



AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Family,

I want to begin by thanking those of you who signed up for our special “First Responders” ushers training. We need it now more than ever. Please pray for the victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas earlier this week. The date of the meeting will be coming soon.

I want to also thank you for your heartfelt birthday and ordination anniversary wishes. As many of you know, I celebrated my birthday on Tuesday and the 4th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood on Wednesday. Being a priest is an amazing experience, and I am grateful that I get to be a priest for all of you here at St. Joseph Basilica. Your love for Jesus and the Eucharist is inspiring, as is your love for one another. Deacon Dave Holland, who spoke at all the Masses last weekend on behalf of Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, was really touched by the welcome that you gave him. He commented that this is a really special community, and I agree.

Being a priest is a blessing, even if sometimes it brings with it some challenges. This past week you may have heard of a local priest, Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco, and his announcement that he would be not be admitting the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, to Holy Communion. This decision came after the Archbishop spent many months trying to contact Speaker Pelosi to speak with her about her consistent support of abortion rights, which many times happens while invoking her Catholic faith.

The gist of the issue is this: The Catholic Church believes that abortion is a grave sin, since it is the direct and intentional killing of a human person. Thus, not only those who participate in the abortion directly (e.g. the mother, the doctors/nurses, the person who drives the mother to the procedure), but also those who work indirectly to promote/encourage it are complicit in this sin (e.g. the mother’s family/friends, the father, legislatures). Archbishop Cordileone’s concern is that Speaker Pelosi, in her legislative role, is cooperating (indirectly) with the sin of abortion. What’s more, due to the public nature of her role as Speaker, he has to be concerned with the scandal this is causing to the Catholic faithful. The Catechism of the Church is clear on the seriousness of the sin of scandal: “Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor’s tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense” (#2284).

This is why Archbishop Cordileone is making it clear that this decision of his is not political, but pastoral. Speaker Pelosi’s words and actions are causing many of the Catholic faithful to believe that abortion is not a sin. At the heart of the issue, he has the care of Speaker Pelosi’s soul on his mind and heart, for it was Jesus who said, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea” (Mt 18:6). By making this decision, Archbishop Cordileone is attempting to help Speaker Pelosi return to full participation in the life of the Church.

If you would like more information on the history of the events that led to this decision, I invite you to read the letters Archbishop wrote to the [faithful](https://sfarchdiocese.org/letter-to-the-faithful-on-the-notification-sent-to-speaker-nancy-pelosi/) (<https://sfarchdiocese.org/letter-to-the-faithful-on-the-notification-sent-to-speaker-nancy-pelosi/>) in the Archdiocese, as well as his [priests](https://sfarchdiocese.org/letter-to-priests-of-the-archdiocese-on-the-notification-sent-to-speaker-nancy-pelosi/) (<https://sfarchdiocese.org/letter-to-priests-of-the-archdiocese-on-the-notification-sent-to-speaker-nancy-pelosi/>). If you would like to read the letter he wrote to her, you can find it [here](https://sfarchdiocese.org/notification-to-the-speaker-of-the-house-of-representatives-of-the-united-states-congress-nancy-pelosi/) (<https://sfarchdiocese.org/notification-to-the-speaker-of-the-house-of-representatives-of-the-united-states-congress-nancy-pelosi/>).

I have faith in Archbishop Cordileone. In 2011, he was our bishop in Oakland, and it was during that time that I applied for the seminary. Some people tried to dissuade Bishop Cordileone from accepting me into the program because to them, my application came in too late; they wanted me to wait a year. Bishop Cordileone met with me, prayed about this, and decided to accept me as a seminarian. I owe Archbishop Cordileone a lot. He is a man of compassion who cares for his flock. He is a good priest. Please join me in praying the Rosary at least once a week for him, for Speaker Pelosi, and for an end to abortion.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Upcoming Events



MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears, that we may all deserve to be called your
sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into your kingdom of
justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Parish Office will be closed on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 30**, and reopen on Tuesday, May 31. Our Priests and the entire Parish Staff wish the Parish Community a blessed and safe holiday.

June's First Friday Eucharistic Adoration *Change in Schedule*

To accommodate our Elementary School's Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation on Friday, June 3, please note First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is moved to 12 pm, ending with Benediction at 3 pm.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5!

Celebrate Pentecost with Parish Family Activity after the 9:30 am Mass. All are invited! Details on our website here: <https://sjbalameda.org/june-5>



June's Second Collection *Maintenance Collection: June 4/5*

The second collection this weekend is taken up on the first Sunday of every month. Your support will assist in defraying the costs of maintaining the Parish buildings and grounds. Thank you!



Holy Father (Peter's Pence): June 26

The collection will provide the Holy Father with assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable work.

All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Ministry, Monday Mornings, 9 - 11 am

The Ministry is a scripture-based intercessory Community that meets to praise, worship and honor our God, and opening to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. The Group meet in-person for prayers every Monday, 9 - 11 am at the Parish Center. Drop-ins are always welcome!

For prayer request, email: <https://sjbalameda.org/contact-us> or call Office: 510.522 0181. We will forward your request to the Ministry.

Events Around the Deanery

St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great Outreach Ministry is collecting items for their parish garage sale in July. Donate useable items and help the ministry provide essential funds to support the needs of the Community in our Deanery. (Note: no clothing, stuffed animals, books or large furniture) Drop off items at St. Albert hall on Wednesdays, 8am - 11am.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pro-Life Second Saturday, **June 11**. Gather with your Parish Community to pray the Rosary for Life. We meet in front of City Hall in Alameda at 9:15am. Prayer will start at 9:30 am. Pray to end of abortions and for our voiceless little brothers and sister.



Active Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group (*In-person: Mondays, 9-11:00 am, Parish Center*)
- Bible Study - Thursday Morning Scripture: ebmcgaffey@gmail.com (*Virtual*)
- Community Outreach Ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- CRS Chapters - spippen@msjdominicans.org
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com
- Knights of Columbus: (*2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Center*)
- Legion of Mary: terecitadeandentist@gmail.com (*Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Reconciliation Room*)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: mlopezox@gmail.com (*1st Thursdays, 7-8 pm, Parish Center*)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: sunil@sjbalameda.org (*1st Saturdays, Parish Center*)
- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie for details afourre@sjbalameda.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471
- St. Vincent de Paul Ministry: louisea.svdp@gmail.com (*4th Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, Parish Center*)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: drmaponce@yahoo.com or jdowncooper@gmail.com
- Taize: (*4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays*)
- Welcome The Stranger: amrossi1238@aol.com (*Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details*)
- Young Adults Ministry: AlamedaYAG@gmail.com (*In-person & Virtual options, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 8-9pm, Parish Center*)

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

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: fmario@sjbalameda.org

Sacrament of Baptism:

- 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 Burial: 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 510.522.0181



From Left: Veronica Buddington and Andrea Contreras

Faith Formation News Celebrating Sacraments

We rejoice with Andrea Contreras and Veronica Buddington who received Holy Eucharist for the first time at the noon Mass last week. They prepared through a combination of Adult Confirmation and either RCIA, or for Andrea, by helping her son in Sacrament Preparation. The day before, twenty-seven teens celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Basilica. Congratulations to our newly confirmed, and many thanks to their catechists Kimberly Aumack Yee and Natalie Ackerman who prepared them over the past two years, including a full year on Zoom! (Natalie has accompanied some of the teens continuously since they were in 1st grade, when she first volunteered as an aide in Faith Formation.) Names and photos on page six. Do you know someone hungering for the sacraments? We are ready to help. Contact Anne Marie: afourre@sjbalameda.org or 510-995-9409.

Thank you Volunteers! Important Reminder: Virtus Re-training

If you are an **active member of any ministry and you have completed Virtus training in 2017-2019, retraining is now required.** Please log into: <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>, and your account to complete the online retraining that has been assigned to you. Kindly update Sherley Lim upon completion, or if you can't remember if you are due for training, contact her at: secretary@sjbalameda.org.

Note: For anyone considering volunteering with any of the Parish's Ministries, you are required to complete a mandatory Safe Environment /Virtus online training before starting, per our Diocese requirements.

Praying Together

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

8:30 am Nebiyu Teklemariam - Graduation Thanksgiving
5:00 pm 1) †Elena Rodas & Venancia Cortez
2) †Felimon Oronos - 100th Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, May 29

7:30 am †Cristina Dikitanan
9:30 am 1) †Gerald Salleh 2) †Nahid Bhakeit
12:00 pm Harnett Family & †Fr. John Kenney, SSCC
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living and Deceased

Monday, May 30

8:30am †Cristina Dikitanan

Tuesday, May 31

8:30 am 1) †George & Virginia Finn
2) †Manuel Terrado

Wednesday, June 1

8:30 am †Doug Steed

Thursday, June 2

8:30 am Nebiyu Teklemariam - Birthday thanksgiving

Friday, June 3

8:30 am †Brigido Aquino - Death Anniversary

Saturday, June 4

8:30 am †James & Robin Vaughan
5:00 pm 1) †Olivia & Patricia Gomez
2) †Lita Baylosis

Sunday, June 5

7:30 pm †Angel & Francisco Gabunade
- Death Anniversary
9:30 pm †Brigido Aquino - Death Anniversary
12:00 pm †Patricia Ramos
7:00 pm Frs. Mario & Sunil

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

Reflection Question: Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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. Sanctuary Flowers, \$75 and Sanctuary Lamp, \$20. To sponsor, contact Sherley Lim at: secretary@sjbalameda.org, or call (510) 995 9420.

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp for week of May 28/29 is sponsored by anonymous for the deceased members of the Parish Community.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Sandy Anderson, Jane Burgelin, Jan Curtis, Lee Corral, Fong Che, Mary Cronin, Bill Flora, Rino Gacad, Paul Kempel, Amelia Miguel, Dalmacio Quinto, Kin Robles, Robert L. Ramos Jr. and Michael Ricica.



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.

Devotions

Rosary

8:10 am, Basilica, Monday - Saturday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, 8:10 am

First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese

6:00 - 6:45 pm, Basilica

June 3 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 - 3:00 pm, Basilica

Community News

Job opening! We are seeking a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator for our two-year Confirmation program, to form teens to be actively engaged in their faith by planning and facilitating sessions, recruiting and supervising volunteers, planning retreats and prayer services, identifying service opportunities for the teens, and encouraging involvement in parish life. Position reports to the Director of Faith Formation. Salary scale M-3; 20 hours per week. For job description visit website: <https://sjbalameda.org/>. To apply, email your resume to Anne Marie Fourné at afourre@sjbalameda.org

Shower with Cards Father's Day Campaign

We will be distributing Father's Day cards to fathers and father figures in the nursing homes this Father's Day.

Please join us in spreading the joy of Christ by writing words of love, gratitude, and encouragement to "Dear Friend," and signing "Your Friend at St. Joseph Basilica." We will be collecting completed cards in the box on the Rectory porch until Sunday, June 12.

No postage is necessary, as our volunteers hand-deliver the cards to the care homes. Thank you for continuing to participate in our efforts to spread comfort in our wider community. If you would like more information about the Community Outreach Ministry, please email us at:

sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com

Living Stewardship: If you know someone who is a full-time caregiver, offer to provide them with a "time out" for a few hours so they can go to church, run some errands, or visit with a friend.

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Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022: A gratitude of thanks to all who have already contributed to "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for the generosity and continued support of our parishioners. "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep" refers primarily to Holy Communion, but it also extends to the ministries of instruction, catechism, schools, and charities; feeding people with the word of God, feeding people with the truth of the Catholic faith, feeding people with pastoral care. If you have not contributed, pledge envelopes are found at all entrances to the Basilica.

A note from our Parish's Business Manager, Stan, on recycling of used batteries and printer cartridges:

We're no longer able to devote parish resources to recycling household batteries and printer cartridges from parishioners but do encourage everyone to do their part to "care for our common home" as Pope Francis teaches.

Household batteries are accepted at the following locations. Please note that most locations require taping contacts for 9v and button batteries to prevent fire. Quantity limits may apply.

- Pagano's Hardware Mart 640A Central Avenue • (510) 522-1345
- Mastick Senior Center 1155 Santa Clara Ave • (510) 747-7500
- Alameda City Hall West 950 W. Mall Square
- City of Alameda Maintenance Services Center 1616 Fortmann Way • (510) 747-7900
- Alameda Municipal Power 2000 Grand St (510) 748-3901
- Pagano's Ace Hardware 2298 South Shore Center (510) 769-7540
- Alameda City Hall 2263 Santa Clara Ave
- Alameda Free Library 1550 Oak St • (510) 747-7777
- Encinal Hardware Store 2801 Encinal Ave • (510) 523-4821

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