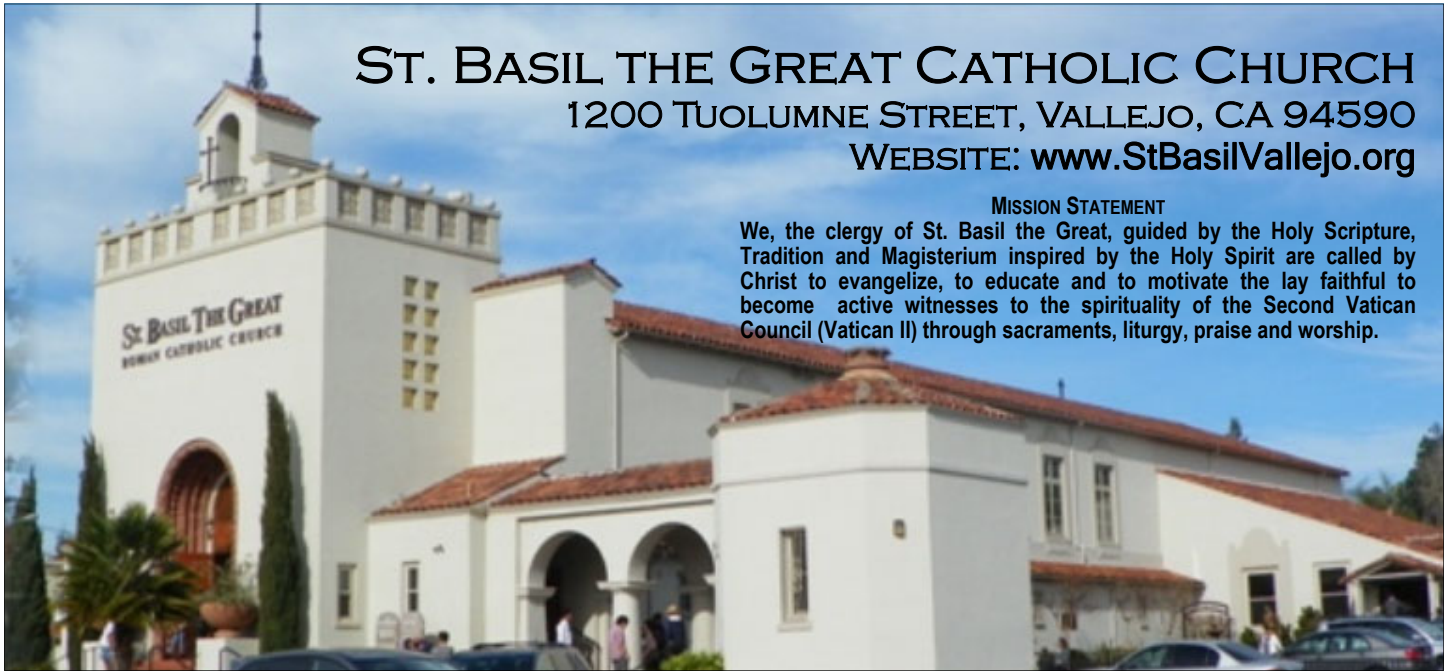


# ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

1200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590  
WEBSITE: [www.StBasilVallejo.org](http://www.StBasilVallejo.org)



## 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.

Rev. Alfredo L. Tamayo - Pastor  
Rev. Ronald V. Torres - Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Mike Urick

**Parish Center - (707) 644-5251**  
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1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

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### Parish Office Hours

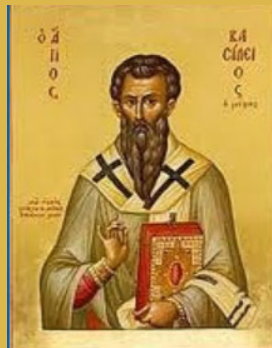
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
**Office Closed Wednesdays**

**St. Basil School - (707) 642-7629**  
1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590  
Julia Boen ~ Principal

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1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590  
Lisa Butler ~ Director

**Religious Education/Youth Ministry**  
(707) 644-8309  
1230 Nebraska Street, Vallejo, CA 94590  
Julie Kissinger ~ Director

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
Cherry Lopez ~ Director



## 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) 567-9500**

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

### Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for 11/22/15: \$10,211.56

2nd Collection: \$2,643.43

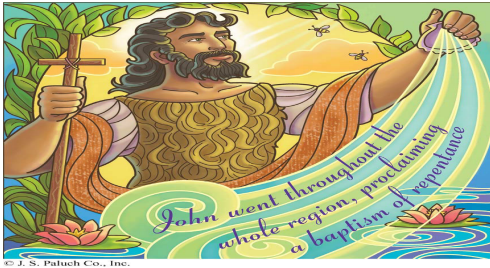
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Thank you.

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

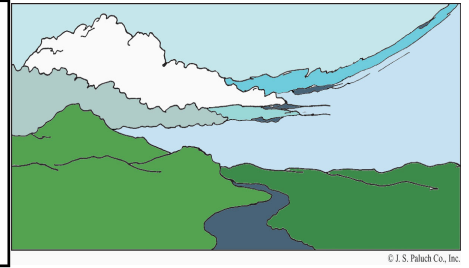
We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." See Matthew 3:10

**DECEMBER 6, 2015 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2015**

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made  
low.  
— *Baruch 5:7*



**PUT ON JOY**

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalms** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).



**FORGIVENESS**

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.  
— *Henry Ward Beecher*

**Immaculate Conception**



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
- Monday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
- Friday: St. Damasus I
- Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



**1st Saturday, December 5 - 8:30AM**

Ursula Chalifa & Estela Sayre (SI)  
Dan Fajardo (Healing), Bernice McNaboe (+)  
Flora Victorio (+)

**Saturday, December 5 -5:30PM**

Steven A. Azeuedo, Ernesta Furtado (+)  
Manuel & Ana Buenviaje (+)  
Tan Ching & Maria Buenviaje (+)  
Kho Chiong Hai & Valentina Ganade (+)  
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)

**Sunday, December 6**

**7:30AM**

Sandy Morgado (+), Susana Ubungen (+)  
Agapita Olario Galia (+), Aura Casabar(+), Joe Bernabe (+)  
Flora Victorio (+)

**9:30AM**

Lance & Carolyn Gough (35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
Ursula Chalifa & Estela Sayre (SI), Pablo Deguzman Jr  
Corleto Deguzman, Abel Machado (+)  
Leonida Magabo (+)

**11:30AM**

Pablo Deguzman (+),Paciencia Deguzman (+)  
Alejo Deguzman (+), Francisco Deguzman (+)  
Isabel Deguzman (+)

**5:30PM**

Margarita Reyes (Healing Intention)  
Cresencio Gaviola (Healing Intention)  
Concepcion Laturgo (+), Ireneo Laturgo (+)  
Wilfredo Tabajonda (+)

**Monday, December 7 - 7:15PM**

Ursula Chalifa & Estela Sayre (SI), Flora Victorio (+),  
Melanie Mancenido (+DA)

**Tuesday, December 8**

**7:15AM**

Concepcion Abad (BD), Greg & Leonie Ruado (WA)  
Maria Serrano (BD+)

**9:30AM**

Kevin Farne (BD), George Jacques (+)  
Maria Jacques (+)

**7:30PM**

Jaime and Benita Belen (+)

**Wednesday, December 9 - 7:15AM**

Ken Wong (SI), Angel delos Santos (+DA)

**Thursday, December 10 - 7:15AM**

Srinivas Vyakaranam (SI),  
Maximo Madlangbayan, Jr. (+DA)

**Friday, December 11 - 7:15AM**

Ana and Ignacio Martinez (WA)  
Marcella Kwan (SI)



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

**Abdon Carbonel  
Veronica Buendia  
Frank Silvestri  
Flora Victorio**



*Lord Jesus, we ask you to bring  
your peace and healing touch to  
those who are ill, or afraid or  
worried. AMEN.*

Katie Abeyta  
Nomie Almendra  
Yolande Bekhit  
Ursula Chalifa  
Teresita Constantino  
Albert Cruz  
Florita Cruz  
Danilo Dipiramo  
Dorothy Egidio  
Tin Tin Gomez  
Precy Hernandez  
Joycelyn Anderson Herrera  
Cris and Severina Ilagan  
Aly Rose Jacobsen  
Rodolfo Lomibao  
Joaquin Manibusan  
Paul Bernard Manibusan  
Dolly Marquez  
Norita Manuel  
Dolly Marquez  
Winnie Meadows  
Manuel Morales  
Milagros Morales  
Gisselle Murphy  
Jim Murphy  
Ida Pleasant  
Nicholas Policar  
Ed Sablan  
Jackie Sarsour  
Nel Sapinoso  
Anna Silva  
Eleanor Swadener  
Nilda Toledo  
Dominador Viray  
Nathaniel Williams  
Matilda Wilson



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The response to the request of the **St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** for gifts for the children and hams has been wonderful. Please return all wrapped gifts with the ornaments attached and place them under the Tree. Please bring all hams(unwrapped) and place them under the Tree. All gifts and hams must be returned no later than Sunday, December 13th. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping those less fortunate in our community during this **Christmas** time.

**Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

Next weekend's special collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our 37,000 elderly Catholic sisters and brothers, and religious order priests. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate. Your gift makes a difference. Please share in the care by giving generously. Please make check payable to "St. Basil Church."

**St. Basil's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Logo Contest**

Open to all parishioners from November 8 thru December 10, 2015

The winning logo will be based upon the following criteria:

**Originality**

Best depiction of the journey of Saint Basil Church to its 75<sup>th</sup> year  
Copies of existing logos will not be accepted  
Effectiveness in communicating Catholic teachings and beliefs

**Presentation**

Artistic ability  
Entry must be in color and must incorporate the blue color (representing Saint Basil color)  
Overall presentation must depict the Saint Basil culture  
Digital images will be submitted as .jpeg or .gif of at least 1.0MB file or of acceptable quality  
Hard copies will be submitted on 8 X 11" paper or poster board

**Submission**

Please fill out the following contact information. Submit in person or by e-mail.  
For hard copy, CD or flash drive entries, submit to Myrna Martinez at the Saint Basil Parish Office at 1225 Tuolumne St. Vallejo CA 94590  
For e-mail submission, attach entries and send to [STBASIL75@gmail.com](mailto:STBASIL75@gmail.com)  
An entry form must be submitted and attached to the logo submitted  
All entries must be received by the office no later than December 10, 2015

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Logo Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prizes will be awarded to the winners:**

First Prize – A dinner for 2 and \$100.00 cash  
The winning participant's name will be included onto all 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publicity materials

**Please Note:** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee reserves the right to make minor changes to the winning logo but keeping the artist's original theme.