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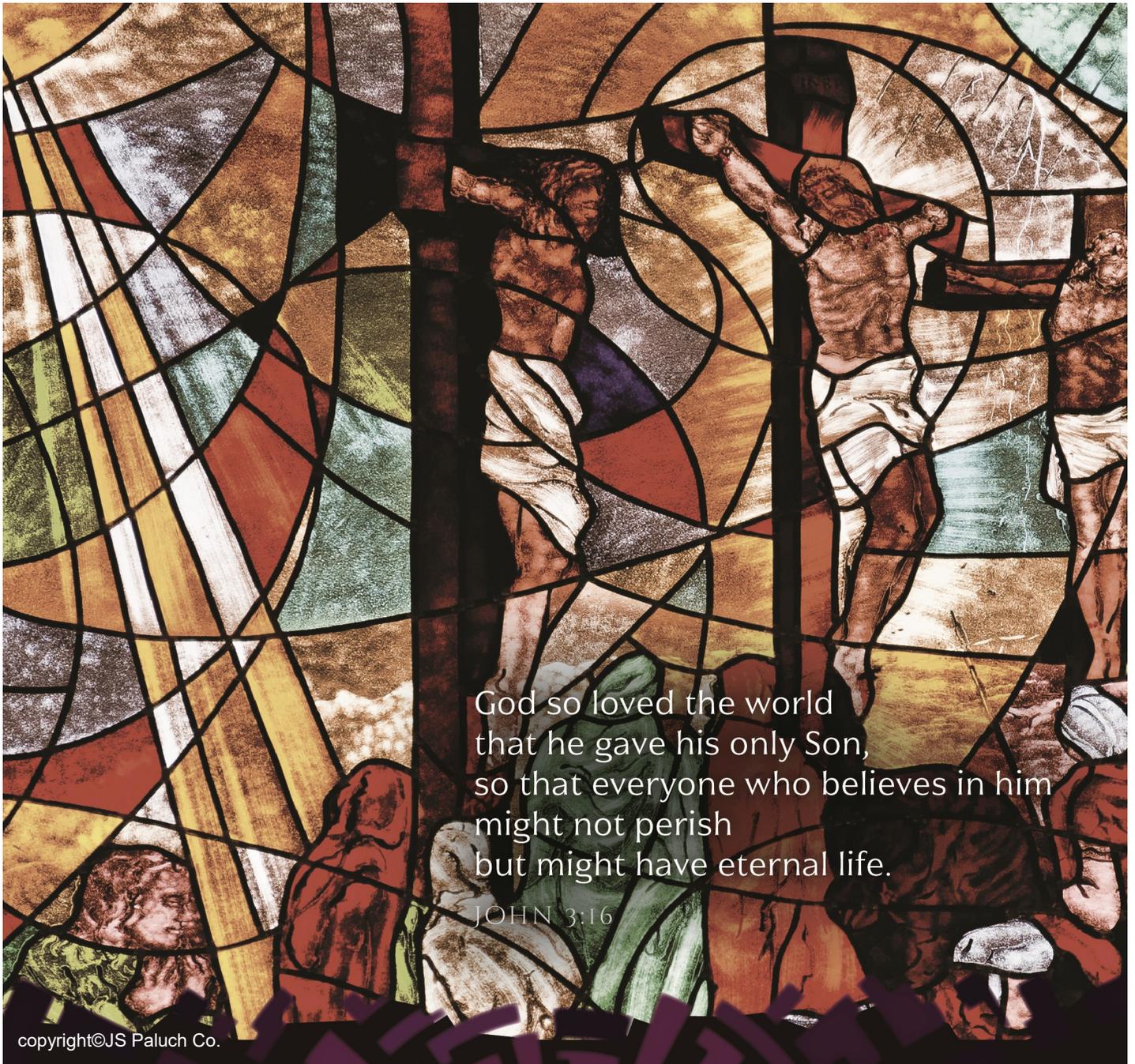
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God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

E-Bulletin

Clergy Bulletin Letter

Friends,

This is the year of St. Joseph as declared by Pope Francis. St. Joseph is the patriarch and the patron of our parish. The solemnity of his feast on the 19th is fast approaching. The nine-day novena in preparation for the feast begins on March 10th. We congratulate the team that is doing the 33 days of consecration to St. Joseph and invite others to take the opportunity to know and seek His intercession.

We are not as familiar with Joseph as Pope John the XXIII wrote. Joseph, except for some slight springing of references to him here and there in the writings of the fathers of the Church for long centuries remained in the background, in his characteristic concealment, almost as a decorative figure in the overall picture of the life of Jesus. It took time for devotion to go beyond and take root in the hearts of the faithful as a sign of trusting abandonment. St Jose Manyanet reminds us that after two thousand years we started only now to glimpse something of the mystery in which Joseph is immersed.

In the Old Testament (Gen 41:55), we have the story of Pharaoh who told people that were affected by famine and distress "Ite Ad Joseph" - "Go to Joseph", which has become a key in approaching St. Joseph as the foster father of

Jesus, protector of the church, patron of a happy death, a model of workers, head of the families and such titles.



We are reminded by Pope Pius XII that Joseph who was so engaged in protecting and providing for the family at Nazareth, now from heaven is lovingly guarding the whole church and all its members. If anyone cannot find a master to teach one to pray, says St Teresa of Avila, take Joseph and you will not go astray. May our devotion to him draw us all closer to Jesus who reminds us in the Gospel that our lives in truth and light give glory to God.

Blessings,
Fr. Sunil Orathel

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May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.
—St. Teresa of Avila

FEAST OF FAITH - Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way - if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God - living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshipping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy,

we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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RCIA Update: Celebrating the Scrutinies

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the Elect (those preparing for Baptism this Easter) celebrate the Scrutinies, prayers of strength, and healing. Throughout the world at Masses where Elect are celebrating the Scrutinies, the Church uses the Cycle A readings due to their meaningfulness in this final period of preparation for the sacraments.

This Sunday we hear of the man born blind, who in spite of his physical blindness was able to see that Jesus was the One who could help him. Is our vision as good? What are we unable or unwilling to see?

Please pray for our Elect Bill, Christina, Harper May, and Jessica who will be baptized and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. (The adults will be confirmed as well, while the children will wait until they are older.) Others are continuing to prepare for the sacraments of initiation sometime in the future. Newcomers are welcome to join Inquiry sessions on Wednesday nights on Zoom. Visit our website www.sjbalameda.org/page/rcia or contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org for information.

In-person Mass In The Quad Update: Sunday, March 21, 9:30 am

St. Joseph Basilica will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph at the 9:30 am Mass on March 21 with Bishop Barber con-celebrating. Advance registration is required to attend the Mass - limited to 100 tickets, on a first come-first serve. The 9:30am Mass will also be live-streamed on Basilica's YouTube. If you are unable to register, we encourage you to live stream or sign-up for the 12-noon in-person Mass.

Note: The 12-noon Mass live-streaming will be canceled on same date.

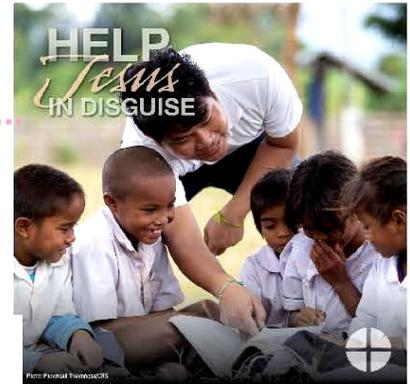
Community Outreach: Volunteer Opportunity with Dine & Connect

In this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have the opportunity to serve those suffering from homelessness and/or food insecurity in our community. Dine & Connect is a program that had been offering meals and fellowship to our neighbors in need prior to the pandemic. During the pandemic, the program shifted to to-go meals distributed through four church sites in Alameda. The four sites are now serving an average of 80-85 meals on all Mondays of each month. As expected, those community members who are unhoused have increased in numbers during the pandemic. Also, Dine & Connect is now partnering with the City of Alameda in a meal program, FEED ALAMEDA where the City contracts with restaurants to provide meals on Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer please click here. For more information contact Sr. Pat at patriciaandsharon@gmail.com.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the Parish office or FaithDirect. To learn more visit: <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection>



Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of *Amoris Laetitia*, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. ([Here](#) for more details)

We pray for each of you and your families!



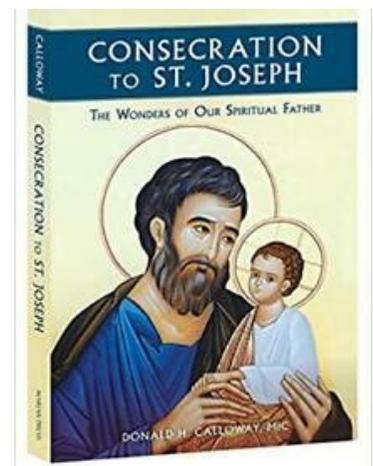
Year Of St. Joseph December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021 Consecration To St. Joseph

For those who wish to make an individual 33 Days of Consecration, a daily guide is available [here](#). Books are available from the Parish office at cost of \$15. If you wish to purchase one, email secretary@sibalameda.org, or call 510-995 9420. to pick up a copy.

You are also invited to join the worldwide consecration on March 19 or May 1 to help make this effort the largest spiritual consecration ever! To sign-up or for more information, click [here](#).

With a Father's Heart

Even though Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. -- Pope Francis



Solemnity of St. Joseph March 19

Prayer to St. Joseph

The prayer is ordinarily enriched with a partial indulgence (*Handbook of Indulgences, conc. 19*).

During the Year of Saint Joseph, however - which lasts from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 - the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a plenary indulgence (see [Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary](#) issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E). It may be said on any day of the Year of Saint Joseph, but especially on his various feast days or other devotional days dedicated to St. Joseph:

- March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary•
- May 1, 2021, the Optional Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker
- The nineteenth day of each month
- Every Wednesday, the traditional day of the week for devotions to Saint Joseph
- "St. Joseph Sunday" and suitable days of other liturgical rites in the Eastern Catholic Churches

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

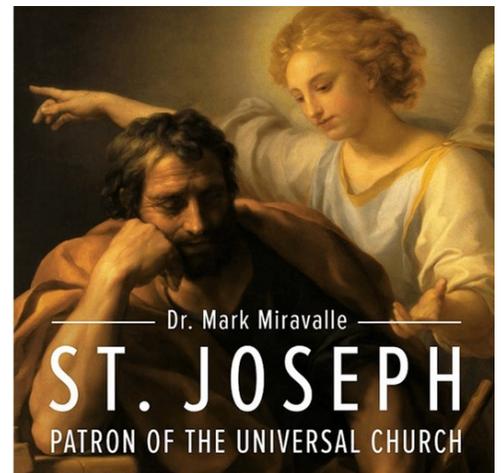
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen. (Source: USCCB)

FORMED VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK: *St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church* by Mark Miravalle

The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Listen now as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us. (Click on image to start watching)

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: St. Patrick

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday: Spring begins

Celebrating Sundays With Children

Looking for ways to worship with your youngsters during the pandemic? Some families attend the 9:30 Mass outdoors (advance registration required) and others view the noon live-streamed Mass from home and then come to the SJES parking lot for “drive-thru Communion” at 1:30 pm. There are also opportunities designed especially for families with children:

- Join the interactive Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Zoom at 10 am. Info and link at <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word>
- Find a worship service for families based on each Sunday’s gospel complete with music, video, and an outline for your own Liturgy of the Word at <https://worship.pastoral.center>
- This can be a special time for your family to grow in faith together. If you have questions, contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org or leave a message at 510-995-9409

Shower with Cards

As we journey through our spiritual desert of Lent, we remember the desert of the pandemic that affects our brothers and sisters who are homebound, care home residents, and shelter residents. We will continue to help them carry their crosses in special prayer, and help them feel the joy of Easter with cards. If you would like to help us bring joy to care home residents and the women and children at Midway Shelter, please drop completed Easter cards in our donation box on the rectory porch by Friday, March 19th. God bless your Lenten almsgiving! Your generosity matters to so many people. Questions and suggestions are always welcome at sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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** on ZOOM. Click [here](#) to join.



Thank You!

Stewardship Donations Options

⇒ **Online at Faith Direct which is easy and secure to register**



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.

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **At the Drive-through Communion** collection baskets



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Mass Schedules

Daily Mass

**11 am, Basilica
Monday - Saturday**

*(Livestreaming available
on our Facebook Page)*

Link: [https://
www.facebook.com/
sjbalameda/](https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda/)

Reminder:

Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation 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.

**Drive-through or walk through
Communion on Sundays**

Starts 1.30 pm and ends 2 pm, weather permitting. For updates visit Parish's Website: sjbalameda.org



Sunday Masses

**In The Quad
9:30 am & 12 noon**

Reservation is required to attend either one of the in-person Masses as attendance is limited to 100 people on a first come first serve.

Please click on the following link to reserve a spot: <https://sjbalameda.org/sunday-mass-schedule>

Note: Reservations open on Monday afternoons and close at 2 pm on Fridays.

**12 Noon Sunday Mass
Live-streaming on
Basilica's YouTube Channel**

YouTube Link:
<https://sjbalameda.org/sunday-mass-schedule>

Worship Aid: Please click [here](#)



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mondays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (During Lent)

Saturdays, 3:30-5:00pm (Regular Time)

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

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.

Mass Intention

Saturday, March 13

11:00am
1) †Matija & Marijan Sepic
2) †Nancy Munsayac-Mallilin

Sunday, March 14

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

†Monte McEntee

[12-Noon Mass Live-streamed](#)

People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

[12 noon Mass In The Quad](#)

†Fr. Rene Rodillas

Monday, March 15

11:00am
†Floyd Ray Carter

Tuesday, March 16

11:00 am
Eliana Clare Laguicao - Birthday

Wednesday, March 17

11:00 am
1) †Mary & Joachim Ancestors
2) †Jonathan Sanok

Thursday, March 18

11:00 am
†Luisa Valdesancho

Friday, March 19

11:00 am
Harnett Family - Living & Deceased

Saturday, March 20

11:00 am
†Beatrice Nolan

Sunday, March 21

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

†Santiago Paradiang

[12-Noon Mass In The Quad](#)

For The People of the Parish
- Living & Deceased

[12 Noon Mass - Livestreamed](#)

†Kitty Long

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.

Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Baustita, Lhiza Brown, Jazlynn & Nia Cain, Mary Cronin, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Greg Falkner, **Don Kennedy**, David McGaffey, Amelia Miguel, Nory A. Reyes, Reena Salud, Ramon N. Tirona & **Ron Valmassy**, John Verduzco.

The List is refreshed monthly.

Please email: secretary@sjbalameda.org

or call (510) 995 9420 if you would like a name added to our prayer list.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is sponsored (anonymous) for the repose of
All Souls+

Weekly Altar Flowers And/Or Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

Remember a loved one by sponsoring the Altar Flowers, or one candle for the weekly Sanctuary Lamp. Request is open for the month of May and June. Your intention will be printed in the weekly E-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 (510) 995 9420.

GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me. —St. Patrick

Mass Intention Request

for the month of March, April & May is closed as dates are filled up.

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

Parish Ministries During Shelter In Place

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

- Bible Study: demcgaffey@gmail.com
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- RCIA Inquiry: afourre@sjbalameda.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- Shelter-in-place ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com

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

Community Staff:

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

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

Parish Grief Ministry

As the COVID-19 restrictions continue and we cannot meet as a group as usual, we want to reassure you that you are still in our hearts and prayers. We are also well aware that some parishioners have now suffered new losses. Remember, the Grief Ministry is here for you. If you need or desire support around your grief/grieving, please feel free to reach out to one of us - we are available to support you via telephone, email, or text Bill (510) 846-3882 (Cell/text), email: billkueppers@gmail.com;

Suzanne (219) 879-4819 (Cell/text), mail: suzanne@morris.guide;

Pamela (209) 814-2586 (Cell/text), email: pamelaprime1@gmail.com.

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