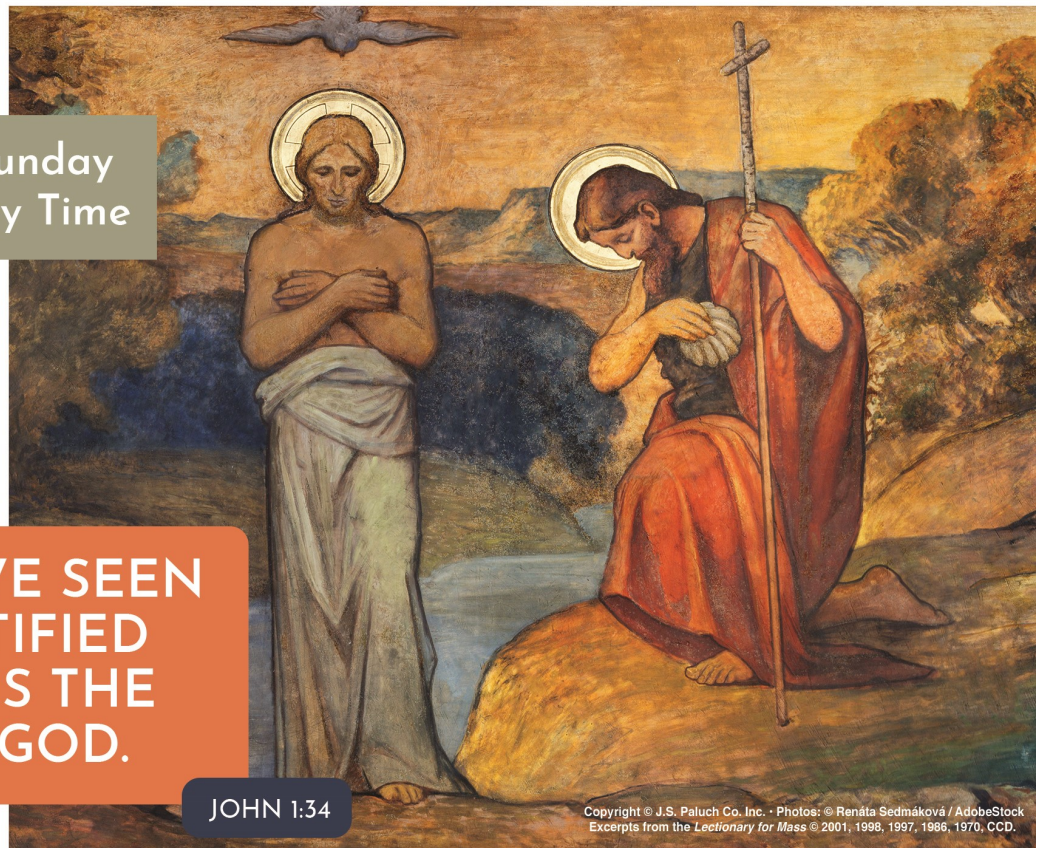


January 15 2023

Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

NOW I HAVE SEEN  
AND TESTIFIED  
THAT HE IS THE  
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34



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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:

First Fridays: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturdays, 9:00 - 9:30 am  
& 3:30 - 4:30 pm,  
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## Clergy Corner



Dear St. Joseph Family,

As we enter into Ordinary Time, I do so, not with sadness that the season is over, but with great excitement and hope. This is because the Advent and Christmas seasons at St. Joseph were particularly joyful and blessed, which I see as a sign of the good things to come in the upcoming year. As I likewise enter into my third year with you (having arrived in January 2020), I want to extend my sincerest thanks to our volunteers, who time and time again step up to give to this community. Thank you for making this year, and especially this season of Christ's birth so special for us all.

Thank you Knights of Columbus for all you do, especially for hosting Santa Clause and for making us that delicious pancake breakfast on December 4. Thank you for supporting SPREAD and selling Tootsie Rolls to help them raise money.

Thank you Guadalupana ministry. Thank you for praying for us during the novena for our Lady of Guadalupe, and for hosting Mañanitas with that beautiful music to Our Lady, followed by all that delicious food on December 12

Thank you Alex Ramos and the entire Simbang Gabi group for leading us in the nine days of Masses before Christmas. Leading one Mass can be a challenge, but you led them all, and at 5:30am nonetheless. Thank you for feeding us in spirit, and in body at the breakfasts that followed Mass, which were so fun.



Thank you Pastoral Care Ministry for your tireless support of those who are sick, isolated, and aging. Thank you for taking on the Shower with Cards campaign. Thank you for hosting the end of the year party in Notre Dame Hall. I haven't danced like that in years!

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## Clergy Corner ... cont'd



Thank you to our Arts and Environment team. Each season you do an amazing job transforming the church, which draws us deeper into the mystery of the different liturgical seasons. The Nativity Scene was particularly beautiful this year.

Thank you to our liturgical ministers, our lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and greeters, sacristans, altar servers, Christ In Action performers led by Carmen, and musicians led by Michael and David. The liturgy is the most important thing we do as Catholics, and I am so proud of the effort you put in to make our liturgy sacred and joyful.

Lastly, thank you to our full-time staff: Anne Marie, Fr. Kenneth, Fr. Sunil, Sherley, and Stan. These five give so much and work so hard with our team of devoted office, faith formation, and pastoral ministry volunteers. I could not do what I do without you. I consider myself extremely blessed to have a staff like you and look forward to ministering with you in the future.

In upcoming weeks, I will be asking you, the parishioners, how you would like to get involved this year, and not simply because I need people to do work for me, but because being active in your parish, serving in a ministry, takes your faith to a new level. If you're able to join us, I hope you will consider giving in some way to one of our ministries. More to come! May the joy of Christmas continue to be a light for you in the new year!

With much love,  
Fr. Mario

## Upcoming Events



### **Tuesday Nights Adult Formation**

Open to all. "Mary and the Saints" is this week's topic from the Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained video & discussion series. 7:00 to 8:30 pm in St. Joseph Elementary School. Last episode from the series is Jan 24, on "The Last Things." The series is also available for home viewing at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) through the subscription provided by the parish.

The Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day and reopen on Tuesday, January 17.

**Lunar New Year:** On Monday, January 23, plan to attend the 8:30 am Mass and stay for hospitality in the Vestibule to celebrate the Lunar New Year with our Parish Family, hosted by our Vietnamese Group.



### **"Be Light Date Night" Series**

**Saturday, January 28, 6:30 - 8:30pm**

**Location: Saint Joseph Learning Center**

Take this time to renew your marriage and build new relationships with other couples in our Parish Community! Register today and let your marriage BE LIGHT! For more information or RSVP, please click here: [carlosmariana2009@gmail.com](mailto:carlosmariana2009@gmail.com).

*Note: Light Refreshments are provided. Childcare for 3 and up is available with RSVP. Children under 3 are welcome to stay with their parents.*



**Bulletin Submission Deadlines:** Please email events information for the bulletin two weeks prior to date of event to: [secretary@sjbalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sjbalameda.org). Thank you. (Note: event is subject to approval by Parish Office)

The logo for "5 DAYS FOR LIFE" is prominently displayed in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below it, the words "PRAYER • PENANCE • PILGRIMAGE" are written in a smaller, white font. The background is a dark, circular shape.

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AT ST. JOSEPH BASILICA  
January 16 - 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We invite you to attend the *Respect Life Mass* with Bishop Barber, **Saturday, January 21, 9 am**, at Cathedral of Christ the Light. And thereafter, participate in the *Walk For Life* in support of our Youth Confirmation Students who will be participating. For more info [here](https://oakdiocese.org/respect-life-mass) (<https://oakdiocese.org/respect-life-mass>)



### **19th Annual Walk For Life West Coast**

Main Event: Rally: 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Civic Ctr Plaza, San Francisco / Walk: 1:30 pm



### CIA at Christmas

The Christ In Action (CIA) Young Proclaimers Ministry has returned after a long pandemic break and presented the Nativity story during the 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Children TK through 8th grade meet weekly on Mondays 3:30 to 4:30 under the direction of Carmyn Amaya to learn more about God through activities, music and service to others. More photos available on Facebook [here](https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda) (<https://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda>). If your child is interested in participating, text Carmyn at 510-575-8930 to register.



### OUR FASCINATING FAITH: Calendars

*Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year. So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

### Faith Formation

In these post-pandemic times, parents and guardians in our parish faith formation programs have taken on a larger role. Many are home-schooling their children using resources based on each Sunday's readings while some are assisting at in-person classes. There are also periodic family sessions with Fr. Mario. Faith begins at home! If you are looking for ideas to share with your family – or for your own enrichment – visit our website for resources (<https://sjbalameda.org/family-activity>, <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-faith-formation>, <https://sjbalameda.org/sunday-experience>) or contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409.

### 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)
- 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.svd@gmail.com](mailto:louisea.svd@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

## Praying Together

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 14

- 8:30 am 1) +George & Anna Goulet  
2) Goulet Family  
5:00 pm 1) +Remy Ramos  
2) +Kenneth Tucker

#### Sunday, January 15

- 7:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
9:30 am 1) Carmen Sandoval & Family - Thanksgiving Intention  
2) ) +Tom Spiersch  
12:00 pm Patrick Thong - Thanksgiving Intention  
7:00 Nerio Pedroche - Healing

#### Monday, January 16

- 8:30 am 1) +Kathleen Stanton  
2) An Nguyen - Special Intention

#### Tuesday, January 17

- 8:30 am Roenna & Chris Alegre - 14th Wedding Anniversary

#### Wednesday, January 18

- 8:30 am +Louise & Bruins Grayson

#### Thursday, January 19

- 8:30 am 1) McGaugh Family - Living & Deceased  
2) Nerio Pedroche - Healing

#### Friday, January 20

- 8:30 am 1) +Antonio Finuliar  
2) +Brigido Aquino - Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday, January 21

- 8:30 am An Nguyen - Family Lunar New Year Thanksgiving  
5:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Harnett + Curtin Families

#### Sunday, January 22

- 7:30 am +Francisco, Sr. & Angela Gabunada  
9:30 am People of the Parish - Living & Deceased  
12:00 pm Jimmy & Cristina Guevarra - 50th Wedding Anniversary  
7:00 pm Nerio Pedroche - Healing

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

*Prayer to Begin the Day*



*Lord God, may everything  
we do begin with your  
inspiration  
and continue with your help,  
so that all of our work today will bring  
us closer you.  
Guide us in our work today,  
that we may do it not for ourselves  
alone,  
but for the common good of all.  
We ask this in your name. Amen.*

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### 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@sibalameda.org](mailto:secretary@sibalameda.org), or call (510) 995 9420.

### *Sanctuary Lamp*

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January is sponsored by anonymous for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### *Recent Passing* **Judy McGourty** *Rest in Peace*

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

Norman Adajar, Louise Astle, Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Fong Che, Mary Cronin, PJ Dobbins, Noel Folsom, Carol Gottstein, Manpreet Gill, Rino Gacad, Arnie Perlas Rodriguez, Claire Robles, Nory A. Reyes, Mary Tigh and Ramon Normandy Tirona.

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.

### Devotions

#### Rosary

8:05 am, Basilica, Monday - Saturday

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays, following Morning

#### First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration In Vietnamese

6:00 - 6:45 pm, Basilica

#### Friday Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 - 7:00 pm, Basilica



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