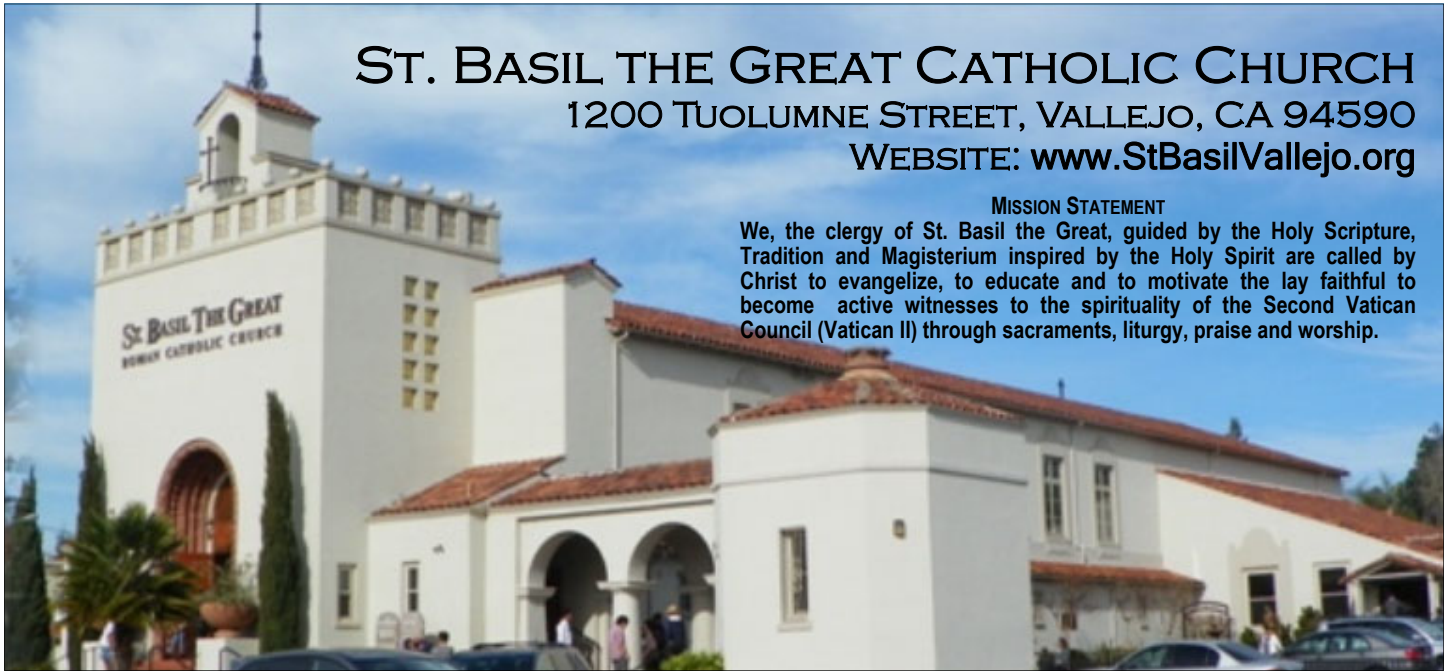


# ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

1200 TUOLUMNE STREET, VALLEJO, CA 94590  
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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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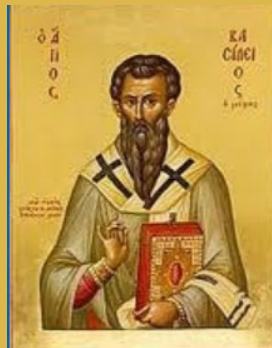
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**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) 567-9500**

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

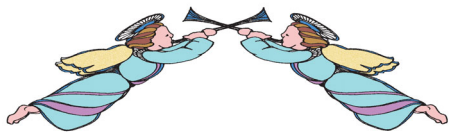
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*Miscellaneous: \$730.00*  
**Thank you.**

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

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."  
See Luke 3:11

**DECEMBER 13, 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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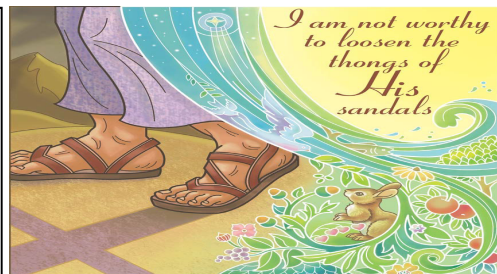
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### Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

—Isaiah 12:3



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### CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus’ birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the “Feast of the Expectancy,” and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the “O Antiphons” after the awe-inspired “O” sung on the first note. There’s a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: “ERO CRAS.” In Latin, that is translated as “I will be there tomorrow!” It’s as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

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

### AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!  
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

### STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage. —Anonymous



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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalms** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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**Mass Intentions For The Week**



**Saturday, December 12 –5:30PM**

Donald Zimmerman (+DA), Ernesta Furtadso (+)  
Jaime & Benita Belen (+), Lorenzo Silverio Sr. (+DA)  
Flora Victorio (+)

**Sunday, December 13**

**7:30AM**

Agapita Olario Galia (+), Aura Casabar (+)  
Edwin Espiridion (BD), Macario Pomado (+)  
Josefina Toralba (+), Ismael Raguro (+40Day)

**9:30AM**

Teresita Serrano (BD), Anastacia Pedreo (+)  
Alfredo Mangubat (+), Erlinda Reyes (+)  
Leonida Mangoba (+), Rodolfo Acosta +40Day)

**11:30AM**

Marcelina Karasig (+), Wilfredo Tabajonda (+)  
Eutemio & Concepcion Pecson (+)  
Lydia & Jesus Lim (+), Esteban Lim (+)  
Consolacion Tan (+), Rogelio Togonon (+)

**5:30PM**

Margarita Reyes (SI-Healing)  
Crescencio Gaviola (SI-Healing), Gina Fong (+)  
Mario Reblora, Sr. (+), Mario Reblora, Jr. (+)

**Tuesday, December 14 ~ 7:15**

Edgardo Nino (+), Gregorio Jumawan (+)  
Leona Jumawan (+)

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

Wilfrido Serrano (+DA), Nelson Jumawan (+)  
Jerrilyn Arnoco (+)

**Thursday, December 16- 7:15AM**

Myra M. Nati (BD), Ravi Yarlagadda (SI)

**Friday, December 17 - 7:15AM**

Edwin Chow (+), Cleotilde Salcedo (+)

**December 18 ~ 7:15AM**

Vedaly DeGuzman (BD), Joel Nodado (+)  
BJ Maddari (SI)

**Please pray for the sick**

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 Sapinosa  
Anna Silva  
Eleanor Swadener  
Nilda Toledo  
Dominador Viray  
Nathaniel Williams  
Matilda Wilson



The **St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to remind you that all wrapped gifts with ornaments attached are due this weekend. If you have taken an ornament and are unable to shop for the gift, please return it to the Tree so that someone else can shop for the child designated on the ornament. If you have already shopped, but have not placed the gift or ham under the tree, they must be placed under the Giving Tree no later than this weekend at the **5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, December 13th**. If you did not bring your gift or ham this weekend, please bring it to the Parish Center no later than Tuesday, December 15th at 4 PM. Your generosity in this endeavor is most appreciated, and you are giving a child and a family a special Christmas. Thank you so very Much.

**THANK YOU!**

On Tuesday, December 1, we celebrated our Light Up for Christ - Keep Christ in Christmas program. This event was fun-filled and truly inspiring. Many thanks and blessings for all participants, attendees, and supporters of this event.

**Aging religious need your help.** In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies usually for little or no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.



**January 2, 2016**

**Feast of St. Basil the Great!**

Details and other information will be in next week's bulletin!



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

**Veronica Buendia  
Frank Silvestri  
Flora Victorio**



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2015**

Come and join our St. Basil Family for **Breakfast with Santa!** Everyone is welcome to attend! Let us all enjoy pancakes, eggs, and sausage breakfast. There will also be unlimited carnival games and prizes, and photo booth. Kids may dress up as their favorite Toy Story character!

**Sunday, December 13, 2015, 9am to 1pm**  
(Santa will arrive at 11am)  
St. Basil School Gymnasium

Purchase your tickets from the School Office:  
\*Adult... ..\$8.00 \*Child (6-13)... ..\$5.00  
\*Child(5& under) are FREE