

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Strive to enter
through the
narrow gate,
for many,
I tell you,
will attempt
to enter but
will not be
strong enough.

Luke 13:24

AUGUST 21, 2022

Office Hours:

9:00 - 4:00 pm for in-person
visits (closed for lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm)

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am &
5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 9:00 - 9:30 am
& 3:30 - 4:30 pm,
or by appointment



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Clergy Corner

Dear St. Joseph Family,

I asked our new priest, Fr. Kenneth, to write a little bit about himself for the bulletin. Although Fr. Kenneth will be living at St. Barnabas, he has already been to St. Joe's a couple of times to assist us at Mass, and will be with us periodically, as I and Fr. Sunil will be at St. Barnabas.

What Fr. Kenneth doesn't mention in his letter is that, while he served as vocation director, he supported me through my time at the seminary. Fr. Kenneth has always been gracious, hospitable, and encouraging to the seminarians and his brother priests. I look forward to ministering with him. Please enjoy his biography and join me in welcoming him with open arms.

With much love,
Fr. Mario

Dear Parishioners and friends,

First of all I am very happy and grateful to Bishop Barber in granting my request to be able to minister here as your priest in my favorite city of Alameda. I am very excited and look forward to all the possibilities and surprises that God has in store for us.

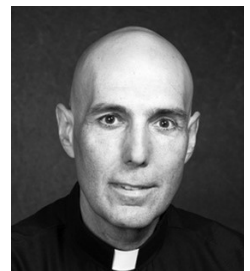
As a quick introduction, I am a native of Oakland and a graduate of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Prior to entering seminary formation I concurrently owned and operated a general building contractor business as well as operated as an administrator for a mental health facility that specialized in dual diagnosis cases (persons with mental health illness along with substance abuse problems).

As a priest of the Diocese of Oakland, I have served at St. Joseph in Pinole, St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley and St. Margaret Mary in Oakland. In addition to my parish assignments, I have also served as the Diocese's vocation director for a few years and have served on various Diocesan committees such as the Bishop's presbyteral council, Permanent Deacon Board, etc. For the past 10 years plus, I have been very active in the healing and deliverance ministry for our Diocese which by God's blessings and grace I have been able to assist many people from all walks of life; Catholics and non-Catholics alike seeking spiritual, emotional and physical healing. I was fortunate to have completed a course of exorcism study at the Vatican's Pontifical Regina Apostolorum in Rome and have been invited to various speaking engagements and healing services in various Catholic Dioceses and venues including the annual SCRC Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center.

My favorite activities are rather simple in that I really enjoy spending time with my family and friends, taking walks with my beloved miniature poodle "Theo" and I really enjoy cooking, especially outdoor grilling and BBQ.

Well, I guess that's it for now. I look forward to meeting you all and please do pray for me as I do pray for all of you!

Blessings,
Fr. Kenneth Nobrega



Upcoming Events

Basilica Funeral Announcements

♦ **Elvira "Elvie" Mendoza**

Monday, August 22:

Visitation: 4 - 6 pm / Vigil: 6 - 7 pm

Tuesday, August 23: Funeral, 11 am

♦ **Lucy Morales**

Memorial Mass, Thursday, August 25, 11 am

Rest in Peace



Taizé in the Basilica

Can you use some peace and healing this week?

Taizé is an ecumenical candlelit service composed of music, prayer, scripture, and silent worship. Taizé originated in a small French village in 1940 by a young seminary graduate, Brother Roger. Through the years, the Taizé community has grown to become a ministry that today reaches people all around the world. Join us Friday, **August 26 at 8:00 pm. All are welcome!**

(Follow the Group on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland)

♦ **Whole Family Catechesis Training for Parents**
Saturday, August 27, 10am in Notre Dame Hall.

Contact Anne Marie for more information:
afourre@sjbalameda.org, 510.995.9409

- ♦ **Rite of Acceptance Next Sunday: Preparing for Baptism** Adults begin their journey to Christian Initiation (which includes Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) with "Inquiry," an opportunity to explore whether this is where God is calling them at this time. When ready, they celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*, where they publicly express their desire to prepare for baptism as Catholic Christians and are formally accepted into the community. We will celebrate this Rite during the noon Mass next Sunday, August 28, since two inquirers are ready to take this step. "Inquiry" for those thinking about becoming Catholic is offered whenever someone is interested; for information visit our website www.sjbalameda.org/RCIA or contact Anne Marie at 995-9409.



Young Adults - mark your calendar for September 3rd!

Our Catholic Young Adults Group is hosting a star gazing event for everyone between the ages of 21 to 39. This is your chance to see if there really is a man on the moon or maybe you'll see some shooting stars. Dina Sorth will bring her personal telescope. The event is **FREE** and will be **9pm – 10 pm on Saturday, September 3rd** in the Parish Center parking lot, 1119 Lafayette Street. Hot Tea & Cocoa will be provided. (Bring your own foldable seating) Please email alamedayag@gmail.com for more info.

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Save the Date

Dreamflight
BENEFITING PILOTS OF TODAY & TOMORROW

September

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2022

CLAREMONT
COUNTRY CLUB
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
5:30 PM

St. Joseph Notre Dame High School's mission of Dream Flight is to help young people make their dreams take flight and ensure a Saint Joseph Notre Dame education is attainable to ALL. An education that will open doors and move students one step closer to fulfilling their dreams and making a difference in their communities — and we are shaping our online event in the same spirit. For many SJND students, Dream Flight helps them soar above the clouds. Our relentless commitment to supporting our students and families is stronger than ever.

Questions or interested in becoming a 2022 Dream Flight sponsor? Please contact Lucy Lopez, SJND Director of Advancement, at llopez@sjnd.org or (510) 995-9456.

Active Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group, Mondays, 9-11 am, Reconciliation Room
- Basilica Choir, Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, Basilica. Contact: David Howitt, dhowitt@sjbalameda.org
- Community Outreach Ministry: sjbasilica.outreach@gmail.com
- CRS Chapters - spippen@msjdominicans.org
- Grief Ministry: billkueppers@gmail.com (by appointment)
- Knights of Columbus: 2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Learning Center
- Legion of Mary: Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Reconciliation Room. Contact: terecitadeandentist@gmail.com
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: 1st Thursday, 7 - 8 pm, Learning Center. Contact: mlopezox@gmail.com
- Pastoral Care Ministry: 1st Saturday, 8:45 - 10 am, Learning Center. Contact: sunil@sjbalameda.org
- 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: 4th Saturday, 9-10:30 am, Learning Center. Contact: louisea.svdv@gmail.com
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: 4th Thursday on ZOOM. Contacts: drmaponce@yahoo.com or jdowncooper@gmail.com
- Spirit Ensemble Choir: Thursdays, 7:30-9 pm, Basilica. Contact Michael Chinnavaso, mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org
- Thursday Morning Scripture Reflection, 10:30 am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Fourre: afourre@sjbalameda.org or <https://sjbalameda.org/scripture-studies>
- Taize: 4th Fridays, 8-9 pm, Basilica. Note: November & December on 3rd Fridays
- Welcome The Stranger: Virtual, 2nd Tuesdays. Contact Anna Rossi for details: amrossi1238@aol.com

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 Sherley Lim 510.995.9420

Faith Formation News

Parent Training Day Saturday: "Whole Family Catechesis," our parish faith formation for youth Pre-K to Junior High, involves the parent or guardian as the primary teacher of their child in either home-schooling or co-op style classroom. If your child will participate this fall, join us for a training session August 27 in Notre Dame Hall 10am to noon to get the most out of the resources provided. Doors open at 9:45 for light refreshments.

(Registration for Faith Formation programs available on our website or at <https://forms.gle/EQFoJ1D5nYbUjHxZ9>)

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Christian Initiation of Adults includes "Inquiry" sessions whenever you are ready to discover if God is calling you to baptism. There is no commitment in this first stage of the process of preparing for sacraments, just good conversation and maybe some answers. Those who are already baptized can join ongoing catechesis sessions on Tuesday nights. For more information visit

www.sjbalameda.org/RCIA

Questions? Contact Anne Marie

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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 parish community.

"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, please consider supporting the Appeal. The pledge envelopes are found at all entrances to the Basilica. Or, for your convenience, donate online: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>



*"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"*

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

Praying Together

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 20

8:30 am †Aurora & Aurelia A. Finuliar
5:00 pm Chidd Egbuonu - Special Intention

Sunday, August 21

7:30 am †Juanita Abrigo Eucapor
9:30 am †Elvie Mendoza
12:00 pm †Charlotte Corral
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Monday, August 22

8:30am Richard DeMarco - Birthday Thanksgiving

Tuesday, August 23

8:30 am 1)†John Jon Hansen
2)†Elizabeth Walton

Wednesday, August 24

8:30 am †Cipriano M. Andal

Thursday, August 25

8:30 am †Pura Tan

Friday, August 26

8:30 am 1)†Chuck & Mona Bunt
2)†Benjamin Cuellar

Saturday, August 27

8:30 am Joanne Harnett (Birthday) & Harnett Family
5:00 pm Jo Herrera - Healing

Sunday, August 28

7:30 am †Emiliano Pangilinan
9:30 am Rosalina Laguicao - Birthday
12:00 pm †Isabel Magno
7:00 pm Eufroña Ramirez - Thanksgiving

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has a unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multicultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Reflection question: *How can I know what God commands?*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsor

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of August 20/21, is sponsored by anonymous, for the recently deceased members of the Parish Community.

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community

Louise Astle, Lamberto I. Agreda Jr., Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Jan Curtis, Charrie Grace Calupas, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Mary Cronin, Gail Faria, Noel Folsom, Rino Gacad, Amelia Miguel, Ador Quinto, Nory A. Reyes, Michael Ricica and Ramon Normandy Tirona.



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, following Morning Mass

First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese

6:00 - 6:45 pm, Basilica

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 - 7:00 pm, Basilica

Two Things That Keep Parents From Bringing Children To Adoration

by Chris and Rebecca Mann-Adoration, Eucharist, Family (Catholic.Link.org)

This year, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has announced a three-year Eucharistic Revival. The goal of the revival is to draw people to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. A significant way that this call for revival is being lived out is through an increase in Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the country. Adoration is an incredibly profound and powerful way to connect with the Lord, but for many of us, our experience of adoration is unfriendly towards children. It often seems like adoration is a time for solemn silence (maybe a song or two) and sitting still, which are not typically great strengths of children. This series aims to reveal the true place of children in Jesus' heart and to give some practical tips on how to bring your children to the Lord in adoration to help them receive the grace of the sacrament.

Your Children Belong In Adoration

First things first, your children belong in adoration just as much as anyone else. They belong there exactly as they are. Jesus is the Lord of their hearts and lives as much as he is of yours or mine. So why do so many parents hesitate? For many, the main obstacle is social convention. As mentioned above, common practices of adoration usually involve a significant amount of silence and stillness. People might be irritated if your children are moving or making noise, and it's awkward. Fair. But that doesn't make it in any way wrong for them to be there. Fortunately, we have an example of this EXACT scenario in scripture. Each of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke record children being brought to Jesus, and one (Matthew's) specifically mentions the children are being brought for prayer. The disciples themselves try to stop them, and Jesus rebukes them saying, "Let the little children come to me" (emphasis mine). Mark goes so far as to report that Jesus was "indignant." Kids belong with Christ.

Break Social Convention And Get Your Kids Close To Christ!

Just for fun, let's look at a few other times that people have broken social convention to get close to Christ. We have the men who took apart a roof to airdrop their friend on Jesus. What is Jesus' response to this egregious breach of social decorum (and the roof)? He forgives the man's sins and heals him (Mark 2:1-12). How about the fact that lepers dare approach him? Not only does Jesus go ahead and touch them, causing ritual uncleanness according to Mosaic law, he heals them, too. There are multiple examples of this, Matt. 10:8 is one. What about the Roman occupiers, heathens and oppressors? Surely Jesus understands that their presence in Israel is a problem and reacts accordingly, right? Not a chance. Jesus heals the Roman centurion's servant and even affirms his faith as exemplary (Matt. 8:5-13)! Jesus wasn't even supposed to be talking with the woman from Samaria, and yet he goes out of his way to do so (John 4). I could go on and on with more examples from every gospel (tax collectors in trees, anyone?). Jesus makes it clear that those who are socially unwelcome, who "make" people feel uncomfortable, or interrupt "the norm" are welcome. He not only tolerates such behavior, he REWARDS IT. He's not worried about your family walking into a silent chapel and making it, well, not silent. He wants you there.

Read more [here](https://catholic-link.org/adoration-children-catholic-misconception/) (https://catholic-link.org/adoration-children-catholic-misconception/)

Your Guide To The National Eucharistic Revival Resources [here](https://catholic-link.org/guide-to-national-eucharistic-revival/) (https://catholic-link.org/guide-to-national-eucharistic-revival/)



Watch Children's Eucharistic Adoration on YouTube [here](https://youtu.be/3NNKQwNuRM8) (https://youtu.be/3NNKQwNuRM8)

Community News



Our **Parish Family Activity** last Sunday celebrated Mary's Assumption into heaven as well as Back to School. If you missed it, instructions for some of the crafts are posted on our website: <https://sjbalameda.org/family-activity>

For more pictures, visit our Facebook page: [#sjbalameda](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/sjbalameda) (<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/sjbalameda>)



Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award

Do you know a young faith-filled Catholic between the ages of 18-40 who has demonstrated leadership against poverty and injustice in the United States? Nominate them today for the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award! Nominations are due by **August 31**. Learn more about this award and submit your nomination today: <http://www.usccb.org/.../cardinal-bernardin-new...>

SPANISH ORGAN CONCERT OLD MISSION SAN JOSÉ

(43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont,)

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

Old Mission San José, will host a free organ concert, Viva La Mexico, showcasing the magnificent Rosales Opus 14 organ on Sept. 17. The program celebrates the intertwined cultures of Mexico and Spain through the secular and sacred organ music of the 17th century within the inspiring and acoustically pure Old Mission Church.

Ronald McKean, director of music ministries for St Joseph Church and Mission San Jose, will give a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. explain how the Rosales organ, one of only three in the United States, authentically renders the music of this time and place in history. The 7:30 p.m. concert is presented as part of the celebration of Mission San Jose's 225th anniversary. Reception to follow.

All donations will go toward the Mission Restoration Fund. Those planning to attend should go to: mission225.org/music-and-concerts for more detailed information.

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