



ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
 1200 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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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

Holy Days:

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for 1/22/17: \$8,202.63
Candle: \$135.54
Mass Offerings: \$110.00
Sto.Niño: \$149.00

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

Anointing of the Sick, please call (707) 567-9500

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.

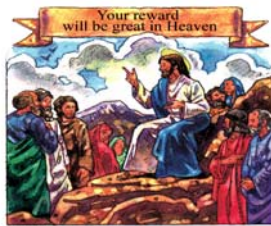
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Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the *sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
— *Matthew 5:3*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant."

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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

Sent Forth in the Spirit

The **Sent Forth in the Spirit** program invites candidates to become actively involved in preparation for the sacrament of **Confirmation** as they grow through reflection and prayer.

To participate the candidate must be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion), be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate issued within the past 6 months, and have a Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic and at least 16 years of age. The next program begins **February 4, 2017**. Classes will be held on Saturdays, St. Basil Church in the Father Garrigan room, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place on Sunday, **May 7, 2017** at the 11:30am Mass. All classes take place:

- February 4, 2017 Informational Session
- February 11, 2017 We Are the People of God and the Church
- February 24, 2017 The Trinity
- March 4, 2017 God Reveals Himself to US
- March 11, 2017 The Sacraments
- March 18, 2017 The Holy Mass
- March 25, 2017 The Moral Life
- April 11, 2017 Prayer and Spirituality
- April 13-16, 2017 Easter Triduum
- April 22, 2017 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"

May 7, 2017

CONFIRMATION

Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday: St. John Bosco
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
- Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday, January 28 – 5:30pm
 Digno & Letty Reyes (WA)
 Jaime & Benita Belen (+)
 Ruben Vela Gonzalez (+)
 Angela Niña Mangoba (+)
 Ding dela Luna (+), Dom Priscilla (+)

Sunday, January 29
 7:30am
 Mass for the parishioners of St. Basil

9:30am
 Gilda & Angela (BD)
 Francisca Mafe Papa (+DA)
 Sandy Morgado (+)
 Ireneo R. Trinidad (+)
 Roxanni P. Trinidad (+)

11:30am
 Joanna Salazar (BD)
 Agapita Olario Galia (+)
 Julita Piodo Salas Harris (+)
 Shannon Antonio Tayag (+)

5:30pm
 Joven & Ophie Villanueva (40th WA)
 Vicenta Galler (+DA)

Monday, January 30- 7:15am
 Mariko Friedel (SI)

Tuesday, January 31- 7:15am
 Cecelia Angeles

Wednesday, February 1 - 7:15am
 Warren Kwok
 Chis Nitaki (+)

7:00pm
 K. C. Chu (+)

Thursday, February 2 - 7:15am
 Lucero Family (SI)
 Jose Osorio (+BD)
 Ignacio Galler (+BD)
 Perlecio L. Togonon (+DA)
 Jim Adams (+)

Friday, February 3 - 7:15am
 Roberto Quimpo (SI)
 Bob Xavier (+)
 Kumiko Kobayashi (+)

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.

Charlie Arruejo
 Esmenia Arruejo
 Percy Belantes
 Yolande Bekhit
 Simon Daux
 Andre Davis
 Judy de Fiesta
 Gwen Flores
 Mariano Furtado
 Ray Hernandez
 Jocelyn Anderson Herrera
 Cris Ilagan
 Severina Ilagan
 Aly Rose Jacobsen
 Purificacion Llanera
 Rodolfo Lomibao
 Julie Ludovico
 Vic Mararac
 Yolanda Mararac
 Dolly Marquez
 Proceso Marquez, Jr.
 Winnie Meadows
 Jim Murphy
 Sr. Julieta Perez
 Nicholas Policar
 Raquel Puzon-Mejia
 Ed Sablan
 Linda Salgado
 Augusto Serrano
 Anna Silva
 Anna Silva
 Tony Tamayo
 Nathaniel Williams
 Ezekiel Wilson
 Matilda Wilson
 Philip Yun

Blessing of Throats



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BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism Class will be on Saturday, February 4th at the Fr. Garrigan Room. Please register at the parish center office.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE 2017

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Hispanic Diocesan Encounter 2017

Join us on January 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m at St. Charles Borromeo, Sacramento. This gathering is open to all who participate in any Hispanic Ministry. We invite you to share our Faith and to enrich ourselves with sharing among all ministries. The theme of the meeting will be: "Social Concerns (Migration...)". \$10 donation for lunch. To register, please contact Lupita at (916) 733-0177 or gfernandez@scd.org

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Giovanni Gamas - April 18 to 29, 2017 - \$2485.00 per person including roundtrip airfare, 4* Hotel accommodations, all meals and tips. For reservations, please call Angela at 510 724 4200; cell - 707 315 4686.



Our Thoughts and Prayers are With you
 Please pray with our Lazarus Ministry for all who have recently departed especially:

+Illuminada Catacutan
 +Jose Galamay
 +Evelyn Haggins



Presentation of the Lord



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CFC-FFL Dinner/Dance

What are you doing to celebrate Valentine's day? Take this opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day with your spouse/partner. Treat your spouse/partner to a special day! Couples for Christ, Foundation for Family & Life is having a Valentine's Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 6 PM - 11 PM. The event will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Fairfield. Tickets are \$35 per person. Dinner is Herb Salmon w/ lemon butter caper sauce or Smoked Tri-Tip with Shitake gravy and Herb Chicken with mushroom spinach sauce; Italian Flan for dessert. DJ music is included to dance the night away. Tickets will be sold after every mass.