

St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

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WEBSITE: www.StBasilVallejo.org



Mission Statement

We, the St. Basil the Great Catholic faith community, guided by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the Eucharist, are called to share the gospel values of love, justice, forgiveness and service through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer, stewardship and fellowship with respect and dignity to all.

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Parish Center - (707) 644-5251
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New Parish Office Hours Until Further Notice

Monday to Friday
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Music Ministry

Cherry Lopez ~ Director

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(707) 644-8309

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707) 567-9500



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

*Behold, the star
that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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Mass schedule until further notice

Saturday:

8:30am - 1st Saturday

4:00pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday:

9:30am and 11:30am (Live-Streamed)

Daily:

7:15am (Live-Streamed)

Confession:

Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:00pm

Saturdays, 4:00 to 5:00pm

Baptism: 3rd Saturday of the month

Prep Class - 1st Sat. of the month

(Please call Religious Education)

Weddings: Please call Parish Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Thursday - 3:00pm - 4:00 pm

Fridays - 8am - 4:00pm

For more information and updates please visit our website

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish

Grow our Gifts...

Share Our Blessings

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly envelopes to the church can be mailed or dropped off
in the mail slot at the Parish Center.

Weekly Collection

December 20, 2020

Average Expense (weekly).....	\$10,000.00
Collection/Mail-in (weekly).....	\$ 4,004.00
Faith Direct (weekly).....	\$ 2,900.00
Others.....	\$ 765.00
Christmas.....	\$ 1,185.00

Thank you.

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

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mary's Chapel

Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:00pm

Saturdays, 4:00 to 5:00pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

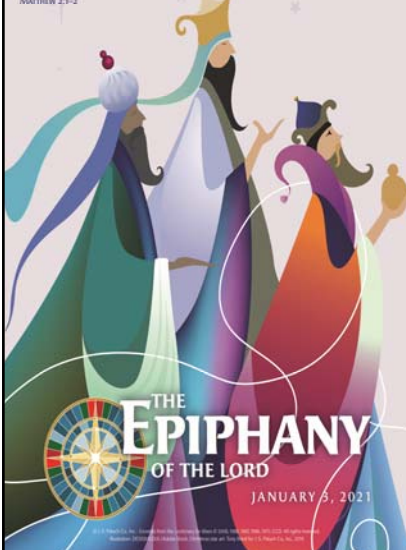
Pre-Baptism preparation class required.

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.

MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,
"WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO
DO HIM HOMAGE."
MATTHEW 2:1-2



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The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11



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FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - he Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



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IN A NUTSHELL

When I tell a story, I have a friend who prefers the "nutshell version" first. After that she'll listen to me ramble, but she wants to know the main point right off the bat. When reading and hearing Sunday scriptures one may often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2 "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." As a weary world, we need to see the light, to follow with our actions and our words. This is the same hope that is echoed in Isaiah 60:2 "See, darkness covers the earth, / and thick clouds cover the peoples; / but upon you the Lord shines, / and over you appears his glory." Don't give up, friends. You must shine!

SEARCHING

In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Nutshell: Seek God. Pay homage. Amen.

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Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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**Please pray with our
Lazarus Ministry
for the recently deceased:**

† Jolanta Anderson-Kurowski
† Rodolfo Tacdol
† Avelino Alviz
† Lucia Batts
† Diedre Brown

*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let Perpetual
Light shine upon them"*

*Gentiles
are
co-partners
in the
promise
in
Christ Jesus
through
the
Gospel.
Ephesians*

St. Basil School will be accepting new student applications for the 2021-2022 school year, starting January 5, 2021.
For more information you may visit our website at www.stbasilschool.org.

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00pm | Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/ This conversation is crafted to engage youth and young adults' minds and hearts toward the inherent dignity of the human person. Through storytelling, real-life examples, natural law, and scientific evidence, we pose the question: What is it about human beings that sets them apart? We address modern day violations of human dignity and ask the question: How do we reverse this? We empower new generation to understand that personal virtue has the power to humanize. And we close with an inspiring story, inviting each youth and young adult to join us in restoring our culture. There are no graphic images in this presentation. Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> Contact for more details

January 14-22, 2021 | Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/ Our Respect Life Novena is dedicated to those babies who have been aborted, for those mothers who have suffered a loss of a child, and mothers in need. Each day will be led by our diocesan clergy and laity. Connect to Facebook or Instagram for each day's prayer and reflection: @SCDFormedFaith Register for the Novena and Walk: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect_every_life_2021 Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> Contact for more details Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org

Friday January 22, 2021 @12:10pm | FB Live:
@CathedraloftheBlessedSacrament 48th Anniversary of Roe V. Wade: The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe this Day of Reparation with prayers for the legal protection of human life, works of mercy and penance in preparation for the persistent violations of human dignity inflicted by the practice of abortion. Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> Contact for more details :Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org

Saturday, January 23, 2021 @10:30am | Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDFormedFaith/ Live ultrasound from the Sacramento Life Center & a witness talk for youth & families. We encourage families to take time to reflect on the gospel of life and pray the rosary. Take a selfie or record yourself taking a walk around the neighborhood as you pray for an end to abortion and post using #SCDProLife Register for the Novena and Walk: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/protect_every_life_2021 Website Details: <https://www.scd.org/protecteverylife> Contact for more details Moises De Leon (916)733-0133 or Mdeleon@scd.org

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during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/ CA902 or download the free app and use our church code: CA902, or text 'Enroll' to 707-683-7602

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

January 02, 2020

8:30am

Connie Howard (SI)

5:30pm

Mary Cheng (SI)

January 03

7:30am

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Eudisia Bernil (+)

Carlos Tavares (+)

Leonel Tavares (+)

Rodolfo Olazo (+BD)

11:30am

5:30pm

James Chiang (SI)

Monday, January 04 - 7:15am

George & Fuchu Cheng (SI)

Tuesday, January 05 - 7:15am

Mikako Matsuyama (SI)

Bert & Myrna Martinez (WA)

Wednesday, January 06 - 7:15am

Marilyn Gaffney (SI)

Isidro & Rosalia Refuerzo (+DA)

Thursday, January 07 - 7:15am

Paul Hanson (SI)

Paul "Bernard" Manibusan (+)

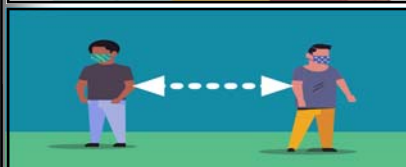
Rosita Quintanilla (+)

Carlos & Marta Ramirez (+DA)

Friday, January 08

9:30am

Gina Tai (SI)



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