



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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Monday - Friday
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Sacrament of Anointing:
(Emergency calls only): (707) 567-9500

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

8:30am - Thursday (School Mass)

Holy Days:

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

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00 to 5:00pm

Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00pm

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.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for 12/17/17 : \$9,108.30

Mass Offerings: \$453.00

Candles: \$208.52

Capital Improvement: \$85.00

Simbang Gabi: \$1,208.10

Simbang Gabi Sponsors: \$895.00

Donation: \$1,3010.00

Thank you.

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 the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes"- "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

See Luke 1:38

DECEMBER 24, 2017- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

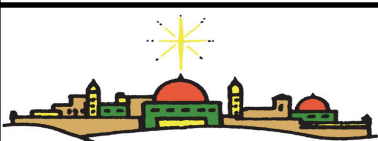
Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

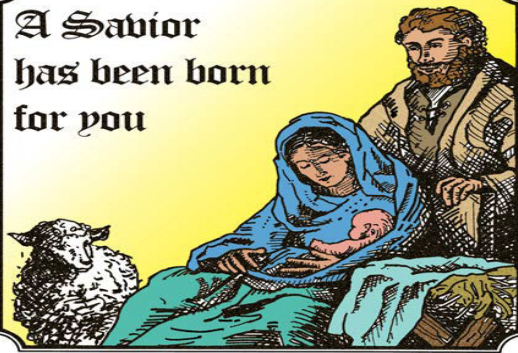
The child to be born will be
called holy,
the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A Savior
has been born
for you



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GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday: St. John
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

2017 Christmas and New Year Schedule:

Sunday - December 24: Vigil Mass 7:30PM

Sunday - December 24: Midnight Mass

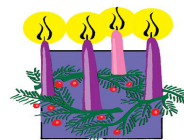
Monday - December 25: 7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

1:30PM

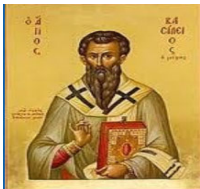
No Evening Mass



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January 1, New Year Mass: 9:30AM

*January 2, [Feast of St. Basil the Great] Mass: 11:00AM
(Followed by a Potluck in the Msgr. Byrne Room)*



FEAST of ST. BASIL the GREAT~

It has become our tradition to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, Saint Basil the Great, a mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Msgr. Byrne Room followed by a POTLUCK. All Ministries and parishioners are invited. Please let the office know by Friday, Dec. 29th if you can come. Potluck assignments— with your last name beginning with the letter, please bring:

A - G Appetizers/Salad
H - N Main Dish/Entrée
O - T Dessert
U - Z Drinks/Water or Soda



PARISH CENTER OFFICE will be closed on Christmas Day and December 26, Tuesday. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



December 11, 2017

Dear St. Basil School Families,

After much thought and prayerful consideration I have decided to embrace the next journey of my life and I am announcing my plan to retire at the end of this school year. I am looking forward to spending time with my husband of 42 years and visiting my 6 grandchildren more often. I have been blessed here at St. Basil School for the last 5 years and will always treasure this community. My 16 years as a teacher and the 14 years as a principal have been so fulfilling and rewarding I thank God for all He has given me.

The reason I am providing this notice so early in the year is I want to allow for a timely and good search for the right match to continue the mission of the school. As I complete my year at St. Basil my goal is to pass on a school that is in great shape and support my replacement to ensure a smooth continuity for our students and families.

God is Good,
 Julia Boen

Youth Leadership Training

Are you searching for a way to engage, encourage and empower high school leaders in their Discipleship? We invite you to consider sending teens to our weekend-long training on December 28-30 at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. Teens will be empowered to live as disciples and servant leaders, gain practical skills to lead vibrant youth ministry in the parish, and lead them to a closer relationship with Christ. The cost for the 3-day training is \$150. For more information, please contact Jennifer Campbell at jcampbell@scd.org, via phone at (530) 389-2780 or visit www.trinitypinescatholic.com.



Our Thoughts
 and Prayers
 are With you

Please pray with our
Lazarus Ministry
 for all who recently departed
 especially:
 +Maureen Baily
 +Efren Andres
 +David de los Reyes
 +Ruth Bennett



Mark your
 calendars!
SATURDAY
JANUARY 27, 2018
14th
Annual Walk
for Life
in San Francisco

Please pray for the sick...

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

Katie Abeyta, Cecilia Angeles, Shirley Balangon, Yolande Bekhit, Tess Crowe, Simon Daus, Teofilo Florendo, Pepper Golesh, Miriam Holgado, Severina Ilagan, Aly Rose Jacobsen, Lillibeth Janerol, Bessie Lucas, Myrna Magat, Joaquin Manibusan, Paul B. Manibusan, Vic Mararac, Yolanda Mararac, Gloria Marshall, Dolly Marquez, Proceso Marquez, Jr., Winnie Meadows, Anna Nalty, Corazon R. Ocbina, Dolores Owens, Nicholas Policar, Lorens Quidet, Ed Sablan, Sarah Saldajeno, Adriana Silva, Efrain Tirado, Matilda Wilson

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 23 - 5:30pm

Vigilia Dauz (BD/TG)
 The Astor Family (SI)
 Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

Sunday, December 24

7:30am

Mass for St. Basil Parish

9:30am

Victorino & Mila Santos (WA)
 Henry Stroeh Oldenberg (+)
 Agapita Olario Galia (+)
 Sharon Davenport (+)
 Jacqueline Waterman (+)

11:30am

Sagay Family (TG)

5:30pm

Eileen Garcia (BD/TG)
 Linda Schwertfeger (SI)

Christmas Vigil December 24

7:30pm

Doreen Martinez (+)
 Primitivo & Maria Encarnacion Gapuzan (+)
 Domingo & Purificacion Castillo (+)
 Corazon Castillo (+)
 Richard Fowler (+)

Midnight

Fulgencio & Rosalia Dulay (+)
 Eustaquio & Juliana Anulacion (+)
 Norma Ebarua (+)
 Mapalad & Corazon Cruz (+)
 Arlene del Monte (+)

Christmas Day December 25

7:30am

Mass for St. Basil Parish

9:30am

Linda Salgado & Family (TG)
 Cresencia Camerino (+)
 Joseph Agosta (+)
 Don Cahan (+) Maria Angeles (+)
 Crecencio Ilagan (+)
 David & Victoria Pineda (+)

11:30am

Jesus Israel (+BD)
 Teofilo Ocampo Sr. (+)
 Makario Sagun Sr (+) Adrian Snider (+)
 Agapito Pampliega (+)

1:30pm

Adelaido & Felicidad Diaz (+)
 Milagros Santos (+) Angelo Santos (+)
 Aidan Isiah Santos (+)
 Juanito Samaniego (+)

Tuesday, December 26- 7:15am

Carolynn Gough (BD)
 David Chiang (SI)
 Jaime A. Pineda (+)

Wednesday, December 27- 7:15am

Bernard Yu (SI)
 Zosimo B. Sequerra (+DA)
 Rosalina Israel (+)

7:00pm

Thursday, December 28 - 7:15am

Rose Chiang (SI)

8:30am

Friday, December 29 - 7:15am

Constance Yu (SI)
 Jovenal Encabo (+DA)

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