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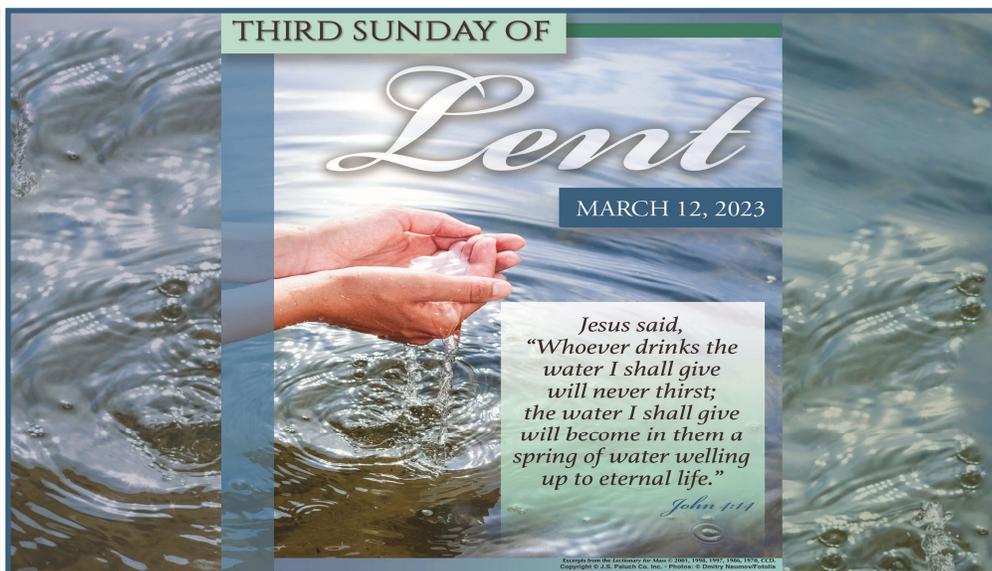
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Mission Statement

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

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(Emergency calls only):
707) 567-9500

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.**

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 March 5, 2023

Average Expense (weekly).....	\$10,000.00
Collection/Mail-in (weekly).....	\$ 6,303.60
Faith Direct (weekly)	\$ 2,900.00
Others.....	\$ 1,448.67
ACA Distribution	\$ 1,824.00

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

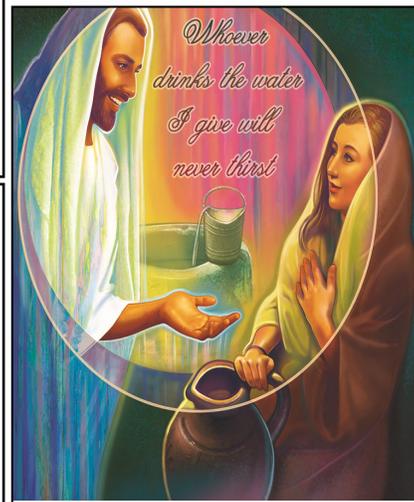
Saturdays, 4:00 to 5:00pm

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.

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Homebound:** Please call the Parish Office



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3rd Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023

**While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.**

— *Romans 5:8*



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TIMING

**What you give in health is gold.
What you give in sickness is silver.
What you give after death is lead.**
— *Jewish proverb*

SHARING

**It's easy to halve the
potato where there's
love.**
— *Irish saying*

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.
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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, **fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility** (*Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21*). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid. The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. *For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God*, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. *The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God*, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.
— Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
Lent**
MARCH 12, 2023

THIRST

There is thirst, as we feel when we need a glass of water, and then there is the sort of thirst about which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation started on the level of the sort of thirst that is quenched by a soothing drink. Yet, the conversation between Jesus and the woman quickly became about **a deeper sort of thirst, the yearning for spiritual nourishment**. The Israelites fussed about being thirsty, yet their thirst also had a spiritual dimension. Was the Lord with them or not, they wondered? On this Third Sunday of Lent, the elect participate in the first of three **scrutinies** as they prepare for the living waters of baptism. We share their thirst and open our hearts to the living water that Jesus offers, the water of life, hope, and peace.

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and pre-occupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that **only Christ can quench our thirst**.

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; **"hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"** (*Romans 5:5*).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (*Exodus 17:3-7*).

Psalm — Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (*Psalms 95*).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (*John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: *Third Sunday of Lent;*
Daylight Saving Time begins

Friday: St. Patrick; *Abstinence*

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation,
O Lord, be ever with us.



March 17



Ely Abiva
 Josie Agbayani
 Mary Arnold
 Trifon Asprer
 Elna Barreto
 Puri Basbas
 Mark Benavente
 Simon Dauz
 Erlinda Dayrit
 Enrique Dulay
 Trisha Dumlaog
 Marilen Espanto
 Rommel & Cora Felix
 Relli Sacro Geneza
 Sheila Gonzales
 Raul Holgado
 Felipe Jacildo
 Melissa Lacorte
 Paula H. Lucas
 Tutty Lyon
 Marides Macatbag
 Joaquin Manibusan
 Vic & Yolanda Mararac
 Jose Marasigan
 Dolly & Ofelia Marquez
 Proceso Marquez Jr.
 Lethy Martin
 Winnie Meadows
 Gary Monk
 Cassandra Monton
 Jeremias Morgado
 Marybelle Ocampo
 Dionicia Olarte
 Cleo Ordonez
 Mario Orlina
 Mindy Osborne
 Dolores Owens
 Marita Paule
 Francisco Perez
 Ariana Perryman
 Emma Puzon
 Gregoria Refuerzo
 Andrea Ysabel Reyes
 Ed Sablan
 Lizette Saenz
 Emma Santos-Moran
 Rita Struble
 Khadijah Tajrishi
 Cynthia Tarantino
 Maria Togonon
 Daisy & Steven Vida
 Clarita Villanueva
 Mona Lisa White-Cooksey

Please pray with our Lazarus Ministry for the recently deceased:

† **Marlene Hartman**
 † **Aurelia Lizardo**

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

March 18 & 19 - Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to the vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Did you know?.....From the Sister Thea Bowman Group

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity are the Patron Saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, and butchers. Their feast day is celebrated on March 7th. These two saints were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church. Perpetua documented the courage of both herself and Felicity. The account is known as “The Passion of St. Perpetua, St. Felicitas, and their Companions.” Her account was often read during liturgies. Perpetua and Felicity were faced several harsh challenges, and had their faith tested. One such test, was being imprisoned.

Prayer:

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, watch over all mothers and children who are separated from each other because of war or persecution. Show a special care to mothers who are imprisoned and guide them to follow your example of faith and courage. Amen.
 Source: Catholic online

Gospel Mass Celebration at St. Basil Church - 11:30am, every 2nd Sunday of the month.

HELP SAVES LIVES IN VALLEJO (February 22 to April 2)

YOU can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach.

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood
 303 Sacramento St., Vallejo.

Vigil Hours: 6:00am to 6:00pm **Monday - Friday**
Local Contact: Rosemary Mullane (707) 334-3837

40daysforlife.com/Vallejo

WELCOME



Rev. Fr. Dante “Dane” Lumabas, SSP

Fr. Dante Alcaras Lumabas, SSP, is a member of the congregation of Society of Saint Paul, engaged in proclaiming the Gospel through media of social communication. Ordained on November 19, 1995, Studied Theology at Loyola House School of Theology, Ateneo de Manila University, finished Accountancy before entering the seminary. Spent most of his priestly ministry as formator of seminarians. Present assignment is spiritual director, counselor and confessor of postulants, novices and temporary professed members of their congregation.



March 11, 2023

5:30pm

Rev. Fr. Sijo Chirayath, CMI (BD)
 Sarah Rogers (SI)
 Teresita Castro-Malana (+DA)
 Jaime & Benita Belen (+)
 Fulgencio & Rosalia Dulay (+)
 Tony Farne Jr. (+)
 Simeon & Dominga Andres (+)

March 12, 2023

7:30am

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Rev. Fr. Sijo Chirayath, CMI
 Elijah Viray (BD)
 Juanito Datiles (BD)
 Angie Kessler (TG)
 Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
 Helen Harrison (SI)
 Magdalena de Jesus (+BD)
 Hernando Imperial (+DA)
 Alma de Jesus (+)

11:30am

Rev. Fr. Sijo Chirayath, CMI
 George & Fu Chu Cheng (SI)
 Patricia Emily Rillera (+BD)
 Lucila Bonifacio Robles (+)
 Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

Monday, March 13 - 7:15am

Bernard & Gemma Yu (SI)
 April Cioni (SI)
 Marilou Cruz (SI)

Tuesday, March 14 - 7:15am

Conchita Rufo (TG)
 Leloni Leonard (SI)
 Ed & Socorro Bonifacio (SI)
 Melisa Tanghal (SI)

Wednesday, March 15 - 7:15am

Apolinario Palugod (SI)
 Maryann Bonifacio (SI)
 Lucille Mattheis (+)

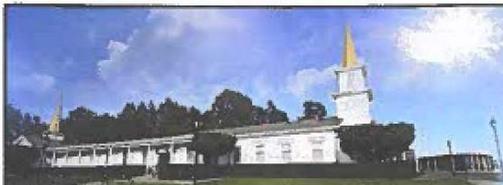
Thursday, March 16 - 7:15am

Mario Bonifacio (SI)
 Ronal Earl Viegelann (+)
 Dennis Adelman (+)
 Alan Crum (+)
 Chantelle Cooper (+)

Friday, March 17 - 7:15am

Orvin Patrick Visaya (SI)
 Amor Greenham (SI)
 Naoshi & Mikako Matsuyama (+)

Reflection on the 7 Last Words of Christ Every Friday @ 6:30PM March 10, 17, 24, 31 Stations of the Cross to follow.



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