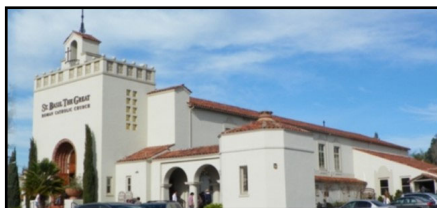


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## Mission Statement

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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Ron Salmeron - Facility Maintenance

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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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(707) 567-9500

# YOU ALSO MUST BE PREPARED.

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November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

## 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.

# ARE YOU READY?



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## Stewardship at St. Basil Parish

Grow our Gifts...Share Your Blessings

Weekly Collections - November 23, 2025

Average Expense (weekly)..... \$15,700.00

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SPOT Fundraisers ..... \$25,400.00

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.

### First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
The Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



### FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD (*Isaiah 2:1-5*).

**Psalm** - We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (*Psalms 122*).

**Second Reading** — You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (*Romans 13:11-14*).

**Gospel** — "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (*Matthew 24:37-44*).

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### PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (*Isaiah 2:4*). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (*Romans 13:12*) or the coming of the Son of Man (*Matthew 24:39*). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent

**Wednesday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest

**Thursday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The long-standing tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: *his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now*. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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

#### Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

**Question:** When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

**Answer:** Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (*see Psalm 147:3*). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

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### November 29-30 2025



Take time to thank God for the gift of your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience on March 4-6, 2026 in

Danville, April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV or May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista.

Go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) to find the Experience that is just right for you!



**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!**

**SVdP Christmas Giving Tree**

This weekend, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has placed the Giving Tree at the front of the Church. The Tree is decorated with ornaments requesting gifts for children. Each ornament indicates 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 (s) for the child with the ornament attached to the outside of the wrapped gift and place them under the Giving Tree. If possible, include a gift receipt. There are also ornaments for bone in hams. The wrapped gifts for children and the unwrapped hams must be returned no later than Sunday, December 14th.



SVdP thanks all of the parishioners for your continued generosity and support.

**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



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

Ely Abiva, Simon Daut, Erlinda Dayrit, Trisha Dumlaio, Yolanda Marac, 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, Vilma Macalalad, Melissa Lacorte  
(names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows)

**Sunday**

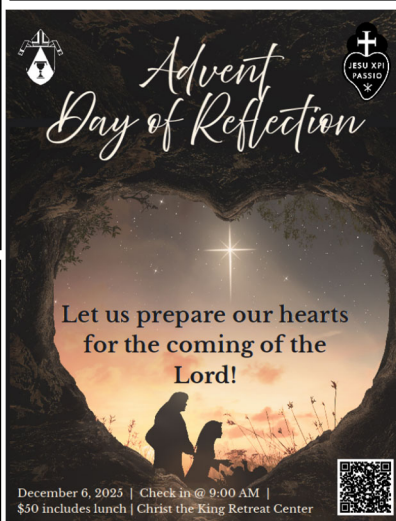
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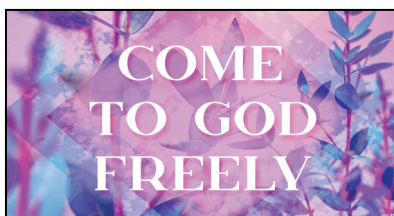
*Let every Heart Prepare*

*Advent Penance Service*

*December 4 | 7:00PM*



The **Diocese of Sacramento** invites all catechists, ministry leaders, and parish members to join for an **Advent Day of Reflection** on **December 6** at Christ the King Retreat Center. This will be a special moment to step away from the busyness of daily life and reprepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. All are welcome to participate in this time of reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth.



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

**Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, December 1 - 7:15am**

Gary Esmilla (BD)  
Cayden B. Nelson (BD)  
Magdalene Juwah (SI)  
David Chiang (SI)  
Rose Chiang (SI)  
Pol & Wilfredo Malana (SI)  
Lyn Joson (+DA)  
Dominador G. Bustos Jr. (+DA)  
Carol Deang Garcia (+)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)

**Tuesday, December 2 - 7:15am**

Christine & Eric Chang (SI)  
Marja Kurppa & Family (SI)  
Lina Ninobla (+DA)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)

**Wednesday, December 3 - 7:15am**

Trish & Jun Dumlaio (SI)  
Edward Chu (SI)  
Fanny, Jason & Arete Shen (SI)  
Adriano Madlangbayan (+40th Day)  
Jesusa Madlangbayan (+BD)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)

**Thursday, December 4 - 7:15am**

George & Fuchu Cheng (SI)  
Karen Jang (SI)  
Carlos Sr., Carlos Jr. & Regina Opon (+)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)

**Friday, December 5 - 7:15am**

David & Cissy Ho (SI)  
Jeralyn Suguitan-Ocampo (+40th Day)  
Anselmo & Belen Apayor (+BD)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)  
Apolonio & Virginia Quejado (+)  
Rufino & Simona Parungao (+)  
Romeo, Teresita & Julieta Parungao (+)

**Saturday, December 6 - 8:30am**

Liane Daut (SI)  
Aurora Fowler (SI)  
Tirso, Francisca & Susana Ubungen (+)  
Marilou Cabrera Castro (+)  
Fulgencio Sr. & Encarnacion Buna (+)  
Aurora, Josie, Trifon Asprer (+)

**Born to Life ....  
Born to Eternal Life!**  
† Robert Henry Mares  
† Simon Robinson Sr.  
† Warren Cyril Hart  
† Madeleine Ostohan  
† Federico Dumpit

*"May they rest in  
Peace"*

**Nov. 30, 2025**

**1st Sunday  
of Advent**

**Readings  
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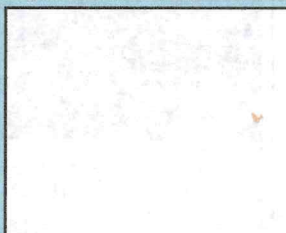
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