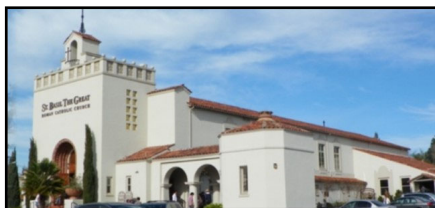


# St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

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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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Pastor

**Rev. Edgar Lozano-Cuevas**  
Parochial Vicar

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## Parish Office Hours

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

## Religious Education/Youth Ministry

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October 26, 2025

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

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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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 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**  
**Grow our Gifts...Share Your Blessings**  
**Weekly Collections - October 19, 2025**

Average Expense (weekly)..... \$15,700.00  
Collection/Mail-in ..... \$ 9,207.50  
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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/

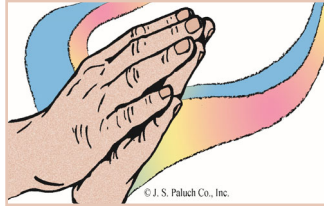
**Homebound:** Please call the Parish Office  
to arrange for home and hospital visits.



**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 26, 2025**

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

—Sirach 35:17-18a



**HAPPY ARE THEY**

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

—Anonymous

**NEVER ABANDONED**

Lord, I do not ask that I never be  
afflicted, but only that you  
never abandon me in affliction.

—St. Bernadette Soubirous

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - The Lord is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*).

**Psalm** - The Lord hears the cry of the poor (*Psalms 34*).

**Second Reading** - The crown of righteousness awaits me (*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*).

**Gospel** - The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (*Luke 18:9-14*).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

**Friday:** All Hallow's Eve

**Saturday:** All Saints

**Next Sunday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (*All Souls' Day*); Daylight Saving Time Ends

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

**Why Kneel?**

**Question:**

Why do we kneel at Mass?

**Answer:**

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

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**If you are interested in volunteering,**

Please call the Parish office for more information. We hope that you will get involved and help us promote the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ through one or more of our ministries.



**MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD**

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "*knows no favorites*" (*Sirach 35:15*) and is "*not unduly partial toward the weak*" (*35:16*), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "*The Lord hears the cry of the poor*" (*see Psalm 34:18*). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In these waning weeks of the liturgical year, *our readings present us with God's vision for the world, in which the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and the humble are exalted in God's sight*. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, to stand for justice, share love, and bring peace when there is so much division, poverty, loneliness, and pain in our homes, workplaces, cities, and world. We do not stand alone, however. We who are disciples and servants are assured that the Lord will hear our petitions, stand by us, and give us strength as we strive to bear witness to the good news of salvation.

**THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR**

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

**DO WE?**

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, *let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond*.

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**Adoration of the  
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Fridays  
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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**October 25, 2025**  
**8:30am -**  
Stephen Grajera (+)  
Emilie F. Rivera (+)  
Roberto Quimpo (+)

**5:30pm**  
Steve Desrosiers (BD)  
Xavier Sanchez (SI)  
Anita Sarmiento (+40th Day)  
Mary Cheng (+)  
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

**October 26, 2025**  
**7:30am**  
Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

**9:30am**  
Rhoda Tablit (BD)  
Cheryl Fajardo (SI)  
Daisy Dacullo (+BD)  
Adoracion Floresca (+1stDA)  
Romeo Ulbata (+)  
Winifredo Regis (+)  
Illuminada Baldonado (+)  
Ei-San & Li-Chuen Cheng (+)

## Saint Basil The Great Roman Catholic Church presents

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## Singing Priests of Tagbilaran



The Singing Priests of Tagbilaran are a group of Catholic priests from Bohol, Philippines, known for their singing performances that blend evangelization with entertainment. All are welcome to attend this fundraising concert.

**Date: Sunday, November 23, 2025**  
**Time: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM**  
**Location: St. Basil's Parish Church (1200 Tuolumne St. Vallejo CA 94590)**


**General admission: \$40**  
**VIP admission: \$100** (ticket includes meet and greet with the priests)

Tickets are available for purchase after each mass starting: October 18 through November 16.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be utilized for the maintenance and operations of our parish church. Thank you for your support!

For further information, please contact the Parish office at (707) 644-5251

The St. Basil Parish Community congratulates the family of the children who were recently baptized in our parish:



**River Andrew Avalos Lowry**  
**Talia-Victoria Valdez**  
**Harley -Grace Valdez**  
**Chevelle Reyna Vierra**

We pray, that as members of Christ's body, you may always walk as children of the Light of Christ.

*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)*

## Sunday

**November 1 - 2, 2025**

## 2nd Collections

**October 25 - 26, 2025**

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**Monday, October 27 - 7:15am**  
Norma B. Buna (BD)  
Simon Dauz (80thBD)  
Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)  
Violeta Tablit (TG)  
Celedonio Quines (+)  
Katherine Steffens (+)  
Anna Yvette Larin (+)  
Naoshi & Mikako Matsuyama (+)

**Tuesday, October 28 - 7:15am**  
Paul Togonon (BD)  
Gaudiosa & Mariano Mempin, Sr (+BD)  
Cion & Perto Visaya (+)  
Azad & Audacio Ochoa, Jr. (+)  
K.C. Chu (+)  
Lau Kit Ping (+)  
Celedonio Quines (+)

**Wednesday, October 29 - 7:15am**  
Phyllis Cecchetini (+)  
Paul & Paula Hanson (+)  
Celedonio Quines (+)

**Thursday, October 30 - 7:15am**  
Emma McCarthy (BD)  
Christy Dimayuga (BD)  
Cathrine Tufaga (BD)  
Dennis Samson (+DA)  
Katherine Steffens (+)  
Rolando Bruce (+)  
Leung Pak Chung (+)  
Celedonio Quines (+DA)  
Enrique & Fidela Gonzales (+)

**Friday, October 31 - 7:15am**  
Gina Desrosiers (BD)  
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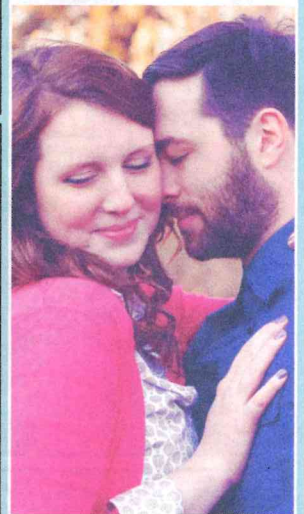
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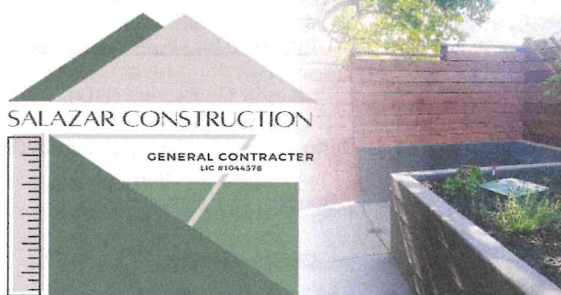
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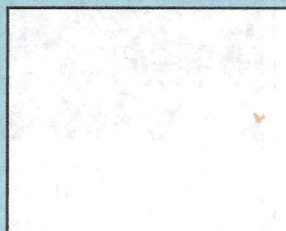
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