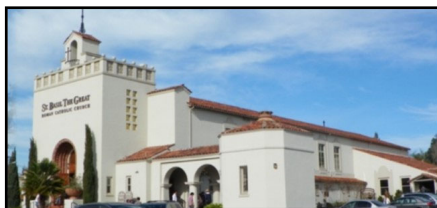


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Mission Statement

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 21, 2025

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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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.

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.

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Average Expense (weekly).....	\$15,700.00
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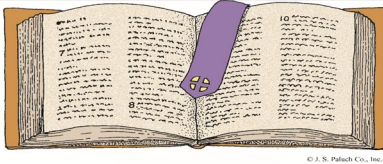
Weekly envelopes to the church can be mailed or dropped off in the mail slot at the Parish Center.
Thank You!
Your ongoing support is essential in helping us meet the many needs of our parish and community.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025**

God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— *1 Timothy 2:4*



RIPPLES

There is a ripple effect in all we do.
What you do touches me;
what I do touches you.

—*Anonymous*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (*Amos 8:4-7*).

Psalms — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (*Psalms 113*).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (*1 Timothy 2:1-8*).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (*Luke 16:1-13/10-13*)

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PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "*no servant can serve two masters*." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in OT;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: National Migration Week

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me). But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain.
We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we listen to the scriptures at liturgy, there is kind of an unspoken idea that we will hear something amazing and uplifting, that will stir our hearts into flame and make us better Catholics, better Christians, better people, as we carry the Living Word of God out in our lives. So how surprising is it when we get a day like today, when so much seems to run counter to our expectations? Amos warns us about cheating and taking away someone's rights. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explains we must pray for everyone, no matter what we think of them, even if they are in a place of power and authority. And Jesus' praise of the "*children of this world*" in today's Gospel passage is really disconcerting!

JUSTICE FOR ALL

When we grasp a better understanding of Amos, it really is a mirror of the Gospel message that we must be good stewards and offer kindness and justice to all. Remember that Jesus is in the midst of speaking through a series of parables. (We left off with the Prodigal Son last week.) When he is speaking of the steward, he is not telling us to get into money laundering or get-rich-quick schemes or engage in multi-level marketing. Rather, we can infer that we are to use our goods and our skills wisely and for the betterment of everyone. In the parable the steward is praised for his quick thinking and for finding a way to resolve the situation. The parable ends with Jesus telling us "*You cannot serve God and mammon*" and you must make a choice.

EVERYTHING IS A CHOICE

The Gospel parable tells us what the steward did one time to get out of a bind. But we are called to make the right choice, the best choice over and over. Sometimes it is hard. You may not be choosing between good and evil, but sometimes even have to choose between two goods. We frequently have to make choices like, "*Do I spend this extra time at work to get that promotion? Do I bring the work home with me? Or am I able to leave it there and be with my family when I am done?*" Parents often have to look at their savings account before they determine which activities they can afford for their children to participate in. Music and sports and the arts are wonderful, but all require special equipment and time. But making a sacrifice on everybody's part might reap great rewards. Sometimes, though, the choice is made to just get food on the table, or to clothe the family. We learn to make the choices that are best for ourselves and are decisions we can live with. We learn to discern what is best for those we love.

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September 24th till
November 2nd



**September 21, 2025
9:30AM Mass**

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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

**September 20, 2025
5:30pm**

Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
Nor David Laturgo (TG)
Felicitas Padre (+DA)
Naoshi & Mikako Matsuyama (+)
Tony Farne, Sr. (+)
Simeon & Dominga Andres (+)
Romana Lirio (+)
Eliseo Avecilla (+)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

**September 21, 2025
7:30am**

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Cheryl Fajardo (SI)
Teodora Parpan (+DA)
Alma de Jesus (+DA)
Erlinda Mercado Gunn (+DA)
Dolores Lacorte (+DA)
Norman de Guzman (+)

11:30am

Joel Nodado (+DA)
Lau Kit Ping (+)
Alberto Chua (+)
Pacita Canones (+)
Eliseo Avecilla (+)
Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

Monday, September 22 - 7:15am

Gizela Aguillon (BD)
Emily Aguilar (SI)
Joel Nodado (+DA)
Elvira Laosantos (+BD)
Timo Kurppa (+)
Chantelle Cooper (+)
Eliseo Avecilla (+)

Tuesday, September 23 - 7:15am

Meryl Quimpo (BD)
Maria & Ryan Astor (80th BD/TG)
Loreto Barangan (+)
Leung Pak Chung (+)
Eliseo Avecilla (+)

Wednesday, September 24 - 7:15am

Xaria Cerame (BD)
Winston Shen (+)
Paul Manibusan (+)
Eliseo Avecilla (+)

Thursday, September 25 - 7:15am

Reynaldo B. Buna (BD)
Daryl Bañez (BD)
Imelda Ilagan (BD)
Xavier Sanchez (SI)
Mary Cheng (+)

Friday, September 26 - 7:15am

William King (BD)
Newton King, Jr. (BD)
Alta Farne (BD/TG)
Beltran Family (SI)
Daniel, Sr & Mercedes Galvez (+)

Born to Life Born to Eternal Life!

† Fedelina Sullivan
"May they rest in Peace"

Volunteers Needed!



could use your help to prioritize and coordinate the repairs and maintenance work that we plan over the coming months.

Next is the Fund Raising Committee. We are looking for folks who have experience with fund raising, to help us finance some of the upcoming projects, and to make our environment more pleasant and welcoming.

If you feel the call to help St. Basil's on either the Building Committee or the Fund Raising Committee, please contact the Parish Office by phone, or by email to volunteer or request additional information. Contact info can be found on our website, <http://www.stbasilvallejo.org>

St. Basil's needs you!

Are you looking for a way to help our Parish while creating new connections with your St. Basil's brothers and sisters? We are looking for volunteers for two new committees.

First is our Building Committee. If you have experience in construction, design, the trades, or project management, we

**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,
Nor David Laturgo

*(names will be listed approximately
3 months as space allows)*

WE WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR ST. BASIL'S FAITH COMMUNITY

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us!
If you are not yet registered, please fill out the form
below and place it in the offering basket or mail it to

**Saint Basil Parish Center
1225 Tuolumne Street,
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Upon receipt of this form we will mail you the parish
registration form to complete and return. Thank you!

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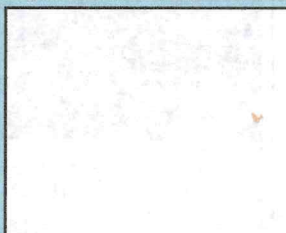
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