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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.



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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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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,

Next Saturday is the Walk for Life, the annual march down Market Street in San Francisco to peacefully advocate for the defense of the unborn and the promotion of pro-life legislation.

The Walk, which began in 2005, has steadily grown. Beginning with roughly 7,000 attendees, it has reached an estimated 50,000 in recent years. More people are joining the pro-life movement, as it becomes clear that abortion not only intentionally ends the life of an innocent individual, but also hurts the parents as well. There is a sense that, as an educated, advanced society, we should be able to offer a better choice for these parents, a choice that seeks to preserve life and prevent a lifetime of emotional pain. This is a tragic issue, which is why it is the preeminent issue in the Church. It is something Pope Leo mentioned explicitly in his [“State of the World” speech](#) on January 9th. In that speech he said,

*In light of this profound vision of life as a gift to be cherished, and of the family as its responsible guardian, **we categorically reject any practice that denies or exploits the origin of life and its development. Among these is abortion, which cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life. In this regard, the Holy See expresses deep concern about projects aimed at financing cross-border mobility for the purpose of accessing the so-called “right to safe abortion.” It also considers it deplorable that public resources are allocated to suppress life, rather than being invested to support mothers and families. The primary objective must remain the protection of every unborn child and the effective and concrete support of every woman so that she is able to welcome life.***

You should feel pride knowing that many people heading the words of the Pope and leading the pro-life movement are Catholics, especially Catholic women. Unfortunately, many people, even some Catholics, are not in accord with the Church’s teaching on this issue. Thus, I would like to suggest that, if you disagree with the Church’s teaching, you consider joining our parish group and attend the Walk, which begins with a rally in Civic Center Plaza on Saturday the 24th at 12:30 pm, followed by the walk to the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero. We usually meet on the right side of the Plaza and will be in our green “Jesus Won” shirts. Come and experience the enormously joyful crowd of people who sing and chant and pray together on the roughly 1.75 mile route.

If you cannot make the walk, you can give to a pro-life pregnancy center, which we, as a parish, have done in the past. Three local ministries you can give assistance to are [Birthright of San Lorenzo](#), [Options Health](#), and [Guadalupe Hope Society](#). If you cannot give, then you can pray for an end to abortion. One powerful prayer we will be adding to the end of our liturgies is the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Our pastoral associate, Jimmy, wrote a brief explanation on the significance of this prayer below.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Why We Pray the St. Michael Prayer After Mass

The end of Mass isn’t the end of anything; it’s the sending. We’ve encountered Christ in Word and Sacrament, and then we’re sent back into real life: our homes, communities, our work, and our schools.

The Church has always been honest about the reality that the Christian life isn’t lived on neutral ground. Scripture reminds us that our struggle is not just human, but spiritual (cf. Ephesians 6:12). That’s why we turn to St. Michael the Archangel, whose very name, “Who is like God?” reminds us of who truly has authority.

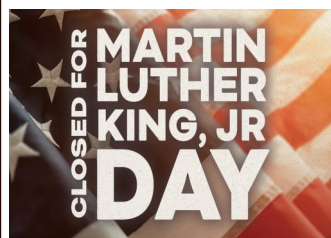
Praying the St. Michael Prayer after Mass is not about fear, panic, or adding something extra to the liturgy. It’s about clarity. It’s a simple acknowledgment that, while the Eucharist truly strengthens and nourishes us, we still need God’s protection as we step back into a world that is often confusing, noisy, and spiritually challenging. It’s the Church saying, *‘We don’t rely on ourselves.’*

This prayer was encouraged by Pope Leo XIII during a time of serious social and spiritual unrest because he recognized the importance of praying intentionally as the faithful were sent back into daily life. That wisdom hasn’t expired. If anything, it’s even more relevant today for our Church, our families, our children, and our parish.

Prayed together, out loud after Mass has concluded, the St. Michael Prayer unites us as a parish in a shared act of trust. It helps form us to take spiritual realities seriously without becoming anxious, to be humble without being naïve, and to move forward with confidence rather than fear. In praying it, we say together: Christ reigns, God is stronger than anything we face, and we do not take on this Christian mission alone.

Jimmy Jimenez-Garcia
Pastoral Associate

Upcoming Events



The Parish Offices will be closed for MLK Holiday on Monday, December 19 and reopen as usual the next day at 9 am.

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **January 19:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm followed by Lectio, Basilica
- **January 20:** Young Adults Group (YAG) Meeting, 6:00—7:30 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center, located at 1119 Lafayette St. Drop ins are welcome!
- **January 22:** 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>)
- **January 22:** Thursday Women Rosary - **canceled** to accommodate First Reconciliation
- For a complete listing of Basilica scheduled events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Taizé in the Basilica

Friday, January 23, 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, November and December on the third Friday. All are welcome to participate!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) January 18-25

*Theme: "There is one body, and one spirit, just as you are called to the one hope of your calling"
Ephesians (4:4)*

The theme for the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was approved by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy. The chosen passage for reflection is Ephesians 4:4, where the Apostle Paul reminds the early Christians in Ephesus of the unifying power of the Holy Spirit: "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called." This verse calls believers to remember that, despite differences, all are part of the one Body of Christ and share a common hope through the Spirit.

Catholic Schools Week: January 25 - 31



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) begins on the last Sunday in January and lasts for an entire week. This year, it will be celebrated from January 25 to January 31. CSW is an annual event in the United States that highlights the exceptional education provided by Catholic schools. Education is a vital part of every family's journey, and during this week, we celebrate the remarkable standards, formation, programs, and teachings that Catholic schools offer. For more information about our schools, please visit their websites:

- ⇒ St. Joseph Elementary School: <https://stjosephalameda.org/> (Open House: 10:30 - 11:30 am)
- ⇒ St. Joseph Notre Dame High School: <https://www.sjnd.org>

Special Mass & Anointing of the Sick At St. Albert the Great Church February 6

1022 Holly St, Alameda, CA 94502
(First Friday of Each month—subject to changes)
Mass at 9:30 am followed by Anointing of the Sick

Save the Date!

St Barnabas Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser Dinner

Tuesday, February 17
East Ocean Seafood Restaurant
\$45 per person

Tickets sale starting January 17
For more information, contact Cindy:
510.517.1289, or
email: cindyharless2025@gmail.com

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30pm
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
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Saturday, January 24, 2026

Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info: (415) 658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

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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

The Communal First Saturdays, St. Joseph, 7:15 am

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, January 17

8:00 am +Elba Espinoza - Death Anniversary
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am +Festus Egbuonu
9:30 am +Lourdes Villalon-Hartrick
12:00 pm +Lorenzo & Katiza Tudor & Petra Martinovich
7:00 pm +Celia Catubig

Monday, January 19

8:00 am +Mauro Bautista, Sr. - Death Anniversary

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 am +Festus Egbuonu

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 am 1) +Dan Lydon - Death Anniversary
2) Maina Haik - Birthday

Thursday, January 22

8:00 am 1) +Natividad Narito-Death Anniversary
2) Josephine Alegre - Baptism Anniversary

Friday, January 23

8:00 am +Festus Egbuonu

Saturday, January 24

8:00 am Agnes Marcheschi
5:00 pm +Phu Nguyen

Sunday, January 25

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am +Douglas Steed - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm Deja Batara - Thanksgiving
7:00 pm +Anibal & Mary Perez-Zapata

**January & February Mass Intention request is closed
since dates are filled.**



Socorro Escamilla

Thursday, January 22, 11 am, Basilica

Rest in Peace

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Nemi Garcia Andres, Narciso Ayran, Jane Burgelin, Romelita Bautista, Ruby Bautista Cabonce, Kwame Cunningham, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Bob Heimbichner, Ida Kempel, Madeline Lontiong, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Edita Supremo, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona & Rina Tobis.

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, January 17

4:30 pm +Maria de Leong Ong

Sunday, January 18

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

Monday, January 19

(MLK Holiday Schedule)

9:00 am Catherine Esteban

Tuesday, January 20

12:10 pm Gabriel Leong - Birthday

Wednesday, January 21

12:10 pm Gabriel Benito Maldonado - Birthday

Thursday, January 22

12:10 pm +Vincent Conocono

Friday, January 23

12:10 pm +Jerry Hale

Saturday, January 24

4:30 pm +Felician Balajdia

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Maria Silva

Other News

Have you activated your account on REALM yet?

The Parish is encouraging all parishioners to activate their account on Realm.

Why should you bother? What is the benefit for you personally?

- Easily manage your giving. Whether you support the parish online or by cash or check, Realm provides ready access to your donation history. If using the online method, it's easy to make a one-time payment for a special event or change your amount.
- Ensure your information is current. If you have moved or changed your phone number or email since you first registered at the parish, did you notify the parish office? Check your record and make those updates yourself. Has the parish kept up with additions to your family? If we missed some births, marriages, children growing up and out of the house, let us know.
- If you belong to a parish group or ministry, Realm simplifies communication within your group (no longer looking up emails!) and sharing resources.
- Access to Parish Directory. You can look up names of other parishioners, and depending on the privacy settings each person chooses, may be able to phone or email them.

It's easy. Just scan the QR code, or visit website:

onrealm.org/sjbalameda

Need help setting up with Realm? Contact our Business Manager, email: business@sjbalameda.org, or call 510.995.9411.



2026 Liturgical Calendar: The celebration of Mass, the Sacred Liturgy, is the center and focus of Christian life, informing and guiding our efforts to live closer to Christ. The liturgy allows us to know Christ better, and in community with others, to make him better known. In this way, we honor the mystery of Redemption throughout the year. The liturgy touches all aspects of our parish life. It teaches us the value of a deeper understanding of the scriptures, the selfless joy that comes from service to the poor, the strength we gain from community, and the peace that can come from personal prayer. For a listing of the current year Liturgical Calendar, visit our website: <https://sjbalameda.org/liturgical-observances-current-year>

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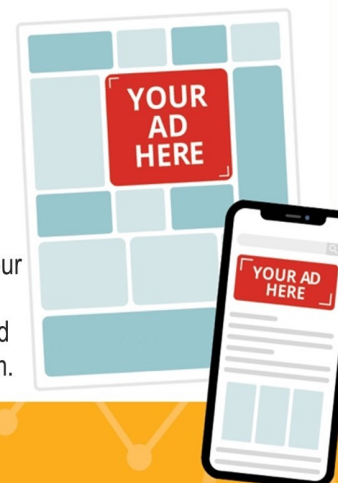
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