

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.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: September 14, 2025



Monthly Family Holy Half-Hour on Fridays

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9 am - 4 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1 pm)

Available remotely through email & voicemail

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

St. Joseph Basilica

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday

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

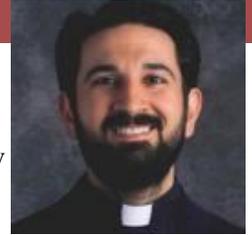
Saturday: 8 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

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,

Last Sunday, Pope Leo canonized Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Italian men. Carlo died in 2006 at the age of 15. Pier Giorgio died in 1925 at the age of 24. Below is a letter written by Pier Giorgio, which I used in my homily last weekend. I thought it was a good supplement to Jesus' words from the Gospel about the cost of being a disciple. I wanted to share it with you so you can reflect on it and see how it mirrors my own expectations for the community, especially those of prayer and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Remember, we are all called to be saints, and we have the tools. Pier Giorgio recommends prayer, action, and sacrifice. We don't need to over complicate it.

With much love,

Fr. Mario

To the Members of Catholic Young People of Pollone, Sunday, July 29, 1923

Young people of Pollone,

...Young people, I see on your flag the motto ***"Prayer, Action and Sacrifice."***

Prayer is the noble supplication which we lift up to the throne of God. It is the most efficient means to obtain from God the graces which we need, and especially the strength of persevering in these times...In recommending heartfelt prayer to you, I am including all the practices of piety, first of all the most Holy Eucharist...I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles, the struggles against passions and against all adversities, because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist, eternal life, and the necessary graces to obtain it.



And when you become totally consumed by this Eucharistic Fire, then you will be able to thank with greater awareness the Lord God who has called you to be part of his flock and you will enjoy that peace which those who are happy according to the world have never tasted. Because true happiness...does not consist in the pleasures of the world and in earthly things, but in peace of conscience which we can have only if we are pure in heart and in mind.

After having fortified our spirit by applying ourselves with great diligence to works of mercy...And there are three distinct apostolates. First of all, there is the apostolate of good example. We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law. Then there is the apostolate of charity by going among those who suffer and comforting them, among the unfortunate and saying a comforting word to them, because the Catholic religion is based on charity which is nothing other than the most perfect Love. Finally there is the apostolate of persuasion. This is one of the most beautiful and necessary...approach your colleagues at work who live their lives away from the Church and spend their free time not in healthy pastimes, but in vices. Persuade those unfortunate people to follow the ways of God...

But if every one of you were to possess these gifts to the highest degree, and did not have the spirit of sacrifice in abundance, you would not be a good Catholic...In order for our life to be Christian, it must be a continual renunciation, a continual sacrifice which however is not burdensome... And so...learn how to sacrifice from our Lord Jesus Christ. In order to atone for our horrible sins, He sacrificed Himself as an Innocent Victim on Calvary, and He renews this wonderful Sacrifice every day in every part of the world during Holy Mass...

...The times which we are going through are difficult because persecution against the Church rages as cruelly as ever...do not be afraid because of this small problem. Bear in mind the fact that the Church is a divine institution that cannot end and will endure until the end of the world, and "the gates of hell will not prevail against her."...

Upcoming Events

This Week at St. Joseph & St. Barnabas

- **September 15:** Men's Power Hour, Rosary at 6:00 pm/6:30 pm Lectio, Basilica
- **September 18:** Thursday Scripture Reflection, 10:30 -11:30 am, weekly online reflection and sharing on upcoming Sunday's readings through Dialpad Meetings (<https://meetings.dialpad.com/room/stjosephbasilica/4b84nr6g6y>)
- **September 18:** Thursday Women's Rosary, 6:00 pm, Basilica
- For a complete listing of Basilica schedule of events, please visit Parish website: <https://sjbalameda.org/events-1>

Alameda Deanery Sensory Friendly Mass Saturday, September 20, 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Barnabas Church (3rd Saturday)

The Mass will be "sensory friendly" with quieter music to offer a sacred space more welcoming to those for whom "less is more."

For more information contact: specialneeds@sjbalameda.org

Ministry of Caring

Sunday, September 21, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
St. Joseph's Rectory

The Ministry of Caring is available to support those who have lost a spouse or significant other. Losing a spouse is a unique experience, and it can be extremely challenging. You can join others who have also experienced this loss to share memories, gain strength, and learn how to cope with grief. Drop-ins are welcome!

If you know someone who has lost their spouse or significant other, please encourage them to contact us at 510.522.8431 for immediate help.

Catechetical Sunday, September 21

Catechetical Sunday is an annual event on the third Sunday of September designated by the U.S. Bishops to commission men and women serving as catechists.

The 2025 theme encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

Next weekend is the annual Catechetical Sunday to be celebrated during the 9:30 am Mass.

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15)



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MUSIC CONCERT
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 @ 7 PM

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry Fundraiser: Tamales for sale, Sunday, September 21 after all the earlier Masses, in the Gathering Space

Support St. Joseph's Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry Fundraiser! Get ready to enjoy some amazing Mexican Tamales. You can grab them on the day of the event or pre-order by reaching out to Roberta Fuentes at 510.924.6872 by September 19. You can pick them up anytime between 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Don't miss out on these tasty treats! (Proceeds will help sponsor Our Lady's celebrations in December)

Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Sunday, September 28

St. Joseph Simbang Gabi Ministry invites you to join them in celebrating the feast of the first Filipino saint, San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila on September 28. The



special celebration will begin with a bilingual Noon Mass, followed by a reception in the lower parking lot. All are welcome!

(If you like to help in any way with the reception, contact Alex Ramos: aramos94501@gmail.com)

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 6:00 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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer: St. Joseph, last Friday of
the month, 3:00 - 3:45 pm



Please Pray For The Sick &
The Suffering In Our Communities

Sandy Anderson, Romelita Bautista, Kwame Cunningham, Shirley Benesh, Mary Butler, PJ Deschenes, Norma de la Cruz, Calito Franco, David Hardbarger, Lorrie Proctor, Nory Antonette Reyes, Erica Rivard, Maureen Thomas, Ramon Normandy Tirona and Rina Tobis.

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

secretary@sjbalameda.org.

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

Estate Plan up to date? Please consider including a bequest to St. Joseph or St. Barnabas.

Mass Intentions: St. Joseph

Saturday, September 13

8:00 am +Marie Hao Nguyen & +Peter Thu Nguyen
5:00 pm +Peter Simmons

Sunday, September 14

7:30 am 1) +Mary Helen Montandon
2) Alex Maquilan - Healing
9:30 am Marielle Louise Torres Villalobos - Birthday
12:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm +Geoffrey Godfrey

Monday, September 15

8:00 am +Tim & Carole Gee

Tuesday, September 16

8:00 am Rosemarie Lopez Tanglao - Healing

Wednesday, September 17

8:00 am +Joseph Perry

Thursday, September 18

8:00 am +Monte Boscovich

Friday, September 19

8:00 am +Rosalino S. Lopez - 2nd Death Anniversary

Saturday, September 20

8:00 am +Phu Nguyen
5:00 pm 1) +Elvie Mendoza
2) +Betty Tiam & Warlita Garcia

Sunday, September 21

7:30 am Remelym Laguicao - Birthday
9:30 am +David McGaffey - Birthday Remembrance
12:00 pm 1) +Juana B. Torio - Death Anniversary
2) +Catherine Cavanaugh
7:00 pm People of the Parish - Living & Deceased

Mass Intentions: St. Barnabas

Saturday, September 13

4:30 pm +Arthur, +Roberta, and +Stephen Macy

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am +Bienvenido Carlos
11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, September 15

12:10 pm +Cristina Awayan

Tuesday, September 16

12:10 pm +Rodolfo Ibeas

Wednesday, September 17

12:10 pm +Oscar Eileen Ivan

Thursday, September 18

12:10 pm +Rosalie Hale

Friday, September 19

12:10 pm +Sophia J. Perez

Saturday, September 20

4:30 pm +Felicito Petilos

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am +Macaria Ciceron

Other News

Faith Formation: We're Back!

Did you miss it? Programs for children and teens officially resume on September 14. It's not too late to sign up, but don't delay; information at <https://sjbalameda.org/childrens-programs>. The annual Adult Confirmation series begins next week; visit <https://sjbalameda.org/adult-confirmation>. (Anne Marie will be away this week, although MIGHT be reachable by text. Contact Jimmy Jimenez-Garcia at 510-994-0599 directly with questions about Youth Confirmation.)

Diocesan News—Impostor Bishop

A man who goes by the title "Bishop Merardo Loya Loya" is not an ordained Roman Catholic clergy member and does not have faculties to celebrate sacraments in the Diocese of Oakland. He has been known to contact individual parishioners about conducting first communions, confirmations, and weddings in people's homes.

If Merardo has contacted you or reached out to your family or other parishioners, please do not respond to any of his requests. Thank you for your attention to the matter.



Parish Information

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Bernadette Baria - Music Director, 510.522.8933

Celebrating Sacrament of Marriage

Preparation for registered and active parishioners please contact:

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St. Barnabas: Fr Kenneth - phone: 510.995.9406 /
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St Barnabas Catholic Church

100 years Commemorative tee shirt

Our tee shirts sold out at the celebration!!

We've heard that some of you would still like to own one of these commemorative tee shirts.

Therefore, we're placing an order for more soon and need to know how many to purchase.

Please reach out to me asap if you want to buy one or more.

Cost is \$25.00 (sizes: S-M-L-XL).



Place your order by September 21 by contacting
Cindy Hartless at cindyhartless2025@gmail.com

St. Joseph All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Ministry

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 in the Grotto, Mondays, 9 - 11am. Drop-ins are most welcome!

Have a prayer request?

Email: Jacinta, richcarj@gmail.com,
or Joanne, j.harnett@comcast.net



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St. Barnabas: 510.995.9475 / St. Joseph: 510.995.9471

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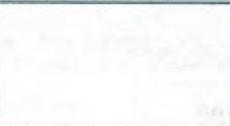
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