



SAINT
JOSEPH
BASILICA

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 8:00 am / Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

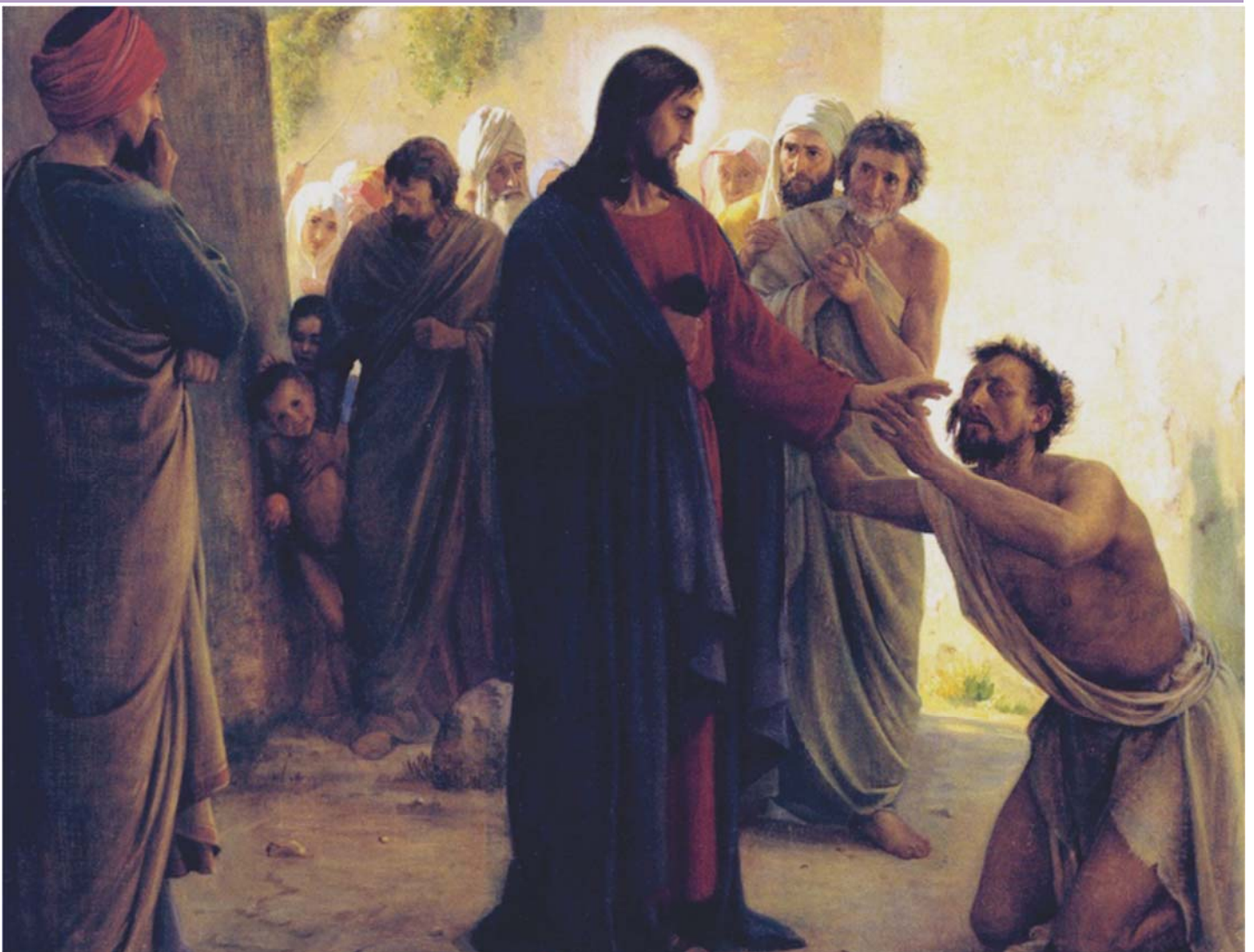
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Fourth Sunday Of Lent, March 22, 2020



*Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."*

— John 9:39

Diocesan Coronavirus Update (dated: March 13)

Following is the communication from the Office of Bishop Michael Barber over the concerns of the Coronavirus outbreak:

Because of the heightened concern for the well-being of all our people in light of the Coronavirus, especially the elderly, I am dispensing from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all Catholics in the Diocese of Oakland. Effective immediately, this dispensation will remain in effect until further notice. We will continue to monitor the recommendations of public health officials and re-evaluate as the situation warrants.

Please back page of Bulletin for full statement.

Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

The service scheduled for April 6 has been cancelled until further notice.

Ministries /Group Updates

All Parish ministries or groups' events (or meetings) are suspended until further notice.

Upcoming Events at a glance....

Date	Description	Time	Where
Thursdays Nights	Thursdays Nights Lenten Soup Meals	Canceled	
Thursdays Nights	Lenten Spiritual Reflection Series	Canceled	
Wednesday, March 25	Basilica Choir	Canceled	
Thursday, March 26	Children's Choir	Canceled	
Fridays, through April 3	Stations of the Cross	Canceled	
Fridays, through April 7	St. Joseph Elementary School's Liturgy	8:45 am: Canceled	
Friday, March 27	Taizé:	Canceled	

Update: Anointing of the Sick Mass

St. Joseph Basilica will no longer have the *Anointing of the Sick* on the first Saturday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass beginning April. Instead, we will schedule a Mass quarterly on the second Saturday at 10:00 am for anyone who would like to receive Sacrament of the Sick. The first Mass is scheduled for June 13th. Light refreshment to follow.

The Rite of Anointing

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

~from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

After a weekend of decreased Mass attendance due to people staying home to protect themselves and others from the Coronavirus, I would like to share something I saw on Instagram this morning that I found inspiring:

*When this is over,
May we never again
Take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life Itself.*

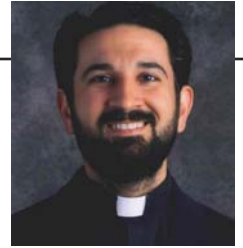
*When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.*

Amidst all the closures, social distancing, and quarantining, try to stay hopeful. We are a people of faith, who believe that God can - and will - always bring something good out of something evil. In addition to the hand washing, the elbow bumps, and the extra Vitamin C, remember to pray.

On a more practical note, I am making a request, looking to our future. Like businesses across the country, our parish depends on your financial contributions to survive. With the decreased Mass attendance, the parish will inevitably see a decrease in monetary contributions. So, while we are social distancing, I am asking you, if you are able, to continue to contribute to the weekly collection. If you are not attending Mass, you can mail in your contribution or drop it off in our mail slot. What is even better is to sign up for Faith Direct, our online giving service, which takes away all the hassle of paper envelopes. As of this week, I am signing up for Faith Direct. If you have any questions about how to sign up, please call the office or go to www.faithdirect.net and sign up using parish code CA702.

I am grateful for your consideration. During these uncertain times, please know of my prayers for our entire community.

God Bless,
Fr. Mario Rizzo



A Lent to Remember

Watch For Free on FORMED.org

Using the highly-acclaimed Augustine Institute programs *Symbolon and Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, *A Lent to Remember* explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with his mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and his perpetual reception of his people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes his love, his very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, *A Lent to Remember* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

Register for free and easy Formed.org/signup. Select your parish and register with your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am †Eliza Hankins - Birthday
5:00pm †Newton Silva

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

8:00 am †Robert Mihalko
Deacon Dave Young - Healing

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 am †Patricia O'Grady
†Teodoro Badilla

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am †Thomas J. Mason
Barbara Wysocki - Birthday

Thursday, March 26

8:00 am †Gianpaolo Gandolfo
†Mary Turowski

Friday, March 27

8:00 am †Maria & Joseph Nguyen

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am †Mona Lee Bautista
5:00 pm †Glen Amith
†Fidela Singh Bautista

Sunday, March 29

7:30 am Reynaldo Ramos
Maya & Frank McKeney - Healing
9:30 am †Felix Camerino - Death Anniversary
†Lorenzo Villanueva
11:30 am †Julita Guadalupe
†Genevieve Avila
7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
- Living & Deceased

**Please remember to include
St. Joseph Basilica in your will**

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

Sandy Anderson, Natalie Ackerman, Romelita Bautista, Ronald Bautista, Jazlynn Cain, Nia Cain, Fong Che, Jan Curtis, Mary Cronin, Lee Corral, Jamal Downs, Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Michael Long, Michael Lancaster, Monte McEntee, Maureen McGee, Lolla Manibusan, Michael Ricica, Becka Smith, Rachel Sutherland, Nory Reyes, Evangeline Reyes, Ramon N. Tirona, Prosperidad Salamanca, Dee Pickett, Charles H. Thomas & John Verduzco.

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

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord March 25

For Catholics, the theological importance of the Annunciation is its marking of the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises and preparations (CCC 484). Mary's assent to the angel's announcement was the beginning of Christ's Incarnation; God's coming into the world a fully human, born as we are born, with a grace-filled human mother. We remember each year that it was the beginning of Christ's coming for our salvation. It may not always be the easiest thing to do, but Mary shows us that we must listen to and do God's will. Let us follow her example this Lent. We encourage you to attend Mass on this Feast Day. (USCCB)

Labelling for Lent

As Catholics, and people of good will, we have both the right and responsibility to demand that the seafood we consume is not tainted by slave labor.

In an effort to prevent human trafficking, the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking is asking seafood companies to clean up their supply chains and label their products as slave labor free. Learn more about Labeling for Lent and get involved: <http://catholiccurrent.org/salt-and-light/labeling-for-lent-2020/>



(Resources: USCCB/ CatholicCurrent.org)

Offertory Collection Report

Due to the heightened concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak and as a precaution, our Counters Ministry has suspended their task indefinitely. The Report will updated when we have the information. Thank you for your patience.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) 5th Sunday Collection

Next week is SVdP collection. Envelopes will be at the doors this week and in the pews on March 28/29. Please take an envelope and prayerfully consider what you can give. The money that is collected in months that have a 5th Sunday is used to assist people in our neighborhood. We appreciate your support because it helps us provide help with utility bills (gas, electricity, water), rent, food, and sometimes medicine or other expenses. We also ask that you pray for the SVdP Conference at St. Joseph's and especially for the neighbors that we serve.

(Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish office's mail slot)

Let Us Remember

All those who have died, especially
Roland Minot

As a Community of faith, we offer our prayers and support to his family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Journey to Baptism

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Elect (those throughout the world preparing for Baptism this Easter) celebrate the Second Scrutiny. Today we hear of the man born blind, who in spite of his physical blindness was able to see that Jesus was the One who could help him. Is our vision as good? What are we unable or unwilling to see? Please pray for our six Elect who will be baptized and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The adults will also celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Newcomers are welcome to join Inquiry sessions on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center. Visit our website www.sjbalameda.org/page/rcia or call Anne Marie at 995-9409 for information

Parish Office Hours:

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

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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. Vincent de Paul Hotline: (510) 995-9471

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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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PRIESTS AND PARISHES
OF THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

FROM: BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ *+MABJ.*

SUBJECT: LITURGY DURING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK **UPDATE #3**

DATE: MARCH 13, 2020



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In the meantime, our churches and chapels remain open. Masses will continue to be celebrated and confessions heard, in order to provide for the spiritual consolation of the faithful. We leave the decision to attend Mass or not to each individual's discretion.

Some parishes may determine to cancel or postpone nonessential gatherings, including catechetical sessions, fundraisers and social activities. This decision should be made at the parish level. If the cancelled or postponed event was intended to raise money for a ministry or service, please consider offering people an alternative means to contribute to the ministry or service.

As we have previously stated, if people feel unwell or suffer from an existing medical condition, they should stay home. This dispensation is in place to help mitigate the spread of the virus, while still giving people access to the source of love and peace, Jesus Christ.

If you choose to attend Mass, please practice the guidelines being given by public health officials as posted on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/0), especially washing your hands often and maintaining at least an arm's length distance from others.

Those who are not able to physically participate at Sunday Mass in their parish church should unite themselves spiritually with the Lord. Daily Scripture readings are available at usccb.org. Live-streamed Masses are available at/on the Internet and television, including at EWTN.com.

I thank our priests who stand ready to be Good Shepherds, reassuring our people, dispensing the consolation of the sacraments, and bringing the healing touch of Christ to those who are ill. The Catholic Church has never lacked saints who have generously volunteered to assist the sick and suffering, even at personal risk. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Father Damian of Molokai, St. John of God, St. Sister Marianne Cope, are all examples to us of heroic love and service. Let us follow their lead.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, intercede for us with your Son - and bring an end to this plague afflicting our world.

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