



# **SAINT JOSEPH BASILICA**

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## **MINISTRIES HANDBOOK**

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## A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS



In the two years that I have been at St. Joseph, I have witnessed with joy the vibrancy of this parish and the commitment and generosity of its parishioners. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are blossoming here. My hope and prayer is that this vitality may continue to grow.

This booklet is both evidence of our flourishing stewardship and an invitation to grow. In it you will find the many ministries available at St. Joseph. I invite you to take time to prayerfully consider God's presence in your life and how He has shone his light and his love on you. Let your grateful heart draw you to respond to God's call, to reach out and serve according to your God-given gifts.

Which ministries speak to your heart? Where would your gifts be put to good use? How are you being called to serve our church, our community, our world? I encourage you to join one or two ministries that appeal to you, and know that God will bless you abundantly as you respond with a generous heart.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. George Alengadan

*There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.*

# **Mass Time/ Office Hours**

St. Joseph Basilica is an active and diverse parish family. If you are new to our community, please call or drop by the parish office to pick up a registration form and so we can properly welcome you.

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 4:30pm  
(The office is closed from Noon to 1pm, Mon.– Fri. for lunch)  
Volunteer coverage Monday 4:30 to 7:00pm  
Saturday AND Sunday: 8:30am- 12:30pm

## **Mass Schedule**

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 and 7:00pm  
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:00pm (Vigil)  
Weekdays: 8:00am  
Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:00pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30pm or by appointment

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Preparation for registered, active parishioners should begin at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Contact our Pastor, Fr. George Alengadan in the parish office.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please stop by the Parish office or check our website under “sacraments” for information, schedule and registration form for infant baptism (6 or younger) or contact Mary Kovalitsky at 510-522-9420. For adults or children over age 6 contact Anne Marie, 995-9409.

# Keeping in Touch

## Sunday Bulletin

Our Sunday Bulletin is filled with important information so we encourage you to take home our bulletin from Mass. The bulletin is also available on our website, [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org) each week. Deadline for information on the bulletin

## St. Joseph Community Website

Please visit our website [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org) which has the latest information about our activities.

## Mid-Week e-mail Bulletin

Each Mid-week breaking news is sent to keep us informed with up-to-the-minute information about what is happening at St. Joseph. This e-mail is sent out to a blind distribution list to protect the privacy of our subscribers. Your e-mail address will never be used for any other purpose. The mid-week bulletin contains items such as a reflection from Fr. George, recent passings and service schedules, upcoming events and reminders about special events around the island and in the Diocese.

**If you would like to receive the Mid-Week Bulletin please e-mail: [parish@sjbalameda.org](mailto:parish@sjbalameda.org) and type "Midweek Bulletin in subject line.**

## FaceBook

Follow us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/sjbalameda](http://www.facebook.com/sjbalameda).

## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Committees

There are three committees that are essential to the running of our parish. They are the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Building and Grounds Committee. All three of these committees are composed of parishioners of St. Joseph.

## Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is an advisory or consultative body for the pastor. The council does not manage parish operations. The members meet with the pastor and offer him the wisdom of the community. The council is responsible for seeing the bigger picture of the parish. Whereas the finance committee has a limited scope that deals with budget and financial matters, the work of the Pastoral Council embraces the pastoral dimensions of the parish. In addition to doing long range planning, the council members deal with whatever pastoral concerns the pastor brings before them.

Together with the council the pastor leads the parish in the ongoing discernment and realization of this mission.

Chair of the Pastoral Council: **Erika Jimenez**

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## Parish Finance Committee

An essential part of this parish organization is the Parish Finance Committee. Their purpose is to assist the pastor in the administration of the temporal goods of the parish. The administration of church goods consists of taking care that all assets that have been lawfully acquired are preserved and used for the purpose for which they were given. Offerings given by the faithful for a specified purpose may be used only for that purpose.

Absolute respect is to be given to the intention and wishes of the donor of specific goods.

The duties and responsibilities of the Parish Finance Committee are:

To provide sound, analytical, legally appropriate, financial and administrative advise to the Pastor, Pastoral Council and Parish Staff.

To evaluate the financial needs of the parish: By reviewing and recommending approval of the annual parish budget. By reviewing long-range financial plans (three-five year plan) based on the vision of the parish Pastoral Council and Diocesan Church. Contact Julie Pond at 510-995-9411 or [jpond@sjbalameda.org](mailto:jpond@sjbalameda.org)

## **Building and Grounds Committee**

The goal of this committee is to serve St. Joseph Parish Community's best interest at all times with regards to the care, maintenance and preservation for the present and the future of all the Community (plant) structures.

The committee, working with the Pastor will be granted the latitude and authority to continue to evolve the vision set forth by others and carry out said vision regarding construction and maintenance related projects for the present and future generations of parishioners. Contact Julie Pond at 510-995-9411 or [jpond@sjbalameda.org](mailto:jpond@sjbalameda.org)

# Liturgical Ministries

## Altar Servers

Catholic youth third grade and older who have already received First Eucharist are invited to assist at the liturgies as altar servers. Being an altar server offers students opportunities to grow in faith and love of God through sharing their gifts with the parish. These young women and men give example to all who worship at St. Joseph. When people see them participating through listening, praying and singing, they too feel more comfortable about praying and singing themselves. Training is provided and a commitment is required from the student and his or her parents. Altar servers are asked to schedule themselves via a Google calendar; link will be provided upon completion of your training. Servers unable to fulfill their assigned responsibility are asked to find a substitute. For more information, contact Fr Thi at 510-995-9475 or [tvanhoang@sjbalameda.org](mailto:tvanhoang@sjbalameda.org)

## Altar Society - "Joe's Angels"

The members of "Joe's Angels," our Altar Society Ministry, help to keep our Basilica clean and beautiful at all times. They help to prepare a warm and inviting environment for all who gather for community worship. Ministers donate an hour of their time one Saturday a month. Please consider being part of this vital and satisfying ministry. It is truly a work of faith and love. Duties include, but are not limited to: dusting altars, sacristy, sanctuary, kneelers, vigil lights, stands and pews, and the grotto. The angels clean glass counter tops, the sacrarium, the baptismal font and holy water fonts. They also straighten the books and clean up any debris, and make sure there are clean altar linens. If you would like more information contact Fr. George at 995-9421 or [galengadan@sjbalameda.org](mailto:galengadan@sjbalameda.org).

## **Arts and Environment**

During the liturgical year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, from his Incarnation and Birth through his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The tradition of decorating or not decorating the church for liturgical seasons and feasts heightens the awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of these seasons. Human minds and hearts are stimulated by the sounds, sights and fragrances of liturgical seasons, which combine to create powerful, lasting impressions of the rich and abundant graces unique to each. We are seeking ministers who have an artistic eye, a spiritual soul and a practical work ethic to bring their talents and creative instincts to our Art and Environment Team. We welcome all hearts and hands ready and eager to prepare our Basilica for worship. For more information, please contact Eric Bertelsen at [ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org](mailto:ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org) or 995-9404.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

This ministry allows the children of our community (kindergarten through 5th grade) to celebrate the first part of the Mass at their level. We invite adults and teens to serve as catechists to prepare and present the gospel story in a manner suitable for children; aides to supervise the children and lead them safely between the church and the Learning Center and back; musicians to lead the children in song; runners to advise the presenter when it's time to return to church. You can volunteer according to your availability. For information on CLW visit our website: [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org) or contact Anne Marie Foure at 995-9409 or [afoure@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afoure@sjbalameda.org).

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Are you looking for a real connection with your fellow parishioners? Ministers of the Eucharist serve the assembly by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ. Sharing of the Eucharist is the heart of the Mass for all baptized Catholics. We are committed to reaffirming our parish community's faith in the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as we celebrate the whole person of Jesus Christ. We schedule Eucharistic Ministers in advance so you know ahead of time when you are scheduled to serve; generally no more than once or twice a month for weekend Masses. (Eucharistic Ministers are also needed for daily Mass.) Eucharistic Ministers are asked to arrive early for Mass and find their own replacements if they are unable to serve. A list of Ministers is supplied with each schedule. Your attendance at training and periodic meetings as well as convocations in the Spring and Fall is essential for your on-going formation. Participation in this ministry is limited to Catholics who have already been confirmed. Contact: Bartholomew N. Kinard, 510-329-1775 or [golfmastertwo@yahoo.com](mailto:golfmastertwo@yahoo.com)

## **Family Mass Ministry**

The Family Mass takes place monthly to foster community and to give children (and their families) the opportunity to be an integral part of the celebration as greeters, lectors, choir members, etc. To serve on the planning team, or for your child or family to take an active role in a Family Mass, contact Anne Marie Fourné at [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org). Schedule available on our website

## **Greeters and Ushers**

Those who serve as ushers and greeters are a special breed: welcoming, warm, always ready to help or to answer questions. They are the first people that worshippers meet when they arrive for our weekend liturgies and are the ones who send them on their way with a smile at the end of Mass. Greeters and ushers help everyone who comes to St. Joseph Community to feel welcome and free to celebrate. They assist with the collection and help distribute the bulletins after Mass. They invite a family to present the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory. They also provide the invaluable service of being “point persons” in case of emergencies. Ministers usually serve at the same Mass each weekend, and therefore, get to know who are parishioners and who are visitors to our community, thus sharing hospitality on all levels. These ministers are also asked at times to serve at special liturgies, as their own schedule and preference allows. For more information, please contact Eric Bertelsen, 510-995-9404 or [ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org](mailto:ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org).

## **Lectors**

Lectors clearly proclaim the readings at Sunday and weekday Masses. Lectoring is an art with historical foundations dating back to the time when the Christian community gathered to hear the Word of God, because many in the community were not able to read themselves. We must proclaim the Word of God aloud to help God’s message take a journey in our own lives. As a lector you will attend a one-hour training session and will need to participate in a Convocation/Retreat Day twice during the Calendar Year. Scheduling is based on your availability each month. You will also be asked to renew your commitment to this ministry annually. The Ministry contact is Lousie Champion. Email: [lchampion@sjbalameda.org](mailto:lchampion@sjbalameda.org).

## Sacristians Ministry

Fully initiated (confirmed) Catholics who arrive early to assist with preparing for Mass, on weekdays, Sundays or special liturgies such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. **Contact: Bartholomew N. Kinard, 510-329-1775** or [golfmastertwo@yahoo.com](mailto:golfmastertwo@yahoo.com).

## Simbang Gabi Group

Share Filipino heritage and customs with the parish through celebrations such as Simbang Gabi and the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz. Help with liturgies and/or receptions. Contact Alex Ramos at [aramos94501@gmail.com](mailto:aramos94501@gmail.com).

# Music Ministries

## Basilica Choir

It's been said that those who raise their voice in song in praise of God pray twice. That's certainly true of our highly regarded Basilica Choir, which leads the assembly in song at the 9:30am Mass every Sunday from mid-September through June.

They also perform a special concert at Christmastime and an Americana Concert around the July 4th holiday each year. While being able to read music is not a requirement for choir members, it helps to have some knowledge of the mechanics of reading a score. The music ranges from Classical to Baroque to American and African Spirituals, traditional Catholic music and even some Hebrew music. The choir members have a weekly practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm in the Basilica. David Howitt, Music Director at St. Joseph, conducts the choir. Contact: David Howitt, 510-995-9403, or Sue Spiersch, 510-522-8431.

## **7pm Spirit Ensemble**

Music Ministry leads the assembly in song. In tune with the needs of the assembly, it is unparalleled in its ability to arouse the singing voice of the faith community and to empower people to live their lives in the service of the Gospel. Music moves the soul and opens our eyes to God's abundance. The members of the Spirit Ensemble provide musical enhancement and leadership for our 7pm Sunday liturgy. They are ethnically diverse in their membership and musicality. Combining dedicated musicianship and enthusiasm, and incorporating various musical instruments and vocalists, they lead us in praise and worship with much joy and grace. All are welcome to join in this ministry! Practices are held each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm and on Sundays beginning at 5:15 pm leading up to the 7 pm Sunday liturgy. Interested in lending your voice and/or your instruments? Contact: Michael Chinnvaso at [mchinnvaso@gmail.com](mailto:mchinnvaso@gmail.com).

## **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir engages the young people of our community (2nd through 8th grades) in the celebration of liturgy and the joy of music. Children rehearse weekly on Thursday afternoons during the school year from 4:00—5:00pm, and sing during the 9:30am Sunday Mass once a month and at occasional parish events. Adults help with rehearsals and performances. Registration form available on our website or in the Parish Office. Contact: Sue Spiersch, 510-522-8431 or [alamedakid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alamedakid@sbcglobal.net)

## **Youth Choir**

Youth Choir is part of confirmation program. Everyone is invited to join Youth Choir to sing at 11:30am Mass. Contact Br. Matthew Murray for more information at 510-995-9444 or [mmurray@sjnd.org](mailto:mmurray@sjnd.org).

# **Devotion and Prayer Ministries**

## **All God's Children Charismatic Prayer Group**

This Prayer Group is a scripture-based Intercessory Community that meets to praise, worship and honor our God and to build up the Body of Christ, opening ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Under the Spirit's guidance we share the love we receive. We meet every Monday evening in the Reconciliation Room or the Basilica from 7-9 PM. The schedule for our meetings is as follows: Rosary 7-7:30 pm., Praise and Worship, 7:30-9:00 pm. After the meeting some remain for personal prayer. There is no "attendance" requirement. Our members come and go as they need. ALL ARE WELCOME. Questions? Please call Ida Kempel 510-523-8741 or Jacquie Lydon 510-523-1185.

## **Bible Study**

We offer several Bible Study groups to enrich our understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. Tuesday morning is a women's group focusing on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday (10:00 am Parish Center). For more information, please call Bertha Severdia at 510-523-1500 or Eleanor MacDonnell at 510-523-8042. Thursday morning is for men and women, providing a

combination of prayer, personal study, and group sharing (10:00 am Parish Office Dining Room). Contact Eric Bertelsen at 510-995-9404 or [ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org](mailto:ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org). Tuesday evenings offer an opportunity to reflect together on the readings for the coming Sunday. 7pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome. In addition, you will find the readings for each day along with podcasts and reflections on the U.S. Bishops website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Contact Dr. PJ Dobbins at [pjmdobbins@gmail.com](mailto:pjmdobbins@gmail.com) or 510-407-1236 for information.

## **La Virgen de Guadalupe Ministry**

Our Lady of Guadalupe is called the Patroness of the Americas. To honor her feast day on December 12, the Virgen de Guadalupe Ministry organizes our parish celebration each year. We offer the predawn Las Mañanitas (“little morning songs” to the Virgin), a bilingual Mass and fiesta, and a play. Volunteers can assist with the ongoing fundraising (making tamales or other goodies and selling them on Sunday mornings); help with the liturgies (plan, create worship aid, organize children’s procession, lector in Spanish, serve as greeter, etc.); volunteer your music or entertainment skills; participate in the play (in Spanish) or provide technical assistance, or assist with the food, set up or clean up for the reception. For information, contact Roberta Arriaga at 510 924-6453 or [poblanita@comcast.net](mailto:poblanita@comcast.net) or Donna Loli [demiken3@hotmail.com](mailto:demiken3@hotmail.com).

## **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary is an international association of Catholics who work for their own sanctification and the sanctification of all with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of all Graces.

There are Active and Auxiliary members. Parishioners who join the Legion of Mary commit to the following: daily recitation of five decades of the Rosary and a short Legion prayer. The Active members faithfully attend the 1½ hour weekly meeting held either on Wednesday or Saturday at 8:35 am in the Reconciliation Room and perform two hours of apostolic work each week. The Legion of Mary is available to assist our parish priest in any Catholic Action. For information, call: Leonie Estigoy 510-523-6174, Lisa Estrada 510-521-5185 or Elvie Mendoza 865-2772.

## **The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

A Retreat in Daily Life; Restoring balance to our lives.

The Spiritual Exercises were developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola over 400 years ago as a method to help us grow in our relationship with God and have a better understanding of God's presence in our daily lives. Through reading, meditation, prayer, journaling, reflection and mentoring, we restore our souls and bring balance to our lives. For information contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409 or [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org).

## **Taize Prayer around the Cross**

Every 4th Friday\* at 8 p.m. Taizé: An Evening of Prayer Around the Cross in the Basilica. Taizé is an ecumenical, candlelit service of prayer offered in simple chant, Scripture readings, silent worship and veneration of the Cross. Brother Roger established the Taizé Community in 1940 in Taizé, France as a witness to peace and reconciliation, for which our community gathers in prayer. All are welcome and any who wish to share their talents as planners, lectors, musicians, etc. are urged to contact Kathy Moran at 510-523-0165. Most current information is always available on [www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland](http://www.facebook.com/TaizeOnTheIsland). See also the website <http://taizeontheisland.awardspace.biz/> \* 3rd Friday in November and December.

# Faith Formation Ministries

## Children's Faith Formation

Our Children's Faith Formation team (catechists, co-catechists and helpers) shares the Good News with the children of our parish who do not attend Catholic school, pre-Kindergarten (age 4) through 7th grade. We assist parents and guardians in sharing the basic beliefs and traditions of our faith. Basic CFF classes are on Sunday mornings during school year, from 10:45 to 11:45 am. We also offer Sacrament Preparation classes (part of the Sunday classes for younger children, and on weekday afternoons for older children). Catechists prepare for and lead the weekly classes, using provided texts and materials. Aides assist the catechist during class-time, helping with reading, crafts, etc. A monitor supervises the facility for safety and locks up. Volunteers must be able to communicate faith effectively in word and action, and display patience, flexibility and openness. Advance preparation time is required for catechists. For information about CFF, visit our website [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org) or contact Anne Marie at 994-9409 or [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org).

## Youth Confirmation

Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school aged teenagers is a component of the youth ministry program. The preparation for Confirmation is a process of reflection, study and service for our high school students. This two year program is integrated through the youth ministry Life Teen program, and is Eucharist focused where teens will be led closer to Christ.

Contact: **Sr. Kim Nguyen**

Phone: **510-522-0181**

Email: [knguyen@sjbalameda.org](mailto:knguyen@sjbalameda.org)

## **Adult Confirmation**

- Are you an adult Catholic, registered and active in an Alameda parish?
- Do you participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly?
- Have you accepted your baptismal responsibility to know Christ better and to make him better known?
- Have you never received Confirmation, and now feel called to complete your Christian initiation with its celebration?

Each year starting in the fall, the Alameda Deanery offers a weeknight formation series to prepare adults for Confirmation. The 2015-2016 schedule and application form are available online or in the Parish Office, or contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409 or [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org).

## **Infant Baptism Preparation**

The Infant Baptism Preparation Program ministers to parents who request that their children be baptized at St. Joseph Basilica. The Baptismal team interviews parents and welcomes them into the parish community. We strive to support parents in their most important endeavor, initiating their children into the faith. Parents are asked to attend one two-hour class and the communal baptism. Baptism team members facilitate communal baptism six times a year. The class and the Baptism take place over two consecutive Sunday afternoons. The Baptism Team also meets twice a year for review and retreat. If you have two Sundays a year that you can give to parishioners who request baptism for their children, please think about joining us in this very important ministry. Contact Mary Kovalitsky at 510-995-9420 or [mkovalitsky@sjbalameda.org](mailto:mkovalitsky@sjbalameda.org) or Angela Khoo at [khoo.angela@gmail.com](mailto:khoo.angela@gmail.com)

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Are you searching for God?

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Do you want to complete what your baptism began, and prepare for Confirmation and Eucharist?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** may be the answer...

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an open-ended process to warmly welcome new members and provide spiritual formation according to each person's needs.

The process includes small and large group meetings, discussion, individual and group prayer, and liturgies and rites celebrated within our faith community. Participants reflect on Scripture, uncover their faith stories and learn to recognize themselves and God's action in their lives, while exploring the teachings of the Church and its application to their own lives.

The process is designed for catechumen (those who have never been baptized). It can also assist candidates (those baptized in another Christian tradition or Catholics who have never received Eucharist and Confirmation) in their preparation for sacraments.

Contact Anne Marie at (510) 995-9409 or  
afourre@sjbalameda.org.

Come to an "Inquiry" session offered most Wednesday nights (7:30 to 9:00) in the Damien Room at 1119 Lafayette Street (Call first to confirm group is meeting.)

## **Special Religious Education (SPRED)**

Special Religious Education (SPRED) is a one-on-one program in the parishes of the Alameda Deanery that assists children, youth and adults with special needs or learning disabilities in their ongoing faith formation. Volunteers are welcome to share the journey with a special "friend," as are catechists to help plan and

lead the twice-monthly sessions. For more information about SPRED visit our website: [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org). To volunteer, contact Susie Howard at 522-0181 (leave message).

## **Covenant of Love, Date Night**

God wants you to have a great marriage! Date Night is an opportunity to learn about God's plan for marriage, in a fun setting that allows you to meet other couples while spending quality time with the one you love. We gather the 2nd Saturday of each month except for the summer. For information [www.sjbalameda.org](http://www.sjbalameda.org) and email Michelle Call at [mitch1500@mac.com](mailto:mitch1500@mac.com).

## **Catholic Lighthouse Ministry**

Pope Francis has called for a New Evangelization and we at St. Joseph Basilica are pleased to offer the informational material to help you grow in your faith!

The CD's, booklets and books feature a variety of talks on topics and issues by leading Catholic theologians. They are doctrinally sound, economical and flexible for use in a parish or home setting. Looking for 4 people to assist. Please call Dr. PJ Dobbins @ 510-747-1600

# Service - Outreach Ministries

## Alameda Food Bank

"Lord, where did we see you hungry and feed you?" "At the Alameda Food Bank." This volunteer non-profit collects and distributes donated food to supplement the diets of over 500 families resident in Alameda – the "working poor" whose incomes do not quite provide enough for their families. You can make a child smile, or an old woman weep tears of gratitude by providing the extras to make dinner tables healthy and happy. You determine to what you are willing to commit. Collection tasks (from various farmer's markets, supermarkets and other merchants or the Alameda County Food Bank) are typically once a week on a regular schedule and require a van, lifting 30-50 lbs, and saying thank you. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays every week, plus one Saturday per month, people are needed to sort, bag, and distribute bags of groceries to the clients. This requires no more effort than grocery shopping for a hundred people. For information or to volunteer, please contact David C. McGaffey at 510-521-6372.

## Angel Giving Project

This is an Advent Ministry that enables parishioners to anonymously provide Christmas gifts to needy Seniors, adults and children in the Alameda/Oakland community. Names of individuals are obtained by contacting organizations, e.g., convalescent hospitals and homeless and children's ministries. Labels are typed with the name and wish of each person. Paper ornaments are prepared and decorated by children of the parish. On the First Sunday of Advent, a table with the ornaments bearing

the first name and wish of each person is placed in the church. Parishioners take the ornaments, buy the gift, wrap it, and return it to the church. The presents are collected after each Mass and later sorted by organization. Between 400-500 gifts are delivered before Christmas. At every step, ministers provide the hands that make what is the waiting of Advent become the joy of Christmas. There is one planning meeting in September and one follow-up meeting in January. We also get together the day the ornaments are placed in the church (usually the Saturday after Thanksgiving) and the day the presents are sorted (usually the Second or Third Sunday of Advent.) Contact Peggy Ritchie at 510-865-8352.

## **Sunday Collection Counters**

This ministry might not seem like a ministry, but it is! Ministers are needed to count and prepare our collections for banking. These men and women offer their services to help lighten the load of the parish staff and to insure the accuracy and safekeeping of Sunday collections. They perform a vital service and share community with each other by gathering together to count the collections one Sunday per month. Responsible, careful and conscientious persons with the gifts of confidentiality, purpose and integrity are needed to provide this service, and to record the generosity of our parishioners. Anyone willing to give a couple of hours each month to this important ministry, please contact Julie Pond at [jpond@sjbalameda.org](mailto:jpond@sjbalameda.org) or 510-995-9411.

## **Food Bins**

Share with those in need by depositing non-perishable food items and hotel-sized toiletries year-round in the collection bins at the church doors. Contact Eric Bertelsen, 510-995-9404 or [ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org](mailto:ebertelsen@sjbalameda.org).

## **Grief Support Ministry**

A monthly support group open to anyone who is grieving. Meets the third Monday each month, 7:30-9:30pm in St Joseph Parish Center at 1119 Lafayette Street. (Okay to park in adjacent "Staff Only" parking lot since it's after business hours.) Drop-ins are welcome. Those interested in helping serve in this special ministry are also welcome. For information, visit our website or contact Lilian Dubow at [lilian.dubow@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.dubow@gmail.com) or 510.205.3712; Pamela Prime at [PamelaPrime1@gmail.com](mailto:PamelaPrime1@gmail.com) or 510.995.8538; or PJ Dobbins at [pjmdobbins@gmail.com](mailto:pjmdobbins@gmail.com) or 510.407.1236.

## **Homeless/Shelter Services**

This Ministry is an excellent opportunity to help our sisters and brothers pull through some of the hardest times of their lives, and for us to share the gifts we've been freely given. Some projects that the members of this ministry are involved in are cooking for Midway Shelter, assisting St. Joseph Elementary School children in preparing and delivering Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families in need, sponsoring Back-To-School Drives, coordinating and organizing the Lenten Soup Meals, preparing Welcome Bags with basic necessity items for women and children coming into Midway Shelter, assisting with the Family Night program at Midway Shelter and helping the Angel Tree Committee collect wish lists from various shelters and delivering the gifts to the recipients. For more information about this ministry you may contact Dan Cronin at 510-995-9471.

## **Hospitality and Social Ministry**

The purpose of this ministry is to welcome new parishioners and make them feel at home, and to find ways to create bonding

opportunities among old-time parishioners. Every newcomer should feel our genuine welcome - no strangers here, only friends we haven't met yet. Members of this committee bring their ideas, support and skills to assist with different events to welcome newcomers (breakfast with the pastor, introduction during Mass, phone calls or home visits, etc...). We will also identify ways to reach out to existing parishioners who are not yet fully connected with our parish community. Contact Julie Pond at 510-995-9411 or [jpond@sjbalameda.org](mailto:jpond@sjbalameda.org)

## **Knights of Columbus**

Knights of Columbus – St. Joseph Basilica Council #15965 The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization, whose purpose is to provide spiritual support and development to its members and to aid the parish and the community through works of charity and fundraising activities. Enrollment is open to Catholic men 18 or older. For information contact Robert Ramos at [theramosfamily@comcast.net](mailto:theramosfamily@comcast.net) or 510-522-6988, or visit the national website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

## **Ministry of Little Things**

Little things add up. Being attentive to little things results in projects moving along peacefully and in good order. This ministry was established to provide help in the parish for those many little things that crop up daily and that are not the responsibility of a specific ministry. Some examples of ways to share your gifts and talents are: preparing parish mailings, working on special photocopy projects, typing, word processing, baking, cooking, helping with social events, etc. It provides the opportunity to serve the community for those who do not have the time or the inclination to be involved in an on-going ministry. Many of the

"little things" are one-time-only or short-term projects. This ministry has very little structure and no meetings. Your name will be put on a list, with information about your preferences for types of projects and when you can serve. You will be called when help is needed. For more information you can call Pat Cronin at 510-521-0998, or MaryAnn Montandon at 865-1760.

## **Ministry of the Pastoral Care**

This ministry offers the opportunity to be ministers of laughter and joy, of concern and compassion, of hospitality and recognition. Many seniors are in need of a phone call, a visit, a caring person to listen and simply be present to them. Often people are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitals, and unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Eucharist. Be a friendly face to visit shut-ins and the ill, or bring Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass. (To bring Eucharist, you must be a confirmed Catholic.) Contact Fr. Thi at 510-995-9475 or [tvanhoang@sjbalameda.org](mailto:tvanhoang@sjbalameda.org).

## **Parish Office Assistants**

Making a welcoming space for community members and others who come to the rectory is a vital ministry. You are the first voice a caller hears, the first face a visitor sees. By being yourself and sharing yourself and your gift of hospitality with all, you can be an invaluable asset to the work of God here at St. Joseph. Scheduled usually for one night a week, volunteers work from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm each evening except Friday, and on weekends from 8:30am am to 12:30pm. Training is needed to learn the phone system and various other procedures. The front desk is a multi-task desk, and the volunteers should be able to handle incoming calls as well as answer questions when needed. Sometimes

clerical tasks are assigned during the time you are here. To sign up or for more information, please call Mary Kovalitsky, 510-995-9420 or email [mkovalitsky@sjbalameda.org](mailto:mkovalitsky@sjbalameda.org).

## **Stewardship Committee**

Help identify and encourage the sharing of the many gifts present in our community, of time, talent and treasure. Contact Stephen Mullin at [smullin@cceb.org](mailto:smullin@cceb.org) for more information.

## **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

Give the gift of immediate and personal assistance to those in need, drawing upon the resources of the community and the St. Vincent DePaul Society's organization. Make a difference in the St. Joseph Community. Make our parish a welcoming place for all of its people. Live the message of Matthew 25. Regular meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Assist at one or more weekend Masses for the 5th Sunday collection (4 per year). Training is optional but available and highly recommended. For more information please contact: Dan Cronin, 510-995-9471.

## **Sunday Coffee and Donuts**

This ministry is one of hospitality and welcome. Ministers provide the opportunity for community members to gather and share the gift of each other after Sunday morning Masses. Coffee and donuts provide the forum for sharing and conversation in the Gathering Space, which help to build community among us. Responsibilities include making the coffee, picking up the donuts, setting up before the 7:30am Mass and putting everything away after the 9:30am Mass. Please contact Karen de Robinson at

kderobinson@me.com for information about how you can be a part of this active ministry.

## **Young Ladies' Institute - YLI**

YLI is an organization of Catholic women dedicated to the Christian principles of charity and love. Founded in San Francisco in 1887 by three young women inspired to help an ill friend, its purpose is to help others. We offer support, friendship, leadership training and the opportunity to make a difference to those in need. Through participation in YLI's charitable projects you will have the opportunity to promote the work of the Church while working hand in hand with other Catholic women. Each year the incoming president selects a program of charitable activities. They include but are not limited to Special Olympics, Hospice, Children in Need, and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Other spiritual, cultural and educational activities are also available. For more information, or to join, please contact Marilyn Darrell at 510-523-1500 or mseverdia@yahoo.com.

# **Youth / Young Adult Ministries**

## **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America**

Scouting is a program that St. Joseph is pleased to support. For information about the Cub Scout unit (1st through 5th grade) sponsored by St Joseph Basilica, contact Brian VanDerveer at [CubMaster@stjoesscouts.org](mailto:CubMaster@stjoesscouts.org). Visit [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) for other locations and ages, or the Alameda Council's website at [www.bsa-alameda.org](http://www.bsa-alameda.org) for local events and information. For information about the Girl Scout troop sponsored by St Joseph (for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5th grade as of 2015), contact Sara Grace at

[saragracekeenan@yahoo.com](mailto:saragracekeenan@yahoo.com) or visit the Girl Scouts of Northern California website <http://www.girlscoutsnorcal.org/> or click here for information about Alameda. Visit the Catholic Scouts in the Oakland Diocese website at [www.oakdiocesescouts.org](http://www.oakdiocesescouts.org).

## **Middle School Ministry**

A monthly social gathering grounded in our Catholic faith for parish youth in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Students in Children's Faith Formation are automatically registered for Middle School Ministry; all others complete the registration form for safety purposes. There is no cost to participate other than for occasional supplies or to contribute to potluck refreshments. Meets monthly, generally on a Friday evening. Contact Anne Marie at 510-995-9409 or [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org)

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