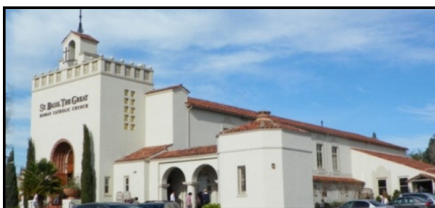


# St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

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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.

## Rev. Jovito D. Rata

Pastor

## Rev. Edgar Lozano-Cuevas

Parochial Vicar

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## Music Ministry

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday

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

## Religious Education/Youth Ministry

(707) 644-8309

1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

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## Sacrament of Anointing:

(Emergency calls only):

(707) 567-9500



## 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.

## 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.

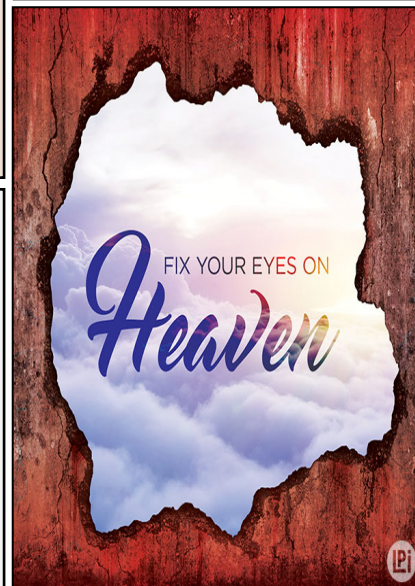
### Pastoral Care for the Sick/

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

**Stewardship at St. Basil Parish**  
**Grow our Gifts...Share Your Blessings**  
**Weekly Collections - November 9, 2025**

Average Expense (weekly).....	\$15,700.00
Collection/Mail-in .....	\$10,405.72
Deficit .....	\$ 5,294.28
All Souls .....	\$ 925.00

**Weekly envelopes to the church can be mailed or  
dropped off in the mail slot at the  
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**Thank You!**  
**Your ongoing support is essential in helping us  
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and community.**



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 16, 2025**

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
— *Psalm 98:5*



**SELF-PORTRAIT**

Every job is a self-portrait of the person  
who did it. Autograph your work with  
quality.

—*Anonymous*

**THE END OF DAYS**

As we prepare for next Sunday's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we hear descriptions of dire and catastrophic events. Sometimes it seems as though we ourselves are living in the end times, when life as we currently know it will cease for everyone. In answer to what must have been a fearful question, Jesus does not sugarcoat his foretelling of future days. Nor does the Old Testament prophet Malachi flinch from his pronouncements upon an evil world. Saint Paul, still writing to the Thessalonians, warns them prophetically against succumbing to "*The End Is Near*" syndrome—indolence in the face of the final days. However, both Jesus and Malachi speak of the recompense for living a just life—healing and vindication. *Our Psalm 98, typically associated with Christmastime, helps us to rejoice for the King who is coming to rule with justice.*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** - There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (*Malachi 3:19-20a*).

**Psalm** - The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (*Psalm 98*).

**Second Reading** - Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*).

**Gospel** - Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (*Luke 21:5-19*).

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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It is easy to go through life non-reflectively, living the routines of our days and weeks without giving much thought to the larger questions of meaning, purpose, and calling. We may know we need to change but put it off, thinking we'll love, serve, and care more in the future. We may face trial personally and be weary of trying to live as we know we should. We witness discord, violence, and division and it may feel that it is the end of the world. *Today's readings urge us to put laziness, fear, or distraction aside and get about the work of discipleship with the assurance that the Lord will provide what we need as we do so.*

**THE SUN OF JUSTICE WILL ARISE**

It may seem as though Jesus is talking directly to us in today's Gospel. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels particularly appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view—the truly long view of eternity—as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

**NOT A HAIR ON YOUR HEAD WILL BE  
DESTROYED. PERSEVERE**

The message of the Gospel is not abstract, nor are we distant hearers of its message. We face choices every day about how we will live, what we will or won't do, how seriously we will take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. At times, the choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa night after night, or choose to spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God and be part of our faith community, or drag ourselves there, grumbling every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices such as these are of consequence of course, not only because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the cumulative weight of the choices we make. We may be called upon to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

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

***Calling Priests Father***

**Question:**

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

**Answer:**

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (*Luke 16:19-31*) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (*Luke 15:11-32*). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 *Corinthians* 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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This week our parish will take up the **Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)**. The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments — and the re-affirming Word of Christ—to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers and civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders.

Next week - November 22 / 23, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd). To donate online: <https://www.scd.org/cchd>

The **St. Basil's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will again sponsor the **Christmas Giving Tree**. The Giving Tree will be set up inside the Church on Saturday, November 29th. There will be ornaments on the Tree requesting gifts for children. Each ornament will indicate the age and gender of the child. It may include clothing sizes and possible toys. The requested items are only suggestions. *It is not necessary to buy everything that is listed on the ornament.* Please take an ornament and return the gift for the child with the ornament attached to the outside of the wrapped gift. If possible, include a gift receipt inside the package. The Giving Tree will also have ornaments requesting Bone-in Hams. The hams will be included in food baskets delivered to families for Christmas. The gifts and hams **must be returned by December 14th**.

Parishioners, you may wish to **"adopt"** a family this year. If you **"adopt"** a family, you will provide gifts for all of the children in the family. You determine the number of children you would like to "adopt". If you wish to "adopt" a family, please call **Anna Johnson at 707-373-9803** by November 26th. Please leave your name, phone number, and the size of family you would like to "adopt". You will be contacted with the information and ornaments.

**SVdP** thanks all of the parishioners for your continued generosity in helping to assist the less fortunate in our community.



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**

**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. Princess Asinas

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

**November 16, 2025**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings - Year C**

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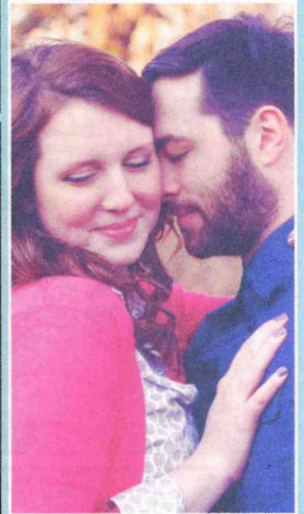
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