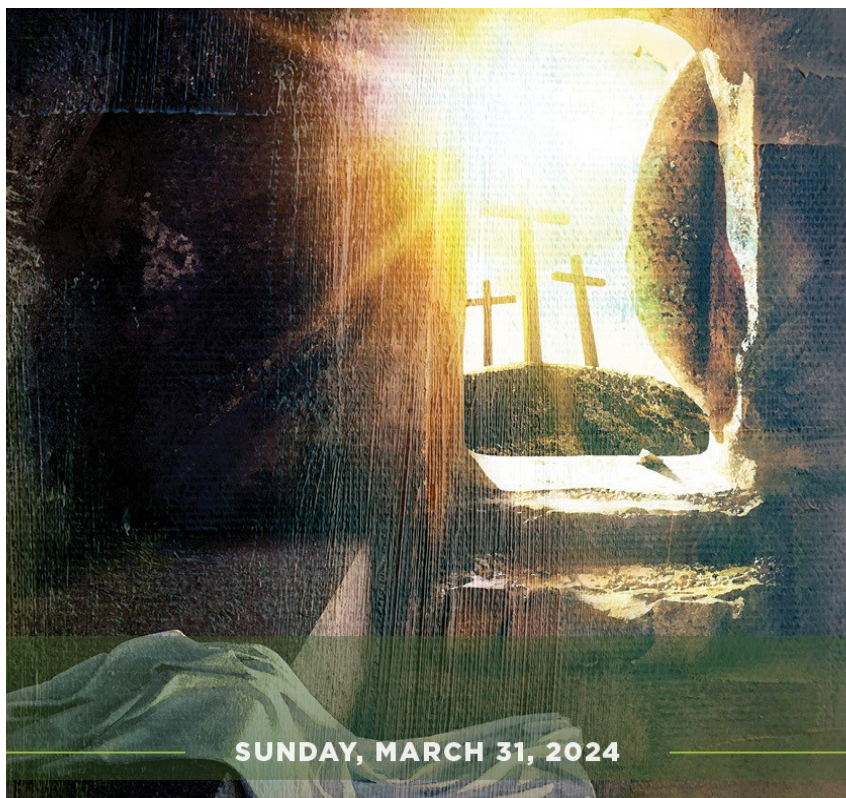


# Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes



SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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#### Office Hours:

**Wednesday through Friday**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

(closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm).

Available remotely through email & voicemail.

#### Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

#### Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

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#### Office Hours: Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(closed for lunch 1:00 - 2:00 pm)

**Basilica Hours: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm**

#### Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,

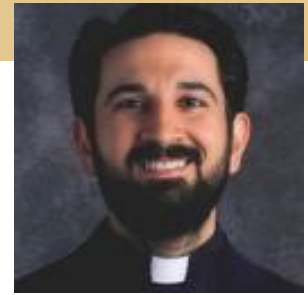
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

#### Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturday:

- Following Morning Mass, ending at 9 am
  - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

## Clergy Corner



Dear Family,

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter, today, and for the entire Easter season!

I'm always excited for the Easter season because it is 50 days of celebration, culminating on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 19<sup>th</sup>. The 50 days commemorate the 40 days Jesus remained with His Apostles after the Resurrection until His Ascension, and the 10 days following when they waited for Him to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Some may say Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season, but really it signals the beginning of the mission of the Church. The eternal Son of God took on flesh, died, rose from the dead, and gifted His Spirit to the people He gathered, which we call the Church, so that the members of the Church would be filled with His divine life, and be empowered to go out into the world to evangelize, which means to share the Gospel, that God who was born and died, is alive and loves you!

These 50 days, therefore, are not normal days; they are days of joy. These are the days when the **Alleluia** returns and is sung with great rejoicing. Alleluia is a Hebrew word that means "praise the Lord," which we do because He has risen from the tomb, illuminating the darkness that so often creeps into our lives. With Christ we have light and life, even amidst the trying times that we all face. With Christ, we will not be overcome. In fact, it is in the darkness of those times 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 sin, poverty, and pain, even in the Holy Land. Our Easter joy cannot, must not, be superficial. People are suffering physically, mentally, and spiritually. They are starving for that quality of life and love that only a deep faith in the risen Christ can provide. We must not be overcome by the darkness of the world or anyone who tries to convince us that Christ and the Church are uninspiring, boring, 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 comes anywhere near that, and we as Catholics get to experience this not simply during Easter, but each Sunday, indeed, each day. As we read bulletin articles this Lent of fellow parishioners being "revived by the Eucharist in the wilderness," know that our Lord is ever-present there in the Mass, on the altar, in the tabernacle, calling us to Himself.

My hope for you this Easter season is that you will experience Him speaking to your heart, calling you from darkness to light, from death to life.

With much love,  
Father Mario

## Upcoming Events

Parish Offices will be closed for the Easter Holiday on Monday, April 1 and reopen on Tuesday, April 2.

Our Priests and Parish Staff wish the Parish Community a very Blessed and Happy Easter!



### Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 3 - 4 pm

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. 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 at St. Joseph:

- Eucharistic Adoration following Exposition
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer
- Reconciliation Service



### This Week at St. Joseph & St Barnabas

**April 2:** Tuesday Adult Formation potluck social and Easter celebration, 7pm in St. Joseph Elementary School.

**April 6:** Communal First Saturdays with Prayer & Rosary at 7:15 am at St. Joseph, followed by meditation after Morning Mass.

**April 7:** Parish Family Activity 10:45am in St. Joseph Elementary School

**April 9:** Tuesday Adult Formation: Symbolon 2's Episode 7 "A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love" video and discussion, 7 to 8:30pm in St. Joseph Parish Center. Open to all. Info at <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-faith-formation>

Note: The Maintenance (SJB)/ Rebuilding the Church Fund (SB) collections on the first weekend of April is moved to April 13 & 14 to accommodate St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection.

For a listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

## Easter Blessings & Prayers

Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,  
As we greet the signs in nature around us of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,  
in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality,  
for the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death.

As we celebrate we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us as we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet.

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

*-Adapted from the Prayer by Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, April 8, 2013*

### Daily Devotion during the Season of Easter

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

Let the joy of the Resurrection  
fill me every day, O Lord.

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

May the Spirit's grace and power  
bless me this day, O Lord.

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*

Help me to be a sign of your life and love

today and every day, O Lord

*Rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!*



## Praying Together

### Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

#### Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 am Prayer Service (No 8 am & 5 pm Masses)

#### Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm People of the Parish

#### Easter Sunday, March 31: 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 12 pm

People of the Parish

(7:00 pm - The Mass will not be celebrated)

#### Monday, April 1

8:00 am +Dana & Kathryn Curtis

#### Tuesday, April 2

8:00 am +Sally Gallagher

#### Wednesday, April 3

8:00 am +Harvey Hanson, III - Death Anniversary

#### Thursday, April 4

8:00 am +Joseph Tan Nguyen & +Maria Giong Nguyen

#### Friday, April 5

8:00 am Harnett & Curtin Families  
- Living & Deceased

#### Saturday, April 6

8:00 am 1) Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred  
Heart of Jesus  
2) +Sam Najdek

5:00 pm Phu Nguyen - Healing

#### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

7:30 am Dementia Ubando

9:30 am +Lee Kam & +Lim Sin Khoon

12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

7:00 pm +Peter Dinh Lien & +Therese Pham Lu  
- Death Anniversary

**Mass Intention:** To request a Mass Intention, please visit the Parish:

**St. Joseph:** 9 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm  
(Monday through Friday)

**St. Barnabas:** 9 am - 12 pm and 1- 4 pm  
(Wednesday through Friday)

Or, email:

St. Joseph: [parish@sjbameda.org](mailto:parish@sjbameda.org)

St. Barnabas: [sbparishoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sbparishoffice@comcast.net)

### Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

#### Saturday, March 30

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, March 31

9:00 am Elizabeth & Raphael Baligaya & Family

11:00 am People of the Parish

#### Monday, April 1, - Easter Monday

9:00 am +Dr.Aloysius Aghaji

#### Tuesday, April 2

12:10 pm +Freddie Garcia

#### Wednesday, April 3

12:10 pm Daryl Pereira

#### Thursday, April 4

12:10 pm Mari Gloria N. Torres

12:10 pm Friday, April 5

Apostleship of Prayer

#### Saturday Vigil, April 6

4:30 pm Femy Visperas

#### Sunday, April 7

9:00 am Raphael Baligaya—Thanksgiving

11:00 am People of the Parish

## Devotions

### Daily Rosary

St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am

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

**First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese**  
St. Joseph, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays

St. Joseph, following the 8:00 am Mass

St. Barnabas: following 12:10 pm Mass

**Women's Rosary:** St. Joseph, Thursday, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

### First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

St. Barnabas, 11:30 am

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Joseph, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

*Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community*

### St. Joseph Basilica

Pillar Alcontin, Rosa Aquino, Sandy Anderson, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Mary Cronin, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Donnie Kelley, Reynaldo Lucas, Mauro Munoz, Jose Mariano, Phu Nguyen, Nory A. Reyes, André Toribio, Dean Villanueva, Nina Woodle, Vinata Washington, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Dalmacio Quinto

The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Basilica's Sick List, please email: [secretary@sjbameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbameda.org), 510.995.9420

### St. Barnabas

Lolla Manibusan Miller, Terri Vo, Ching Asuncion, Erica Rivard, Teresa Avina, Elvira Pangilinan, Terri Bowe, George Duenas, Cathy Garitano, Annie Sabaln, Madelen Lontiong, Dianna Munoz, Freddie Garcia, Brianna Benedetto, Femy Visperas, Norma de la Cruz, Jun de la Cruz, Seth Coldsnow Rosenberger and Antonia M. Lopez, Felicito Petilos.

If you would like to have someone added to the list, call St. Barnabas Parish Office at 510.522.8933 ext 10.

**Faith Formation for All Ages: 2024**

Easter is a celebration of God’s great love for each of us. Faith Formation guides us to encounter Christ’s love and discover how to respond to that love through our choices and our lives. The journey normally starts within our homes and families, but our parishes help: children pre-K through Jr. High who don’t attend Catholic school are offered weekly Whole Family Catechesis Gospel-based lessons either in-person or home-schooled and in-person classes prepare children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We also provide Confirmation preparation for both teens and adults, Christian Initiation sessions for those interested in becoming Catholic, spiritual enrichment for individuals with special needs, marriage preparation, sessions for parents who are bringing their infants for baptism and weekly Adult Formation offerings. And everyone is invited to our monthly Parish Family Activities to socialize and explore our faith traditions through crafts tied to the liturgical season, such as next week (April 7) in celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season. 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@sibalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sibalameda.org) or 510-995-9409. Happy Easter!

**St. Vincent de Paul  
‘5th Sunday’ (March 31)  
Collection**

Both Parishes SVdP’s 5th Sunday collection is **moved to April 7**, a week later to honor Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday as SVdP is about corporal works of Mercy. Your contribution will help us provide our neighborhood families and individuals with what they need including help with utilities, rent, or groceries, along with our friendship and prayers. Your prayer for our neighbors and the conference members is also appreciated as part of spiritual works of mercy.

We are grateful for your support because it helps us show Christ’s love for our neighbors. Envelopes will be in the pews and SVdP team members at St. Joseph will be at the doors at the end of each Mass to accept donations. Please be generous. Thank you.

*Note: Baskets will be passed only once at St. Joseph.*



**CRS Rice Bowl:** As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God’s call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at all the weekend Masses, or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).  
*(Note: Monday through Friday, you can drop the Rice Bowl to the Parish Offices during office hours or in yellow boxes marked ‘CRS Rice Bowls’ in the Basilica found at all entrances. Thank you for your generosity.)*

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**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS**

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Priest:

**St. Joseph:**

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**St. Barnabas:** 510.522.8933 / email: [sbparishoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sbparishoffice@comcast.net)

**Sacrament of Baptism**

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact:

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**St. Barnabas:** Gloria Maldonado, 510.522.8933 ext 10 / email : [sbparishoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sbparishoffice@comcast.net)

- For adults or children over age 6, please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409 / email: [afourre@sibalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sibalameda.org) (for both Churches)

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