



ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1 200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590
 WEBSITE: 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.

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Monday - Friday
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Music Ministry
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Food Assistance ~ (707) 644-0376

Sacrament of Anointing:
(Emergency calls only): (707) 567-9500

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday:
5:30pm (Vigil Mass)
8:30am - 1st Saturday

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

Daily:
7:15am in the Mary Chapel
7:00pm - Wednesday
8:30am - Thursday (School Mass)

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

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for 12/03/17 : \$11,238.08
Mass Offerings: \$295.00
Candles: \$218.00
Capital Improvement: \$85.00
Simbang Gabi-Bible Diary: \$440.00

Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 4:00 to 5:00pm
Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00pm


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.

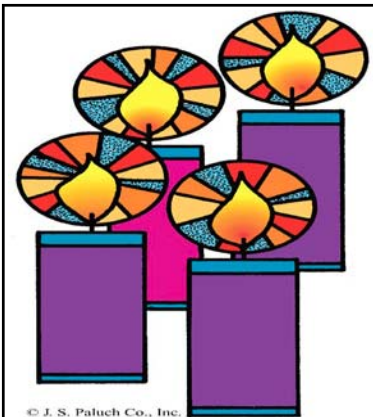
Pastoral Care for the Sick/Homebound: Please call the Parish Office to arrange for home and hospital visits.

PLEASE
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
YOUR GIFT
TO ST. BASIL PARISH.

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



John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."



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Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
— *Mark 1:3*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent;
International Human Rights Day
Monday: St. Damasus I
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe;
Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Lucy
Thursday: St. John of the Cross
Saturday: *Las Posadas* begins



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NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God” (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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PARISH REGISTRATION.....

If you are not yet registered as parishioners of St. Basil, it’s never too late and complete the short form below or stop by in the Parish Office. Don’t miss out on the benefits of being registered parishioners, such as planning your baptism, wedding, religious education or preparing to receive sacraments. Your registration helps us to serve you better.

WE WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR ST. BASIL’S FAITH COMMUNITY

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us!
If you are not yet registered, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering basket or mail it to

Saint Basil Parish Center
1225 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Upon receipt of this form we will mail you the parish registration form to complete and return. Thank you!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

(Moving/Remove from list _____)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus’ birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you’ve ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for “surround” or “hedge.”

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where’s Waldo?* children’s book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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St. Basil’s
ADVENT PENANCE
will be on Tuesday,
December 12, 2017
at 7:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: 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
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: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Retirement Fund for Religious:
Help religious communities.**

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, December 9 - 5:30pm

Jennifer Nguyen (SI)
Ading Cabanday (Healing)
Jaime & Benita Belen (+)
Jose & Adoracion Almajose (+)
Ramond Heacock Jr (+)

**Sunday, December 10
7:30am**

Mass for St. Basil Parish

9:30am

Richard & Christina Dela Cruz (TG)
Vicky Dinglasan (Healing)
Virgilio Martinez Ramos (+40th Day)
Henry Stroeh Oldenberg (+)
Agapita Olario Galia (+)
Rupert Yambao (+)

11:30am

Alfredo Almazan (+BD)
Rosalia Almazan (+BD)

5:30pm

James Chiang (SI)

Monday, December 11 - 7:15am

Mary Cheng (SI)
Jean Kram (+)

Tuesday, December 12- 7:15am

Edward Chu (SI)

Wednesday, December 13- 7:15am

Lau Kit-Ping (SI)

7:00pm

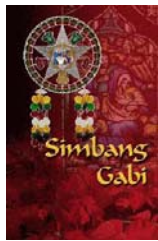
Thursday, December 14 - 7:15am

Alice Chan (SI)
Odette Cape-Gimenez (+)
Melchor & Veneranda Cubangbang (+)

8:30am

Friday, December 15 - 7:15am

Paul Hanson (SI)
Wilfrido Serrano (+DA)
Juana & Aniceta Baltazar (+)



Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine day masses in anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars. **Simbang Gabi** is also known by its popular Spanish name as the **Misa de Gallo**. Today, the tradition of **Simbang Gabi** continues whether you live in the Philippines or other places, although it is celebrated in new ways. Over the years, Filipino communities have made some changes in the way that this event is celebrated. Some urban parishes now celebrates **Misa de Gallo** around 8- 9 in the evening in order to accommodate the needs of the members of the community who have different work schedules.

Simbang Gabi is also recognized by Catholic Filipino communities who are living elsewhere in the world. No matter how or when this celebration takes place, **Simbang Gabi** provides a strong indication of the depth of Catholicism among the Filipino people.

Simbang Gabi at St. Basil’s will be from on December 15 – December 23 at 8:00pm.



2017 Christmas and New Year Schedule:

Sunday - December 24: Vigil Mass 7:30PM

Sunday - December 24: Midnight Mass

Monday - December 25: 7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

1:30PM

No Evening Mass

January 1, New Year Mass: 9:30AM

January 2, [Feast of St. Basil the Great] Mass:

11:00AM

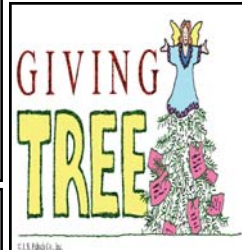


The response to the request of the St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for gifts for the children and canned hams has been wonderful. Please return all wrapped gifts with ornaments attached and all unwrapped canned hams and place them under the Tree. All hams and gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please pray for the sick...

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

Katie Abeyta, Cecilia Angeles, Shirley Balangon, Yolande Bekhit, Simon Daus, Teofilo Florendo, Pepper Golesh, Miriam Holgado, Severina Ilagan, Aly Rose Jacobsen, Lilibeth Janerol, Anna Malana, Wilfredo Malana, Myrna Magat, Joaquin Manibusan, Paul B. Manibusan, Vic Mararac, Yolanda Mararac, Gloria Marshall, Dolly Marquez, Proceso Marquez, Jr., Winnie Meadows, Anna Nalty, Corazon R. Ocbina, Dolores Owens, Nicholas Policar, Lorens Quidet, Ed Sablan, Adriana Silva, Matilda Wilson



Please pray with our Lazarus Ministry for all who recently departed especially:

+Crispin Abuda
+Maureen Baily
+Efren Andres
+David de los Reyes

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

I am the Immaculate Conception.

—Words of Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, 1858