

Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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Wednesday through Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 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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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



Dear Family,

Happy Month of May, the Month of Mary. Looking ahead, there are two notable feast days of Mary in May: May 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and May 31 is the feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, one of the things we can do during Easter is pray in a more intentional way to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, by praying the *Veni Sanctus Spiritus* prayer. Another thing to do is to pray the Rosary every day as well, but not just during the Easter season, but all year long. Why? Because Mary is such an integral part of the Church. We read in Acts of the Apostles: **"All [the Apostles] devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers" (Acts 1:14).** Mary was with the Apostles after Jesus ascended into Heaven. She was there guiding them in prayer as they awaited the promised coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which takes place in Acts 2. What a comfort that must have been to the Apostles; the mother of their Lord was with them, consoling them, encouraging them that with God nothing is impossible (cf. Luke 1:37). Jesus, after all, had been conceived in her womb by the Holy Spirit. She above all else knew that God is faithful and to be trusted.

Therefore, we must turn to Mary. She is the greatest model of discipleship, of which we are all called to - we who have been baptized into Christ, filled with His Spirit at Confirmation, and receive His Precious Body and Blood. We have celebrated these Sacraments in our parishes recently, at the Easter Vigil, but also with our faith formation classes. 25 teens were Confirmed at the Cathedral on April 20, and our 2nd graders received First Communion on May 4. They are at the early stages of their journey of becoming Jesus' disciples. We who have been on the journey for longer must continue to stay connected to Him, as the branches are connected to the vine. Mary is the preeminent way to do this.

I have shared with you before how devotion to Mary is one of my major expectations for each one of us. As we begin this month devoted to Mary, I would like to remind us of those expectations:

At St. Joseph and St. Barnabas, people can expect to find Catholics who...

1. **celebrate the Mass with joyful reverence.** We prepare for Mass by reading the Mass readings during the week, we wear special clothes to Mass to remind us of the dignity of the Liturgy, we arrive to Mass early to pray to God, and we participate at Mass by singing and saying all the responses with conviction, because we know God is with us.
2. **are nourished by Sacred Scripture.** Scripture is the living Word of God, which means God speaks to us through the Bible. We say with Jesus, "one does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4).
3. **adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.** Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass is the greatest gift of God, for in receiving Him we become like Him. This process of transformation is elevated to new heights the more time we spend with our Lord in prayer in the church.
4. **love Mary.** Mary was, and is, the perfect follower of Jesus. Jesus loved His mom and gave her to the Church because she was an expert at connecting people to Him. It is His expectation that we love her as He does.
5. **give generously to their community.** Our churches are here to help us grow in faith, but they also need our contributions, our gifts of **time, talent, and treasure**. This means we must sacrifice, but if we lose our lives for Christ and His Church, we will find them.

I'd also like to take a moment to share some facilities updates. At St. Barnabas, we have had some issues with the thermostat, but this has been resolved. We are also going to be fixing some dry rot around the rectory by replacing old windows. The shrine is progressing; candle stands will be fabricated soon. At St. Joseph, we will begin the lighting upgrade soon so that the sanctuary will no longer be so dark. This will take place during the summer. The reredos/high altar is being created and should be installed by Christmas. We have also been taking care of routine work, like restroom lock repair, fire inspection completion, and irrigation maintenance to cut back on water. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God. Let us meditate on her example and ask for her help to follow Christ like she did, that we too may be fruitful.

Hail, Holy Mother, thou who didst bring forth the King who rules heaven and earth forever and ever. Pray for us! Amen.



This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

May 7: Tour of the Basilica at 7pm, offered through Christian Initiation but open to all. Church art and architecture teach much about our faith.

Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 & 12

We invite you to take a Mother's Day offertory envelope, found in the pews, and write the names of your loved ones. Completed envelopes can be returned to the baskets or to the Rectory. (At St. Joseph, Mass Intentions for this weekend will be offered for all mothers, with a special blessing at the end of each Mass. Envelopes will be placed on the Altar during May.)

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina Tuesday, May 14

(second Tuesday of the month)

7 - 8 pm, at St. Barnabas School
(Room 2 - Door opens at 6:40 pm)

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we open to God's presence within us - closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Led by parishioner Bill Kueppers PhD. For more info, contact [Bill at billkueppers@gmail.com](mailto:billkueppers@gmail.com). Drop-ins welcome!

Sunflower Girls Club

Sunflower Girls is a mother-daughter club for Catholic girls ages 5-13 to build friendships and grow in faith and virtue. Our program for this school year will be coming to a close soon. Do you have a daughter that may be interested in joining in the fall? We would love to invite you to our end-of-the-year tea party on May 18!

Please contact Michelle King at michelleking234@gmail.com for more information. Hope to see you there!



The Solemnity of Pentecost The "Birthday of the Church" Sunday, May 19

Join us for the Parish Family Activity at 10:45 am in the Gathering Space, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, the 'birthday of the Church'. All are welcome!

(Note: the event is moved from the Elementary School to the Gathering Space in view of better weather.)

Save the date!

Corpus Christ Procession
Sunday, June 2 @ 1:30 pm

Procession will begin at St. Joseph and proceed to St. Barnabas.

**St Joseph Basilica
2024 Road Trip Scavenger Hunt**

**Saturday, June 8, 2024
9am til 3pm**

Start at St. Joseph
Find clues at Parishes
End at St. Barnabas

Drive with us on a fun-filled adventure, explore beautiful Parishes, answer Catholic riddles, get souvenirs, and enjoy fellowship!

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Email Felix Marquez felvmd@yahoo.com or Patrick Thong pthong@msn.com with any questions

Organized by the Knights Of Columbus Council 15965 and the Ministries @ St Joseph Basilica, Alameda CA 94501

Home

Praying Together

God, help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day. Be my comfort and my rock. Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of your peace today and each day. Amen.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, May 4

8:00 am 1) Immaculate Heart of Mary & Sacred Heart of Jesus
2) +Brigitte Plant
5:00 pm +Dann Hall

Sunday, May 5

7:30 am +Teodora Merquillo - Birthday Remembrance
9:30 am People of the Parish
12:00 pm Sherley Lim - Birthday
7:00 pm +Jochen Goldt

Monday, May 6

8:00 am +Juana B. Torio

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 am +Lagrimas & Maynardo Umali

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 am Hermie Carmerino - Birthday

Thursday, May 9

8:00 am 1) +Sally Gallagher
2) +Richard Ritter

Friday, May 10

8:00 am Violeta & Uly Paradiang - Birthdays

Saturday, May 11

8:00 am 1) +Dana & Kathryn Curtis
2) Francis Alegre - Birthday
5:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased (Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

7:30 am For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
9:30 am For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm For All Mothers - Living & Deceased

Mass Intention: To request a Mass Intention, please visit the Parish offices 9 am - 1 pm or 2 - 4 pm, or email:

St. Joseph: parish@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas: sbparishoffice@comcast.net

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday Vigil, May 4

4:30 pm +Freddie Garcia

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am +Dee Burk
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, May 6

12:10 pm +Rosario Lumalan

Tuesday, May 7

12:10 pm +Freddie Garcia

Wednesday, May 8

12:10 pm +Lourdina & + JS Joanes

Thursday, May 9

12:10 pm +Rosalina & +Salvador Reynado

Friday, May 10

12:10 pm +Julita Gomez

Saturday Vigil, May 11

4:30 pm +Josephine Reynado & + Rosalinda Reynado

Sunday, May 12

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Joseph Fernandez

Devotions

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

Men's Power Hour: St. Joseph, Mondays, 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, 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

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

St. Joseph Basilica

Sandy Anderson, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Tamara Centeno, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Angelita Realica Dela Cruz, Doreen McGaffey, Nory A. Reyes, André Toribio, Dean Villanueva, Rina Tobis & Ramon Normandy Tirona.

The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Basilica's Sick List, please email: secretary@sjbalameda.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, Brianna Benedetto, Femy Visperas, Norma de la Cruz, Jun de la Cruz, Seth Coldsnow Rosenberger and Felicito Petilos.
If you would like to have someone added to the list, call St. Barnabas Parish Office at 510.522.8933 ext 10.

Other News



Faith Formation Update: As we observe and reflect on this beautiful picture of our Teens at Confirmation with the Bishop at the Cathedral Christ the Light, we look at the future of our church. These young people will be the future lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Knights of Columbus, and other ministry participants and leaders. Let us encourage them to join and participate with us at St Joseph Basilica and St Barnabas. We also would like to thank Father Mario for accompanying us to the Cathedral and assisting Bishop Michael Barber during the Confirmation Rite and Adoration. His support and dedication is greatly appreciated. May the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit ignite our young people into putting their faith in action!

—Georgina Argueta, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Catholic Communication Campaign (USCCB)

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www.usccb.org/cc.

Donations envelope can be found at all entrances to the Church. Please issue check to "St. Joseph" or "St. Barnabas" with memo line: Catholic Comm. Thank you for your generous support.



Basilica Funeral Announcements

Emelita Pineda: Monday, May 6, 10:30 am

Carol Rusca: Friday, May 10, 11:30 am

Mary Cronin: Friday, May 17, 11:30 am

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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:

Fr. Mario Rizzo - 510.995.9421 / email: frmario@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas: 510.522.8933 / email: sbparishoffice@comcast.net

Sacrament of Baptism

For infant baptism (ages six or younger) contact:

St. Joseph: Sherley Lim, 510.995.9420 / email: secretary@sjbalameda.org

St. Barnabas: Gloria Maldonado, 510.522.8933 ext. 10 / email: sbparishoffice@comcast.net

For adults or children over age six, please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409 / email: afoure@sjbalameda.org (for both Churches)

(For Faith Formation or Funeral inquiry, please call the Parish offices)

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