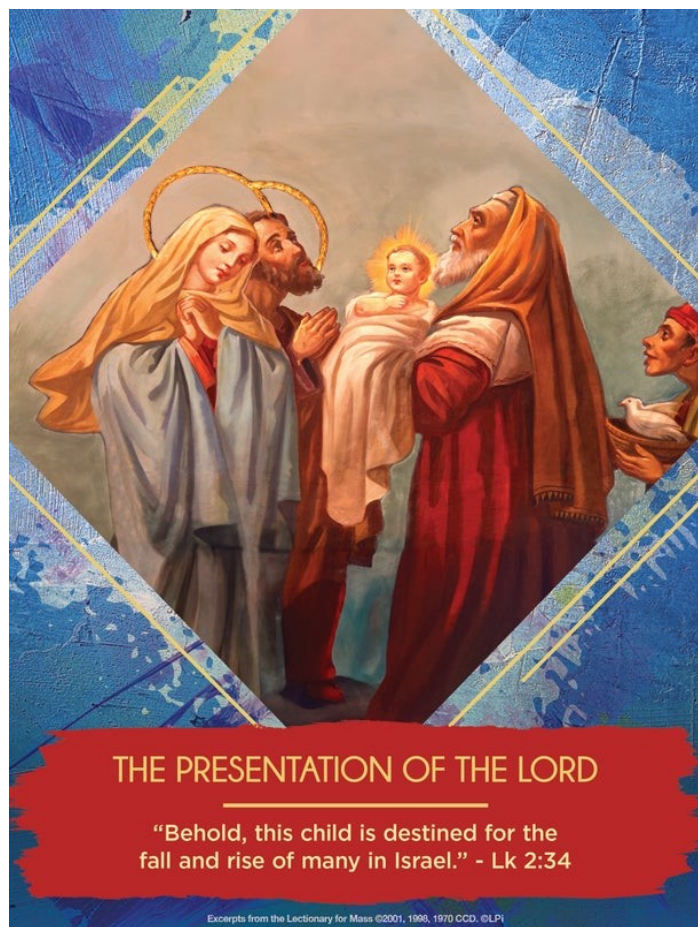


Welcome to St. Barnabas and St. Joseph Basilica Parishes

We, the family of St. Joseph Basilica and St. Barnabas, invite all people into our spiritual home to encounter Jesus Christ through an authentically Catholic experience of worship, learning, gathering, and service.



The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

First Reading:

Lo, I am sending my messenger
to prepare the way before me;
and suddenly, there will come to the temple
the LORD whom you seek. (Malachi 3:1-4)

Psalm 24:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading:

Therefore, he had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way,
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest
before God. (Hebrews 2:14-18)

Gospel:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation."
(Luke 2:22-40)

*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
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Church Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 12:10 pm

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9 am & 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30 - 4 pm

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9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 1 - 2 pm)

Basilica Hours: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8 am / First Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12 pm & 7 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

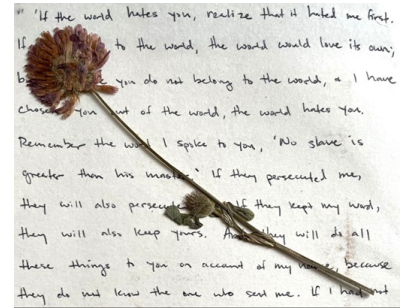
First Friday: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday: Following Morning Mass, ending at 9 am,
and 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Dear Family,

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the Jubilee Year of Hope inaugurated by Pope Francis. This year, I will periodically write and share articles on this event in our Church. Below is an article from the National Catholic Register, which calls to mind the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Although I have never been there, I have shared about one saint's experience of that place, St. Maximilian Kolbe. I have, however, been to Dachau concentration camp in Munich, Germany. I went there during a layover during my first ever overseas trip to Italy in May 2012. The atmosphere was heavy with a tangible sadness. Yet, there was hope. Towards the rear of the camp, a Carmelite monastery had been founded and consecrated in 1964. This may seem odd to some, a Catholic monastery in a place associated with the killing of so many Jews, and yet, the Nazis did not discriminate; they killed everyone who disagreed with them, including many Catholics. Dachau is known for its own "priest barracks" where many priests were sent to die. I still have a little flower I picked from that camp, pressed within the pages of one of my journals, as a sign of hope, that even in the darkest moments of life, God's light is not extinguished. No matter what the world, the country, or you are going through, we have hope in Jesus Christ.

With much love,
Fr. Mario



Excerpts from ["Overcoming Hate With Love: International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the Jubilee Year"](#)

By Msgr. Stuart Swetland

This year is a jubilee year. Focusing on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis in the bull of indiction for the Jubilee Year, *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint), calls Catholics everywhere to give witness to the hope that is within them (1 Peter 3:15)..

The new year is also filled with many significant anniversaries...On Jan. 27, the world will recall the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps via the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Then, on Oct. 28, the Church will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of *Nostra Aetate*, the "Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions" at the Second Vatican Council.

Surprisingly to some, these anniversaries are related in several ways, not the least of which is the person and history of Pope St. John XXIII. This is a story worth knowing and telling.

Before his ascendancy to the papacy in 1958, Angelo Roncalli was a member of the Vatican's diplomatic corps and later patriarch of Venice....

During this time of diplomatic service, as Adolf Hitler's Germany became dominant over most of continental Europe, he had to deal with the horrors of National Socialism and its systematic persecution and killing of Jewish persons and others considered "undesirable" (many of them Catholic). As apostolic delegate, the future pope was responsible for rescuing many Jews in Eastern Europe and Turkey by the issuing of baptismal certificates and other documents that kept some from being deported to the extermination camps. Despite these efforts, there were many thousands he could not save.

Later, when he became pope and had called for an ecumenical council, John XXIII let it be known that he wished for a document on Christian and Jewish relations...

...These teachings also remain relevant because they are rooted in the fundamental truths of the Gospel, like the dignity of all human beings and the right to religious liberty. Unfortunately, some who claim to be believers would dismiss or diminish these teachings as "policy" or "diplomacy" rather than see them as essential aspects of our faith.

They are also vitally important because humanity continues to fall into the trap of hatred, revenge and ethnic and religious persecution. After the Shoah of 1933-1945, there was a virtual unanimous opinion worldwide that genocide must never happen again. The phrase "Never again" became a slogan of a universal commitment to a better way.

But, quite frankly, we have turned our eyes away from many pogroms and persecutions that can only be described as genocides. We must truthfully decry the many mass murders that have happened since 1945. The Chinese Cultural Revolution (1966-76), Cambodia (1975-79), Rwanda (1994), East Pakistan/Bangladesh (1971), East Timor (1975-99), Guatemala (1962-96), Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-95), Myanmar (2016-25), Sudan and South Sudan (2003-25) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996-2025) are just some of the obvious examples. All rise to the level of genocide and/or crimes against humanity. More could be named, and some are ongoing, not the least of which is the scourge of millions of abortions each year in many parts of the world, including the U.S.

If we are indeed called to be pilgrims of hope, to give witness to God's love for all peoples, then we must pray and work for universal peace based on human rights and social justice. In his statement for World Peace Day on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1) this year, Pope Francis called all of us "... to seek to establish the liberating justice of God in our world." The way towards a true tranquility of order that is a lasting peace among peoples and nations is this justice. As St. Paul VI taught, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **February 3:** Men's Power Hour - Rosary, 6:00 pm/
Lectio 6:30 pm, Basilica
- **February 6:** Thursday Women Rosary, 6:00 pm,
Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events,
please visit Parish website: [https://sjbalameda.org/
events-1](https://sjbalameda.org/events-1)

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, February 2

The World day of prayer for Consecrated Life is also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Celebration of this day of prayer is to allow parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation.



The Presentation at the Temple
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers."

Please keep our priests in your prayers and also for an increased in vocations.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. —U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations.

Feast of St. Blaise: Blessing of Throat Monday, February 3

Opportunities available at
the following Masses:

St. Joseph: 8:00 am Mass

St. Barnabas: 12:10 pm
Mass



St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St. Blaise's feast day, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners in a special ceremony. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us to recover from illnesses. We honor St. Blaise on his Feast Day for his faith and care for his people.

National Marriage Week

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"



For more resources visit Diocese website [here](https://www.oakdiocese.org/events/national-marriage-week-2025)
(<https://www.oakdiocese.org/events/national-marriage-week-2025>).

Save the date! St Barnabas Fundraiser

East Ocean Mardi Gras
Dinner & Raffle Annual
Fundraiser

Date: Tuesday, March 4

Ticket purchase: \$45.00 each, available
on February 1st & 2nd, after all Masses.

Or for advance tickets purchase, contact:
Cindy Harless 510.517.1289.

(QR code option will be available soon)



Basilica Funeral Announcement: Dan Lydon

Thursday, February 6, Basilica:

Visitation, 5:00 - 6:00 pm / Rosary, 6:00 pm
(Rosary led by Thursday's Women Rosary Group)
Vigil, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 7, Basilica: Funeral Mass, 10:00 am

Praying Together

Prayer of Faith

Dear God,

Open my eyes to Your movement in my life. And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy. Amen.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

<u>Saturday, February 1</u>	
8:00 am	In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm	+Mila Sangines
<u>Sunday, February 2</u>	
7:30 am	+Ana Tronqued Hendry
9:30 am	+Edison Gabriel
12:00 pm	+Charles Aldrich
7:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
<u>Monday, February 3</u>	
8:00 am	+Mark Aquino
<u>Tuesday, February 4</u>	
8:00 am	+Mila Sanginess
<u>Wednesday, February 5</u>	
8:00 am	Ed & Yolanda Barrantes & Family
<u>Thursday, February 6</u>	
8:00 am	Roenna Alegre - Birthday
<u>Friday, February 7</u>	
8:00 am	Armando & Leonor Chenyek and Family
<u>Saturday, February 8</u>	
8:00 am	+Leflor Arcenal - 1st Death Anniversary
5:00 pm	People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
<u>Sunday, February 9</u>	
7:30 am	Joan Stewart & John Murphy - Healing
9:30 am	+Felimon Espinosa - 1st Death Anniversary
12:00 pm	+Alfonso & Teresita Colobong
7:00 pm	Dao Moa—healing

Need Anointing of the Sick?

If a member of your family is ill or if you learn that a parishioner is sick or hospitalized and in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or a pastoral visit from a priest or Communion Minister, please contact any of our Deanery Parish offices to notify them:

St. Barnabas: 510.995.9401

St Joseph: 510.522.0181

St. Philip Neri-St. Albert the Great: 510.373.5215

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

<u>Saturday Vigil, February 1</u>	
4:30 pm	Maria del Rocio Maldonado
<u>Sunday, February 2</u>	
9:00 am	+Issa Guevarra Cabriera
11:00 am	People of the Parish
<u>Monday, February 3</u>	
12:10 pm	
<u>Tuesday, February 4</u>	
12:10 pm	Mr & Mrs. Logan Williams
<u>Wednesday, February 5</u>	
12:10 pm	+Eustacio Parras
<u>Thursday, February 6</u>	
12:10 pm	Norma de La Cruz - Birthday
<u>Friday, February 7</u>	
12:10 pm	Apostleship of Prayer
<u>Saturday Vigil, February 8</u>	
4:30 pm	Jun de La Cruz - Birthday
<u>Sunday, February 9</u>	
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	For all our Married People

Devotions

Daily Rosary: St. Joseph, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 am

Men's Power Hour: St. Joseph, Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
(Note: Rosary at 6 pm & Lectio at 6:30 pm)

First Monday Eucharistic Adoration in Vietnamese
St. Joseph, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesdays

St. Joseph, following the 8:00 am Mass

St. Barnabas, following the 12:10 pm Mass

Women's Rosary: St. Joseph, Thursdays, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:
St. Barnabas, 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Joseph, Fridays, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Please Pray For The Sick & The Suffering In Our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Miriam Cruz, Kwame Cunningham, Fong Che, Jazlynn Alana Cain, Nia Cain, Terrell Cain, Norma de la Cruz, Clementina Duenas, Felicito Petilos, Freda Racelis, Nory A. Reyes, Erica Rivard, Rina Tobis, André Toribio, Ramon Normandy Tirona, Dean Villanueva and Femy Visperas.

The List is refreshed monthly. If you would like a name to be added or removed from the Sick List, please email:

secretary@sjbamedia.org.

Other News

Faith Formation – Adults Journeying to Baptism

Several adult seekers have been attending Inquiry sessions through the Christian Initiation of Adults process, and some of them will celebrate the “Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate” at the 9:30 Mass on March 2. “Coming together in public for the first time, those entering the catechumenate manifest their will to the Church” and “the Church... receives those who intend to become her members.” (OCIA 41) Inquiry sessions take place on Wednesday evenings at St. Joseph, for adults considering baptism at either St. Barnabas or St. Joseph. Several of our existing catechumens will be taking the next step the following week, celebrating the “Rite of Sending to Election” at the 9:30 Mass March 9 followed by the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of Christ the Light that afternoon. Please keep all who are on the journey in your prayers. (Information at <https://sjbalameda.org/initiation>.)



Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your ordinary moments: Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read [100 Everyday Stewardship reflections](#) and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS/©LPI

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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:

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St. Barnabas: 510.522.8933 ext. 10 / email:
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Sacrament of Baptism

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For adults please contact Anne Marie, 510.995.9409 /
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For Funeral Mass, please call the Parish offices.

