

St. Basil The Great Catholic Church

1200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590

WEBSITE: www.StBasilVallejo.org



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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Sbs.preschool@gmail.com

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(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.

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish
Grow our Gifts...Share Your Blessings
Weekly Collections - November 23, 2025

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

Collection/Mail-in \$ 9,555.95

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St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,755.10

**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.**

December 7, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

God is
making
a way

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9



HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (*Isaiah 11:1-10*).

Psalms - Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (*Psalms 72*).

Second Reading - Glorify God by living in harmony w/ one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (*Romans 15:4-9*).

Gospel - Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (*Matthew 3:1-12*).

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Second Sunday of Advent

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Part of Isaiah's hopeful description of the Messiah contains the traditional seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, and looking forward to his coming in glory, let us take a look at those gifts and see how we can use them.

Wisdom is the gift of seeing God in creation. It means that we value the things of this world only as they help us to know and love God more. The second gift, **understanding**, follows from wisdom. We understand what God expects of us in dealing with creation and other people. This gift helps us know how to act in a world that seems to ignore God.

Counsel follows from understanding as the gift of making correct judgments on how to act. For example, understanding can lead us to love others; counsel guides us to love them in appropriate ways.

Strength, or fortitude, is the gift that enables us to do those things inspired by understanding and counsel, even if they are difficult. John the Baptist displays that gift in the Gospel. Fortitude gave him the courage to die for his faith.

Knowledge is similar to counsel in that we begin to see what God wants for us in this world. Knowledge leads us to deeper revelations of the truths of our faith. This can lead to the sixth gift, **piety** (seventh in Isaiah's text—"delight in the Lord"), a willingness to worship and love God, a desire to be close to God in prayer.

The final gift, **fear of the Lord**, is the awe and wonder of recognizing how great God is, how much God loves us, and how much we want to stay close to God. And the desire to be close to God circles back to the wisdom with which we see God in creation.

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December 6-7, 2025

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus."

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

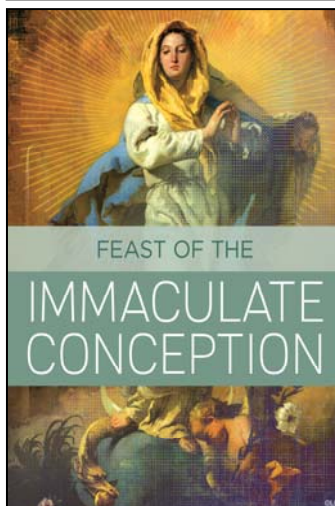
Immaculate Conception

Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "ark" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

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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 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, Vilma Macalalad, Melissa Lacorte

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

Sunday

December 6 & 7, 2025



**Help St. Vincent de Paul
during the
Christmas Season!**

SVdP Christmas Giving Tree

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree. 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 wrapped gift. If possible, please include a gift receipt. The Giving Tree also has ornaments requesting bone-in hams that will be included in food baskets delivered to families for Christmas. The wrapped gifts for the children and the unwrapped hams must be returned and placed under the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, **December 14th**. SVdP thanks all of the parishioners for your continued generosity and support.



Thank You

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Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

December 6

5:30pm

Gary & Grayson Esmilla (BD)
Domingo Alvarez Jr & Family (TG)
Tracy Zhou & Family (SI)
Concepcion Laturgo (+DA)
Ireneo Laturgo (+)
Rogelio Togonon (+)
Manuel & Ana Buenviaje (+)
Maria & Henry Buenviaje (+)
Tan Ching (+)
Benjamin G. Rufo (+)
Tony Farne Sr.(+)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

December 7, 2025

7:30am

Mass for All St. Basil Parishioners

9:30am

Cheryl Fajardo (SI)
Ron Linski (SI)
Trifon Asprer (+DA)
Estrelita Samaniego (+DA)
Romana Lirio (+)
David G. De Los Reyes (+)
Getulio Ambrosio (+)
Fidela & Enrique Gonzales (+)
Serenidad Samia (+)

11:30am

Maria Domilyn Alvarez (TG)
Gina & Joanne Tai (SI)
Liza Perez (SI)
Richard Rice (+BD)
Florante Paje (+)
Marilou Cabrera Castro (+)
Romeo Delumen (+)
Rhoda & Rebecca Dumlao (+)
Crescencio & Maria Gaviola (+)

Monday, December 8 - 7:15am

Kevin Joy Farne (BD)
Victor Wong (SI)
Constance Yu (SI)
Benjamin C. Bautista (+)
Federico Dumpit (+)
Teresita & Manuel Galvez Sr (+)

9:30am

Purissima Palada (BD)
Mary Florendo (BD)
Edward Bonifacio (SI)
Socorro Bonifacio (SI)
Marilou Cabrera Castro (+)
Jesus Chavez (+)
Fraternidad Gambe Cabahug (+)
David G. De Los Reyes (+)

7:00pm

Jadwiga Cishosz (BD)
Milagros Aquino (BD)
Dolores Malana (+BD)
Fulgencio Sr & Encarnacion Buna (+)
Edgardo de Guzman (+)
Ding Agellon (+)
Eric Rios (+)

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, December 9 - 7:15am

Grace Vater (TG)
Bernard & Gemma Yu (SI)
Marietta Palugod (SI)
Rachel Marie Tanghal (SI)
Benjamin C. Bautista (+)
Federico Dumpit (+)

Wednesday, December 10 - 7:15am

Graysaon Esmilla (BD)
Maria Astoe & Family (SI)
Melinda Less (SI)
Benjamin C. Bautista (+)
Federico Dumpit (+)

Thursday, December 11 - 7:15am

Tanghal Family (TG)
Cruz Family (TG)
Benjamin C. Bautista (+)
Federico Dumpit (+)

Friday, December 12 - 7:15am

Palugod Family (TG)
Bonifacio Family (TG)
Gina & Joanne Tai (SI)
Benjamin C. Bautista (+)
Federico Dumpit (+)

Saturday, December 13 - 8:30am

Baluyot Family (TG)
Espejo Family (TG)



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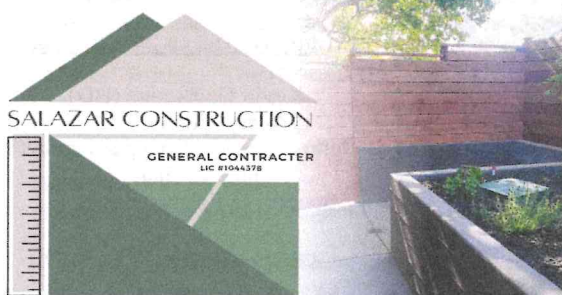
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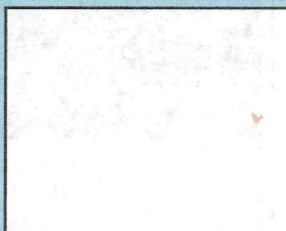
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