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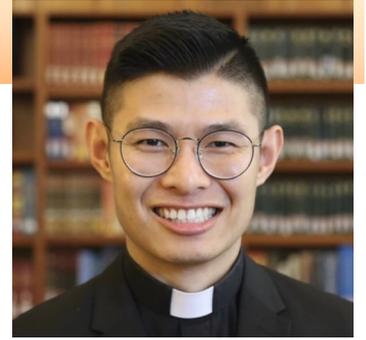
**Forgive your
neighbor's
injustice;
then when
you pray,
your own sins
will be forgiven.**

Sirach 28:2

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020**

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Clergy Corner: A Message from Fr. Peter Lawongkerd



Dear St. Joseph's Family,

As Fr. Mario announced last Sunday during Mass, Bishop Michael Barber has appointed me as a parochial vicar to Holy Spirit in Fremont effective immediately.

When I first moved to St. Joseph, it became my new home very quickly - a community where I experienced so many blessings of love and support from all of you. It has been a source of great joy and blessings for me to have been able to minister with you in our journey of faith and especially during these challenging times. There are so many of you that I would like to thank you personally for your loving kindnesses and support and prayers during my time with you.

My sincerest gratitude to my brother priests who have been true brothers to me as we have been working together here at St. Joseph. The parish staff has been so wonderful and all volunteers and lay ministers have inspired me by your dedication and hard work to serve our community as true followers of Christ.

From my heart, I say thanks to our confirmation teams and our teen candidates. You all have been a large part of my time here at St. Joseph. I have many great memories and meaningful experiences to carry with me on my onward journey. Your confirmation day is fast approaching and for sure I will not miss this important moment in your life.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks and blessing to all of you for accompanying me on the final lap of my journey of the priesthood especially Frs. Mario and Sunil are true priests. As I mentioned at Mass on Sunday, your prayers, kindnesses, and love has been a great source of my spiritual nourishment. God bless you all!

Fr. Peter

Reminder: FILL OUT YOUR 2020 CENSUS FORM

The following information is from Alameda County Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Last day for everyone to be counted: Wednesday, September 30:

CENSUS TAKERS ARE OUT IN THE FIELD

The US Census Bureau has hired thousands of people from local communities to go door-to-door to assist households who have not yet responded. These individuals are managed and deployed by the US Census Bureau (not by Alameda County). We have been informed these enumerators speak many languages. Every Census taker takes a life long oath of confidentiality and can be fined or imprisoned for sharing anyone's personal Census information.

REMEMBER: People can still self respond online, by phone, or by mailing in their paper form if they prefer these options rather than speaking with an enumerator.



Alameda County Counts



Our VOICE counts
The Census count determines our federal representation. An undercount could cost California to lose a seat in Congress.



Our SERVICES Count
The Census count appropriates billions in federal funding for programs which benefit the entire community: health care, education, transportation, housing, food stamps, and more.



Our COMMUNITY Counts
An undercount would have grave consequences for Alameda County. Census 2020 will require us to come together to ensure everyone is counted!



First Communion in COVID Time

Jeremiah Aragon celebrated his First Communion at Father Peter's Thanksgiving Mass on September 6 at 9:30 am. Congratulations to him and his family, and may God bless all the children who are still waiting.



September 13 is National Grandparents Day!

We invite you to use this blessing when your family gathers together:

BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS

This blessing may be used at special family visits (such as holidays), at the beginning or end of a visit, or at another appropriate time. If possible, the oldest grandchild might serve as the leader.

When the grandparents, parents, and children have gathered, all make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

The leader introduces the blessing in these or similar words:

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.



God Bless Our Newly Baptized Babies (August Baptisms)... Mikayla Kuuleimaluhia Bernardo, Olivia Marie Asejo-Lacambra & Isaiah Anthony Ragadio-Asejo. . Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

Enrichment For Home Schooling and Beyond

The Diocese's Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to share Virtual Virtuous Parenting resources including a faith focused enrichment program for homeschooling.

We hope to provide you with an assortment of resources to help you through virtuous parenting, especially while children are attending school from home. Click on the link below for the enrichment resources for homeschooling and beyond.

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/virtual-virtuous-parenting>



Recommended **FORMED** Video Pick Of The Week - *Freedom*

THIS FILM INTENDED FOR MATURE AUDIENCES. PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED.

Two men separated by 100 years are united in their search for freedom. In 1856 a slave, Samuel Woodward, and his family escape from the Monroe Plantation near Richmond, Virginia. A secret network of ordinary people known as the Underground Railroad guide the family on their journey north to Canada. They are relentlessly pursued by the notorious slave hunter Plimpton. Hunted like a dog and haunted by the unthinkable suffering he and his forbears have endured, Samuel is forced to decide between revenge or freedom. A hundred years earlier in 1748, John Newton, the captain of a slave trader, sails from Africa with a cargo of slaves bound for America. On board is Samuel's great grandfather, whose survival is tied to the fate of Captain Newton. The voyage changes Newton's life forever and he creates a legacy that will inspire Samuel and the lives of millions for generations to come.

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



Meditation - WHY PRAY?

Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

**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)

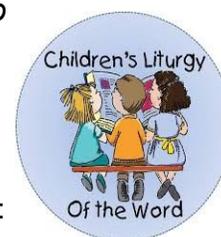
Reminder: Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. We encourage you to live-stream Mass each weekend for those of you who prefer to stay at home or are not feeling well

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:

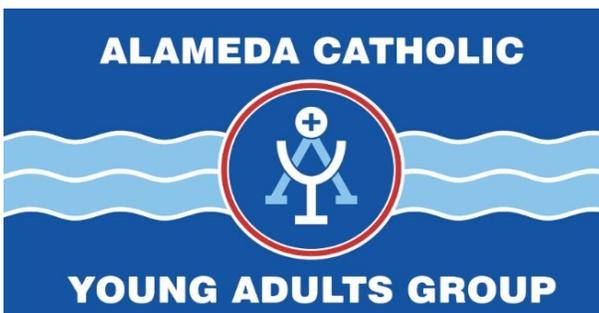
- <https://oakdiocese.org/resources-for-families>
- Families can celebrate a weekly Liturgy of the Word at home during Shelter in Place. Click [here](#) to access.

News Around The Block...

Click on the link to read the latest on our Schools:

Elementary School: <https://conta.cc/2Z7T9Kk>

High School: *available next week*



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

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

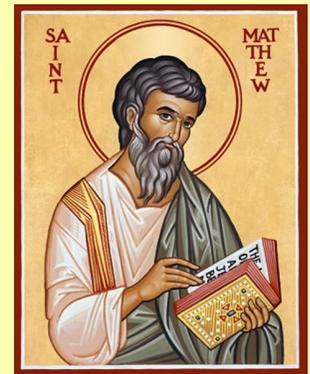
Thursday Night Gospel Study

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

Meeting ID: 607 011 076;

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: afourre@sjbalameda.org; phone (510) 995 9409.

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.



Special Collection: DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT

There are a number of our retired priests who are still 'laboring in the vineyard' as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more. This weekend we have the opportunity to remember our retired priests and contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Donations can be mail or drop off to the Parish Office, or through online giving, Faith Direct. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

MERCY

*Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor. —St. John Chrysostom
(Feast Day: September 13)*

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.

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.

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 / jdowcooper@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



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

Reconciliation will 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 we continue to 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

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

Livestreamed: 11am (Facebook) & 12 noon (YouTube)

Saturday, September 12

11:00pm Celina Gutierrez - For Healing

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am: [Mass In The Quad](#)

† Maria Hao & Peter Thu Nguyen
† Nardo David

12 noon [Mass- Live streamed](#)

† Teodora Manuntag & Teodorico Finuliar
† Jennifer Stahl

Monday, September 14

11:00 am Hector V. Mariano - Birthday

Tuesday, September 15

11:00 am † Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Wednesday, September 16

11:00 am Joanne Harnett Family
- Living & Deceased

Thursday, September 17

11:00 am Michael Dang - Birthday

Friday, September 18

11:00 am Monte McEntee - Healing & Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 19

11:00 am † Mercedes Pena (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday, September 20

9:30am [Mass In the Quad](#)

† WH & Lorraine Stoltenberg
† Jimmie & Virginia Stoltenberg

12 Noon [Mass - Live streamed](#)

† Stephanie Zoeller & † Matt Gable

*Please remember to include
St. Joseph Basilica in your will.*

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@sibalameda.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 the week of
September 12/13
is sponsored in loving memory of:
Nardo David
(second death anniversary)

Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially
Fr. Ray Zielenzienksi and
Felimon Oronos, Sr.

As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to their families and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.