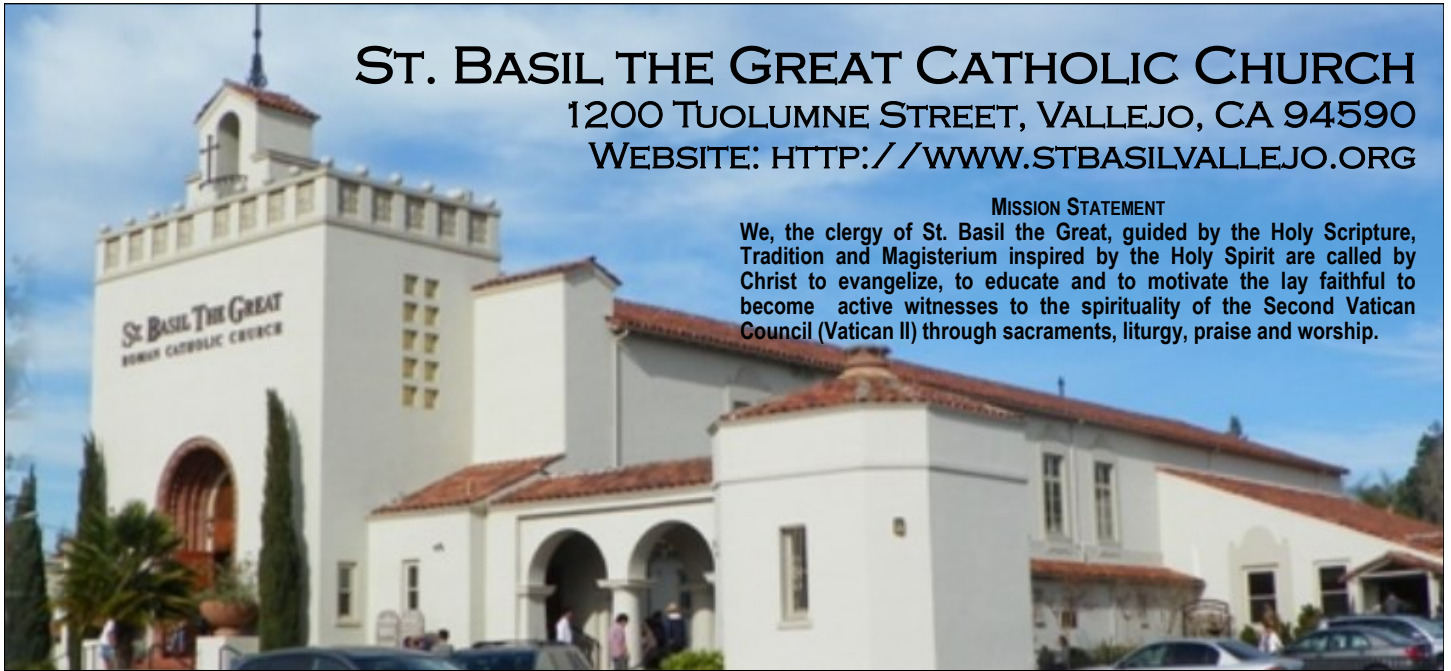


ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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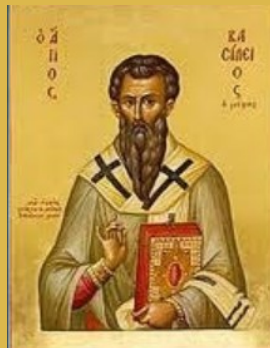
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Cherry Lopez ~ Director



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

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Grow our Gifts...Share *Our* Blessings

Stewardship of Treasure

03/15/15: \$10,265.66

Catholic Relief Services; \$3,408.64

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

"If anyone would serve me," say Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me, where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Stewardship by the Book...Sharon Hueckel

MARCH 22, 2015 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.
Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ’s passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people’s best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain.

Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria’s letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

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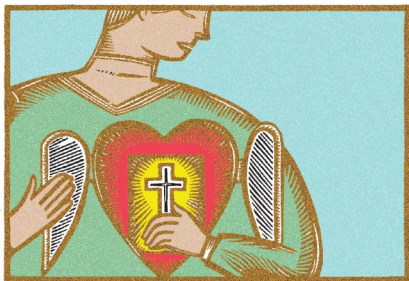
LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death
without the love of the Savior;
unhappy is love
without the death of the Savior.

—St. Francis de Sales



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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2015
I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

—Jeremiah 31:33

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has invited the Community Missionary Servants of the Word, a community of priests, brothers, sisters, and lay consecrated to do missionary work for two weeks starting March 21st and finishing with Easter on April 5th around the Vallejo area. They will be visiting houses in the area and inviting people to join in the events of Holy Week and other activities they will be having.

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don’t trust enough.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Reflecting on God’s Word – One of the earliest pictures of Jesus I can remember portrayed him at prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. I still see his hands, clasped tight. They spoke to me of an inner struggle long before I knew about his words, “Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will” (Mark 14:36). More than any other scene in the Gospels, this one brought home what it meant to say Jesus was truly man. Today’s Gospel has been called John’s version of the agony in the garden. The word agony (*agonia* in Greek) means struggle, and we can hear the struggle in Jesus’ awareness that “the hour” he has spoken of before in John’s Gospel, beginning at Cana, has finally arrived. It is the hour of his being lifted up—the hour of both his glory and his crucifixion. It is why he came into the world, and yet we hear him say, “I am troubled.” We hear him wrestling with himself, asking for release from the hour, but then recognizing that it holds “the purpose for which I came.” Hebrews affirms this when it says “he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence” (5:7). He was able to bear the suffering and become the source of eternal salvation for all who listen to him and follow in his steps. —James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Holy Week Schedule

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April 2 - Holy Thursday ~ 7:30 PM Mass

April 3 - Good Friday

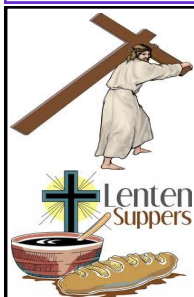
- ◆ 12:00-1:30 PM - Seven Last Words
- ◆ 1:30 - 2:30 PM - Youth Passion Re-enactment
- ◆ 2:30 - 3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ◆ 3:00 - 4:30 PM - Passion of the Lord Liturgy
- ◆ 7:30 - 8:30 PM - Passion of the Lord Liturgy

April 4 - Holy Saturday ~ 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

April 5 - Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Mass	9:30 AM Mass
11:30 AM Mass	1:30 PM Mass

(There will NOT be 5:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday)



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 27th - Ministry to the Sick, Legion of Mary & Our Mother of Perpetual Help



St. Basil Conference

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Our SVdP members see Jesus with each emergency food delivery we make. We also serve Him on the 4th Saturday of each month at the laundromat. It seems a small thing to have clean clothes, but to those who are homeless it helps to restore their dignity as a child of God. If you are looking for a project for your Lenten journey, please join us on Saturday 3/28 at Launderland, 627 Tennessee St. We'll be there from 8:30 - 10:30am. **Food Locker Wish List: Jam and Jelly**

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Pray for our sick ...

Katie Abeyta
 Nomie Almendra
 Yolande Bekhit
 Ismael Beltran
 Maria Bongco
 Marian Boykins
 Edzel David Brown
 Florita Cruz
 Danilo Dipiramo
 John Donovan
 Dorothy Egidio
 Miriam Holgado
 Cris & Severina Ilagan
 Aly Rose Jacobsen
 Millie James
 Rodolfo Lomibao
 Dolly Marquez
 Lilia Maypa
 Zonia McGee
 Monica Mendoza
 Manuel Morales
 Milagros Morales
 Ed Moreno
 Jim Murphy
 Ana Parker
 Ida Pleasanton
 Nicholas Policar
 Ed Sablan
 Teodorico Sacote
 Madeline Saye
 Anna Silva
 Fermin Soriano
 Suzanne Tiu
 Dominador Viray
 Nathaniel Williams
 Matilda Wilson



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Saturday ~ March 21, 2015 ~ 5:30pm

Stephanie Santos (BD)
 Carlos Mariano (+40th day)
 Felicidad S. Ramirez (+DA)
 Ernesta Furtado (+)
 Jaime and Benita Belen (+)
 Henry Stroeh Oldenburg (+)

Sunday ~ March 22, 2015 ~ 7:30am

Agapita Olario Galia (+)
 Eric Sopang (+)
 Sarah George (+)
 Leddegario Silverio (+DA)
 Rozelle and Thalia Carreon (+DA)

Sunday ~ March 22, 2015 ~ 9:30am

Margarita Reyes (S.I. - Healing)
 Gregoria Endaya (+DA)
 Henry Stroeh Oldenburg (+)
 William Lewis (+)
 Felino Rabaino, Jr. (+)

Sunday ~ March 22, 2015 ~ 11:30am

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

Sunday ~ March 22, 2015 ~ 5:30pm

Sumiko Matsuyama (S.I.)
 Frank Azevedo II (+DA)
 Crensencio and Casaria De Leon (+DA)
 Felicidad Estrada (+)
 Albert Price (+)

Monday ~ March 23, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Daisy De Guzman (BD)
 Roberto Morales (+)
 Victoriana Silverio (+BD)
 Buenaventurada Libut (+DA)
 William Lewis (+DA)

Tuesday ~ March 24, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Rowena Mesel Martinez (BD)
 Marietta Insigne (S.I. - Healing)
 Roberto Da Costa (+)
 Constantine Fernandes (+)
 Maria Teresa Pavon (+DA)

Wednesday ~ March 25, 2015 ~ 7:15am

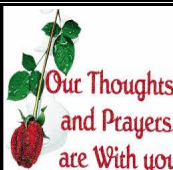
Qhianna Sanchez (S.I.)
 Jaime and Benita Belen (+)
 Azad Ochoa (+)
 Numeriano Javier (+)

Thursday ~ March 26, 2015 ~ 7:15pm

Gene and Lydia McNaboe (WA)
 Numeriano Javier (+)

Friday ~ March 27, 2015 ~ 7:15am

Lydia McNaboe (BD)
 Davy J. Short (+40th day)



Our Thoughts and Prayers are With you

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

Roger A. Petrie and Marcelino Edoria