

St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

1200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590
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.

Rev. Ambrose O. Ugwuegbu
Parochial Administrator

Deacon Mike Urick (retired)
Deacon Casey Walker

Gilda A. del Rosario - Admin. Assistant
stbasiloffice@gmail.com

Stacy Gunn - Bookkeeper

Ron Salmeron - Facility Maintenance

Parish Center - (707) 644-5251
Fax - (707) 644-1423

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Music Ministry
Cherry Lopez ~ Director

Religious Education/Youth Ministry
(707) 644-8309
1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
Julie Kissinger ~ Director

St. Basil School - (707) 642-7629
1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
Gretchen Del Rosario ~ Principal

St. Basil Preschool - (707) 642-5966
1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
Lisa Butler ~ Director
Sbs.preschool@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul
Food Assistance ~ (707) 644-0376

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



"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your wife
into your home."
MATTHEW 1:20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2022

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2008, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970. CCD. All rights reserved. Photo: melastmohican/Adobe Stock

Mass schedule until further notice

Saturday:
8:30 am - 1st Saturday
5:30 PM - Vigil

Sunday:

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
11:30 AM (live-stream)

Daily:

7:15 AM

Thursday (School Mass)
8:30 AM

Baptism: 3rd Saturday of the month
Prep Class - 1st Sat. of the month
(Please call the Parish Office)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturdays - 7:00 am - 8:00 am
Fridays - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**For more information, updates and useful links,
please visit our website.**

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Mary's Chapel
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

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish

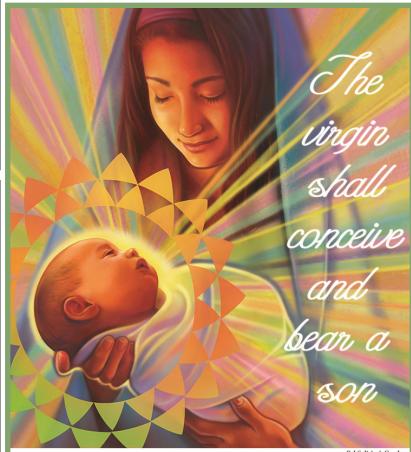
Grow our Gifts...Share Our Blessings

Stewardship of Treasure

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

**Collection for 12/11/2022 will be published
in next week's bulletin.**

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

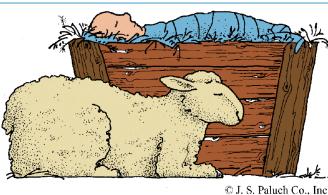


FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving®

**Text \$ amount to
707-683-7602 to give!**

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "**God is with us.**"
—Matthew 1:2-3



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "**A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.**" Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (*Isaiah 7:10-14*).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (*Psalm 24*).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (*Romans 1:1-7*).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (*Matthew 1:18-24*).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "**Stay awake!**" (First); **John the Baptist** (Second); **Rejoice!** (Third); **Joseph/Mary** (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

Tom Schmidt, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.
—Charles Dickens

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of Las Posadas seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous Misas de Aguinaldo were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (posada) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the "**O Antiphons**" of the official liturgy, these posadas were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of Las Posadas has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord? —Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: 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]

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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;
Hanukkah begins

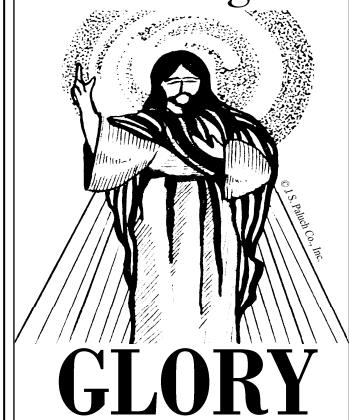
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)



The King of

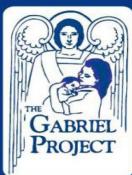




Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 (Saturday) 5:30PM	December 25 December 25 (Sunday)	12:00 Midnight 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30AM
-------------------------------	----------------------------------	---

PREGNANT? WORRIED? NEED HELP?



Please Call:
(800) 910-0191

A church-based ministry
to support pregnant mothers and
their unborn children.

Please pray with our
Lazarus Ministry for the
recently deceased:

† Lina Ninoba

“Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let Perpetual Light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace”

PLEASE PRAY for THOSE WHO ARE ILL

If you have the sick person's permission, you may request that their name be printed in the bulletin for prayers. This is strictly for the sick only.

Ely Abiva
Josie Agbayani
Mary Arnold
Trifon Asper
Puri Basbas
Arlene Chu
Simon Dauz
Erlinda Dayrit
Alma de Jesus
Enrique Dulay
Trisha Dumlao
Marilen Espanto
Luzviminda Garcia
Relli Sacro Geneza
Sheila Gonzales
Rudolph Herrera

Raul Holgado
Felipe Jacildo
Paula H. Lucas
Tutty Lyon
Joaquin Manibusan
Vic & Yolanda Mararac
Jose Marasigan
Dolly Marquez
Ofelia Marquez
Proceso Marquez Jr.
Winnie Meadows
Gary Monk
Jeremias Morgado
Marybelle Ocampo
Dionicia Olarte
Cleo Ordonez

Mario Orlina
Mindy Osborne
Dolores Owens
Marita Paule
Francisco Perez
Ariana Perryman
Gregoria Refuerzo
Andrea Ysabel Reyes
Ed Sablan
Lizette Saenz
Rita Struble
Khadijah Tajrishy
Daisy & Steven Vida
Clarita Villanueva
Mona Lisa White-Cooksey

If you are
interested in
volunteering,
please call the

Parish office for
more information.

We hope that you
will get involved and
help us promote the
mission of our
Lord Jesus Christ
through one or more
of our ministries.



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 17, 2022
5:30pm

Laura P. Paco (+DA)
An-on & So-ngor Cheng (+)
Nick Barreto (+)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)
Carmelita Dumpit (+)
Tony Farne (+)
Dominga & Simeon Andres (+)

December 18, 2022
7:30am

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Richard Rice (+DA)
Wei San & Li-Chuen Cheng (+)
Grace Cabuco (+)
Antonio Viray (+)
Rosa Viray (+)
Consolacion Garcia (+)
Felisa Pogoy (+)

11:30am

Vedalyn Ignatov (BD)
Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
Marcela Karasig (SI)
Maria & Crescencio Gaviola (+)
Zoila Irma Romero (+)
Esperidion Laxa (+)
Davy James Short (+)

Monday, December 19 - 7:15am

Encarnacion Buna (+DA)
Su-jan & Zen Chou Han (+)

Tuesday, December 20 - 7:15am

Heidi Martinez Agustin (BD)
Naoshi & Mikako Matsuyama (+)

Wednesday, December 21 - 7:15am

Christian Sagay (BD)
Ira Martin (BD)
Mr & Mrs Chung Man Chiang (+)

Thursday, December 22 - 7:15am

Luisiton Bansale (BD)
Robert Cheng (+)
Reynaldo Barce Jr. (+)
Carmelita Dumpit (+)

Friday, December 23 - 7:15am

Joe & Linda Llanera (WA)
Vigilia Dauz (SI)
Timo Kurppa (+)
Mabel Lee (+)

**Parish Center Office
will be closed on
Friday,
December 23
and
Monday,
December 26**