Jesus said, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14
Upcoming Events at a glance.

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Feast of St. Joseph Mass

**Thursday, March 19**

On the Feast of St. Joseph, Bishop Michael Barber will celebrate with the parish community in a joint liturgy with our two schools’ at 8:30 am Mass in the High School’s Gym. *(Please note the regular morning 8:00 am Mass is canceled.)*

**Chrism Mass**

All parishes of the Diocese are invited to celebrate the annual Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Join us as the chief shepherd of our Diocese, Bishop Michael Barber, S.J., blesses the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism, all of which are taken back to the parishes for the celebration of the sacraments. The Chrism Mass is the one time each year where the local Church gathers as one family in faith to celebrate as one Church, called by Christ to know Christ and make Him better know. This year’s celebration begins with the musical prelude at 6:30 pm.

Communal Reconciliation Service with Individual Confession

**Monday, April 6, 7:00 pm**

Please note services will be held at **St. Philip Neri Church**, 3101 Van Buren St., Alameda.

Why do Catholics believe in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Reconciliation is the sacrament in which the Church celebrates the mercy and forgiveness of God, obtained through the sorrow, repentance and the desire of the sinner to return to the right relationship with God and the Church.

St. Philip Neri / St. Albert Family Film Night

**Saturday, March 21 at 5:30 pm**

**St. Albert The Great Hall**

We are invited to attend the Family Film Night, with movies that are educational, stimulating and timely. The first amazing movie is "No Turning Back", the autobiographical story of Fr. Donald Calloway, renowned speaker and pilgrimage leader who tells us in his own words how he went from "bad boy" to a life dedicated to Christ and His Holy Mother. Refreshments served.
Oh, how simple and how rich are the readings for today, the third Sunday of Lent. They are about water, so common, so simple and so necessary for life, for our existence: the living water.

The reading from the book of Exodus reminds us that it is God who provided His people the living water in the desert that satisfied their thirst and strengthened them on their journey. This foreshadowed the kind of water that Jesus will give to all who believe in Him, the living water that would bring eternal life.

Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that it is God who saves us: “But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” So, our emphasis in faith is not us thinking we save ourselves, but that we are thanking God for saving us as we sing in our responsorial psalm today, “Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him” (Ps 95).

Our Gospel story today shows us, Jesus and the woman at the well, listening to each other, and responding to each other. As He did to the Samaritan woman, Jesus wants to get into our personal lives, not to condemn us, but to love us and free us, to quench our thirst and provide us what we really need: the living water. The empty water jar that the Samaritan woman was carrying becomes a symbol of her own inner emptiness, which she was trying to fill with the things of the world. What is our “empty jar” that we have been carrying in our own life? What are we trying to fill it with? This week, let us read and reflect on this story. You and I will then, with the God’s grace, learn to listen, be able to respond, and welcome Jesus into our personal lives.

Renovations are Beginning!

Beginning the week of March 15th, we will be uncovering and restoring the mosaics that are presently covered in the front side areas of the Basilica. In addition, we will be removing the partition between the tabernacle and the present Eucharistic Altar. This alteration will give us a sense of how the space may feel when the High Altar is restored. The architect is in conversation with artists in Italy to secure a contract for the fabrication of the High Altar. We hope to see delivery in late fall.

Additionally, we have submitted our application for our construction permit to begin the retrofit of the bell tower and the back wall we share with Marianist Hall. We plan to begin this work sometime in May and hope to conclude the construction before the beginning of the new school year.

This work is possible because of the generous donations and pledges to the Restoring Our Legacy for the Future campaign by fellow parishioners. If you would like to contribute or want more information on the renovation and restoration projects, please contact Steve Mullin, at: smullin@sjbalmart.org

St. Joseph Day Celebration

Join us after the 11:30 am Mass, March 22, to celebrate our Patron Saint - all are invited! We would request you to RSVP by March 15 so we can plan for food and refreshments. Sign-up sheets found at all entrance to the Basilica.

We are also looking for wine donations for our St. Joseph Day Celebration. If you can help by donating a bottle or more of white or red wine, please drop it off at the Parish office by March 18 or call Teri Rose (510) 846.0720. Thanks for your help in making our St. Joseph Day a day to remember.
Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 14**
8:00 am †Vivencio V. Cruz
Brandon Foster - Birthday
5.00pm Lance Hansford
†Tolentino Family

**Sunday, March 15**
7:30 am For The People Of The Parish - Living & Deceased
9:30 am †Deceased Family Members of Edna Go
11:30 am YLI Members & Families
7:00pm †Robert Fouriner

**Monday, March 16**
8:00 am Marin Sepic

**Tuesday, March 17**
8:00 am †Sally Gallagher
†Luisa Valdesancho
8:00 am †Fortunato Ravanera

**Wednesday, March 18**
8:30 am †Joseph Fong
Harnett Family - Living & Deceased

**Thursday, March 19**
8:00 am †Alberto SantiagoTibajia Jr
Huong Nguyen & Quan Thai - Wedding Thanksgiving

**Saturday, March 21**
8:00 am †Elisa Hankins - Birthday Anniversary
5.00 pm †Newton Silva

**Sunday, March 22**
7:30 am †Salvador Castaneda
†Mathew Zyła - Death Anniversary
9:30 am †Jennifer Stahl
11:30 am For The People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
7:00 pm The Price Family - Thanksgiving
Marie Gloria Nabaza Torres - Birthday

Parish Office Needs Your Help
We are in need of volunteers on Monday afternoons, 1:00 - 5:00 pm on a regular basis. The office needs someone who can help with reception duties, some admin and computer work. If you like to share your time and talent, email: Sherley Lim: secretary@sjbalameda.org.

Pray for the Sick
May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord


Please call (510) 522-0181 if you would like a name to be added to the list.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Mon.- Sat., 7:30am

**First Friday Adoration**
10:00am - 1:00pm & 7:00 - 9:00pm

First Tuesday Adoration - Vietnamese
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after 8:00am Mass

St. Joseph - Our Patron
Thursday after 8:00am Mass

Act of Consecration to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
First Friday after 8:00am Mass

Prayers to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Every Friday after 8:00am Mass

St. Joseph Elementary School Dinner & Dance and Annual School Auction
“Rockin’ Round The Clock”
March 28, 5:00 - 11:00 pm, High School Gym

Your support makes it possible for SJES students to realize their full potential through enriching programs that enhance each student's commitment to social justice and higher education.

For details or tickets: https://sjes.ejoinme.org/rockinroundtheclock
The Journey to Baptism

Six of our catechumens celebrated the Rite of Election at the Cathedral two weeks ago and are now in the “Period of Purification and Enlightenment,” the final stage before Baptism. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent each year, those to be baptized at Easter Vigil (the “Elect”) celebrate the Scrutinies “to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ….” (RCIA 141) This Sunday our new Elect (Jack Doyle, Dani Engebretson, Maryam Fall, Dave Fontana, Madelyn Gaynor and Jessica Pham) celebrate the First Scrutiny at the 9:30 Mass. The Gospel story of the woman at the well reminds all of us of our need for living water and invites our reflection on that for which we thirst.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered year-round, and newcomers are always welcome. Inquiry is offered on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm upstairs in the Parish Center for those thinking about becoming Catholic. Those already baptized can join the catechesis sessions on Tuesday nights. For information contact Anne Marie at 995-9409 or online at sjbalameda.org/page/rcia/

Did You Know?

Box Tops for Education is phasing out their traditional Box Top clips and switching to a digital format. This means no more clipping for you! Please consider supporting St. Joseph Elementary School by downloading the free Box Tops for Education app on your phone and creating an account which lists St. Joseph School in Alameda as your primary school. Anytime you purchase products with the new Box Tops symbol you can scan your receipt in the app to automatically credit money to our school. Alternatively, you can also submit your paper receipts to the Box Tops box in the vestibule of the church for our parent volunteers to scan for you. Please note that any eligible receipts need to be scanned within 14 days of purchase to qualify. Any remaining Box Top clips can still be submitted as long as they are not yet expired. Thank you, St. Joseph community, for supporting our school!

Upcoming Special Collection

March 21/22: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Next week, please consider giving generously to support CRS. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and offer Christ’s love and respect to all people. CRS carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable both here at home and overseas.

Special Collections Update:

Ash Wednesday: $4,462

Maintenance:

January: $2,823
February: $3,355
March: $2,799

Thank you for your generous support and donations to help defray the costs of maintaining the Basilica and Grounds.

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Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
(Office Closed for lunch: Noon to 1:00pm)

**Volunteer Coverage**
Sat: 8:30am - 12:30pm / Sun: 8:30am - 1:00pm

**Parish Website:** www.sjbalameda.org  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/sjbalameda  
**FORMED:** www.sjbalameda.formed.org

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**Sacrament of Marriage**
Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please contact Fr. Mario Rizzo directly to begin the process. Call (510) 995-9421 or email: frmario@sjbalameda.org.

**Sacrament of Baptism**
Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under “Sacraments” for information.

- For infant baptism (6 or younger) contact Parish Office, 510-522-0181
- For adults or children over age 6 please contact Anne Marie, 510-995-9409

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**St. Joseph Basilica Ministries**
- All God’s Children Prayer Group - Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm, Basilica
- Basilica Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Basilica
- Bible Study - Thursdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Children’s Choir - Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Basilica
- CIA (Christ in Action Children’s Ministry) - Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Basilica
- Cub Scouts - Weekly Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Learning Center (Ends June)
- Grief Support Ministry - 2nd Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)
- Guadalupe Ministry - 1st Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Knights of Columbus - 2nd Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Legion of Mary - 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 - 8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Legion of Mary - 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Reconciliation Room
- Moms’ Bible Study Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Pastoral Care Team - 1st Saturday, 8:45-9:30am, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry - Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)
- St. Vincent DePaul Society - 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center (St. Joseph Room)
- Spirit Ensemble rehearsal Thursdays, 7:30-9:30pm, Basilica
- Sp. Needs Inclusion Ministry - 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Parish Center (Mother Teresa Room)
- Taize Prayer Service - 4th Friday, 8:00-9:00pm, Basilica
- Young Adults - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Parish Center (Damien Room)
- Young Families Potluck - 3rd Saturday, 10 – noon, Notre Dame Hall

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**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline:** (510) 995-9471
ST. JOSEPH BASILICA - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 5
Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION
Monday, April 6, 7:00 pm at St. Philip Neri Church

HOLY THURSDAY, April 9
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper And Washing of Feet
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Learning Center

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10
8:00 am: Morning Prayer
12:00 noon: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
(includes Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Communion)
2:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion repeated

HOLY SATURDAY, April 11
8:00 am: Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food
8:00 pm: Easter Vigil (with incense), followed by Reception in Notre Dame Hall

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12
Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am (No 7:00 pm Mass)

Wishing You & Your Family A Blessed And Joy Filled Easter!
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