

# 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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 28, 2025



*Celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, 2025*

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### **Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday**

9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm)

Available remotely through email & voicemail

**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

## St. Joseph Basilica

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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

Dear Family,

For **October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary**, I asked Fr. Steve and Fr. Alvaro if they could help me offer the Rosary to the high school students during lunch. The Rosary was, and has been, so impactful for me as a disciple of Jesus. To help gain interest in this activity, I asked Jimmy to create a poster, seen here, based off the SJND mascot, the pilots. It's a funny poster, but the idea is serious. Jesus said, "follow me," many times, and the Rosary is a preeminent way to do that.

In addition to this being the month of the Rosary, **October is also Respect Life Month in the Church**, and perhaps this is not the result of chance, since the mysteries of the Rosary are meant to draw us into the life of Jesus Christ, who is "*the Way, the Truth, and the Life*" (Jn 14:6). Only by following Him – which requires frequent meditation on His life - do we begin to experience what it means to be fully alive, for Jesus said, "*I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly*" (John 10:10).

For Jesus' followers, this abundant life is experienced when we love one another as He loved us (John 13:34), which is the foundation for Respect Life Month. Jesus, as we know, loved everyone, Jew and Greek, slave and free, man and woman. He dined with tax collectors and sought out sinners. He showed no partiality. He only asked that we follow him, imitating him, who said, "*no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*" (John 15:13).

This is our mission. This is why we pray the Rosary together; men on Mondays, and women on Thursdays, so that by developing the habit of meditating on our Lord's life we can truly imitate him. This is what Respect Life Month reminds us of, that **we are called to offer the same radical, selfless love that Jesus did, a love that requires that we turn away from the sins of individualism and indifference, and the mindset that it is someone else's responsibility to love the other**. This month challenges us to see the other as God sees them, as beloved, no matter what differences separate us. Our Country needs this example now!

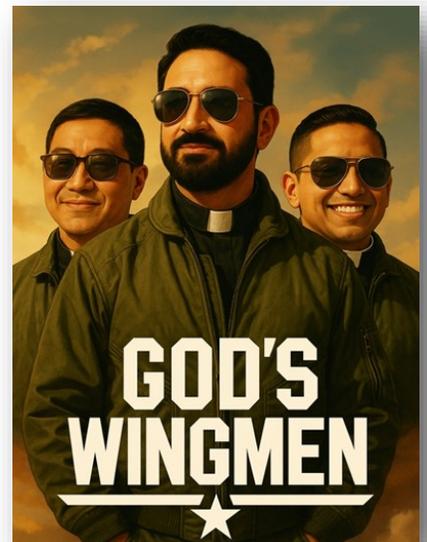
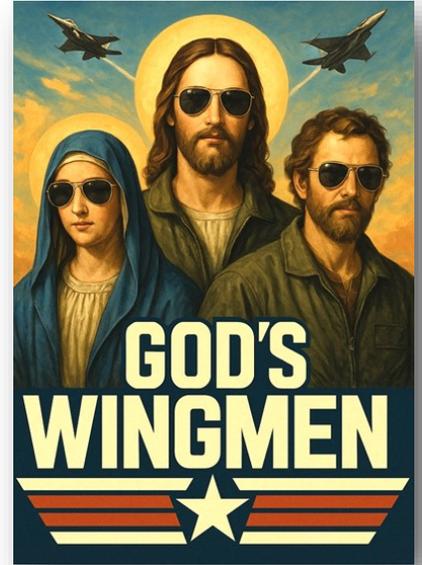
These beloved ones are the homeless and the poor, the migrant and the refugee, the widow and the orphan, the sick, the elderly and the handicapped. Ultimately, Respect Life Month calls our attention to the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn. Since the overturning of Roe Vs. Wade a few years ago, the abortion issue has lingered. Although some would prefer that I don't mention this topic, I believe it's important to remember, at least once a year, what our Church teaches. In the 1974 document called "Declaration on Procured Abortion," we read:

*The first right of the human person is his life. He has other goods, and some are more precious, but this one is fundamental - the condition of all the others. **Hence it must be protected above all others.** It does not belong to society, nor does it belong to public authority in any form to recognize this right for some and not for others: all discrimination is evil, whether it be founded on race, sex, color or religion. It is not recognition by another that constitutes this right. This right [to life] is antecedent to its recognition; it demands recognition, and it is strictly unjust to refuse it.*

**As Catholics, we are called to be defenders of life**, from the child in the womb, to the elderly on their deathbed, even the convict on death row. This is what the Sunflower Girls intend to do with their bake sale at the end of the month to raise funds for the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. This also means that defending life requires not only defending life itself, but also reaching out to those who have committed violations against the lives of others to show them the Lord's mercy, especially mothers who have procured abortions.

As we pray the Rosary during October, the month dedicated to this most special and powerful prayer, **let us turn to St. Joseph, who defended the life of our Lord and His Mother; let us turn also to Mary, our Lady of the Rosary**, and Mother of Mercy and entrust to their loving care our lives and the lives of all people. This is how we truly become God's wingmen, His disciples.

With much love,  
Fr. Mario



## Upcoming Events

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

- **September 29:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **October 2:** 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>)
- **October 2:** Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- **October 3** First Friday Devotion, Confession 5:30 - 6:30 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm
- **October 4:** Communal First Saturdays in the Basilica: 7:15 am - Prayers & Devotion, 7:30 am - Rosary, & Lectio Divina after 8:00 am Mass.
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

### Upcoming Collection:

October 4 & 5

- ◇ **St. Joseph: Maintenance**
- ◇ **St. Barnabas: Rebuilding the Church Fund**



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### El Rancho!

**Saturday, October 4, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

El Rancho is an annual Family Carnival that has been a St. Joseph tradition in Alameda for over 50 years!

Join your neighbors for fun, food, attractions, games and raffles at the Carnival, located at St. Joseph Elementary School, 1910 San Antonio, Alameda.

Stop by the school office, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm to buy tickets or keepsake t-shirts. Proceeds raised from this event goes toward our School. Don't miss out!

### Mark your calendar!

- **Sunday, October 12:** Parish Family Activity, 10:45 am at St. Joseph's Gathering Space.
- **Monday, October 13:** Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima - Combined Rosary with Men's Power Hour and Legion of Mary. 6:00 pm, Basilica. All are welcome!

**Bulletin Submission Deadline:** Please email short blurb for the bulletin **two weeks prior** to date of event to: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org). Event is subject to Parish approval. Thank you.



To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), pets are welcome for a blessing.

Please ensure all pets are leashed or in an appropriate enclosure.

Note: pets are never allowed inside the Church; service animals are exempt.

**Saturday, October 4: St. Barnabas:** Following the 4:30 pm Vigil. We will gather in front of the statue on 6th & Taylor Street .

**Sunday, October 5: St. Joseph:** 1:30 pm in the Gathering Space.

### **\*\*ANGEL GIVING PROJECT 2025\*\***

Autumn is upon us, and Advent will soon follow. We invite you to join the inspiring St. Joseph Basilica tradition of the Angel Giving Project, a heartfelt initiative that brings joy to needy children, adults and seniors in our community each year.

Starting October 5th, you can support the tradition and make a difference by writing a check payable to St. Joseph Basilica with "Angel Giving Project" or "Midway Shelter" in the memo line. Place your contribution in the collection basket or mail it to: St. Joseph Basilica 1109 Chestnut St. Alameda, CA 94501. Remember to note "Angel Giving Project" on the envelope.

You can also donate via credit card through [Realm](https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now) (<https://onrealm.org/sjbalameda/-/form/give/now>) and on the drop-down bar, search for "Angel Giving Project (Nov-Dec)", or scan the QR code. We will gladly accept contributions from October 5th through December 23rd.



Join us as we set up our traditional Angel Table with paper ornaments featuring gift requests in the Basilica on Saturday, November 22nd. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your generous support! If you have any questions, please reach out to Peggy Ritchie at 510.865.8352.

## Monthly Financial Report - August 2025

Please contact Parish Business Manager, Stan, if you have any questions,  
at 510.995.9411, or [business@sjbalameda.org](mailto:business@sjbalameda.org)

St. Joseph Basilica			2025 Actual Comparisons		
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Aug	56,100	54,583	52,060	103%	8%
Jan-Aug	468,250	456,667	454,836	103%	3%
St. Barnabas Church					
Giving (\$)	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	% of budget	Change vs 2024
Aug	39,846	22,016	21,596	181%	85%
Jan-Aug	187,022	178,364	179,430	105%	4%

### Other News

#### Faith Formation - More On The Journey

As I write this, we are expecting over a dozen adults to start confirmation classes on September 25, many families with children preparing for reconciliation and Eucharist to join us for a blessing at the Vigil Mass on September 27, and four new people to formally commit to preparing for baptism through the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate during the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday. Families are continuing to register their children and teens for whole family catechesis and youth confirmation which started a few weeks ago. Please keep all those involved in your prayers. For information visit our website or contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409.

### Parish Information

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St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

  
**Diocese of Oakland**  
**Office of Vocations**

**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT**

Are you a single Catholic man, of high school age or older, who is hearing God's call to priesthood? You are invited to join fellow discerners and Fr. Matthew Murray for discernment night on Thursday October 2, from 7:30pm- 8:30pm at St. Isidore Church, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville 94526.

Is God calling you to be a priest?  
Start your journey of discernment today.

To register: [vocations@oakdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@oakdiocese.org) or call 510-267-8356



## Praying Together

### 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 6:00 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

### Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

	<b><u>Saturday, September 27</u></b>
8:00 am	+Trinidad Chavez Belgica
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
	<b><u>Sunday, September 28</u></b>
7:30 am	1) +Marian Schobert - Birthday Remembrance 2) Dan+ and Jacquie Lydon - 63rd Wedding Anniversary
9:30 am	+Gavina Espinosa - Death Anniversary
12:00 pm	Dan+ and Jacquie Lydon - Wedding Anniversary
7:00 pm	+Marian Schobert
	<b><u>Monday, September 29</u></b>
8:00 am	Virginia Ramos - Birthday Thanksgiving
	<b><u>Tuesday, September 30</u></b>
8:00 am	+Richard Henry Bergstrom
	<b><u>Wednesday, October 1</u></b>
8:00 am	+Peter Thu Nguyen & +Marina Hao Nguyen - Death Anniversary
	<b><u>Thursday, October 2</u></b>
8:00 am	1) +Sister Celeste Posadas - Death Anniversary 2) +Rogelio Narciso
	<b><u>Friday, October 3</u></b>
8:00 am	+Paul Thong - Death Anniversary
	<b><u>Saturday, October 4</u></b>
8:00 am	In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm	1) +Harvey Hanson III 2) +David Sullivan
	<b><u>Sunday, October 5</u></b>
7:30 am	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am	+Mr Simmons
12:00 pm	+Brendan Barker
7:00 pm	James Clark



**Norma David De la Cruz**

**Thursday, October 2, 4:30 pm, St. Barnabas Church**

Viewing: 4:30 pm  
Rosary: 5:00 pm  
Vigil: 5:30 pm

**Friday, October 3, St. Barnabas Church**

Funeral Mass, 10:00 am  
Burial following Mass at Holy Sepulchre

*Rest in Peace*

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Kwame Cunningham, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Calito Franco, David Hardbarger, Madelen Lontiong, Heidi R. Lien, Lorrie Proctor, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Rina Tobis, Femy Visperas and Cristina Villa.

*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](mailto:secretary@sibalameda.org)

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

### Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

	<b><u>Saturday, September 27</u></b>
4:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at SB
	<b><u>Sunday, September 28</u></b>
9:00 am	+Francisco & +Trinidad Gatchalian
11:00 am	People of the Parish
	<b><u>Monday, September 29</u></b>
12:10 pm	Joevanni Jayden Brown - Birthday
	<b><u>Tuesday, September 30</u></b>
12:10 pm	+Rogelio Perez
	<b><u>Wednesday, October 1</u></b>
12:10 pm	+Milagros Ibeas
	<b><u>Thursday, October 2</u></b>
12:10 pm	+Florentino & +Caridad Baligaya
	<b><u>Friday, October 3</u></b>
12:10 pm	Apostleship of Prayer
	<b><u>Saturday, October 4</u></b>
4:30 pm	+Andrea de Jesus & +Horacio de Jesus
	<b><u>Sunday, October 5</u></b>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Khai Leong - Birthday



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