St. Basil the Great Catholic Church
1200 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
Website: www.StBasilVallejo.org

Mission Statement
We, the clergy of St. Basil the Great, guided by the Holy Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium inspired by the Holy Spirit are called by Christ to evangelize, to educate and to motivate the lay faithful to become active witnesses to the spirituality of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) through sacraments, liturgy, praise and worship.

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Food Assistance ~ (707) 644-0376

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturday:
5:30pm (Vigil Mass)
8:30am - 1st Saturday
Sunday:
7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am & 5:30pm

Daily:
7:15am in the Mary Chapel
7:00pm - Wednesday

Holy Days:
7:15am, 9:30am & 7:30pm

SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00 to 5:00pm
Wednesday, 6:00 to7:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Pre-Baptism preparation class required. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Minimum 6 months advance notice required. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Marriage/Wedding Coordinator.

Pastoral Care for the Sick/ Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to arrange for home and hospital visits

Anointing of the Sick, please call (707) 567-9500

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish
Grow our Gifts…Share *Our* Blessings

Stewardship of Treasure

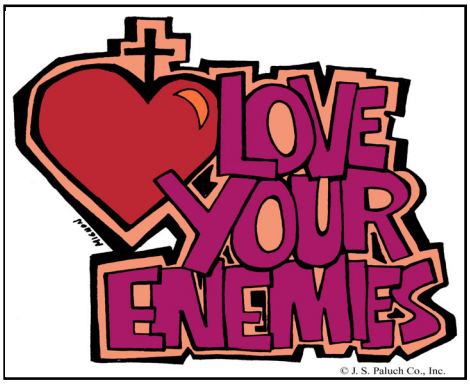
Collection for 2/12/17: $10,837.81
Candle: $203.88
Mass Offerings: $730.00
Baptism: $50.00

PLEASE
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
YOUR GIFT
TO ST. BASIL PARISH.

Thank you.
Your ongoing support is essential in helping us meet the many needs of our parish and community.

In today's reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
— Leviticus 19:2b

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	St. Peter Damian
Wednesday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
Thursday:	St. Polycarp

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).
Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

"We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us." Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, www.goo.gl/uwk5e4

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;Mt 6:24-34

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Parish Center Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal

"MERCY IN MOTION"

Next weekend, on Feb 25-26, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others through works of mercy. How do we help a family in need? How do we best help the man or woman along the roadside with a request for money? Do we pass them by? Do we feel guilty? Do we wonder how the money we give might be spent? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message and provide real assistance. Last year 329 of our parishioners contributed $34,857 to the Appeal. This parish received 25% to serve our local needs, people who came to our doors looking for a bit of help or a hand up. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish-based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone's life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are Mercy in Motion.

The **St. Basil Prayer Shawl Ministry** invites all parishioners who knit and crochet to participate in our 2017 Hand-made Scarf Drive for the Poor & Homeless. We will kick off this drive on March 11 & 12 and will be available in the Monsignor Byrne Room after all the Masses. Ministry members will have suggested scarf patterns and instructions and some extra skeins of yarn to get you started. The goal is to have 500 scarfs to give away by November 2017. The scarfs will be donated to local non-profits that serve the poor & homeless in Vallejo and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided scarfs to the poor & homeless in the past and they were so grateful for some extra warmth during the winter months. Thank you for helping and we will see you on the weekend of March 11 & 12 to answer all your questions.

Vocation Awareness Day

A vocation Awareness Day is being held on Saturday, March 11th from 9-3 at St. Basil Church, 1200 Tuolumne Street, in Vallejo. This will be an opportunity for high school youth and young adults to share in Morning Prayer and Mass, hear talks from a diocesan priest and men and women religious from different orders, discover how to discern a vocation, and have time to reflect and talk with vocation representatives and one another. Cost is free. For more information or to register, please email Sue Schuttinger at sschuttinger@gmail.com or call 916-335-9888.

St. Basil School

Now Accepting Applications for school year 2017-2018
For Tours and more information call 707-642-7629
Principal Julia Boen; www.stbasilschool.org

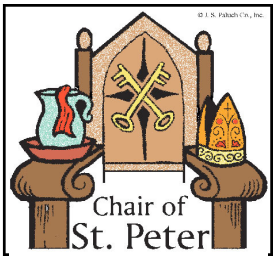
24 HOURS Adoration for the Lord

The eight parishes in the Solano Deanery of the Diocese *(St. Basil, St. Catherine, St. Vincent, St. Dominic, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Joseph and St. Mary's)* will hold a joint **24 HOURS Adoration for the Lord** from March 10th at noon and will end at noon on March 11th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Fairfield. St. Basil's time slot will be from 3pm to 6pm on Friday, March 10th.

FIRST HOUR (3:00 pm)
3:00 pm Songs of worship
3:10 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
3:30 pm Spiritual reading (Fr. Lawrence)
3:35 pm Reflections on the spiritual reading (Fr. Lawrence)
3:45 pm Songs of worship
3:50 pm Personal reflections with our relationship with God

SECOND HOUR (4:00 pm)
The Way of the Cross; followed by individual "One on One with the Lord". Silence observed for the rest of the second hour.

THIRD HOUR (5:00 pm)
5:00 pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
5:30 pm Litany
5:40 pm Spiritual reading (Fr. Ambrose)
5:45 pm Reflections on the spiritual reading (Fr. Ambrose)
5:55 pm Songs of worship to conclude



Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, or afraid or worried. AMEN.

Charlie Arruejo
Esminia Arruejo
Percy Belantes
Yolande Bekhit
Simon Dauz
Andre Davis
Judy de Fiesta
Gwen Flores
Mariano Furtado
Ray Hernandez
Jocelyn Anderson Herrera
Cris Ilagan
Severina Ilagan
Aly Rose Jacobsen
Purificacion Llanera
Rodolfo Lomibao
Julie Ludovico
Paul Bernard Manibusan
Vic Mararac
Yolanda Mararac
Dolly Marquez
Proceso Marquez, Jr.
Winnie Meadows
Nicholas Policar
Raquel Puzon-Mejia
Rosita Quintanilla
Ed Sablan
Augusto Serrano
Anna Silva
Tony Tamayo
Nathaniel Williams
Ezekiel Wilson
Matilda Wilson
Philip Yun

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 18 - 5:30pm
Kevin Farne (BD)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)
Li-Chuen Cheng (+)
Tony Acuario Farne (+)
Jose & Isabel Buenviaje (+)

Sunday, February 19
7:30am
Mass for the parishioners of St. Basil

9:30am
Nicholas Flores (BD)
Proceso Marquez Jr (Healing)
Henry Stroeh Oldenburg (+)
Tony Acuario Farne (+)
Lulu Castilio (+)

11:30am
Agapita Olario Galia (+)
Richard Branch (+)
Tan Ching & Maria Buenviaje (+)
Bill Cody (+)
Romeo & Nelson Buenviaje (+)

5:30pm
Rosario Benitez (Healing)
Carmen Franco (+BD)
Wilfredo Baltazar (+DA)
Marianne Lee (+)
Wei-San Cheng (+)

Monday, February 20- 7:15am
Felipe Basbas (BD)
Tai So Ngor (+)
Tony Acuario Farne (+)
Dolores E. Rivera (+)

Tuesday, February 21- 7:15am
Rolando Makil (BD)
Michael Wong (SI)
Mateo Madera (+)
Tony Acuario Farne (+)

Wednesday, February 22 - 7:15am
Paula Kay Stanton (+)
Rolando Bruce (+)
Mateo Madera (+)

7:00pm
Rose Marie Turel (+)

Thursday, February 23 - 7:15am
Joseph Ninobla (BD)
Rhonda Hicks (SI)
Mateo Madera (+)

Friday, February 24 - 7:15am
Eppie F. Encabo (BD)
Rodolfo Corpus (+DA)
Alfred J. Van Schoick (+)
Mateo Madera (+)

Please pray with our Lazarus Ministry for all who have recently departed especially:

+Lucina Aldemita
+Emiliana Apigo

St. Basil's **Annual St. Patrick Day Dinner** is on Saturday, March 18th at 7:30pm in the Parish Gym hosted by the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds help support the different parish projects and charities. Tickets are available after all masses and at the Parish Center office.