# 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 Center** - (707) 644-5251 Fax - (707) 644-1423

#### **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 Sunday - Thursday 8:30AM - 5:30PM Raquel Avitia ~ Coordinator stbasilvallejore@gmail.com

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**St. Basil School - (707) 642-7629** 1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

**Gretchen Del Rosario** ~ Principal

#### St. Basil Preschool - (707) 642-5966

1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 **Lisa Butler** ~ Director Sbs.preschool@gmail.com

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.

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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.





#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

— Psalm 98:5

#### LOVE BEHIND THE DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds;
God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

#### THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him?

Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even *Psalm 122* seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, *Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!* 

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#### Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We conclude the liturgical year today with the Solemnity of Christ the King. On the surface, we might wonder what this has to do with our lives. Why does it matter that Christ is King? Do we need a king? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we do need someone to follow, a king who will rule our hearts, minds, and lives with goodness. Left to our own devices, following our own tendencies, we are bound to fall short of God's great call to grow and live in holiness. Christ will shepherd us, not from a position of power or authority, although both are his as well, but rather from the throne of the cross, the throne of humility, compassion, and peace.

#### JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

Part of the challenge of living as a child of God is not being able to see God, to know what God is like. Believing in God requires faith, the willingness to enter into a mystery that is timeless and yet timely—as true today as it has been throughout the ages. Placing our faith in Jesus does not require us to put rational thought behind. Rather, in Jesus, we see God, the creator of all that is, including our intellect, the ability to understand our experience, and more. Jesus makes God visible, he is the image of the invisible God, the sign of God's determination that we not be separated from God, the one who shows us creation's ultimate purpose. When we wonder what God is like, what God desires, or how God acts, we need only look to Christ, who pours out his life in God's compassionate love.

#### JESUS, REMEMBER ME

The repentant thief in today's Gospel gives us a lasting image of Christ's undying love and forgiveness. As Jesus is dying on the cross, the thief declares his belief in Jesus, the King. Jesus recognizes his faith and makes his own declaration: "today you will be with me in Paradise." As we come to the end of the liturgical year and prepare to enter into Advent, it is good for us to ask ourselves if we, too, are ready to declare our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the image of the unseen God, the one who was and is and is to come. As we reaffirm our faith, let us place our hearts, minds, and lives in the hands of the King who reigns now and will reign into eternity.

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - David is anointed king of Israel *(2 Samuel 5:1-3)*.

**Psalm** - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord *(Psalm 122)*.

**Second Reading** - The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son *(Colossians 1:12-20)*.

**Gospel** - The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise *(Luke 23:35-43)*.

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs

**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day **Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

#### Jesse Tree, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

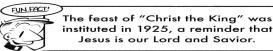
In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story—the redemption of man—through the telling of many smaller stories—the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible. ©LPi

#### "What is a dentist's favorite hymn?"



"Crown Him with many crowns!"





## Mass Intentions for the month of November will be offered for **ALL SOULS**

#### St. Vincent de Paul Collection: November 29 and 30

Your donation enables this ministry to continue to care for those in need in our community. Thank you for all your generous help.

Help St. Vincent de Paul

during the Christmas Season!

#### Catholic Campaign for Human Development **Special Collection - November 22 and 23**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

#### **SVdP Christmas Giving Tree**

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 a gift for each child in the family. If you wish to "adopt" a family, please call Anna Johnson at (707) 373-9803 by November 24th. Please leave your name, phone number, and the size 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 Guadalupana Association

Invites you to join us in our annual celebration and Mass for Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

The Mass, in Spanish, is scheduled for 11:30AM on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, here at St Basil Church.

Fr. Edgar and Fr. Jovito will officiate.

- ♦ Mariachi Los Rancheros
- ♦ Children's procession of roses
- ♦ Light Refreshments will be served

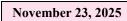




Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services is honored to join this vibrant community this weekend to share their ministry of hope with

We plan for so many things in life, yet too often we don't talk about end of life care planning. Please join for a brief presentation after

mass in the Fr. Garrigan Rm., they will talk about the Catholic Funeral Rites, their ministry, and how you can give the gift of peace through planning ahead, they will also have a Q & A following the presentation to answer any questions you may have.



Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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)



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