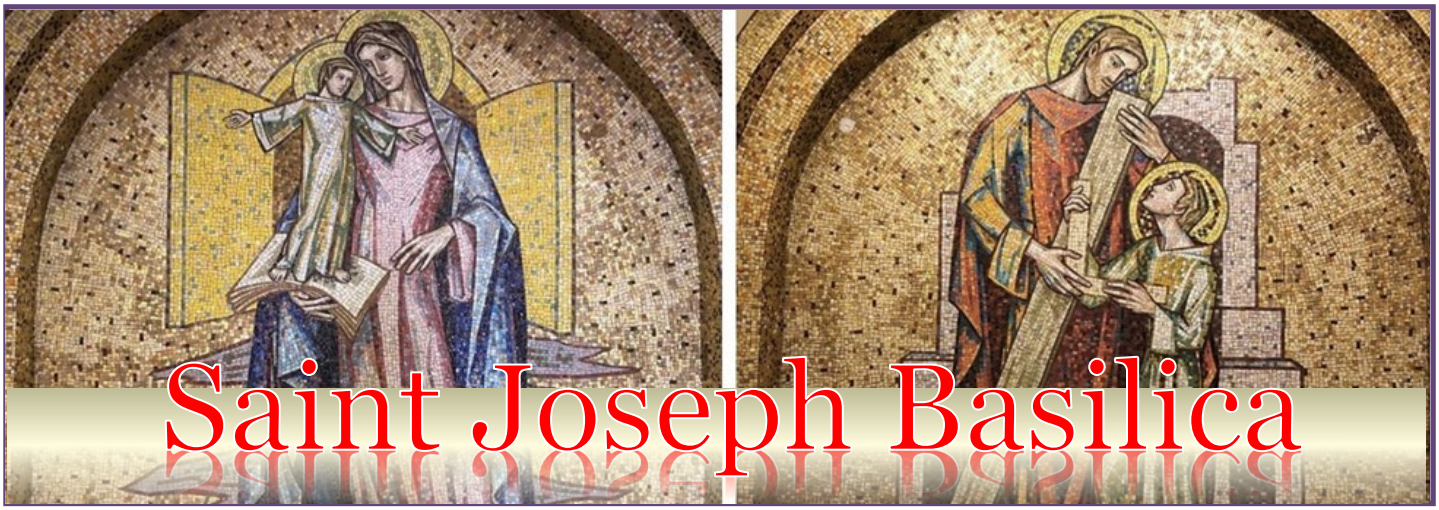

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Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another,
live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 7, 2020

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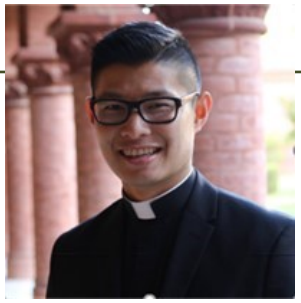
Clergy Corner: A Message From Deacon Peter



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It has been a long journey going back to the beginning of time when Creation came into Being. But for us Christians, it really begins when the Angel of God came to a young woman named Mary in a small village in Palestine many years ago and told her that God had chosen her to be the mother of THEIR Son; Jesus CHRIST and on Mary's acceptance the Child was conceived.

We have followed the life of Jesus ever since, from His birth in Bethlehem which we celebrate at Christmas with great joy. We follow Him as he grows up. We listen to His words and contemplate his actions. We empathize with him as he is constantly misjudged. We have joined Him many times when He eats His last meal and gives us the Eucharist, having washed our feet on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday we have climbed Calvary with Him and wished sometimes we could have died with Him.

And then, to our great joy and astonishment within hours of Easter morning, Jesus Christ rises from the dead having atoned for our sins and redeemed those who had gone before us. We celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection for fifty days with joy. During this Paschal time, we have seen Him rise to the heavens on Ascension Day. He sent the Holy Spirit as promised to each of us last Sunday on Pentecost and today we are here to celebrate the FEAST OF THE HOLY Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons IN One God.

Many years before Jesus Christ was born, Moses approached a Burning Bush that he felt symbolized God. Moses dared to ask: "Who are YOU?" and a voice replied: "I AM who I Am."

My dear friends, we have come a long way since that day when the bare footed Moses dared to ask: *Who are you?* and all he got in reply was; "I AM." Our First reading today tells us how years later, the same Moses ascending Mt. Sinai to confer with God on how he could guide the people of God in the desert of Sinai. Out of that encounter came the Ten Commandments, which teach us how to worship God and love and respect each other.

In his letter to the Corinthians today, Paul assures us that "the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" IS WITH US ALL.

The Gospel of John says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

If God had not chosen to reveal Himself in Christ Jesus, all of us would still be thinking that "out there'' is some mysterious being that controls our lives indifferently. Instead, God has revealed Himself as a Trinity of persons of infinite Goodness, Love and Mercy.

In our faith we are always talking of Mysteries and the very word Mystery means we do not understand and cannot understand completely. God is the infinite mystery. Today we thank Him for having revealed so much of Himself and given so much of Himself to us; so much so that one day we Believe we shall be united with Him. On that day, we shall see our God as He is. We will become like Him forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever, Amen.

Dcn Peter Lawongkerd
(Transitional Deacon)

Drive Through Communion

The distribution of Communion during Shelter In Place will continue on Sundays starting at 2:00pm and finish at 3:00 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to exit their cars (exception for those with mobility limitations) to receive Communion as directed by our Diocese.

In order to have an orderly and safe drive through, please read the guidelines posted on our website: https://sjbalameda.org/drive-through-communion.

We will continue to update on guidelines as we learn more information from our local authorities.

Statement on "Reopening" By Bishop Barber

Bishop Barber has recently issued a statement on the "Reopening of Religious Services" in our Diocese. For statement, visit Parish website: www.sjbalameda.org.

Daily Mass Live Stream

Daily Mass is offered at 11:00 am, Monday - Saturday, live streamed from the Rectory Chapel. To join, visit our Facebook link: http://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda.

You do not need a Facebook account to join the livestreaming.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA continues to meet via ZOOM each week. Invite those thinking of becoming a Catholic to join us Wednesdays, 7:30 pm at: https://zoom.us/j/607011076

Or, for more information, contact our Faith Director, Anne Marie: (510) 995-9409, email: afourre@sjbalameda.org.

Please continue to support your Parish through the Online Giving Program, **Faith Direct**. To enroll visit: **www.faithdirect.net** and the parish code is CA702. Enrollment is easy and secure. Call (510) 995 -9411 if you need help enrolling.

Congratulations to Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School Graduates!

Prayer for our graduates:

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.
(marquette.edu/faith/prayer-forgraduates.php)

David Gregory Adamson
Erika Lizette Aguayo Gutierrez
Zavier Lee Annis
Steven Junvie Antonio
Lucas Charles Argueta
Jane Olivia Bacon
Finn Banbury
Bryan Barragan
Peter Bui Birky
Kamaya Haviland Browning
Tyler Anthony Cabatan
Catherine Ramirez Cacho
Leah Marin Carlson
Kyleigh Talaysia Carr
Ellis Cervantes-Moreno
Maia Su-Ein Chareonsuphiphat
Jackson Houck Cooke
Damariye Tishawn Daniels
Javier Sebastian Davalos
Cassandra Alexa Deleon
Nicholas Charles Demmler
Nathaniel James Dudley
Alexandria Dawn Esplana
Alexa Flores
Andrew Madison Fowler
Giullian Atl Galindo
Matthew Stephen Geller
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Keelan Jay Good
Nathaniel Van Goodlow III
Christian Alexander Granados
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Cynthia Arianna Guzman
Alessandro Hernandez-Mendez
Jalen Silorio Hodge
Qorey Anthony Houston
Sebastian Charles Hurtubise
Juliette Lynn Ingram
Alexander John Jackman
Jayelen Xavier Jean Jones
Elle Rae Kallsen
Zachary Karch
Jiveny Elizabeth Sawyer Knight
Natalie Grace Langford
Pedro Antonio Lara
Maila Malulani Lepolo
Cyrus Avner Lim
Emily Biomara Lopez
Tyler Thomas Lum
Ivan Madrigal
Sergio Martin Garcia
Rosemarie Elizabeth Martin
Anthony Lazaro Martinez
Malia Lauren Mastora
Jackson Paul McDermott
Leo Geronimo Miranda
Carlos Alexander Morocho-Illescas
Yikaalo Amaniel Nalls-Gebreselassie
Michael Moses Narensky
Nathaniel Kalani Natividad
Binh Gia Ngo
Sophie Claire Nilsson
Rowan James O'Brien
Kristen Elizabeth O'Donnell
Ian Gabriel Ordinario
Henry Reynaldo Pacheco
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Jasmine Rose Palacio
Andrea Esmeralda Partida
Melissa Partida
Anderson Leandro Perez-Vasquez
Danielle McGrath Perez
Mia Elise Perez
Zoe Jane Peterson
Celine Kieu Trinh Pham
Vivian Pham
Brian Phaophongsavath
Carly Ann Powers
Michael Dean Proffitt
Ian David Ramos
Alan Benjamin Ramsey, Jr.
Allen Miguel Reyes
Jackeline Michelle Reyes
Alyssa Hope Rito
Antonio Felipe Roblero
Johnny Joshua Rodriguez
Jovanni Rodriguez-Cardenas
Diego E. Salgues
Alexa Guadalupe Sanchez
Andrea Guadalupe Sanchez- Cortes
Melissa Sandoval
Benjamin Chandler Seelenbacher
Michael Alexander Shih
Milo Keeney Shook
Harrison James Vargas Sims
Tayjon Melvin Smith
Jack Reynolds Stehr
Davis William Stewart
Hena Louise Mendes Oliveira Tariq
Amalia Rose Teixeira
Emrahl Justis' Thomas
Ava Rose Thornton
Kai Bacuyani Tocchini
Emy Tran
Mollie Sue Vandevelde
Dea Adamari Velazquez
Taylor Olivia Lynn Viera
Christine Amanda Tiguelo Villanueva
Daniel Benjamin Villanueva
Luccionna Benjamin Washington
Cecilia Jean Wolfcale
Michaela Nicole Wong
Hermona Yared

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6
8:00pm †For Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, June 7(Live Stream)
12 noon Mass †Doris Eggers
†Galina Galinovskaya
†Genevieve & Emilio Avila
†Violeta Abar
Gregory Falkner - For Healing

Monday, June 8
8:00 am †Violeta Abar

Tuesday, June 9
8:00 am †Sally Gallagher
†Violeta Abar

Wednesday, June 10
8:00 am †Liliano Lupetti
†Marina Ilyin

Thursday, June 11
8:00 am †Larry Barnett
†Violeta Abar

Friday, June 12
8:00 am †Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Saturday June 13
8:00 am Greg Falkner - Healing

Sunday, June 14 (Live Stream)
12 noon †Violeta Abar
†Jennifer Stahl
Greg Falkner - Healing
Francis & Maria Rueca

Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially

Judy Koneffklatt &
Galina Galinovskaya

As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to their families

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Pray for the Sick

May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord. Amen

Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Emma Barrigan, Ronald Bautista, Jazlynn Cain, Virginia Finn, Nia Cain, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Mary Cronin, Lee Corral, Jamal Downs, Gregory Falkner, Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Ellie Fasso, Jeff Murray, Michael Long, Michael Lancaster, Monte McEntee, Joann Miller, David McGaffey, Maureen McGee, Lolla Manibusan, Michael Ricica, Becka Smith, Rachel Sutherland, Nory Reyes, Evangeline Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona, Prosperidad Salamanca, Dee Pickett, Charles H. Thomas & John Verduzco.

Please email **secretary@sjbalameda.org** *or call (510) 995 9420 if you would a name to be removed or added to the Sick List.*

Mass Intentions

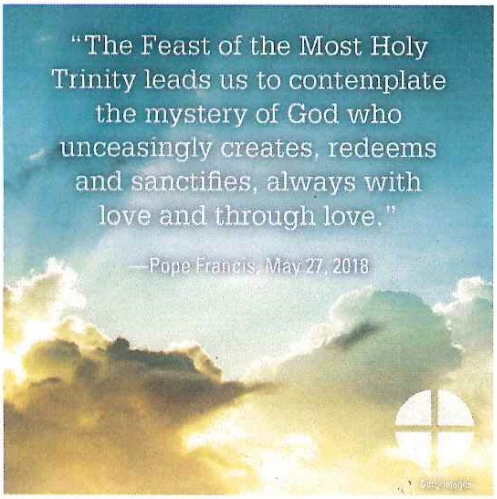
Parishioners can continue to request for Mass Intentions during Shelter-In-Place. Our Priests will pray for the Parish and personal intentions at the Daily and Sunday Masses livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Please email your request to Parish Secretary, Sherley Lim: secretary@sjblameda.org or call (510) 995 9420. Please provide the following information when requesting for the Mass Intention:

- *Name of person requesting*
- *Name of person for whom Mass is offered - living or deceased*
- *Date of Mass requested*
- *Telephone and email information*

Note: There is no guarantee of availability of Mass for a requested date. We will confirm request by email or phone call.

The suggested donation is $10/request. Upon confirmation, check or cash for stipend can be mailed or drop off to the Parish Office. Please indicate date of Mass on memo line.

Most Holy Trinity Sunday



The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. God reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity includes three truths of faith.

First, the Trinity is One. We do not speak of three gods but of one God. Each of the Persons is fully God. They are a unity of Persons in one divine nature.

Second, the Divine Persons are distinct from each other. Father, Son, and Spirit are not three appearances or modes of God, but three identifiable persons, each fully God in a way distinct from the others.

Third, the Divine Persons are in relation to each other. The distinction of each is understood only in reference to the others. The Father cannot be the Father without the Son, nor can the Son be the Son without the Father. The Holy Spirit is related to the Father and the Son who both send him forth.

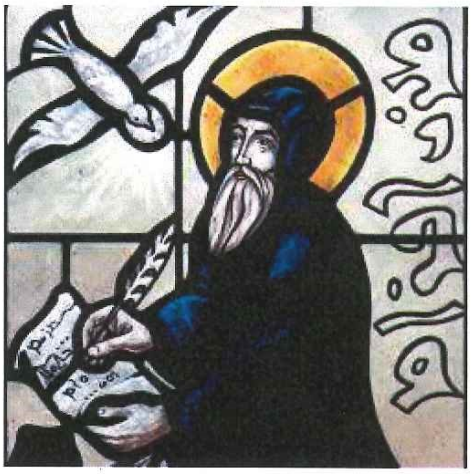
All Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity illumines all the other mysteries of faith.

Saint of the Week

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

c. 306–373 | FEAST DAY JUNE 9

Known to Syrian Christians as "the harp of the Holy Ghost," this Mesopotamian from Nisibia was baptized at 18 and may have accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea in 325. He served as head of the cathedral school and left Nisibia only after it became Persian. In 363 he moved to a cave overlooking Edessa but preached frequently in the city and wrote many poems, hymns and biblical commentaries; he organized a choir of women to sing his hymns during liturgies. About 370 he visited St. Basil in Caesarea. The winter before his death, he earned praise for managing relief supplies during a severe famine in Edessa. Ephraem is the only Syrian father declared a doctor of the church.



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Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
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Volunteer Coverage
Sat. 8:30am - 12:30pm / Sun. 8:30am - 1:00pm

Parish Website: www.sjbalameda.org
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(510) 995– 9421 / frmario@sjbalameda.org

Rev. Sunil Orathel - Priest In Residence
(510) 917-9558 / sunil@sjbalameda.org

Dcn. Peter Lawongkerd (Youth Ministry Coordinator)
510-995-9474 / deaconpeter@sjbalameda.org

Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: frmario@sjbalameda.org.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under "Sacraments" for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Parish Office, 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409

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Sherley Lim – Parish Secretary
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Katherine Francisco – Principal, Elementary School
510-522-4456 / kfrancisco@csdo.org

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471

Note: Most events or gatherings are canceled during Shelter In Place, although some are continuing through video conference. For information on how to connect, contact:

RCIA Inquiry: afourre@sjbalameda.org / Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com
Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org / Bible Study: demcgaffey@gmail.com
Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com / Young Adults Group: alamedayag@gmail.com

St. Joseph Basilica Ministries

All God's Children Prayer Group - Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm, Basilica
Basilica Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Basilica
Bible Study - Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Children's Choir - Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Basilica / CIA (Christ in Action Children's Ministry) -Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Basilica
Cub Scouts - Weekly Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Learning Center (Ends June)
Grief Support Ministry - 2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)
Guadalupe Ministry - 1st Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Legion of Mary - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Legion of Mary - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Reconciliation Room
Moms' Bible Study Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Pastoral Care Team - 1st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)
St. Vincent DePaul Society - 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
Spirit Ensemble rehearsal Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm, Basilica
Sp. Needs Inclusion Ministry - 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)
Taize Prayer Service - 4th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm, Basilica
Young Adults - 1st & 3rd Wednesday,7:30pm-9:00pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)
Young Families Potluck - 3rd Saturday, 10 – noon

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