

St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

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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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Monday to Friday
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July 20, 2025

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious
and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her."
- Lk 10:41-42

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Daily:

7:15 AM

Holy Days:

7:15 AM, 9:30 AM, 7:00 PM

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 - 8:00 pm

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

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish
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July 13, 2025

Average Expenses (weekly) \$15,700.00

Collection/Mail-in \$ 9,819.72

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

Thank You!

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

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

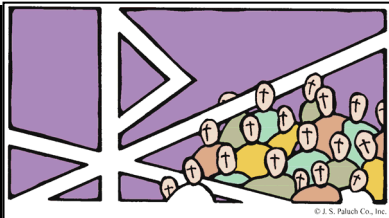
Pastoral Care for the Sick/

Homebound: Please call the Parish Office
to arrange for home and hospital visits.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching
everyone with all wisdom, that we may
present everyone perfect in Christ.
— *Colossians 1:28b*



MERCY..... Among the attributes of God, although
they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance
than justice.
—*Miguel de Cervantes*

PRAY DAILY Each Christian needs half an hour
of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we
need an hour.
—*St. Francis de Sales*

PRAYER AND SERVICE

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service
to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing
the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of
her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet,
should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to
make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha.
And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors"
seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in
his service to the Gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's
presence. *Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?*

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Summer is in full swing and tent camping is often a memory-making part
of it—sometimes just because of the difficulties of putting up the tent! In
today's first reading we see Abraham sitting at the entrance to his tent and
welcoming three unexpected strangers. By the end of the story God's
covenant with Abraham is renewed with the promise that Sarah will give
birth to a son. Psalm 15 answers the question, "Lord, who may abide in
your tent?" The answer leaves little doubt about what is required to live in
the presence of the Lord. In his letter to the Colossians Paul confirms that
"the mystery" that was hidden from past ages is now being revealed. The
Gospel account of Martha and Mary's ways of welcoming Jesus again
emphasizes the central truth that God's promise of salvation is real and
present—if only we would listen.

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART?

Is it possible to listen to the Gospel story about Mary and Martha without
immediately *"hearing between the lines"* as Martha mutters to herself,
"Why do I have to do all the work around here?" Or without always feel-
ing the sting of Jesus' gentle reprimand of Martha? Without slotting our
friends into either the "Martha" or "Mary" column? Without quickly
"translating" the story into a lesson about the value of listening over action?
Interestingly, Mary never says a word in this story. All of the dialogue is
between Jesus and Martha. The importance of first listening to Jesus is,
without a doubt, essential to discipleship. We need to be deeply rooted in
the Word of God if we want to spread the Good News and stand firm in
time of trial or temptation. Yet what does that mean when guests need to be
fed?

WHEN WORK BECOMES OUR PRAYER

We know that hospitality to strangers was a central value in the cultural
world of Jesus. Abraham's welcome of the three strangers at his tent was
expected protocol for the time. Sarah's meal-making for the unexpected
guests is blessed with welcome news of a son—and the keeping of God's
promise to Abraham. Immediately before the Mary and Martha story in the
Gospel of Luke is the story of the Good Samaritan. That parable is
un-wavering about the importance of action—of going out of our way for
others. In the Abraham and the Good Samaritan stories, action predomi-
nates. Yet in the next chapter of Luke when a woman in the crowd shouts
out, *"Blessed is the womb that carried you . . ."*, Jesus responds, *"Rather,
blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."* Hymnwriter
Herman Stuempfle expresses well the relationship between action and
contemplation when he writes that we thank the Lord both for quiet time
and for the Word that accompanies us in our work and helps make that
work a prayer.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to
messengers of the Lord (*Genesis 18:1-10a*).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the
Lord (*Psalm 15*).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations
past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for
glory (*Colossians 1:24-28*).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many
things. Mary has chosen the better part (*Luke 10:38-42*).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of
the Church

Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest

Friday: St. James, Apostle

Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-
28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

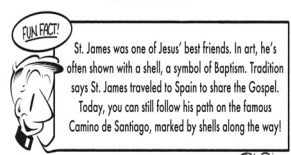
Show favor, O Lord, to your
servants and mercifully
increase the gifts of your
grace, that, made fervent in
hope, faith and charity, they
may be ever watchful in
keeping your commands.

Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

"What kinds of photos does St. James take?"



"Shell-fies!"





2025 Adult Confirmation (FALL)

Adult Confirmation Classes are those who have received their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist but not Confirmation.

The next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be **Saturday, November 15, 2025, 5:00 PM, at St. Mary Church, Vacaville.**

Sacrament preparation classes occur on **Sundays beginning September 7 to November 9, from 2:00PM - 3:30PM**, St. Lucia Rm, St. Basil Parish Center, 1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo.

To participate the adult candidate must:

- 1) be an adult baptized Catholic - who has received both First Reconciliation (First Confession), First Eucharist (First Communion) Sacraments,
- 2) be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church,
- 3) have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate certified within the past 6 months, and
- 4) have a Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.

A final schedule and orientation will be provided at the first class.

For more information, please submit your inquiry at: <http://www.stbasilvallejo.org/adult-confirmation> or reach out to our **Religious Education Office** at **707 644-8309** or [at stbasilvallejoreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilvallejoreg@gmail.com).

Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Ely Abiva, Puri Basbas, Estela Biddle, Simon Dauz, Erlinda Dayrit, Trisha Dumlaio, Melissa Lacorte, Yolanda Mararac, Ofelia & Proceso Marquez Jr., Lethy Martin, Peter S., GaR, Winnie Meadows, Marybelle Ocampo, Dionicia Olarte, Mario Orlina, Roderick Holgado, Lolita Prepena, Emma Puzon, Gregoria Refuerzo, Ed Sablan, Emma Santos-Moran, Maria G. Togonon, Daisy Vida, Mona Lisa White-Cooksey, Elizabeth Ty Lorenzo, Laura Huab, Trini Moises, Ashley Baker, Martin Yee, Colleen Sanchez, Mary Florendo, Alice Lopez, Julie Ludovico, Joaquin Manibusan, Cheryl Fajardo, Sister Lita Perez, Ricardo, Sr & Joseph Quilatan, Myrna Magat, Frank Lara Teresa Magno
(names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows)

2025 Missionary Cooperative Appeal - July 19 - 20, 2025



The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which seeks to foster an ever-deeper spirit of universal mission, to inform

Catholics of the life and the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions, and to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches. This annual appeal is one that helps unite the Diocese of Sacramento with the Universal Church and to emanate mission awareness among the people of the Diocese of Sacramento. This year we will have **Rev. Dr. Anto C.P.**, a priest serving in the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, India.

Thank you for your generosity.



Youth on A Mission, or YOAM (pronounced YOME), is a Catholic leadership training for high school youth leaders. It is an investment in the young Church of today for the Church of tomorrow. YOAM is not a retreat, but a leadership formation for youth leaders who are ready for the next step in their development as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Join the SACRAMENTAL LIFE of the Catholic Church

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?

Do you know someone who has questions about getting **BAPTIZED** and joining the Church?

Are you already baptized and want to receive your **FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION?**

Are you planning **MARRIAGE** in the Church and need to complete your sacraments?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which adults can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. It is a journey which leads many to full membership in our Church.

OCIA inquiry sessions will be starting soon. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (707) 644 -5251

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**July 19, 2025
5:30pm**

Gene Padre (BD)
Ernst Purisima (SI)
Vidal Geronimo (40th Day)
Salud A. Vargas (+DA)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

**July 20, 2025
7:30am**

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
Vicky de Vera (SI)
Teresa Magno (SI)
Paul Malana (SI)
Dionisia Frias(+40th Day)
Benita Ionin (+)
Aurora Cifra Recto (+)

11:30am

Timo Kurppa (+)
Anselmo & Belen Apayor (+)
Loretta Guarina (+)
Rodolfo Corpuz (+)
Augusto Atienza (+)
Gualberto Gabriel (+)
Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

Monday, July 21 - 7:15am

Aurora Cifra Recto (+40th Day)
Abiodun Obanla Oyediji (+)
Mr. & Mrs. Chung-Man Chiang (+)

Tuesday, July 22 - 7:15am

Magda Gatchalian (BD)
Elizabeth Santos (TG)
Teresa Chan (+)

Wednesday, July 23 - 7:15am

Bella Go (+BD)
Loreto Barangan (+)
Rogelio, Maria L., Raul Togonon (+)
K.C. Chu (+)
Lau Kit Ping (+)

Thursday, July 24 - 7:15am

Uldine Tatum (+DA)
Francisco Castro (+DA)
Wei-San & Li-Chuen Cheng (+)
Man-on & So-ngor Cheng (+)
Larry Banagan (+)

Friday, July 25 - 7:15am

Xavier Sanchez (SI)
Mary Cheng (+)

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† Jose Araulo † Aurora Marchino
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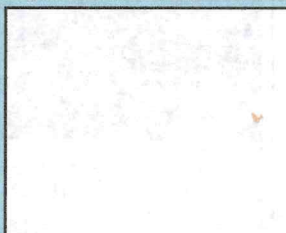
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