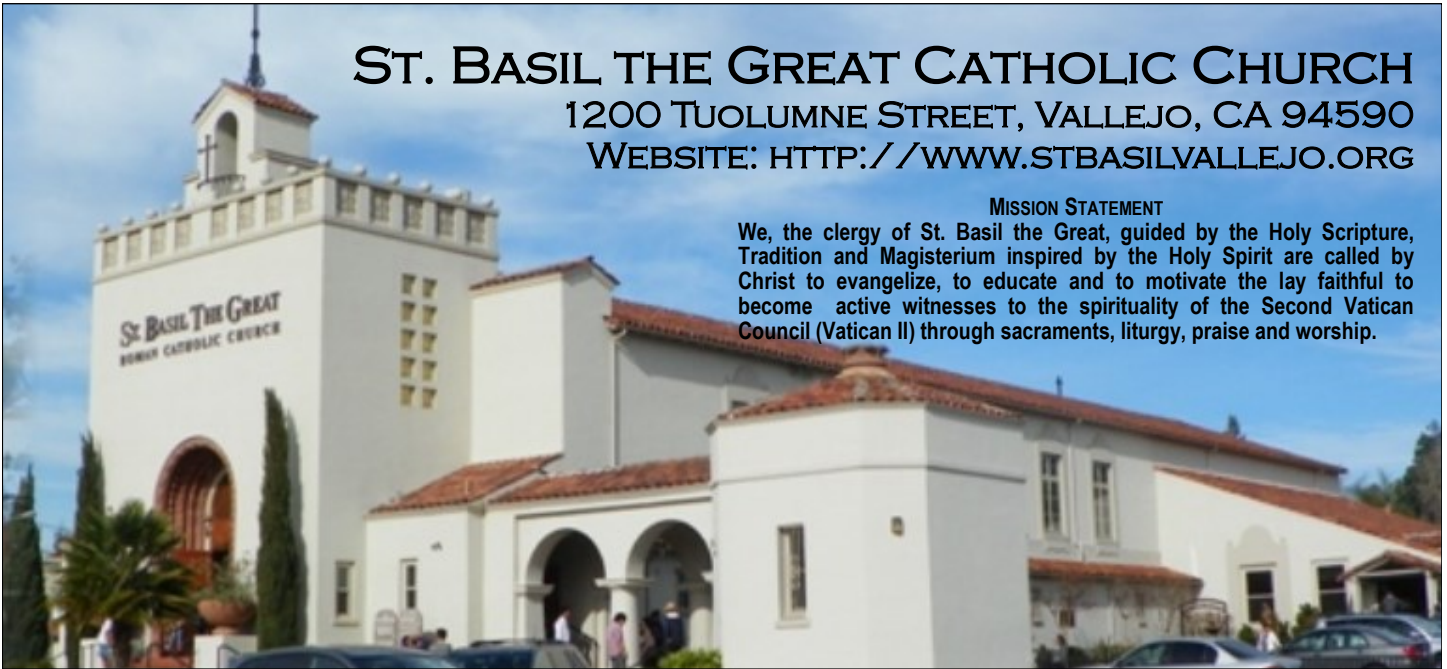


# ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

1200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590  
 WEBSITE: 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.

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**Rev. Ronald V. Torres** - Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Mike Urick**  
**Deacon Errol Kissinger**

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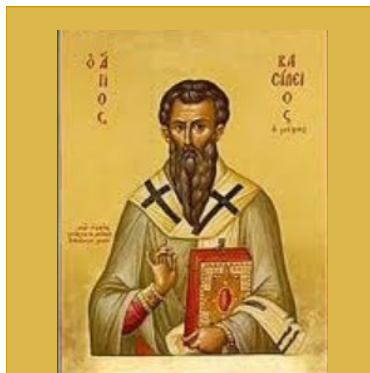
**Parish Office Hours**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**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...  
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### Stewardship of Treasure

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

**08/31/14: \$10,578.05 SVdP: \$3,944.00**  
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Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people of today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful? *Stewardship by the Book...Sharon Hueckel*

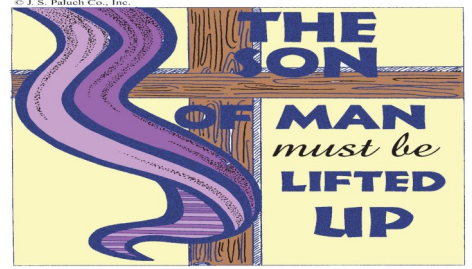
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2014 ~ THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - FEAST**



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

*Christ Jesus emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness.*

— *Philippians 2:7*



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the “true cross” by St. Helena, Constantine’s mother, in 326.

According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

**Psalms** — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

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### BEING LIFTED UP

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had “lifted up the serpent in the desert.” Then Jesus says, “So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him.” The evangelist clearly saw this “lifting up” of Jesus to mean his crucifixion.

That “lifting up” of the serpent by Moses is described in today’s first reading. The people were attacked by “saraph serpents,” and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His “lifting up” in shame was also his “lifting up” in glory and triumph.

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### Reflecting on God’s Word

“Tell me, what is it that you plan to do with your life?” It’s a good question, but also a haunting one that makes us so edgy and anxious that we wonder if our life is real at all. It’s the sort of question we’d sometimes rather not even hear, much less attempt to answer.

So what is it that you plan to do with your life? We say we’re going to get married and raise a family. Or we’re going to get a job that pays well. Or we’re going to play professional baseball or football or some such thing when we grow up. Or we’re going to retire and enjoy life. So what is it that you plan to do with your life? There is only one life, after all, one to spend lavishly or cautiously, one to treasure or squander or hoard, one to laugh with or cry with or maybe just sit in a daze with for sixty or seventy or eighty years. The trouble is, or perhaps more honestly the sadness is, that few of us ever answer that gentle but probing question, because we don’t know.

What God did was to give away what was most precious, God’s only Son, so that we might find life. And what Jesus did was to empty himself, so that God could fill him with life and exalt him. It seems that while you and I are preoccupied with finding meaning by filling our lives, the divine instinct is to empty life so that meaning might find us.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### Free DACA (*Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*) Workshop Renewing or Applying for the First Time

When: Saturday, September 20, 2014

Time: 10 am to 12:00 pm

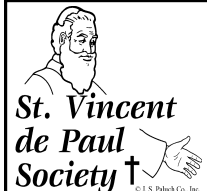
Where: St. Dominic’s Parish  
475 East I Street, Benicia

For more information call: (707) 644-8909 Ext. 218

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

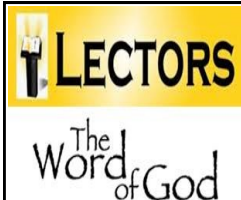
The Fall Campaign for **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** begins this September 24th and will continue thru November 2nd. Sign-ups will be in the Msgr. Byrnes Room after all the Masses this weekend. The location is Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 990 Broadway St., Monday - Friday, 6 AM to 6 PM. Please join us as we pray for a peaceful end to abortion. For more information, please call Nancy Cook at (707) 644-2116 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Vallejo/Benicia](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Vallejo/Benicia). And don't miss the **Kickoff Rally** featuring Brian Johnston, Western Regional Director of NRLC on **September 21st at 5:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Church**, 925 Sacramento Street, Vallejo, CA.



## St. Basil Conference

"...that the world might be saved through him." The SVdP Society continues after being founded 181 years ago because of the love that God shows us every day. Our St. Basil SVdP conference has truly been blessed by your generous donations, our volunteers and most specially by all our prayers. There are many public organizations that give aid to the less fortunate. But through Jesus, we have the perfect example of how to really save our world - by loving God and loving our neighbor.

**Food Locker Wish List:** Peanut Butter



The Lector Ministry is looking for parishioners interested in proclaiming and sharing the Word of God. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact Nanette Bennett at [lectors4stbasils@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lectors4stbasils@sbcglobal.net).

You're invited to a **MATERNI—TEA**, a pro-life Tea Party.

**When:** September 20, 2014

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Where:** St. Dominic Parish Center, 475 East I St., Benicia

**Free Admission - Please RSVP**

**Hosted by the Friends in Faith Ministry**

For more info or to RSVP please contact Linda (707)953-6966 or Kitty(707)567-0435.

Donations received from the raffles will benefit L.A.A.M. (Life...Abortion Alternative Ministries)

*Donations of Flat Cloth Diapers is greatly appreciated.*



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Ofelia Valdecanas  
Nathaniel Williams  
Matilda Wilson



## Saturday ~ September 13, 2014 ~ 5:30pm

Milind Pathak (S.I.)  
Ernesta Furtado (+)  
Pablito David (+)  
Romana de Lumen (+)  
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)  
Ben Labrado (+DA)

## Sunday ~ September 14, 2014 ~ 7:30am

Emmanuel Anonuevo (BD and Healing)  
Sandy Morgado (+)  
Cresencia Camerino (+)  
Rustico Udan (+)  
Bill Rose (+)

## Sunday ~ September 14, 2014 ~ 9:30am

Domingo and Myra Goyena (BD)  
Bobby Togonon, Sr. (BD)  
Joe Agosta (+)  
Romana de Lumen (+)  
Antolin and Virginia Macalino (+)

## Sunday ~ September 14, 2014 ~ 11:30am

Ederlinda Israel (60th BD)  
Roberto Togonon (BD)  
Crescencio Gaviola (S.I. - Healing)  
Consolacion Cosme (+)  
Imelda Icban (+)

## Sunday ~ September 14, 2014 ~ 5:30pm

Domilyn Alvarez (TG)  
Domingo Alvarez and family (TG)  
Veneranda and Charito Cubangbang (+)  
Eliseo and Elena Velasco (+)  
Manuel Ramones(+)

## Monday ~ September 15, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Colleen Sanchez (BD)  
Dale de Guzman (BD)  
Mary Sailas (+)  
Romana de Lumen (+)

## Tuesday ~ September 16, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Justine Santos (BD)  
Ed Talao (+BD)  
Todd Wilson (+)  
Romana de Lumen (+)

## Wednesday ~ September 17, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Rogie Gossell (TG)  
Michelle Togonon (BD)  
Crecencio Ilagan (BD)  
Kimberly Turner (S.I.)  
Wisdom Sabaoth and Apple Alfonso (S.I.)  
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)

## Thursday ~ September 18, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Maria Guevara (BD)  
Amy Long (S.I.)  
Renato Mojica (+40th day)

## Friday ~ September 19, 2014 ~ 7:15am

Mariel Garcia (S.I. - Healing)  
Gina Tai (S.I.)  
Cathy Fajardo (TG)  
Casiana Lucas (+)  
Norma Favila (+DA)

## Priests Retirement Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection - the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement - at all Masses this weekend. This is our opportunity to take care of those who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our diocese. Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

## ON FiRE NorCal Jam 2014

Join us at the largest kick-off Youth and YoungAdult Ministry in Northern California at ON FiRE NorCal Jam on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo. Celebrate Mass with 4,000 youth, the diocesan bishops, Papa Joe Lucero & SDYG Choir and SkaAmen. Get inspired by speakers David Bisono, Lila Rose, Emily Wilson and Paul J. Kim. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat lunch & get 2 hours of exclusive access to the park to enjoy the rides. Raise your voices during the evening concert featuring Josh Blakesley Band, The Thirsting, Emily Wilson,

Paul J. Kim, Papa Joe Lucero & SDYG Choir and SkaAmen. Tickets are selling quickly, so purchase them today at [www.onfirenorcal.com!](http://www.onfirenorcal.com!)