

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

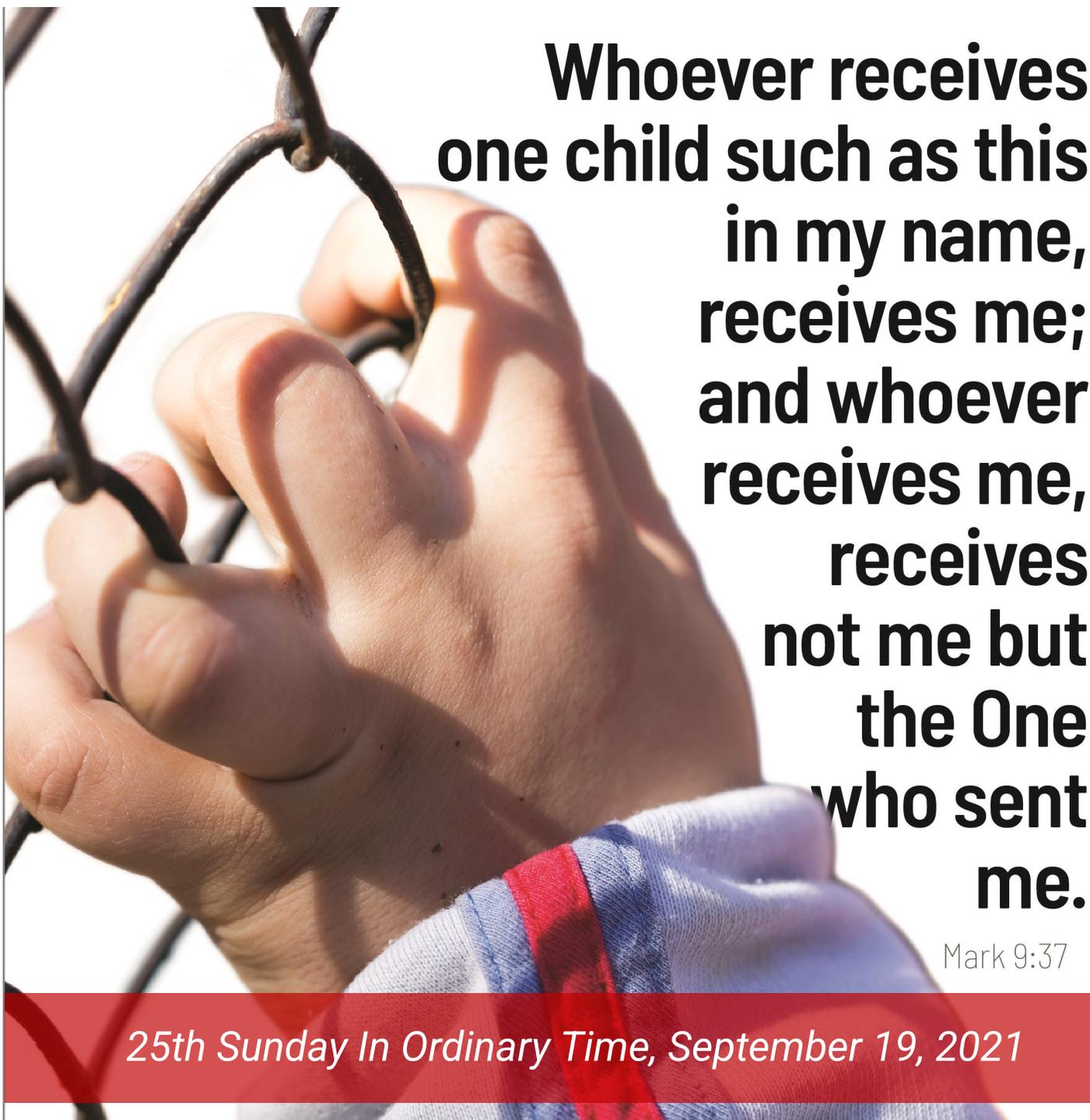
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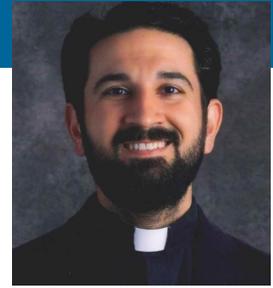


**Whoever receives
one child such as this
in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives
not me but
the One
who sent
me.**

Mark 9:37

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time, September 19, 2021

Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Basilica Family,

This upcoming week I will be away again, this time on a required seminar in Orange County for new pastors. I will be returning Monday the 27th. When I returned from my last extended stay away, the retreat for priests ordained 10 years or less, I was surprised by how many of you inquired about the retreat, and if it had been beneficial to me. I received much encouragement in the fact that you were thinking about my well-being.

I experienced something similar to that this past Monday at our International Rosary, where, following the recitation of the Rosary in something like 15-20 different languages, a group of women prayed over me and Fr. Sunil. That was a spiritual boost for me, much needed in a time that can very easily deplete us of positive spiritual energy.

The moral of the story, there is power in gathering together as a church family, even if the gathering is something that is out of your comfort zone. Yes, after a long day of work it is so much easier to stay home and watch tv. Push yourself, even if it's just for 5 or 10 minutes by yourself in the basilica. In October, the month dedicated to the Rosary, we will have weekly gatherings scheduled on Friday evenings in the Gathering Space, which will include praying the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and experience the love and support of your St. Joseph family.

Some updates around the parish:

Sound System – Last Thursday, the contractor presented his proposal for the sound system upgrade. After going through the proposal and a demonstration of the new speakers, the committee of parishioners unanimously decided to move ahead with the design. I am not certain of the timeline to completion, but after discussing our intentions with the Finance Council to upgrade the system, I can say that there will be no request for funding from you. Due to your history of continued generosity to the parish over the years, we will be able to use money from our savings to pay for the sound system upgrade in full. Thank you for your patience and perseverance with the current sound system.

Other finances – When we were told to shelter in place last year and attendance at Mass was restricted, the parish had to adapt by reducing staff salaries. With the obligation to attend Sunday Mass again in effect, the last of the salary reductions have been returned to pre-shelter-in-place levels, my salary included. I want to thank the staff, all of who took cuts to their hours and pay. And since the majority of our expenditure goes to staff, I want to thank you for your generous contributions. Although we are currently running at a small deficit, the Finance Council and I are confident that we will make it through this time. For more detailed financial data, please contact our business manager, Stan.

Renovation – The earthquake retrofit has been completed in both the Grotto room and the wall connecting the sacristy to Marianist hall. The delays came mostly from waiting for inspections by the city. Now that the city has approved the completed work, we can move ahead with finishing the Grotto, which has plans and a bid. We also are waiting our turn from a cabinet maker to complete cabinets for the

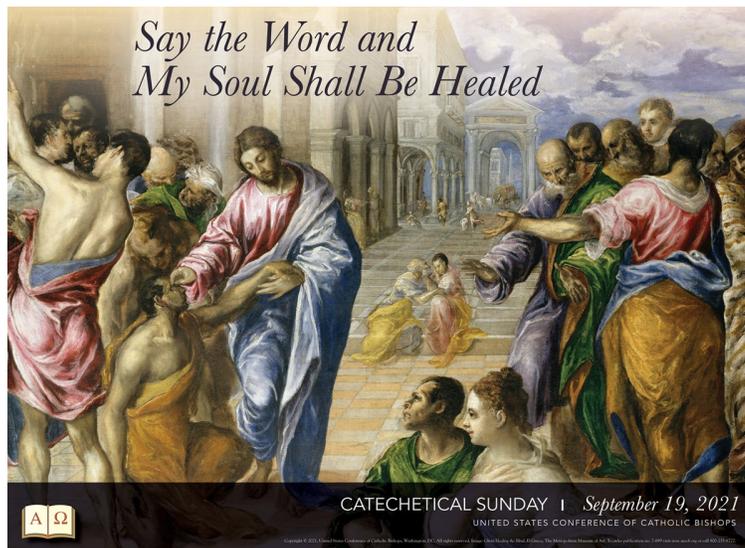
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flower room, which is the room across the sanctuary from the sacristy. That room has long been used like many of our garages at home. With the increased storage, it can now be used as a gathering space for ministries. The sanctuary remodel has been a slow process due to a lack of clarity in the contract. The Finance Council, and persons who headed up the remodel campaign, have been working diligently to get these issues ironed out. As for the silver candlestick holders, my attempt to complete envelopes to raise funds for these has been delayed. I have taken on the role of teaching 6th-grade religion, which has restricted my time somewhat.

Thank you so very much for reading this, and for your presence here in this community.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Catechetical Sunday, September 19

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This image (above) by the famed artist, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing--physical, spiritual, emotional - in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heal, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed", have the power to remind us of, to open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

Join us today in prayer for our wonderful catechists who help our parishioners learn and grow in faith.

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others.

Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Upcoming Events



National Migration Week **September 20-26, 2021**

For nearly a half-century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26 and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us' (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity." In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we" – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Please be sure to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrant's webpage in advance of the celebration to access resources that will be developed for this event (<https://tinyurl.com/NationalMigrationWeek2021>).

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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

Ongoing News

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult Catholic, registered at St. Joseph, and actively practicing your faith but never confirmed, this could be the right time for you. In-person classes will be offered at St. Joseph twice a month on Thursday nights starting in October for Confirmation next June. Advance registration is required. The information available at <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-confirmation>

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.

New To St. Joseph?

Welcome! To register, visit our Parish Office, pick up a registration form in the Vestibule, or register online at www.sjbalameda.org.

Community Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18

- 8:30am 1) †Stefanie Zoeller
2) Luz Cuison - Healing
- 5:00pm Vigil Estella Noelle Musngi - Birthday

Sunday, September 19

- 7:30 am 1) †Dorothy Roche
2) †Elizabeth Deweir
- 9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
- 12 pm Agnes Bonifacio & Tim Morse—27th
Wedding Anniversary
- 7:00 pm 1) †Dioneo Awayan
2) †Florante G. Payumo

Monday, September 20

- 8:30am †Jennifer Ann Stahl & Carol Louise Macri

Tuesday, September 21

- 8:30 am Remelyn Laguicao - Birthday

Wednesday, September 22

- 8:30am McEntee Family

Thursday, September 23

- 8:30 am †Juana B. Tonio - Death Anniversary

Friday, September 24

- 8:30 am Erlinda & Rino Gacad - Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, September 25

- 8:30 am †Trinidad Chavez Belgica
- 5:00 pm Vigil People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Sunday, September 26

- 7:30 am †Fr. Christopher W. Bungoma
- 9:30 am †Marian Schobert
- 12:00 pm 1) †Gavina Espinosa
2) †Don Kennedy
- 7:00 pm † Luis Bonifacio

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

Weekly Sanctuary Flowers And/or Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

Remember a loved one by sponsoring the weekly Altar Flowers, or one candle for the weekly Sanctuary Lamp. Your intention will be printed in the weekly bulletin. Donations for Sanctuary Flowers, \$75 and Sanctuary Lamp, \$20. To sponsor and select a date, please contact Sherley Lim at: secretary@sibalameda.org, or call (510) 995 9420.

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for the
week of September 18/19
is sponsored in loving memory of
Nick & Isabel Santos+
Wedding Anniversary

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Sandy Anderson, Ronald M Bautista, Romelita Baustita, Mary Cronin, Rino Gacad, Amelia Miguel, An Nguyen, Dalmacio Quinto, Mary Ruca, 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@sibalameda.org or call (510) 995
9420.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival)
begins at sunset
Tuesday: St. Matthew
Wednesday: Autumn begins
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of September 18/19
is sponsored (by anonymous) for the
Parish Community of St. Joseph Basilica

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

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 19, 2021

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. — James 3:18

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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(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 Chinnavaso – 7:00pm Music Coordinator
510-522-0181 / mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org

Community Staff:

Julie Guevara - Principal, SJND High School
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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