

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 8, 2026



January 24: Our Parishes' participation at the Walk for Life Event in San Francisco

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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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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,

In my bulletin article for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, I wrote to you about the Magi's desire to search out the Christ-child. In following the sign of the star rising above Bethlehem they discerned that this child was special, that he was the promised king of Israel. In making this journey from the East to find him, they took a huge risk. Why? They must have known that His birth would have major consequences for humanity. Therefore, they prepared gifts for Him and did Him homage once they found Him.

The example of the Magi forces us to ask ourselves, "do I interact with Jesus in the same way?" If He truly is who the Church says He is, if He truly is who He claims to be, do I then "risk" my life, my plans, my goals, to find Him? And once we find Him, does He have such an impact on us that we cannot help but tell others about Him? So many important questions that we all have. This is why we do Alpha.

I am happy to be able to offer Alpha to you again. This will be our third Alpha since starting in the Fall of 2024, or "Alpha 3" as we're calling it. Alpha 3 will begin on Tuesday, February 24 and run 11 consecutive Tuesdays. Alpha is our opportunity to ask those questions above and get some answers.



This big red question mark is the Alpha logo, because questions are good. If we do not ask the questions, we won't get the answers. This is how Jesus works, He welcomes questions, even those from the most confused, afraid, or doubtful person. Nicodemus met Jesus at night because of his uncertainty. Jesus met him and listened to his question, "How can a person once grown old be born again?" to which Jesus responded, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:4-5). Sometimes Jesus asks us the most poignant questions. Recognizing the curiosity of Andrew (who was a disciple of John the Baptist), Jesus turned to him and said, "what are you looking for?" (John 1:38). He is asking us the same thing, and He has the answer.

In the Alpha course, we will meet for dinner, watch a video, and break up into small groups to answer these 11 questions: Is There More to Life Than This? - Who Is Jesus? - Why Did Jesus Die? - How Can I Have Faith? - Why And How Can I Pray? - Why And How Should I Read the Bible? - How Does God Guide Us? - How Can I Resist Evil? - Why And How Should I Tell Others? - Does God Heal Today? - What About the Church?

Have you ever asked any of these questions? Are you still looking for answers? Maybe you just want to find a more solid footing in the church, take on a more active role in our community, or just meet people in the parish. Whatever it may be, Alpha is for you. Signups are happening now! I hope to see you there.

In addition to Alpha 3, we'll also be having our third convalidation. This is for Catholics who were not married in the church. Our mini retreat will be on Saturday, March 21 (from 10am-3pm roughly), followed by the Mass on Saturday the 28th at 11am. Contact the office for more info. Information sessions are this week. Here is a photo from the second convalidation. From left to right, bride 1, 2, and 3 and groom 3 all attended Alpha!

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **February 9:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **February 10:** Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina, 7:00—8:00 pm at St. Barnabas School, Room 3
- **February 12:** 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>)
- **February 12:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

World Day of the Sick: February 11

"The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the 2026 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick to be held on 11 February.

The Pope encouraged us to renew our reflection on the figure of the Good Samaritan: "In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not 'pass by.' Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze – the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act."

Read Pope's full message [here](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-s-world-day-of-sick-message-the-compassion-of-samaritan1.html).

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Parish Family Activity : February 15

10:45 am, St. Joseph Plaza

(in the Elementary School Learning Center if it rains)

All ages welcome!

St Barnabas Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner

Tuesday, February 17

East Ocean Seafood Restaurant

\$45 per person

For information or tickets, please contact Cindy:

510.517.1289, or email: cindy-harless2025@gmail.com

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Please purchase tickets by February 15!

Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary February 14

Join us in praying for an end to abortion with the Alameda Catholic Community. Gather at 9:15 am in front of Alameda's City Hall. Let's be a voice for our voiceless brothers and sisters!

St. Joseph's Lunar New Year Celebration Tuesday, February 17

Join us after the Morning Mass for hospitality in the Vestibule, hosted by our Vietnamese Community.

All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday February 18

Mass times with Ashes:

⇒ St. Joseph: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

⇒ St. Barnabas: 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY



Friday Devotions During Lent

February 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27

St. Joseph:

Soup and Stations:

Soup is served from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in Notre Dame Hall

Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00 pm in the Basilica

(No Stations on March 6)

First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: March 6

Confession is offered from 5:3 - 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm

St. Barnabas:

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm

Mass: 6:00 pm (in addition to the 12:10pm daily Mass)



**Sign up for Alpha 3 this Spring!
Each Tuesday from
February 24 through May 5,
6:30 - 8:30 pm in Notre Dame Hall**

Alpha is a series that asks important questions about life and faith. We begin with dinner, followed by a short video exploring a question of faith. Then, we discuss it in our small group.

Scan or click on the QR code to register. Or, sign up sheets are available the Basilica's Niche.

Note: If you participated in Alpha 1 or 2 and would like to participate again, you will be placed on a waiting list to make room for new attendees. We will notify you if there are openings.



Other News

Faith Formation – Upcoming News

The next few weeks will be busy for those in Christian Initiation. On Saturday February 14 at the 5pm Mass we will celebrate **Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church**, when baptized adults from other Christian traditions make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church and then celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The **Entrance into the Catechumenate** takes place the following day during the 9:30 Mass, as several men and women who have been participating in Inquiry (and in some cases, Alpha before that) commit to the year-long journey to baptism. At the 9:30 Mass the following Sunday, several of our catechumens will take part in **Sending to Election**, in preparation for their baptism and full initiation this Easter. The door is always open for those interested in preparing for sacraments. Information available at <https://sjbalameda.org/initiation> or contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409.

Old Palms for New Ashes: Baskets are available in the Basilica for you to drop off your old palms through February 14. If the Basilica is closed, you can also leave your palms in a designated basket outside the Rectory. The old palms will be burned and prepared for distribution at all Ash Wednesday Masses on February 18.

National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2026

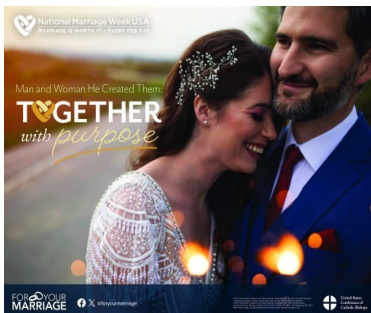
The observances of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose."

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, you blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. Amen.

For more resources on how to celebrate National Marriage Week, visit the website:

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>



Parish Information

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Michael Chinnvaso - 7:00pm Music Coordinator, mchinnvaso@sjbalameda.org

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: frmario@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas: Fr. Kenneth - phone: 510.995.9406 / email: fatherkennethnobrega@icloud.com

Have you moved this New Year? Changed your phone number or email? If any of your contact information has changed, please contact either of the parish offices, or log into your REALM account and update your information. This will ensure that you receive any important updates or communications from us.

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9401, or email, gmaldonado@sjbalameda.org

St. Joseph: 510.995.9420, or email: secretary@sjbalameda.org

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

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am 1) In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary
5:00 pm 2) +Amy & Cliff Montandon
+Remedios Lourdes Dizon

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am +Inez Gionti
9:30 am +Felimon Espinosa, Sr. - Death Anniversary
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata

Monday, February 9

8:00 am +Alonso & Teresita Colobong

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am +Festus Egbuonu

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am +James O'Boyle

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am +Corazon Calilung - 40th day of death
anniversary

Friday, February 13

8:00 am Hermie Camerino & Family - Thanksgiving

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am +Festus Egbuonu
5:00 pm 1) +Sally Gallagher
2) +Jose Alberto Gonzales

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am Mary & Noel O'Dowd - Healing
9:30 am Vern Haik - Birthday
12:00 pm 1) +Charles Strohm
2) Patrick Thong - Birthday
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Louis Astle, Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Jane Burgelin, Romelita Bautista, Jun de la Cruz, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Bob Heimbichner, Femy Visperas, Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Jay Ruiz, Erica Rivard, Editia Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Marlene & Craig Wilson.

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

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, February 7

4:30 pm Veronica D'Cruz

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Anna Nobrega

Monday, February 9

12:10 pm Jun de la Cruz

Tuesday, February 10

12:10 pm David Leong

Wednesday, February 11

12:10 pm +Isabelo & Aleja Gomez

Thursday, February 12

12:10 pm Khai & Agatha Leong

Friday, February 13

12:10 pm +Josephine Nagales

Saturday, February 14

4:30 pm

Sunday, February 15

9:00 am Claudia Maldonado Howell

11:00 am People of the Parish

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



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