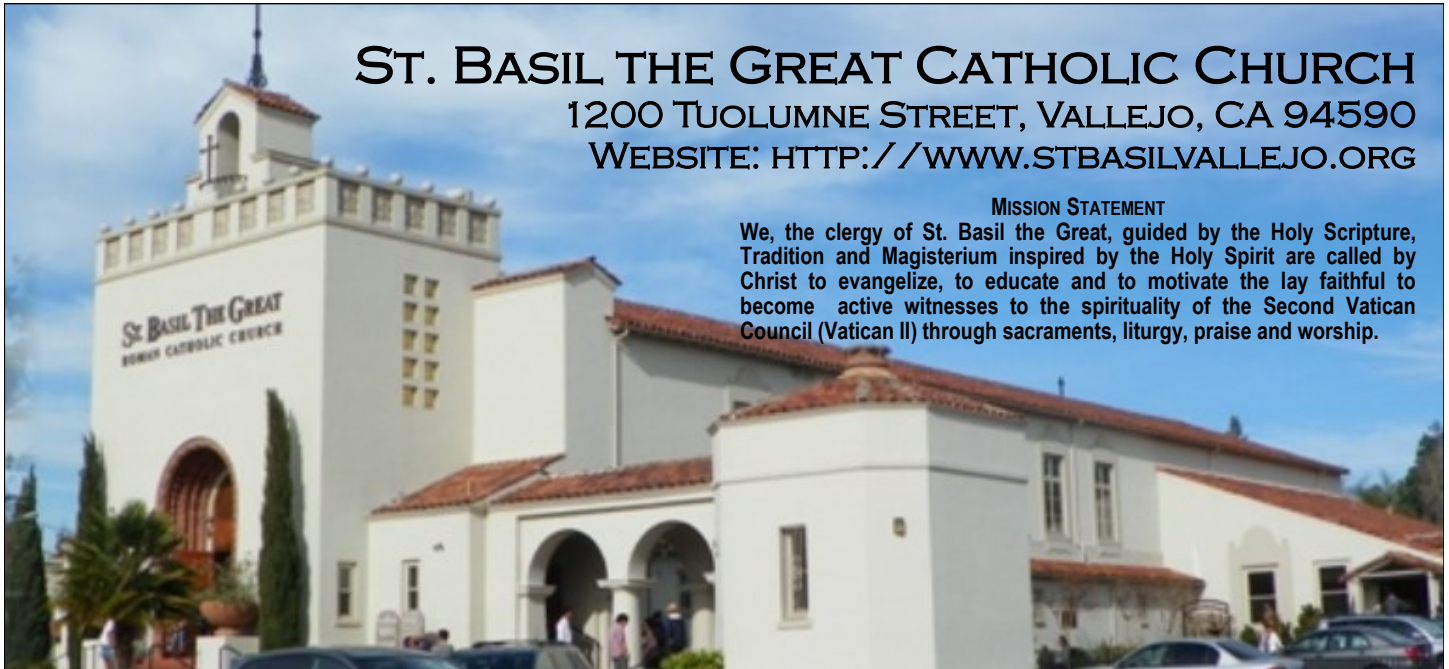


ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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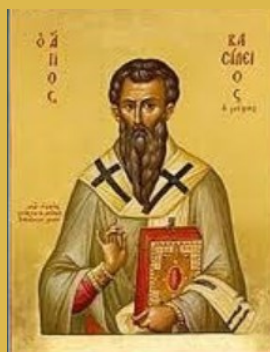
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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) 567-9500

Stewardship at St. Basil Parish

Grow our Gifts...Share Our Blessings

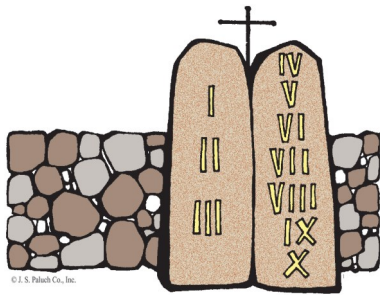
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Your ongoing support is essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others. *Stewardship by the Book....Sharon Hueckel*

MARCH 8, 2015 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed. — Samuel Johnson

THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked “Does the phrase ‘the Ten Commandments’ appear in the Bible?” would likely get it wrong, because the answer is “no.” “The Ten Commandments” is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today’s passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God’s law or commands is our path to freedom. The money-changers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God’s path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God’s freedom through Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated “stations.” The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord’s Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

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

Join parishioners from various parishes in Vallejo and Benicia, as they embark in a **Lenten Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 14th, 2015**. This year’s pilgrimage, entitled “Crosswalk” will begin at St. Vincent Ferrer with the 8 am Mass and end at St. Dominic’s for 5:30 pm Mass. Come and walk, as they visit the various parishes, traveling through scenic parts of Vallejo and Benicia, and praying the Stations of the Cross. For more information, please visit the pilgrimage website at www.crosswalkpilgrimage.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

STATIONS OF THE CROSS and FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP



Every Friday of Lent, we will have our Stations of the Cross and our Lenten Soup. In the evenings, Benediction and the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:15pm. At 6:30pm Lenten meatless soup with bread and water will be served in the Monsignor Byrne’s Room. Each ministry and devotional group will take turns hosting this event. Prayerful reflection, words of inspiration and discussion will be led by one of our priests and deacons. At 7:30pm, we will follow with the Stations of the Cross. We invite everyone to come and share this time with Jesus and one another. **Ministries hosting our Friday Lenten Soup are as follows:**

- March 13th - Couples for Christ & Baptismal Preparation
- March 20th - Lectors & Liturgy Committee
- March 27th - Ministry to the Sick, Legion of Mary & Our Mother of Perpetual Help



Please pray for the recently baptized as they begin their journey in the Body of Christ

- Eric Anthony Rodrigues**
- James Ryan Ramos De Luna, Jr.**
- Brian Lozada**
- Makakoa O’Kamalu Salvador Orellana**
- Adalina Rodriguez**
- William Ariston Bonotan-Agot Robles**



Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection. **Please make your check payable to St. Basil Church.**



St. Basil School is now accepting applications for school year 2015-2016. All parish families are welcome! Please contact Julia Boen, Principal at 707-642-7629 with any questions or requests for tours.

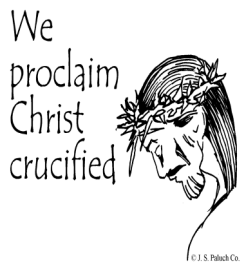


Eucharistic Ministers (EM) are lay people who volunteer and are trained by the parish to assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Eucharistic Ministers also help bring the Eucharist to the sick at area hospitals and nursing homes, and make home visits to those unable to participate in community worship. The current crisis before our community is the need for the distribution of Holy Communion in our Vallejo Kaiser Hospital on Sundays. Many of us, either as a patient, nurse, doctor or medical staff, understand all too well the spiritual significance of our Catholic presence and the comfort the Blessed Sacrament brings to those in the crisis of hospitalization. We pray there are those among us who will consider becoming an EM. Please visit our information table in the Msgr. Byrne Room after Mass.

Our 11th Annual parish's St. Patrick's Dinner hosted by the St. Basil Knights of Columbus is on **March 14, 2015** at 7:30 pm in the parish gym. Proceeds go toward local charities, Catholic Education scholarships and other parish needs. Tickets are available for sale after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continuous support.



Katie Abeyta
Ismael Beltran
Maria Bongco
Marian Boykins
Edzel David Brown
Florita Cruz
Arthur Cuanang
Andre Davis
Danilo Dipiramo
John Donovan
Milagros de Guzman
Dorothy Egidio
Modesto Gatmen
Miriam Holgado
Cris & Severina Ilagan
Aly Rose Jacobsen
Millie James
Rodolfo Lomibao
Carlos Mariano
Dolly Marquez
Lilia Maypa
Winnie Meadows
Monica Mendoza
Manuel Morales
Milagros Morales
Ed Moreno
Jim Murphy
Ida Pleasanton
Nicholas Policar
Ed Sablan
Anna Silva
Fermin Soriano
Suzanne Tiu
Dominador Viray
Nathaniel Williams
Matilda Wilson



Mass Intentions

Saturday ~ March 7, 2015 ~ 8:30am
First Saturday Mass

Pauline Chang (S.I.)
Vince Llamas, III (+)

Saturday ~ March 7, 2015 ~ 5:30pm

Victoria Felix (+)
Ernesta Furtado (+)
Gregorio Aguila (+)
Edilberto Morales (+)
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)

Sunday ~ March 8, 2015 ~ 7:30am

Agapita Olario Galia (+)
Eric Sopang (+)
Drew O'Donoghue (+)
Prudencio Tanghal (+DA)
Felipa Tanghal (+DA)

Sunday ~ March 8, 2015 ~ 9:30am

Margarita Reyes (S.I. - Healing)
Paul Cabalan (+)
Ronnie Cha (+)
Jennafer Canderi (+)
Rosita P. Gozar (+DA)

Sunday ~ March 8, 2015 ~ 11:30am

Crescencio Gaviola (S.I. - Healing)
Carl Ney (S.I. - Healing)
Consolacion Cosme (+)
Priscilla Santos (+)
Ramon and Arturo Aranda (+DA)

Sunday ~ March 8, 2015 ~ 5:30pm

Mardel Castro (S.I.)
Dr. Anastasia B. Mario (+)
Jerry Wong (+)
Carlos Mariano (+)
Dave Short (+)

Monday ~ March 9, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Rhonda Hicks (S.I.)
Vince Llamas, III (+)

Tuesday ~ March 10, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Mika Rose Togocon Goyena (BD)
Bob Yee (+)

Wednesday ~ March 11, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Roderick Makil (BD)
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)
Naomi Higginbotham (+)

Thursday ~ March 12, 2015 ~ 7:15pm

Roberto Aguila (+)
Neri Pabica, Jr. (+)
Candida Libut (+DA)
Prudencio Aquino (+DA)

Friday ~ March 13, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Sara Leah Wing (BD)
Haydee and Jim McKenzie (S.I.)



St. Basil Conference

"What sign can you show us...?" I'm sure we have all asked God for a sign at some point in our lives. But, would you recognize the sign if you saw it? Would you recognize Jesus in the homeless person, the lonely senior citizen or the underpaid single parent? These are the people we help when you put your donations in our SVdP bins. The bins are located in the Msgr. Byrne room and front entrance to the church. Please check our Wish List for items that can be a sign of the Lord's love to the needy. **Food Locker Wish List:** Easter basket (empty or filled) or goodies to make one (books/toys/candy)

Living God's Word

As much as we may want the temples of our lives cleared, we also *like* much of what takes up our lives. Still, God does come and does clear our temples in unsuspecting ways. Children grow up; friendships melt into memories. What is God asking us to clear away today?