

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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September 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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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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Weekly Collections - September 7, 2025

Average Expense (weekly).....	\$15,700.00
Collection/Mail-in	\$11,488.54
Deficit	\$ 4,211.46
Building Fund	\$ 4,338.76

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.

REJOICE,
I HAVE FOUND
MY LOST SHEEP



Exaltation of the Cross
September 14, 2025

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (*Nm 21:7*)

Psalm — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (*Ps 78*)

Second Reading — He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (*Phil 2:8*)

Gospel — For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (*Jn 3:16*)

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness — rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "*death therapy*" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— **Father John Muir**

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC –
BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make a decision to be tough, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness is for wimps, because the cross isn't negotiable.

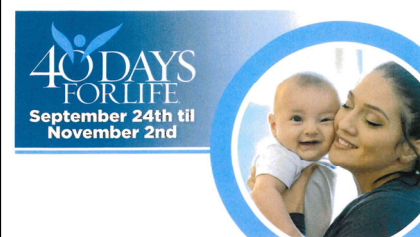
When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

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September 21, 2025
9:30AM Mass

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REMINDER:
RE Classes 2025 - 2026
begins: Sunday: September 28, 2025

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

September 13, 2025

5:30pm

Brandon Farné (BD)
Bernardita Belen Suico & Family (TG)
Susan O'Brien (SI)
Emilio Claudio (+DA)
Dennis Potoczny (+DA)
Frank Frank (+)
Domingo, Sr. & Visitacion Alvarez (+)
Rudy & Feliza Pitallano (+)
Manuel & Ana Buenviaje (+)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

September 14, 2025

7:30am

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Roberto Togonon (BD)
Annie Samaniego (TG)
Cheryl Fajardo (SI)
Nancy Kwong (SI)
Maria Quimpo (SI)
Rosalinda Ofina (+DA)
Norman de Guzman (+BD)
Ramon Aranda (+)
Frank Beltran (+)
Lenny Espiritu (+)

11:30am

Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
Hernan Robinson (SI)
Joselito deLumen (+DA)
Henrietta Reyes (+)
Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

Monday, September 15 - 7:15am

Dale de Guzman (BD)
Tom & Gloria Chan (SI)
Ann Heu (SI)
Esperidion Laxa (+DA)
Leonardo Dulay (+DA)
Francisco Sunga (+)
Rosalía & Fulgencio Dulay (+)
Ruth Geronimo (+)

Tuesday, September 16 - 7:15am

Justine Santos (BD)
Maria & Ryan Astor (SI)
Kevin Alexander Zamboanga (+)

Wednesday, September 17 - 7:15am

Jordan Gatchalian (BD)
Trisha Dumlaio (BD)
Teresita Zabalerio (1st DA)
Crescencio Ilagan (+BD)
Rosario Marasigan (+BD)
Fely Sabaras (+)
Sau-ling Mok (+)
Tirso, Francisca & Susana Ubungen (+)
Dennis Cuaño (+)

Thursday, September 18 - 7:15am

Gil & Karen Gatchalian (TG)
Josefina V. Belen (TG)
Yokiko Matsuyama (+)
Al & Jan Crum (+)
Pio Cajugurian (+)

Friday, September 19 - 7:15am

Adelina Diaz (106th BD)
Norma Favila (+DA)
Marla Victorio (+DA)
Theresa Chan (+)
Fred Kerstad (+)



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Father James Augustine Healy, born on April 6th, 1830, is recognized as the first African American to be ordained and later a Bishop in the United States. He was born in Slavery of mixed race, and raised as White. He identified as White his entire life. His mother was a slave, and his father was a plantation owner in Georgia. Healy was educated in the North, and ordained in 1854, in Paris. He served as the Bishop in Maine from 1875 until his death August 5th, 1900.

reference: Massachusetts Historical Society and the African American Registry)

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, Mario Orlina, Lolita Prepena, Emma Puzon, Gregoria Refuerzo, Ed Sablan, Emma Santos-Moran, Maria G. Togonon, Daisy Vida, Mona Lisa White-Cooksey, Laura Huab, Eliza Perez, Maria Luisa Cortez, Martin Yee, Colleen Sanchez, Sharon Alejandro, Ben Palermo, Mina Johnson, Mary Florendo, Alice Lopez, Julie Ludovico, Joaquin Manibusan, Cheryl Fajardo, Sister Lita Perez, Ricardo, Sr., Perpetua & Joseph Quilatan, Myrna Magat, Frank Lara, Teresa Magno, Lourdes Martinez, Wenceslao Puzon, Rodrigo & Dionicia Olarte
(names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows)

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† **Aquilino Basa** † **Clarita German**

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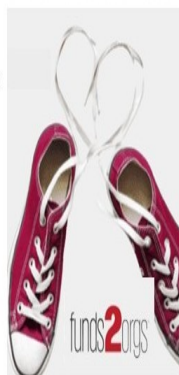
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Guadalupeana Association of St. Basil Church

Donate gently worn, used or new shoes, tennis shoes, sandals, boots or work shoes of any style or size.

Drop off at St Basil Church before or after Mass on Sundays, September 7th and 14th between 7:30AM and 1:00PM. Look for the canopy.

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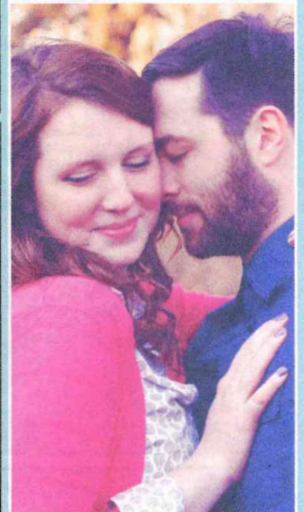
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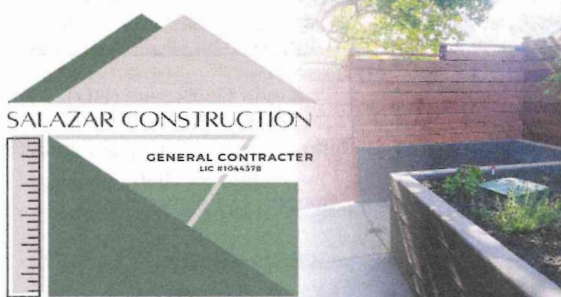
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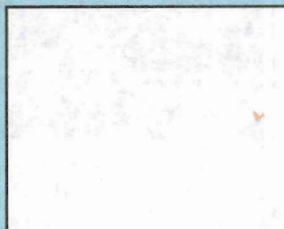
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