23, 12:10 pm: Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

Friday, July 24, 12:10 pm: +Benito Awayan

Saturday, July 25, 4:30 pm: +Rodesino Aquino

Sunday, July 26:

- 9:00 am: Marina Manaloto
- 11:00 am: People of the Parish
- 7:00 pm: Alex Ekubo

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, July 18, 8:00 am: +Vernon & +Allie Haik - Death Anniversaries

Sunday, July 19, 10:00 am:

+Jose Lim - Birthday Remembrance
+George Naclerio, sr.

Monday, July 20, 8:00 am:

+Soledad Natac - Death Anniversary
Jackson B. Francis - Birthday

Tuesday, July 21, 8:00 am: +Isabel T. Santos - Death Anniversary

Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 am: +Phu Nguyen

Thursday, July 23, 8:00 am: Eddie & Luz Musngi - Wedding Anniversary

Friday, July 24, 8:00 am: +Sally Gallagher

Saturday, July 25, 8:00 am: Imelda M. Cole - Healing

Sunday, July 26, 10:00 am:

+Leticia Pardo - Death Anniversary
+Angela Naclerio
+Victor Natac - 50th Death Anniversary

Please Pray for the Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Narciso Ayran, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, 'Emillio', Mary Goodman, Bob & Anna Heimlichner, Madelen Lontiong, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, Dorrie Thorsteinson Reyes, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Femy Visperas & Jason Uehara.

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.

June Financial report

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

Stewardship Update

St. Joseph Basilica

				2026 Actual Comparisons	
Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
June	36,336	57,990	64,459	63%	-44%
Jan-June	318,542	378,409	358,773	84%	-11%

St. Barnabas Church

Giving (\$)	2026 Actual	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2025
June	21,304	22,084	19,706	96%	8%
Jan-June	149,558	133,996	130,585	112%	15%

Other News

*Happy Birthday,
Fr. Kenneth!*

Let's send our heartfelt wishes to Fr. Kenneth as he celebrates his special day on July 23.

Your guidance and compassion have touched many lives. God bless you, Fr. Kenneth, on your birthday and in the year to come!



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St. Barnabas

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St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

*And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16*

St. Joseph Community - Your overwhelming participation in our 4th of July parade entry was incredible - over 150 of us!

Thank you also for those helping make candies and rosary satchels, and building and decorating the floats.

Donations are still welcome to defray the cost of t-shirts, flags, and decorations, and can be dropped off at the Rectory.

Let us continue supporting that part of the parish vision statement inviting all people into our spiritual home, and reminding the community that God loves us all.

--Ray Natac
(for Knights of Columbus)

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