

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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy): April 12, 2026



4/4/2026: Easter Vigil at the Basilica



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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)

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,

I write this to you from a hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. I am here with my parents on our way to Augusta, Georgia for...you guessed it...the Masters golf tournament, which finishes this Sunday. My dad acquired the tickets from a co-worker from St. Anthony's Foundation Clinic in the Tenderloin in San Francisco. My dad has worked there two days a week in the podiatry clinic for the better part of 47 years. One of the nurses in the clinic is a young man from Atlanta whose family has the passes. He has offered us the passes in the past, but it hasn't worked out; one year, the Masters was during Easter weekend, which means it started on Holy Thursday...so, I couldn't attend that year. But it worked this year!

Some people who know that I am here have made comments like, "you deserve it." After this Lent and Holy Week, I kind of feel that way. But the yearly success of Holy Week at both parishes is accomplished by so many people who also deserve recognition and an extended rest. I cannot thank you all here by name, but to those who had a part in coordinating the Lenten season and Holy Week Liturgies, THANK YOU! To our musicians, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, environment decorators, altar servers, ushers, and anyone else who provided support, thank you! And to our staff members, thank you for your extraordinary efforts in ministering to our parishioners! I do want to thank in a special way Diana and Alfonso Ramirez who have been working to photograph the liturgies and record and post homilies on our parish social media accounts. The content they have provided these last few weeks has been exceptional, and I hope you are enjoying it as I have been.

Why do we put so much effort into this week? Because it is the most sacred time of our year as Christians. It would be remiss for me to say "this week" only, as if these same people are not working their butts off throughout the year; they are! Again, why do they work so hard? Maybe we don't all realize why, maybe we just like the work, but the heart of the reason why we work in and for the Church is two-fold; we want to grow closer to Christ, and we want others to as well. This is the mission of the Church; the one Christ left his apostles: go out and make disciples of all nations. And this is all our work, not just parish staff members or liturgical ministers. Every baptized person is called to spread the Gospel and make disciples, that is, to evangelize. The Easter season, which we have just entered, is the season that propels us into this work. It is not a season to sit back in comfort and ease. It is the season of mission.

I have shared with you before how a professor in the seminary preached on this once, saying, "compared to Lent, the Easter season is the more difficult season." What he was referring to was this missionary aspect of our faith. Easter challenges us to go out and spread the good news that Jesus Christ is not dead but alive. "Jesus Won," as our green t-shirts say in Alameda. So, we should be encouraging people to "Follow Jesus." Which doesn't mean you have to be a professional theologian as my professor was, or a priest as I am. I'll give you an example of how you can evangelize from this very trip I am on.

As I was retrieving my reservation for the rental car at the airport, the clerk noticed my email address, which begins "frmario," to which he asked, "does 'fr' mean 'friar'?" Sensing that he knew something about Catholicism, I said, "no, it stands for 'father,'" to which he gave a big smile. I was right. "Are you Catholic?" I asked. "I was baptized Catholic, and I went to Mass every Sunday until I was 13, but then my parents separated and so I stopped." I said, "you can always come back." "Yeah, I'll think about it. Have a good trip, Father!"

So, you see, sharing the Gospel happens in many ways, big and small. Do not be afraid to share Jesus with someone. At the Easter Vigil, eight people were baptized (two teenagers, four young adults, and one mother from the high school), and two more young adults were confirmed (adding to our 20 others who were confirmed earlier in the year). Someone shared Jesus with them at some point and look what happened. People are hungry for the Gospel because it is the truth. You have been called and sent to share it. Happy Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday!

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **April 13:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **April 13:** 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 13:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina Tuesday, April 14, 7:00—8:00 pm

(Second Tuesday of every month)

at St. Barnabas School, Room 3

(Door opens at 6:40 pm. Enter through parking lot on Taylor at Sixth St)

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. With roots deep in the Christian contemplative tradition, this method of prayer - an active "resting in God" - is both a relationship with God and a practice to foster that relationship. Followed by Lectio Divina. Led by parishioner Bill Kueppers, PhD. For more info, contact Bill at billkueppers@gmail.com.

No prior experience necessary. All are welcome!

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS



Alameda Deanery Sensory Friendly Mass Saturday, April 18, 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Barnabas Church (3rd Saturday)

The Mass will be "sensory friendly" with quieter music to offer a sacred space more welcoming to those for whom "less is more."

For more information contact: specialneeds@sjbalameda.org

St. Joseph All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Ministry on Mondays Morning

The Ministry is a scripture-based intercessory Community that meets to praise, worship and honor our God, and opening to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The Group meet-in-person for prayers in the Basilica's Grotto, Mondays, 9 - 11am.

Drop-ins are most welcome!

Have a prayer request?

Email: Jacinta, richcarj@gmail.com, or Joanne, j.harnett@comcast.net

Join Alameda's Young Adult Group

EARTH DAY SHORELINE CLEANUP

Join us for a beach cleanup as we come together in faith and community to care for God's creation

APRIL 22, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet in front of Lucky Strike on Shoreline Dr.
Gloves, trash bags & hand sanitizer provided!



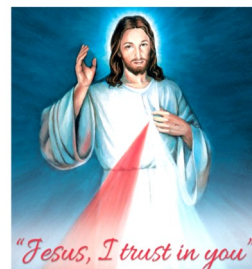
The Alameda Catholic Young Adults Group will be hosting an Earth Day Shoreline Cleanup on Wednesday, April 22nd. Join us for a beach cleanup as we come together in faith and community to care for God's creation. Meet in front of Lucky Strike on Shoreline Dr. at 6pm. Gloves, trash bags, and hand sanitizer will be provided. All are welcome!

Note: 3rd Wednesday, 4/15 meeting is canceled in view of the above event.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday, April 24
3:00 pm, Basilica

On the last Friday of each month, the Community is invited to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm during the Eucharistic Adoration.

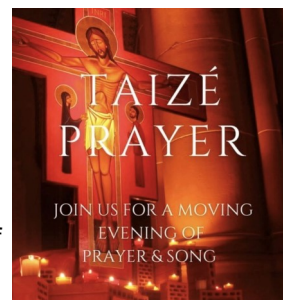


Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, April 24
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Taizé is a simple, ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered as a witness to peace and reconciliation, for which we gather each month on the fourth Friday of the month—all are welcome to participate!

(Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland)



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



Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Mary Butler, Romelita Bautista, Susan Clover, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Rosalie Ennis, Daniel Esparza, Madelen Lontiong, Richard Magahiz, Jose Oblena, Zachary Ramos, Claire Robles, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, 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@sjbalameda.org.

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

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, April 11

8:00 am +Jose Natac - Death Anniversary
5:00 pm Day Nguyen Family (for peace intention)
& Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:30 am Presley Bangloy - Thanksgiving
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm Living & Deceased Family members of the
Harnett and Curtin Families
7:00 pm Living & Deceased Family members of the
Lydon Family

Monday, April 13

8:00 am +Tom Targett - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am +Joseph & Elizabeth Codina

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 am +James Hanson - Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, April 16

8:00 am Clare Alegre - Baptism Anniversary

Friday, April 17

8:00 am +Lee Kam - Death Anniversary

Saturday, April 18

8:00 am +Edythe Harlan
5:00 pm Khiet Nguyen (Healing) & Ancestors

Sunday, April 19

7:30 am +Yolanda Bichanchi Sarda
9:30 am +Edison Gabriel
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Miguel Nelson

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, April 11

4:30 pm +Aurora Hernandez

Sunday, April 12

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Arthur Macy

Monday, April 13

12:10 pm Ambrose Leong (Birthday)

Tuesday, April 14

12:10 pm +Cassandra Macalino

Wednesday, April 15

12:10 pm +Hedy Nacino

Thursday, April 16

12:10 pm Gloria Maldonado (Birthday)

Friday, April 17

12:10 pm +Thomas & +Dorothy Fernandez

Saturday, April 18

4:30 pm +Renato Conocono

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am +Rudolfo & +Carmelita Canio
11:00 am People of the Parish

Other News

Faith Formation – Thoughts on Sacraments

Although by the time you read this it is already Divine Mercy Sunday, as I write it the Triduum is still in the future and our Elect (6 adults and 2 teens) and 2 Candidates are still eagerly awaiting the celebration of the Easter sacraments. Next month 45 children in Sacrament Preparation or St Joseph Elementary School will receive First Eucharist, and 39 teens from Youth Confirmation or St. Joseph Notre Dame High School will be confirmed at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Last month six couples celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Group Convalidation Mass. Reconciliation is offered at St. Joseph's on First Fridays, every Saturday and by appointment. The Anointing of the Sick is available in the case of grave illness or frailty or prior to surgery, to strengthen and provide special graces. Infant baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. The Divine Mercy of God is so present in the Sacraments! Let us never fail to celebrate His Mercy and his sacraments.

Dear St Joseph Basilica and St Barnabas Parishioners,

We, the Vincentians, that serve our neighbors in need, want to express our sincere gratitude for your recent generous donations. Please know that all your donations go directly toward helping them. We could not serve our neighbors without your support.

~ Blessings to you all from the Vincentian members of your congregations ~



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

St. Barnabas

Gloria Maldonado - Parish Secretary, 510.995.9401 / email: gmaldonado@sjbalameda.org

Agatha Leong - Faith Formation, 510.748.9537 / email: stbarnabasfaithformation@gmail.com

Bernadette Baria - Music Director, 510.522.8933

St. Vincent de Paul Hotlines:

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

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,

Important Phishing Scam Awareness!



We want to warn our parish community about phishing scams which are more rampant during the holidays. Please stay vigilant! For tips on protection, visit the FTC website: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

Remember, our priests and staff will never ask for gift cards or money transfers. If you receive any suspicious requests, contact the Parish Office. Your safety is our top priority!

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