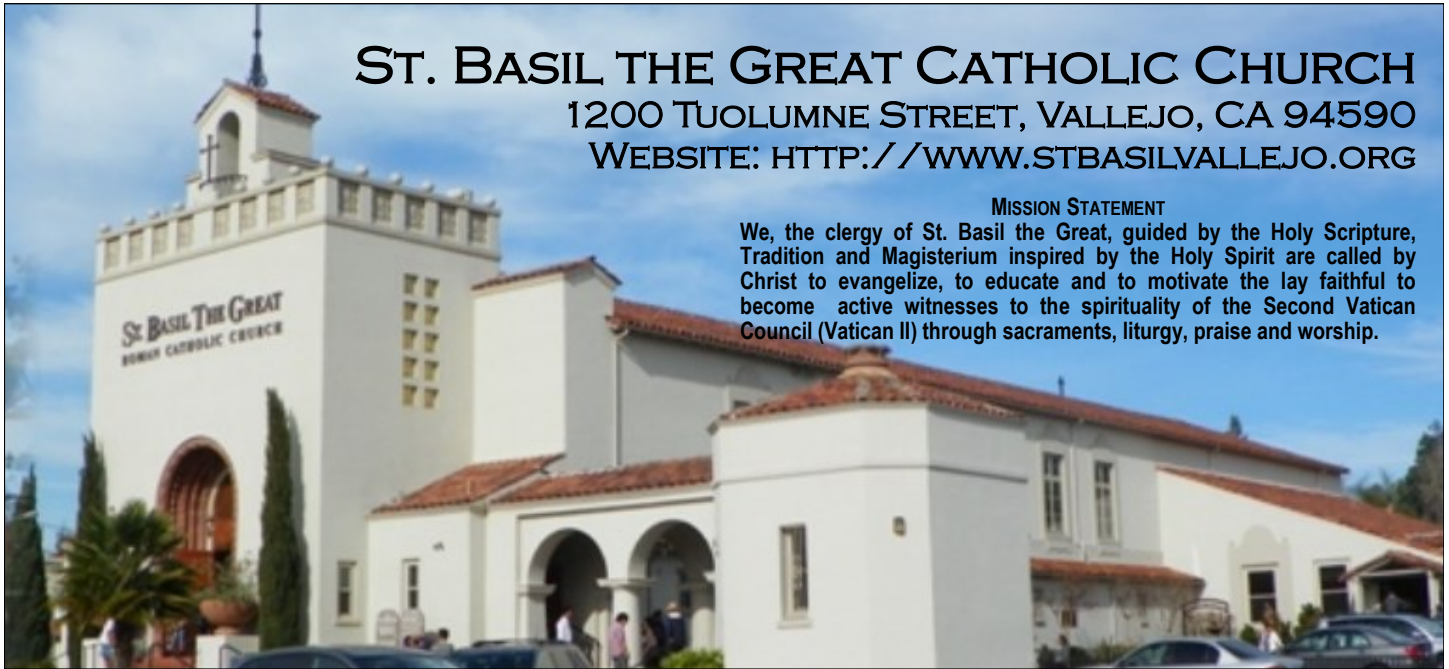


ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the clergy of St. Basil the Great, guided by the Holy Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium inspired by the Holy Spirit are called by Christ to evangelize, to educate and to motivate the lay faithful to become active witnesses to the spirituality of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) through sacraments, liturgy, praise and worship.

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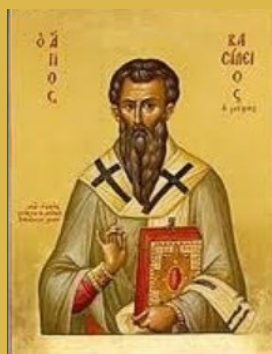
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday:
5:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday:
7:30am, 9:30am,
11:30am & 5:30pm

Daily:
7:15am in the Mary Chapel

Holy Days:
7:15am, 9:30am & 7:30pm

PLEASE
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
YOUR GIFT
TO ST. BASIL PARISH.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 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

Anointing of the Sick, please call (707) 319-6569

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish Grow our Gifts...Share Our Blessings

Stewardship of Treasure

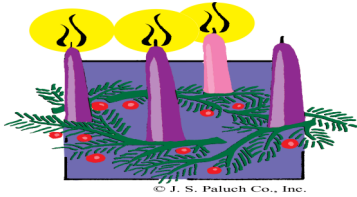
12/7/14: \$11,830.95
SVdP (11/30/14): \$2,320.73
Thanksgiving: \$2,989.00

Your ongoing support is essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

All of the people in today's reading - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Stewardship by the Book....Sharon Hueckel

DECEMBER 14, 2014 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

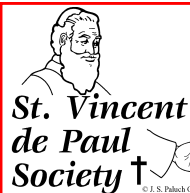
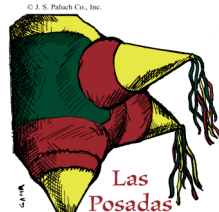
The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday: *Las Posadas* begins; Hanukkah begins at sunset



St. Basil Conference

"...there is one among you whom you do not recognize." SVdP members seek the face of God in those we serve. We see him as the child who is thrilled with the cereal we bring or the elderly woman who thanks us with a hug. Let this Advent season give you an opportunity to see Christ. If you would like to help our SVdP ministry, call 644-0376. If you forgot to bring in your Giving Tree gift, kindly bring it to the Parish Center by Monday 12/15.

Food Locker Wish List: *Spaghetti noodles*

ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain

Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Today there will be a second collection - Retirement Fund for Religious. The Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good work of their elders. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind you that all wrapped Giving Tree gifts with ornaments attached are due this weekend. If you have taken an ornament and are unable to shop for the gift, please return it to the Tree so that someone else can shop for the child designated on the ornament. If you have already shopped, but have not placed the gift or ham under the tree, **they must be placed under the Giving Tree no later than this weekend at the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, December 14th.** If you did not bring your gift or ham this weekend, **please bring it to the Parish Center no later than Monday, December 15th at 4 PM.**



MEASURING SUCCESS

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed. —Booker T. Washington



Nomie Almendra
Emmanuel Annonuevo
Edna Arcebal
Yola Bekhit
Encarnacion Buna
Boni and Gigi Capuyan
Naty Catacutan
Arthur Cuanang
Andre Davis
Josephine de Vega
Dorothy Egidio
Amando Evangelista
Dr. Cezar Gamboa
Gene Gamboa
Modesto Gatmen
Fredric Gough
Cris and Severina Ilagan
Aly Rose Jacobsen
Millie James
Rodolfo Lomibao
Dolly Marquez
Rolando Mercurio
Jim Murphy
James O'Brien
Nicholas Policar
Ed Sablan
Lita Sarmiento
Anna Silva
Dominador Viray
Nathaniel Williams
Matilda Wilson

Mass Intentions

Saturday ~ December 13, 2014 ~ 5:30pm

Jaime and Benita Belen (+)
Joel Angel (+)
Nicasio Javier (+)
Jesus Crisostomo (+)
Ernesta Furtado (+)
Gina Fong (+)

Sunday ~ December 14, 2014 ~ 7:30am

Estrella Pamogas (+)
Agapita Olario Galia (+)

Sunday ~ December 14, 2014 ~ 9:30am

Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Eric Sopang (+)
Arsenio Duenas (+)
Andrea Espiridion (+)
Ponce Sebastian (+DA)

Sunday ~ December 14, 2014 ~ 11:30am

Bobby Amagan (S.I.)
Crescencio Gaviola (S.I.)
Consolacion Cosme (+)
Arsenio Duenas (+)
Marcelina Karasig (+)

Sunday ~ December 14, 2014 ~ 5:30pm

Estrella Pamogas (+)

Monday ~ December 15, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Estrella Pamogas (+)
Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Wilfrido Serrano (+DA)
Arsenio Duenas (+)
Andrea Espiridion (+)

Tuesday ~ December 16, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Estrella Pamogas (+)
Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Milind Pathak (S.I.)
Arsenio Duenas (+)
Andrea Espiridion (+)

Wednesday ~ December 17, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Estrella Pamogas (+)
Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)
Edwin Chow (+)
Arsenio Duenas (+)

Thursday ~ December 18, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Vedalyne De Guzman (BD)
Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Jinal Shah (S.I.)
Arsenio Duenas (+BD)
John Murao, Jr. (+DA)

Friday ~ December 19, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Phil Hoffman (BD)
George Pangan (S.I.)
Estrella Pamogas (+)
Modesto Gatmen (S.I. - Healing)
Casiana Lucas (+)

Please pray with our Lazarus Ministry for the recently deceased members of our parish community especially:



Estrella Pamogas

The following is a list of contributions that St. Basil Knights of Columbus Council 13271 has made over the last two years.

- *Scholarship to St. Basil Grammar School and St. Patrick - St. Vincent High School students - \$4750.00*
- *Remember A Vet Wreaths for Veterans Day (Sacramento National Cemetery) - \$160.00*
- *St. Basil Light Up for Christ (including Christmas Trees) - \$432.00*
- *Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund - \$500.00*
- *Columbian Foundation (Knights of Columbus State Relief Fund) - \$500.00*
- *St. Basil School sports equipment - \$500.00*
- *St. Basil School classroom American flags - \$415.00*
- *Food for Families (St. Vincent de Paul) - \$1000.00*
- *St. Basil Church Garden of the Innocent repairs - \$270.00*
- *American Wheelchair Mission - \$600.00*
- *RSVP Seminarian Fund (Seminarians Ryan Francisco and Manny Rodriguez) - \$2000.00*
- *Mother's Day Roses - \$450.00*
- *St. Basil School Crosswalk Sign - \$500.00*