

“[GOD] IS NOT GOD OF THE DEAD,  
BUT OF THE LIVING,  
FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.”

LUKE 20:38

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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## Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am &  
5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
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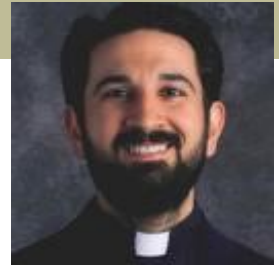
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Dear St. Joseph Family,

A quick facilities update as this is the first Sunday of the month when we take up our maintenance collection. I'm sure you have seen the work being done around the foundation of the rectory. If ever the proverbial saying about opening a can of worms wasn't true before, it is now. We dug around the foundation to detect the source of water leaking into the basement. What we found is that it is most likely being caused from irrigation. The plan is to change the irrigation lines to support landscaping that requires less water. What we did not expect was to find termite damage. Some of the wood siding at ground level had to be torn out and replaced, which meant tearing off some of the plaster façade. Now that the wood is repaired, the exterior plaster is being repaired too.

I continue to work on getting bids for security cameras and will make a determination soon. Stan, our business manager, and I are also working on getting bids to repair several sections of leaky roof. Thank you for giving to the maintenance fund. If anyone has experience in overseeing projects like these and would be interested in forming a facilities maintenance committee, please let me know. This would be a great help to me.

On to more substantial topics. November is the month we devote to praying for our beloved dead. It is a fitting month to do so since it coincides with the seasonal change in the Northern Hemisphere when trees lose their leaves as daylight wanes and darkness sets in quicker. That's symbolic on a natural level. On a spiritual level, the end of the liturgical year is upon us. As we look to the final Solemnity of the year, the Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov 20th), we are reminded of the end of time when Christ will restore all things. This is why we keep the reality of death before us now (memento mori in Latin, "remember your death"), and pray more fervently for those who have gone before us in death, with the hope that we will see them again. Our faith tells us that in death, life is not ended, but is indeed changed. So, do not be afraid of death; it is merely the doorway we will all walk through – in imitation of Jesus, the victor over death – as we make our way to our heavenly homeland.

To assuage any trepidation over death, I'd like to share a "poem" by Henry Van Dyke, "Gone from my Sight." My sister sent this to me, and I have begun to use it at funerals. People have commented on how the image has helped them grieve. Feel free to cut it out of the bulletin or pass it along.

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

P.S. Here are my expectations again for the month. Continue to work on #4.

1. Read the Sunday Mass readings during the week to prepare yourself to hear them proclaimed at Mass.
2. Wear your "Sunday best" to church. If we prepare the exterior well, the interior will follow.
3. Arrive to Mass early to calm your heart and mind with prayer.
4. Participate at Mass by singing and saying all the responses with boldness. This means every "Amen" "And with your spirit" "Thanks be to God" etc.
5. Have some kind of devotion to Mary; e.g. pray the Rosary weekly as a family, or daily if you can.
6. Stay close to the Eucharist.

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## Clergy Corner ... cont'd

### Gone from My Sight

by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.  
A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck  
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.  
Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."  
Gone where?  
Gone from my sight. That is all.  
She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side.  
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.  
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.  
And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

## Upcoming Events

### **Tuesday Nights Adult Formation**

Spiritual enrichment for adults offers "Sacraments and Symbols" this Tuesday, 7 to 8:30pm in St. Joseph Elementary School. Designed primarily for adults preparing for Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation but open to everyone. The 10-part "Symbolon" series resumes November 15 with Episode 5: Who is Jesus? If you want to catch up with earlier episodes, they're available online at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org); search for "Symbolon."

(Registration for any program available on [FORMED](http://formed.org) (<https://formed.org/>) is free to parishioners, covered under St. Joseph's subscription.)

### **Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary Vigil Saturday, November 12**

Gather with the Alameda Catholic Community in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion. We meet in front of City Hall in Alameda at 9:15am. Rosary will start at 9:30 am. Join us in praying to the end of abortions and for our voiceless little brothers and sisters.



The Office will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day and reopens on Monday, November 14.

*(Note: We invite all Veterans for a special blessing at all the weekend Masses on November 12 & 13)*



### Active Parish Ministries

- All God's Children Prayer Group, Mondays, 9-11 am, Grotto
- Basilica Choir, Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, Basilica. Contact: David Howitt, [dhowitt@sjbalameda.org](mailto:dhowitt@sjbalameda.org)
- CRS Chapters - [spippen@msjdominicans.org](mailto:spippen@msjdominicans.org)
- Grief Ministry: 3rd Sundays, 2 - 4 pm, Learning Center. Contact: [suzanne@morris.guide](mailto:suzanne@morris.guide)
- Knights of Columbus: 2nd Thursday, 7-8:30 pm, Learning Center
- Legion of Mary: Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm, Grotto. Contact: [terecitadeandentist@gmail.com](mailto:terecitadeandentist@gmail.com)
- Our Lady of Guadalupe: 1st Thursday, 7 - 8 pm, Learning Center. Contact: [mlopezox@gmail.com](mailto:mlopezox@gmail.com)
- Pastoral Care Ministry: 1st Saturday, 8:45 - 10 am, Learning Center. Contact: [sunil@sjbalameda.org](mailto:sunil@sjbalameda.org)
- Christian Initiation (for those interested in becoming Catholic): Contact Anne Marie for details [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto: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.svdg@gmail.com](mailto:louisea.svdg@gmail.com)
- Special Needs Inclusion Ministry: 4th Thursday on ZOOM. Contacts: [drmaponce@yahoo.com](mailto:drmaponce@yahoo.com) or [jdowncooper@gmail.com](mailto:jdowncooper@gmail.com)
- Spirit Ensemble Choir: Thursdays, 7:30-9 pm, Basilica. Contact Michael Chinnavaso, [mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org](mailto:mchinnavaso@sjbalameda.org)
- Thursday Morning Scripture Reflection, 10:30 am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Fourre: [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto: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](mailto: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: [frmario@sjbalameda.org](mailto:frmario@sjbalameda.org)

#### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Sherley Lim 510.995.9420, or email: [Sepsecretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:Sepsecretary@sjbalameda.org)
- For adults or children over age 6, please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409, or email: [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto: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 Update - What Is It, Anyway?

What does "faith formation" look like at St. Joseph? First and foremost, the Mass, through the words of sacred Scripture and the homily, and the shared prayers and celebration of Eucharist. And of course lessons for children who don't attend Catholic school (Whole Family Catechesis). Preparing people to receive sacraments whether young (Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation & Eucharist, and Youth Confirmation) or older (Adult Confirmation, Christian Initiation of Adults, Marriage Preparation, Infant Baptism classes). Ongoing spiritual enrichment (including Tuesday Adult Formation, Thursday Scripture Reflection and SPRED). Social gatherings with a liturgical theme (Parish Family Activity) and participation in social outreach (such as St. Vincent de Paul). Access to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org) with its extensive selection of studies, videos and talks. Which ones do you use? Which have you invited a friend to try? Remember, sharing the Good News is the responsibility of each one of us.



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### **Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email?**

Please call the parish office, 510.522.0181, or email Parish Secretary, [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org), if any of your contact information has changed.

## Praying Together

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, November 5

8:30 am †Deceased Members of Legion of Mary  
5:00 pm †For All Souls & D'Cruz Family Intention

#### Sunday, November 6

7:30 am Ador Quinto - 70th Birthday  
9:30 am Louis Torres, Jr. - Birthday  
12:00 pm **Remembrance Mass:** †For All Souls who have died the past year  
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

#### Monday, November 7

8:30am The Residents of Alameda Health Care & Wellness Center

#### Tuesday, November 8

8:30 am †Isabel T. Santos - Birthday Remembrance

#### Wednesday, November 9

8:30 am An Nguyen & Lorrie Proctor - Birthdays

#### Thursday, November 10

8:30 am 1)†Guadalupe & Olivia Gomez  
2)†Patricia Gomez

#### Friday, November 11

8:30 am 1)†Eduardo Alcontin  
2)†Louis Vonderheid

#### Saturday, November 12

8:30 am 1)†Jose Belgica - Birthday Remembrance  
2)†Pogal & Melendez Families  
5:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

#### Sunday, November 13

7:30 am †Sally Gallagher  
9:30 am †Francis Nghia Nguyen & Deceased Members of Nguyen Family  
12:00 pm †Esteban & Felomina Lacuadra - Birthday Remembrance  
7:00 pm †Encarnacion A. Velazquez

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty and merciful God,  
graciously keep from us all adversity,  
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,  
we may pursue in freedom of heart  
the things that are yours.  
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.

### *Recent Passing*

***Gloria Palomo & Amelia Miguel***  
*Rest in Peace*

### *Sanctuary Lamp*

The Sanctuary Lamp for month of  
November is lit for the  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

### *Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Community*

Louise Astle, Sandy Anderson, Martha Baca, Romelita Bautista, Jan Curtis, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Mary Cronin, Noel Folsom, Rino Gacad, Gladys Ordone, Claire Robles, Roxanna Ramirez, Nory A. Reyes, Ramon Normandy Tirona and Joyce Price.

*The List is refreshed monthly. If you like a name added to the Sick List, please email:*  
[secretary@sibalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sibalameda.org) or call 510.995.9420.

### **Reflection: ETERNAL LIFE**

What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

### **Devotions**

#### **Rosary**

8:05 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

#### **Fridays Eucharistic Adoration**

1:00 - 7:00 pm, Basilica

## *Remembering our loved ones in the month of November*

Throughout November, we remember our loved ones who have died. We offer the following opportunities to commemorate our faithful departed:

- Special Envelopes available at all entrances of the Basilica to commemorate the dead.
- Bring a photo of a deceased loved one, (no larger than 8 x 10 frame, or smaller), place it in a designated niche in the Basilica (with YOUR name and contact on the back) to be displayed in the niche and pick it up on **November 27**.
- Write the names of departed loved ones in the Book Of Life, which will be at the back of the Church until November 27.
- You may also like to share something about a friend or loved one by completing one of the "I remember" Prayer cards and drop the completed card in the "Prayer Jar" (cards and jar can be found in the niche).
- Visit the cemetery to place flowers and offer prayer for your loved ones.



## *St. Joseph Anointing of the Sick Mass* **Saturday, November 12 at 11 am, Basilica**

In appreciation of life, faith and fellowship with the seniors of our Parish Community, there will be a Special Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 11.00 am in the Basilica. All are welcome!

**S**t. Joseph's in-person, monthly grief support group meeting resumes on Sunday, November 20th, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Elementary School's Learning Center. No registration is needed and it is free. The meetings will continue to be on the third Sunday of each month, until further notice. Anyone with grief issues are welcome. Suzanne Morris, D.Min. is facilitator of the group. If you have any questions, you can contact her at 219.879.4819.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

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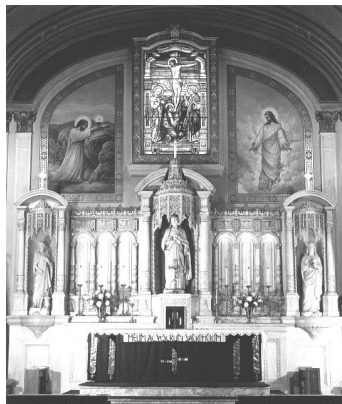
### ANGEL GIVING PROJECT 2022

This project is a way to provide a Christmas gift or gift card to a needy child, adult or senior in our community. If you wish to participate, we invite you to make a check payable to St Joseph Basilica with "Angel Giving Project or Midway Shelter" in the memo line. You may also donate via credit card through FAITH DIRECT link [here](https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/CA702/40619) (https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/CA702/40619).

The Committee will purchase and deliver the gifts and gift cards. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to St Joseph Basilica, 1109 Chestnut St, Alameda CA 94501. Please put Angel Giving Project on the envelope. Contributions will be accepted from October 16 through December 20, 2022. We thank you very much for your support. Any questions? Please call Peggy Ritchie: 510.865.8352.

### Restoring our Legacy for the Future

To give to the second phase of our capital campaign, please click [here](https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/CA702) (https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/CA702) for online giving through FaithDirect, or contact our Business Manager, Stan Schonberg, for assistance to sign up with FaithDirect. Thank you for your support!



### Job Opportunity @ St. Joseph Elementary School

We have an opening for a 20-30 hour part-time Instructional Assistant in our Transitional Kindergarten classroom. The TK Assistant will work directly with the classroom teacher to provide instruction,

**supervision, and care for a class** of four and five-year-old students. Qualified applicants should have experience working with young children. Interested applicants should contact Mrs. Colvert, Principal of St. Joseph Elementary School, at [dcolvert@cndo.org](mailto:dcolvert@cndo.org).



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*Note: Thank you to our Elementary School families who are already being asked for food donations. Go Royals!*



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