



Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:30 am / Saturday: 8:30 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

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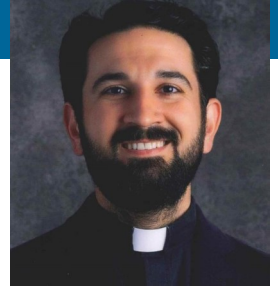
September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Basilica Family,

As next weekend is the second weekend of the month, we will be having our monthly ad orientem Masses inside the Basilica. To prepare us for that, I'd like to follow up on a point I made in my homily from the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. If you were at one of my Masses, you heard me speak about how Mary's being taken up into heaven is a preview of the life that awaits us. But just because this life is revealed fully in the life to come doesn't mean we don't get a foretaste of it here and now. Mary shows us that we can get a preview of heaven by imitating Christ on earth, by becoming an alter Christus ("another Christ"), and the best way to become an alter Christus is to become an alter Maria.

In that homily, I noted that this title, alter Christus, is ordinarily applied to the priest, although it can be applied to all the baptized in an analogous sense, since Baptism and Confirmation seal us with Christ's Spirit, and conform us more closely to Him. Historically, however, the term is used to highlight the function of the priest, who, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, stands in for Christ, the eternal High Priest, during the liturgy. St. Augustine helps us to visualize this when he says, "It is Christ who baptizes, Christ who forgives sins, Christ who celebrates Mass."

In addition to the phrase alter Christus, the Church has also employed the phrase, in persona Christi capitis (in the person of Christ the head). This phrase looks to St. Paul's image of the Church as the body of Christ found in 1 Corinthians 12:27, "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it..." as well as Ephesians 5:23, "...Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body," and Colossians 1:18, "He is the head of the body, the church." The two phrases focus us on the central point, that the Church is intimately and inseparably united to Christ himself, at all times, but especially during the liturgy.

The architecture of our church building speaks to this truth. In your mind's eye, enter the basilica, stand in the middle of the nave (the area where the pews are), and imagine the footprint of the basilica. Then, pretend that you are floating above the basilica. What does the building look like?

A cross, right? Churches have been constructed this way for centuries, as a reminder that when the individuals gather, the whole Body is gathering, which includes the people, who sit in the nave (the area that makes up the body) and transepts (which make the arms), and Christ, who in the priest, sits in the sanctuary (the place for the head).

At Mass, the whole Body, or to use another term of the Church, "the whole Christ," is gathered, and faces the Father, to offer once more, in an unbloody way, the sacrifice of Calvary. In the person of the priest, Christ is the principal actor, praying the prayers on the body's behalf, but as inseparable members of His body, all are united in making this offering. Christ willed that people of all ages could make His offering their own, and so experience the infinite grace and blessing that flows from it.

The notion of the priest being in persona Christi capitis may be a way for you to enter into the ad orientem Mass more since it attempts to manifest the image of Christ's Body in the church. The priest can face the same way as the people because his face and his personality, are not central. He is alter Christus, in persona Christi capitis, leading the body in prayer.

These terms are important to our theology of the liturgy because even when we're not celebrating Mass ad orientem, they help us focus on the importance of Christ's role in the liturgy, that He is present, praying with us, and offering the necessary sacrifice on our behalf, a sacrifice of infinite worth that is wholly His, but which he wishes to make our own, as we, His Body, offer it with him, with full, active, and conscious participation.

Thank you for reading. Please continue to pray for our world, for our government leaders, and for the peace and the well-being of those who are being persecuted, especially for their faith.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Sound Update

The sound designer has completed his study of the space and has submitted a report. I, and members of the parish, will meet with him this week to go over his findings and recommendations. He will also make a presentation in the basilica with the speakers we would potentially install so that we can hear their capabilities. Thank you for your patience!

20th Anniversary of September 11

Please join us on Saturday, September 11, for candlelight exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, from 7-10 pm. Come and pray in silence for those who lost their lives in the attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania 20 years ago, and for the many more who lost their lives in the subsequent wars in the Middle East.



FEAST OF FAITH

Remembering

When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19). Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. Our eucharistic remembering is not nostalgia, nor is it merely historical, recalling events and facts of long ago. In the liturgy, remembering is action. “Do this,” Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. And as we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now. After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the anamnesis, a Greek word that means “remembering.” In this part of the prayer, “the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 79e). We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ’s dying and rising. “We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection” (Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II). Obeying Christ’s command, we remember.

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A People Changed by 9/11

The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation.

-Monsignor Robert J. Romano

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.

Amen



Upcoming Events

Happy Labor Day! **Monday, September 6, 2021**

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6 and reopens on Tuesday, September 7. We wish our Parish Community a very blessed and safe holiday!

Our Lady Of Fatima Celebration **Monday, September 13 @ 6 pm, Basilica** **International Rosary**

Join us for Rosary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima where for the month of September Rosary will be recited in multiple languages. We invite you and your family and friends to participate in this devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

Young Adults Group (YAG) First & Third **Wednesdays Gathering @ 8 pm, Parish** **Center**

YAG - is a ministry that brings people of faith in their 20s and 30s, and gives them an opportunity to grow in faith in a group setting. In person meeting has resumed. Virtual option is also available. For more information, email: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com.

Save The Date!

Legion of Mary Auxiliary Reunion & **Centennial Celebration** **September 24th at 6 pm, Parish Center**

This warm reception and prayers are in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of Legion of Mary. All Auxiliary members and St. Joseph's ministries are invited to share in the celebration.

Please RSVP to Josephina Posadas:
Josefina.Posadas@blueshieldca.com

Stewardship

Upcoming Special Collection: **Diocesan Priest Retirement, September 11/12**

Some of our retired priests still are 'laboring in the vineyard' as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more. On the weekend of September 12, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust to support our retired priest. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church. Thank you.
(Donations envelopes can be found in the pews)

Diocesan News

Statement By Bishop Barber: No **Religious Exemption For Covid-19** **Vaccine**

Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, states that religious exemptions are not possible since the Vatican has declared it is morally permissible for Catholics to receive the vaccine against COVID-19. Acknowledging that Catholics must follow their consciences, he draws a distinction between religious objections and conscientious objections.

Click link below for full Statement: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/news/bishop-michael-barber-announces-no-religious-exemption-for-covid-19-vaccine>

Ongoing News

Faith Formation For All Ages

For youth: Whole Family Catechesis begins September 19 for families with children age 4 through Junior High not attending Catholic school and not preparing to receive Sacraments this coming year. Weekly lessons based on the Sunday's Scriptures taught at home or in family groups of your choosing, plus one or two in-person family sessions a month if COVID safety permits. In-person family-based Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist for students who have completed a year of Faith Formation at first grade level or older starts in October. In-person Teen Confirmation begins October 3 for Catholic students 8th grade or high school. All require advance registration; details at <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-programs>. Children's Liturgy of the Word continues online Sunday mornings at 10am; info at <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word>

For adults: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is available in-person year-round for those who are seeking Jesus in their life through full initiation in the Catholic Church. Registration is open for Adult Confirmation which begins in-person in the fall. The Young Adults Group offers opportunities for those in their 20's and 30's to gather online and in person. Weekly Scripture Reflection meets online to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings. Details can be found at www.sjbalameda.org or contact Anne Marie at afourre@sjbalameda.org or 510-995-9409.

Community Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4

8:30am †Sally Gallagher
5:00pm Vigil Fr. Peter Lawongkerd - Priestly Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, September 5

7:30 am Imelda Ramirez - Birthday
9:30 am †George A. Naclerio, Sr
12 pm †Luis Bonifacio - 91st Birthday Remembrance
7:00 pm 1) †Leslie Wilcoxon
2) †Victor Asubar

Monday, September 6

8:30am †Alfonso & Teresita Colobong

Tuesday, September 7

8:30 am 1) †Eduardo Alcontin
2) †Kathy Maginnis

Wednesday, September 8

8:30am 1) †Nardo David - Death Anniversary
2) Evelyn Norbela - Birthday Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 9

8:30 am Sherley & Patrick - Anniversary Thanksgiving

Friday, September 10

8:30 am 1) Canilao & Tolentino Families
2) †Agaton Gualberto

Saturday, September 11

8:30 am 1) †Teodora Manuntag - Birthday Remembrance
2) †Erich Sahlin
5:00 pm Vigil Jose Angelo Ramirez - Birthday

Sunday, September 12

7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am Harnett Family - Living & Deceased
12:00 pm †Fernandez & D'Cruz Families
7:00 pm 1) †Jovito Osorio
2) †Albina Acosta Young

Recent Passing

Gaylen Gunn, Bridget Gulseth & Nancy Wong

May our Lord Bless and Comfort the Families during this time of grief, Rest In Peace.

Funeral Mass Announcements

St. Joseph parishioners are invited to attend the following Funeral Mass in the Basilica for:

Alma Gloria Flores

Date: Friday, September 10

Time: 10 am

Brian Schumacher

Date: Saturday, September 18

Time: 1 pm

May the Lord bless and comfort the Families

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp

The Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp for the week of September 4/5

are sponsored in loving memory of

Nardo David

on his 3rd death anniversary.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Baustita, Mary Cronin, **Sylvia Estanislao**, Rino Gacad, Amelia Miguel, An Nguyen, Dalmacio Quinto, Nory A. Reyes, Michael Ricica, Femmia Ramos, Ramon N. Tirona and **Paula Whitton-Rainer**.

The List is refreshed monthly.

If you like a name added to the Sick List, please email:

secretary@sjbalameda.org or call (510) 995 9420.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday: Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah

(Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver

Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.

—St. Teresa of Avila

Liturgy Information

Daily Mass

8:30 am, Basilica

Monday - Saturday

Livestreaming available on our Facebook Page:

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

Sunday Mass (In-person)

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil - Basilica

7:30 am - Basilica (no singing)

9:30 am - Quad

12:00 pm - Basilica

7:00 pm - Basilica



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays,

9:00 - 9:30 am

(starting Sept 4)

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Masks Requirement On Basilica Campus

In compliance with the mandate issued for all Bay Area Counties, masks are required indoors, regardless of vaccination status, effective August 3, 2021. All are required to wear face coverings when entering the Basilica or any Parish facility. Thank you for your cooperation.

Devotions

Rosary

8:10 am, Basilica

Monday - Saturday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, after Daily Mass

First Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese

7:00 - 8:00 pm, Basilica

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 - 7:00 pm, Basilica



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

General Information

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5:00pm
(close for lunch: 1 - 1:30 pm)

For assistance, please contact Parish Office
510-522 0181, email: parish@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 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

Christian Burials: Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Mortuary first.
Note: For Funeral Mass scheduling, please contact the Parish Office.

Clergy:

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Michael Chinnavaso – 7:00pm Music Coordinator
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Community Staff:

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510-523-1526 / jguevara@sind.org

Danielle Colvert - Principal, Elementary School
510-522-4456 / dcolvert@cstdo.org

Active Parish Ministries

(Note: some groups are meeting virtually unless otherwise noted)

For more information on how to connect, contact:

- All God's Children Prayer Group *(In-person: Mondays, 9-11:00 am, Parish Center)*
- Bible Study - Thursday Morning Scripture: ebmcgaffey@gmail.com
- Community Outreach Ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- CRS Chapters - spippen@msjdominicans.org
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: mlopezox@gmail.com *(In-person, 1st Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Parish Center)*
- RCIA Inquiry: afourre@sjbalameda.org *(In-person, Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, Parish Center)*
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: louisea.svdp@gmail.com *(In-person, 4th Saturday, 9 - 10:30 am, Parish Center)*
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com *(In-person & Virtual options, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8-9pm, Parish Center)*
- Legion of Mary: terecitadeandentist@gmail.com *(In-person: 4th Fridays, Parish Center, 7-8:30 pm Parish Center)*

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