

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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 5, 2026



Thank you all who helped with the Friday Lenten Soup, Stations of the Cross and Easter bulk mailing!

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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

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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 beloved family and cherished guests,

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter! I'm always excited for the Easter season because it is a 50-day celebration that culminates on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 24th. The 50 days commemorate the 40 days Jesus remained with His Apostles after the Resurrection until His Ascension, plus the 10 days that followed, when the Apostles waited for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. While Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season it signals the beginning of the mission of the Church (which we affectionately call "the birthday" of the Church). The reason the eternal Son of God became man, died, rose from the dead, and sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church was so that the members of the Church would be empowered to go out into the world to evangelize, which means to share the Gospel, the good news. And what is this "good news"? That God is alive, that He loves us despite our sins, and wants to be in a relationship with us!

These 50 days, therefore, are not normal days, they are days of unsurpassed joy. These are the days when the Alleluia returns and is sung with great fervor. Alleluia is a Hebrew word that means "praise the Lord," which we do because Jesus defeated death. He entered that place of darkness and illuminated it with His light, thus robbing it of its power. With Christ we have life and light, even amidst the dark and difficult times that we all face. With Christ, we will not be overcome. In fact, it is in the darkness of life's challenges that we see Him more clearly, for light shines brightest in the darkness. During the Cold War, one of the darkest times our world has ever seen, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded the Church of this truth:

We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery - the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!" [quoting St. Augustine]. We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love..."

It is good to be reminded of this as we find ourselves amid new wars, sin, poverty, and pain, especially in our own country. We become divided, yet our Easter joy cannot be shallow. People are starving for that life that only a deep faith in the risen Christ can provide. We must not be overcome by the darkness of the world, by those who try to divide, or who try to convince us that Christ and the Church are uninspiring or irrelevant. Some people stay away from the Church because they say they "don't get anything out of it." Let's be clear about something, Christ, risen from the dead, draws near to us and invites us to share in His victory over sin and death. There is nothing else in life that compares to that, and we as Catholics get to experience this not simply during Easter, but each Sunday, indeed, each day. Our Lord is ever-present there in the Mass, on the altar, in the tabernacle, calling us to Himself. So, keep coming back to Mass. We're better – the world is better – when Christians are united.

My hope for you this Easter season is that you will experience Jesus speaking to you, calling you from darkness to light, from death to life. Alleluia!

With much love,
Father Mario

Upcoming Events



Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,

Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 6 and reopen as usual on Tuesday, April 7. Our Priests and Parish Staff wish the Parish Community a very blessed Easter!



This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **April 6:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **April 9:** 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>)
- **April 9:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **April 10:** Family Holy Hour, 5:30 pm, Basilica, followed by potluck dinner 6:00 pm in Notre Dame Hall
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Ministry of Caring 2nd Sunday Gathering Sunday, April 12: 1:30 - 3:00 pm St. Joseph's Rectory

Supporting someone who is grieving can be challenging, especially if you're unsure what to say. If you have lost a spouse or significant other, you know that common phrases like "He/she is in a better place" can feel dismissive. Instead, focus on simply being present. A simple gesture, like asking, "May I give you a hug?" can make a big difference. If they agree, hold them gently for a moment longer.

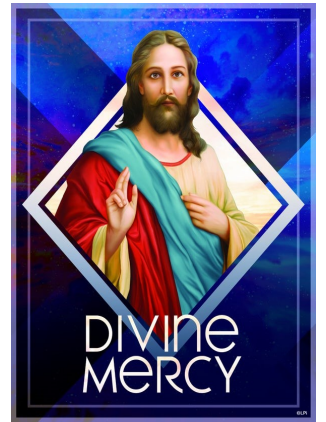
At the Ministry of Caring, we understand the pain of losing a loved one. You don't have to go through this alone. Connect with others who share similar experiences. Together, you can find strength and learn how to cope with grief. Drop in are welcome!

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12

Jesus pours out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His mercy.

To celebrate the Feast Day, following are offered:

- ⇒ **St. Barnabas:**
Hospitality after the 11 am Mass in the Church Hall
- ⇒ **St. Joseph:**
 - Eucharistic Adoration following Exposition
 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy



Devotions, Explained! Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed using an ordinary five-decade Rosary. To begin, make the Sign of the Cross, then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed. On each of the large beads (where the Our Father is said), pray: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On each of the 10 smaller beads (used for the Hail Mary), pray: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." This pattern is repeated for all five decades of the Rosary. To conclude the chaplet, pray three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

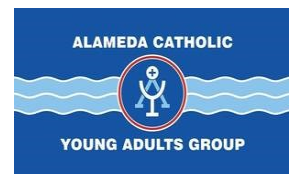
Young Adults Group's (YAG) schedule update

Please note that YAG will meet on the fourth Wednesday, April 22 instead of the usual third Wednesday, April 15.

We will be hosting an Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup on Wednesday, April 22. Join us for a beach cleanup as we come together in faith and community to care for God's creation.

Meet in front of Lucky Strike on Shoreline Dr. at 6pm. Gloves, trash bags, and hand sanitizer will be provided. All are welcome!

Note: We will get back to the 1st and 3rd cadence in May.



Praying Together

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am
St. Barnabas, Monday - Friday, 11:30 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

The Communal First Saturdays, St. Joseph, 7:15 am

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

	<u>Holy Saturday, April 4</u>
8:00 am	No Mass (Morning Prayer)
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil - People of the Parish
	<u>Easter Sunday, April 5</u>
7:30 am, 9:30 am and 12:00 pm:	People of the Parish (7:00 pm Mass will not be celebrated)
	<u>Monday, April 6</u>
8:00 am	+Maria Giong & +Joseph Tan Nguyen - Death Anniversary
	<u>Tuesday, April 7</u>
8:00 am	Poynter Family - Thanksgiving Intention
	<u>Wednesday, April 8</u>
8:00 am	First Communicants
	<u>Thursday, April 9</u>
8:00 am	Angelito Bonifacio - Healing
	<u>Friday, April 10</u>
8:00 am	+Amelia Valenzuela
	<u>Saturday, April 11</u>
8:00 am	+Jose Natac - Death Anniversary
5:00 pm	Day Nguyen & Family and Souls in Purgatory
	<u>Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday)</u>
7:30 am	Presley Bangloy - Thanksgiving
9:30 am	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm	Harnett and Curtin families - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm	Lydon Family - Living & Deceased



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Madelen Lontiong, Claire Robles, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Editia Supremo, Tim Treister, 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@sibalameda.org.

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

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

	<u>Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4</u>
8:00 pm	People of the Parish
	<u>Easter Sunday, April 5</u>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	People of the Parish
	<u>Monday, April 6</u>
9:00 am	+Crescenciana Sarmiento
	<u>Tuesday, April 7</u>
12:10 pm	Femy Visperas - Thanksgiving
	<u>Wednesday, April 8</u>
12:10 pm	Teresa Lopez
	<u>Thursday, April 9</u>
12:10 pm	Rachels Vineyard Retreat Ministry
	<u>Friday, April 10</u>
12:10 pm	Ana & Ben de Grano
	<u>Saturday, April 11</u>
4:30 pm	+Aurora Hernandez
	<u>Sunday, April 12</u>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	+Arthur Macy

Other News

Faith for All Ages: 2026: Jesus cares! Easter is a celebration of God's great love for each of us. Our two parishes offer opportunities to encounter Christ's love and discover how to respond: children's classes Pre-K through Jr. High including Sacrament Preparation; Confirmation series for teens and adults; year-round Christian Initiation to become Catholic; SPRED for those with special needs; Men's Power Hour; Women's Rosary; Centering Prayer; online Scripture Reflection. Alpha as an introduction to new seekers or to deepen faith of longtime Catholics. Parish Family Activities to socialize and explore our faith traditions through crafts tied to the liturgical season (next one on Pentecost, May 24). If you're looking for ways to discover Jesus or to deepen your understanding of what it means to be and live as Catholic, contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org or 510-995-9409. Happy Easter!

2026 CRS Lenten Rice Bowl: Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl next weekend in yellow boxes found around the Basilica, or Parish Offices, Monday - Friday, 9 - 4 pm. Or, donate online with REALM [here](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>). On the drop down menu, scroll for "Rice Bowl". Thank you for your support.

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2026

Goals: St. Barnabas \$15,000/ St. Joseph: \$51,000

With this year's Bishop's Ministries Appeal, the Diocese of Oakland is inviting people to join in mission. When many households participate, it strengthens the Church not only financially but spiritually. Participation itself is a sign of unity and shared purpose. Please make a gift today: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal/>

Note: Appeal envelopes are also available at entrances to the Churches. Or, donate online with REALM:

<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>

On drop down menu, scroll and locate 'Bishop's Appeal'.



St. Joseph Basilica

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United, we can do what no one can do alone.

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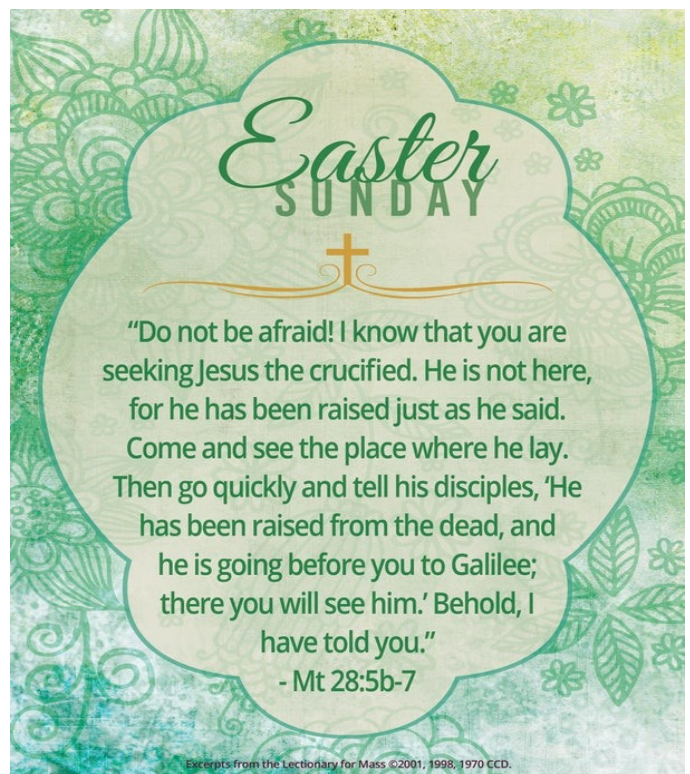
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