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Jesus said,
"Where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,
there am I
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6
2020



Clergy Corner: A Reflection from Fr Sunil Orathel



Dear Friends,

We as the St. Joseph Basilica Community rejoice and join with Fr. Akapoj Peter Lawongkerd, in thanking and praising God Almighty, for choosing him to be part of the ordained ministry in the Church. This is a moment of great blessing for Fr. Peter who has responded to God and to all of us who love and support him in his vocation.

Fr. Peter joins the order of Melchizedek, the king of Salem, a priest of the most high, who blessed Abram (Gen 14:18-20); in perpetual consecration, Yahweh has sworn an oath he will never retract, you are a priest forever of the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110); as a priest on our behalf in the sanctuary, where Jesus has entered on our behalf, having become a high priest forever, of the order of Melchizedek (Hb 6:20).

The priesthood is also the fulfillment of the biblical verse “many are called, few are chosen”(Mt 22:14), a precious gift bestowed by the Lord in earthen vessels (2cor 4: 7), not due to personal merits, to those whom he has chosen before the foundation of the world. The priesthood is a response to God’s choice “I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known” (Act 9:11). Just because of the choice, priests are not devoid of faults. Priests are real people, chosen from the community, who at times struggle with their faith, commitments, abilities, and loneliness. Though priesthood requires certain skills and abilities it’s for the person who desires to serve God and His people.

The sacrament of the Holy Orders communicates a sacred power of Christ himself, to make Christ, who offered Himself once and for all as a sacrifice, present on behalf of the People of God. It is from this sacrifice that priestly ministry draws its strength and uniqueness. The exercise of this ministry is measured against the model of Christ, who by love made Himself the least and the servant of all (CCC 1566, 1551).

As we thank God and congratulate Fr. Peter, we continue to support him with our love, prayers, and affection. Once a mother said to his son on the day of his ordination: ‘now you fully belong to God, but to be a priest is to begin to suffer’. Don Bosco said ‘a priest never goes to heaven or hell alone’. May the Lord bless the ministry of Fr. Peter in manifesting love, mercy, and blessings of God.

God bless,
Fr. Sunil

PATRIOT DAY
WE WILL NEVER FORGET



Thursday, September 11th is Patriot Day

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.

(USCCB)



First Communion in COVID Time

The pandemic may have delayed things, but we find a way! The first of our First Communion originally scheduled for spring was celebrated during the 9:30 am Mass last Sunday in the SJND quad. Masked and socially distanced, Josephine Alegre was finally able to receive the Blessed Sacrament. We'll be seeing other children take this step in the coming weeks and months. Our teens who have been awaiting their Confirmation since May will celebrate this month. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 7

In observance of Labor Day holiday, Parish Office will be closed on September 7. Since staff will not be checking phone messages or emails on Monday and if you need to urgently contact a priest please call our main In (510) 522 0181 and select '2' to reach clergy. We wish you a safe holiday.

Prayer For Labor Day

This Labor Day, we pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for their continued perseverance and determination as they continue to seek ways in which to participate in God's creative work.

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DEVOTION OF THE MONTH: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

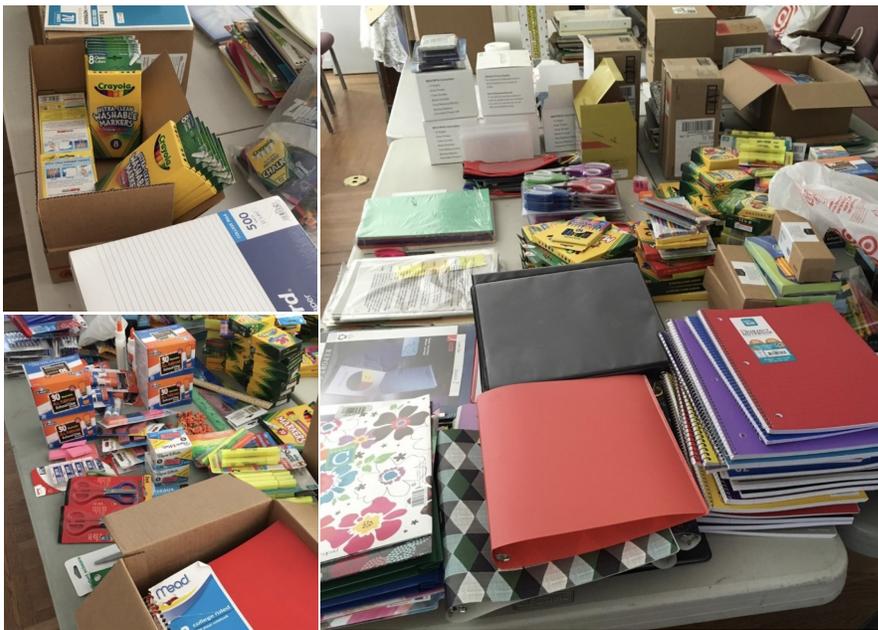
The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his

cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th. (*—TheCatholicCompany*)

Abundance Of Donations!

St Joseph's St Vincent de Paul, would like to thank all in the Parish, who so generously gave to our back to school supply drive, both materially and monetarily.

Through your gifts we were able to fill 30 backpacks with grade appropriate school supplies and distribute them to families in need. We were also able to make up 10 backpacks for St Joseph's Elementary School. We feel so blessed to have the support of our Parish community behind us, Thank you!



Recommended **FORMED** Video Pick Of The Week - Inspiring *Three Miracles of Happiness*

Gerry Faust has had an amazing career as one of America's most successful football coaches. From 18 years at Cincinnati's Moeller High School (174-17-1), he went on to fulfill one of his personal dreams as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame, followed by eight years at Akron University. A devoted husband and father, Coach Faust has become a popular inspirational speaker who

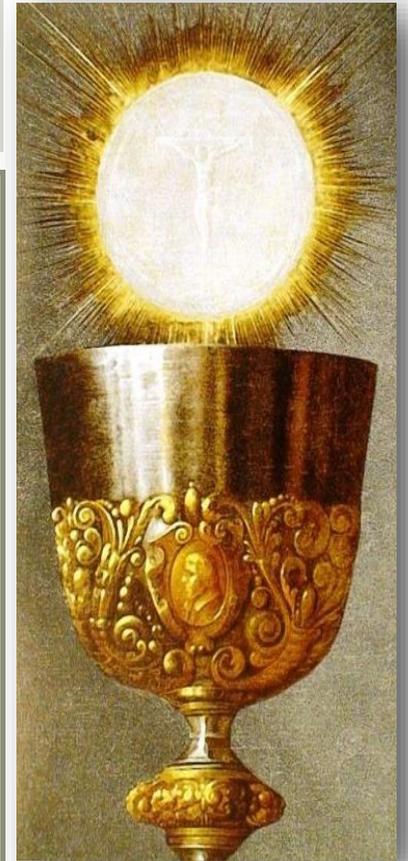
weaves the dramatic story of his own life into lessons for every life, always placing faith in God in the center of the huddle.

Haven't register? Register with [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) today to start watching. Subscription is free!



**Daily Mass At 11 am
Livestreamed On Facebook
Monday - Saturday**

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/>



Sunday Mass In The Quad at 9:30 am

Parishioners are requested to register to attend the Mass each week - attendance is limited to 100 people per the Alameda County's Covid-19 Re-opening Guidance for Places of Worship. Please visit our website to watch the important video and guidelines to register for the Public Mass: www.sjbalameda.org.

Sunday Mass at 12 noon Livestreamed on Basilica's YouTube

To live-stream, visit our website: www.sjbalameda.org for our YouTube link (note: new link each week).

Drive-through or walk through Communion on Sundays

Starts 1.30 pm and ends 2 pm (or until further notice)

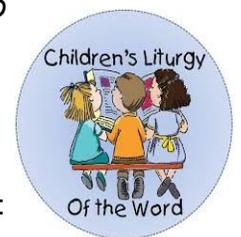
Reminder: Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. We encourage you to live-stream Mass each weekend for those of you who prefer to stay at home or are not feeling well

Updates to Faith Formation

We are pleased to announce adaptations to the programs we're offering this fall for our young people. The timing has never been better to move to "Whole Family Catechesis" which actively engages parents in your vital role as the first and foremost teachers of faith. With the limitations on in-person gatherings required by the ongoing pandemic, we've modified our format to include several options, from distance learning via Zoom with parental involvement to homeschooling with support from catechists to a combination of both. Please visit our website at <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-programs> for full details and register online TODAY. (We're in the process of ordering materials, and those who register late may have to wait for theirs.) The same link includes information for Youth Confirmation (starting in 8th grade) and Sacrament Preparation (for children in their second year of preparing for First Eucharist). Contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org with questions.

Weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10 am on ZOOM

Do you have children ages 4 to 10? Help them understand Sunday's Gospel better by joining us for an engaging 30 minute lesson.



Tips for a good Zoom experience:

- remain in mute mode unless invited by presenter to speak
- if using the "chat" box to share responses be sure your child is using it appropriately
- if you do not want your child's face to be seen by others either "live" in the Zoom or shared later, be sure your video is off.

Click on [ZOOM Link](#) to participate:

Meeting ID: 842 1344 6023 / Password: 1109

For more information, contact our Director of Faith Formation, Anne Marie: afourre@sjbalameda.org.



Bible Study and Rosary Monday-Saturday at 8:00 pm

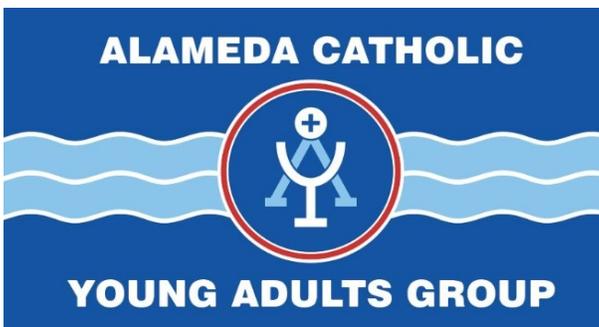
Join Fr. Mario on Facebook Live for a brief catechesis, followed by the Rosary. For the greatest benefit, check our Facebook page for information on each night's "homework" to read in advance:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/>

Resources For Families To Grow In Faith During Shelter-In-Place

To access resources please click on the following link:

- <https://oakdiocese.org/resources-for-families>
- Families can celebrate a weekly Liturgy of the Word at home during Shelter in Place. Click [here](#) to access.



Young Adults Group Weekly Newsletter - Click [here](#)

To receive the Group's newsletter, click [here](#) to subscribe or join YAG's Facebook [here](#).

"It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes."
— St. Thomas Aquinas

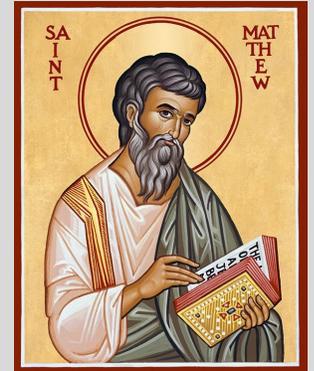
Thursday Night Gospel Study

Join us every Thursday night at 7pm, to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. All are welcome. To join Zoom Meeting click on link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/124587892>

Dial by your location 1 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 124 587 892



Interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is? RCIA Inquiry meets via Zoom each week. Invite those thinking about becoming Catholic to join us Wednesdays at 7:30pm at : (click on link)

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 607 011 076;

Password:

KnowJesus;
or dial 1 669 900 9128

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Password: 940360900



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

Need more information but prefer not to ZOOM?

Contact our Director of Faith Formation, Anne Marie, email:

The Catholic Faith On Demand

We would like to remind you that the Parish subscribes to FORMED, an online database full of Catholic media. If you have not signed-up, click [here](#) and follow the steps. Search for St. Joseph Basilica. Registration is free.



Ushers & Greeters and AV Support Team For Sunday Masses

We are always looking for more people to join these two important ministries and we are asking those who are able to help either at the 9:30 am outdoor Mass as ushers or AV Support Team at the 12 noon live stream Mass. Rest assured that these ministries were developed with top safety protocols in mind. Contact Stan at business@sjbalameda.org if you're willing to help us out.

Thank you for your generous financial contributions!

Sign up for Faith Direct which is easy and secure. Click [here](#) to give with parish code CA702. (If you need help with signing up or for more details, contact our Business Manager, Stan Schonberg: 510-995-9411 or email: business@sjbalameda.org).



You can also continue to support your Parish by:

- Mail in your weekly envelopes to: St. Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut Street, Alameda CA 94501
- Drop off your donations in the mail slot located at the Parish Office door.
- In the collection baskets at the Drive-through Communion.

Parish Ministries:

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

- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- RCIA Inquiry: afourre@sjbalameda.org
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com / jdowncooper@gmail.com
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org
- Bible Study: demcgaffey@gmail.com
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- Legion of Mary: Terecita@terecitadean.com



Saint Teresa of Kolkata (1910-1997): Feast Day – September 7

Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata — one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many

regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016. Saint Teresa - pray for us!



Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:30-5:00pm

Reconciliation will be held in the Basilica,
not in the confessional.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5:00pm

Note: The Parish Office remains CLOSED during Shelter in place but continue we serve you remotely. If you need to contact members of the Parish Staff, please communicate with us via EMAIL or phone.

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 visit our website under “Sacraments” for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510-995-9420, or email: secretary@sjbalameda.org
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409, or email: afourre@sjbalameda.org

Basilica Open for Private Prayer

- Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
- Sunday: 9am - 11 am; 1pm-5pm
(closed 11 am - 1:30 pm to prepare for 12 noon livestream Mass)

Please continue to practice the recommended hygiene and social distancing. We ask you to refrain from gathering in groups, and to avoid touching surfaces and to wash hands as often as possible.

Note: Bathrooms are closed.

Clergy:

Rev. Mario Rizzo - Parochial Administrator
(510) 995-9421 / frmario@sjbalameda.org

Rev. Sunil Orathel - Priest In Residence
(510) 301-5975 / sunil@sjbalameda.org

Rev. Peter Lawongkerd: (510) 995 9474

Parish Staff:

Stan Schonberg - Business Manager
510-995-9411 / business@sjbalameda.org

Anne Marie Fourre - Director of Faith Formation
510-995-9409 / afourre@sjbalameda.org

Sherley Lim – Parish Secretary
510-995-9420 / secretary@sjbalameda.org

David Howitt - Music Director
510-995-9403 / dhowitt@sjbalameda.org

Michael Chinnvaso – 7:00pm Music Coordinator
510-522-0181 mchinnvaso@sjbalameda.org

Susan Gahan - Coordinator for Funerals (Volunteer)
510-995-9416 / sg@sjbalameda.org

Community Staff:

Julie Guevara - Principal, SJND High School
510-523-1526 / jguevara@sind.org

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

Mass Intentions

(11am & 12 noon Masses are live-streamed
via Facebook & YouTube)

Saturday, September 5

11:00pm Monte McEntee - Healing

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am & 12 noon Masses

†Sally Gallagher

†George A. Naclerio, Sr.

†Marlene Silva

Mika Olaguer - Birthday

Luis Bonifacio - 90th Birthday

Monday, September 7

11:00 am †Maria Lupetti

Tuesday, September 8

11:00 am †Liliano Lupetti

†Nardo David - 2nd Death Anniversary

Wednesday, September 9

11:00 am †Alfonso & Teresita Colobong
Sherley & Patrick Thong -
Anniversary Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 10

11:00 am Celina Gutierrez - healing

Friday, September 11

11:00 am †Diomey S. Pondoc, Sr.
- Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, September 12

11:00 am Celina Gutierrez - healing

Sunday, September 13

9:30am & 12 noon Masses

† Nardo David

†Jennifer Stahl

†Maria Hao & Peter Thu Nguyen

†Teodorico Finuliar

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!
(Pope Paul VI)

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, Ronald
Bautista, Lee Corral, Erlinda Ceralde, Jazlynn
Cain, Nia Cain, Fong Che,
Mary Cronin, Martha Flores,
Patricia & Suzy Glynn, Celina
Gutierrez, Robert Javier,
Jacquie Lydon, Jeff Murray,
David McGaffey, Michael
Ricica, Anthony Sono, Rachel
Sutherland, Nory Reyes,
Evangeline Reyes, Miguela
Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona,
Charles H. Thomas & John Verduzco.



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

Altar Flowers Sponsor

The Main Altar flowers for week September 5/6
is sponsored by the
Douglas Wright and Michelle Chui.

Please pray for the
Wright, Chui and Lam Families.

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp or Altar Flowers Sponsor

Remember a loved one by sponsoring the flowers
that decorate the Sanctuary, or one candle for the
weekly Sanctuary Lamp. Your intention will be
printed in the weekly bulletin. Donations for Altar
Flowers, \$75 and Sanctuary Lamp, \$20.

To sponsor, and select a date, please contact
Sherley Lim at: secretary@sjbalameda.org, or call
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