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

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October 19, 2025

# 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday:

8:30 AM 5:30 PM - Vigil

#### Sunday:

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

### Daily:

7:15 ÅM

### **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 Grow our Gifts...Share *Your* Blessings Weekly Collections - October 12, 2025

Average Expense (weekly).....\$15,700.00 Collection/Mail-in.....\$10,926.76 Deficit.....\$4,773.24

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.







#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2



#### **HAPPY ARE THEY**

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

—Anonymous

#### NO PEW POTATOES

Catholicism is not a spectator sport.

—Anonymous

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (*Exodus 17:8-13*). Psalm - Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (*Psalm 121*).

Second Reading - Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel - God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in OT
World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### **Serving Others**

#### Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

#### Answer.

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

#### PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the Lord's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the Lord's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

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### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all get weary sometimes. So often we face frustration, discouragement, and temptation to despair over what we can't change in our lives, or in the world. Today's readings give us resources to persist in sustaining hope and trusting in God. The reading from Exodus shows us that when our arms get weary, we are not alone, that God provides us companions to sustain us. The letter to Timothy reminds us that we are rooted in scripture, the story of God's past actions and promises for the future. The Gospel passage from Luke gives us the image of a persistent widow, who has a passion in her heart to sustain her relentless efforts to secure justice. This passion, this faith and hope, are God's gifts. But they require ongoing practices of prayer to stay alive and growing. Let us encourage each other in prayer when our arms get weary.

#### GOD'S PERSISTENCE

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

#### A DEEP BREATH

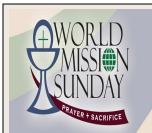
In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that "all scripture is inspired." The Greek word translated as "inspired" literally means "God-breathed." That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as "God-breathed," as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

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Parishes in the Diocese of Sacramento will take up the annual World Mission Sunday collection during liturgies the weekend of Oct. 18 - 19.

Pope Leo invites the entire Church to support

mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in this collection for the Society of the propagation of the faith.





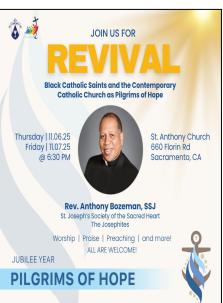
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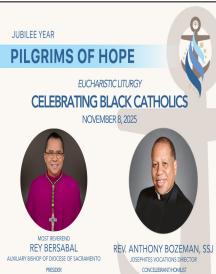
Let us build faith through love in our marriages. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov. 7-9 in Woodland, Nov. 14-16 in Danville, March 6-8, 2026 in Danville.

Go to https://wwme.org/ to apply for the Experience that works for you!

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

Ely Abiva, Simon Dauz, Erlinda Dayrit, Trisha Dumlao, Yolanda Mararac, Ofelia & Proceso Marquez Jr., Lethy Martin, Peter S., GaR, Winnie Meadows, Marybelle Ocampo, Mario Orlina, Ed Sablan, Maria G. Togonon, Daisy Vida, Eliza Perez, Mary Florendo, Alice Lopez, Cheryl Fajardo, Sister Lita Perez, Ricardo, Sr., Perpetua & Joseph Quilatan, Maria Luisa Cortez, Myrna Magat, Teresa Magno, Lourdes Martinez, Wenceslao Puzon, Rodrigo & Dionicia Olarte, Nor David Laturga, Cesar Lacorte, Jr. (names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows)







5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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We kindly ask all registered parishioners to update their family registration information at their earliest convenience. Keeping accurate records helps us serve our community better and ensures you receive important parish communications.

> **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** for the Sick & Homebound

**TRAINING** Oct. 25 @ 10am - Fr. Garrigan Room



#### October 18, 2025 8:30am -

Nieves de Jesus (+) Stephen Grajera (+) Howard Felix (+) Roberto Quimpo (+)

#### 5:30pm

Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG) Teresa Chan (+) Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

### October 19, 2025

7:30am Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

#### 9:30am

Manny & Cora Ojascastro (TG) Pilar Dumlao (TG) Cheryl Fajardo (SI) Dolores Lacorte (+) Nieves de Jesus (+) Chantelle Cooper (+) Amado Castro (+) Manuel & Fe Ochoa Baybay (+)

11:30am Raechelle Faga (BD) Amado Castro (+) Pacita Canones (+) Felix Roxas (+) Ung & Mabel Lee (+) Stephen Grajera (+) Enrique & Fidela Gonzales (+) Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

#### Monday, October 20 - 7:15am

Ria Basbas-elson (BD) Beltran Family (TG) Timo Kurppa (+) Winston Shen (+) Katherine Steffens (+) Stephen Grajera (+)

#### Tuesday, October 21 - 7:15am

Bill & Sharon Jeong (+) Stephen Grajera (+)

Wednesday, October 22 - 7:15am Kenny & Daniel Keep (BD) Maria Fontamillas (BD) Paul Floresca (BD) Su-jan & Zen Chou Han (+) Lucille Mattheis (+)

#### Thursday, October 23 - 7:15am

Eliseo Avecilla (+40th Day) Loreto Barangan (+) Nick & Rosita Villamil (+) Mercedes & Daniel Galvez, Sr. (+) Robert & Lucy Cheng (+)

#### Friday, October 24 - 7:15am

J'dharra Rodas (BD) Ramon Aguilar (+BD) Mr & Mrs Chiang Chung Man (+)

Born to Life .... Born to Eternal Life!

- † Donald Paul Borges
  - † Roberto Bosich
- † Kathleen Garduce-Manuta
  - † Robert Rolitz Agustin
  - † Roberto Rene Yngson
  - "May they rest in Peace"



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