

ST. PHILIP NERI ~ ST. ALBERT the GREAT PARISH

We are a Christian Community - Welcoming to all!

St. Philip Neri Church

3100 Van Buren St., Alameda

Mass Schedule:

Mon - Sat 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Phone: 510-373-5200

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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Pathiyil, MF

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St. Albert the Great Church

1022 Holly St., Alameda

Mass Schedule:

Mon - Sat 7:30 am ***First Friday-9:30 am**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am-Noon

Phone: 510-373-5225

Associate Pastor: Fr. Chacko Muthoottil, MF

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EVERY FIRST FRIDAY

**Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at
St. Philip Neri - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm**

Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Albert the Great - 9:30 am

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings for the Epiphany of the Lord speak about God revealing His saving presence to the whole world, inviting us to recognize Jesus as Lord and to respond with faith, joy and worship.

In the First reading from the book of Isaiah, we hear a call to rise and shine for the light of God has come to illuminate the darkness. This light is not just for a select few but is meant for all; a promise that all nations will come to know the glory of the Lord. The overwhelming grace of this prophecy reminds us that God's grace is universal, reaching beyond cultural and geographical boundaries. It reminds us that true leadership is rooted in serving others, a reflection of Christ's kingship, which was first revealed to the humble shepherds and later to the esteemed Magi.

In the Gospel of Mathew, we witness the actual event of the Magi's visit. They are seekers of truth, following a star to find the light of the world. That journey is one of faith, humility and openness, a model for us all. When they came to Jesus, they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, symbolizing His kingship, divinity and the suffering He would endure.

The Epiphany invites us to reflect on our own journey towards Christ. Are we willing to accept the light that shines in our own darkness? Are we ready to share this light with others, inviting them to join us in worship? Obedience to God leads to transformation. The Magi left for their country by another road symbolizes a changed life after encountering Christ.

God bless,
Fr. Chacko



St. Philip Neri
January 3, 2026 – January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions



St. Albert the Great
January 3, 2026 – January 11, 2026

Sat Jan 3	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Melva Claridge † (40 days) Anton † Grandparents Thanksgiving John & Fran Babjak †
Sun Jan 4	9:00 am 11:30 am	Valerie Trieu † Anton † Giacobe Truong Duc Hoi † Robert Irvine † Paul Marchetti †
Mon Jan 5	8:30 am	Anton †
Tues Jan 6	8:30 am	Alfonso Laguicao † (Death Anniversary) Anton †
Wed Jan 7	8:30 am	Norma Murray † Anton †
Thu Jan 8	8:30 am	Ester Gangcuangco † (Death Anniversary) Anton †
Fri Jan 9	8:30 am	Anton † Marcos Gatan III (Birthday)
Sat Jan 10	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Anton † Kelly Russi (Birthday) Gina Sarmiento (Thanksgiving) Rhatigan Family (Thanksgiving) Dave Rose †
Sun Jan 11	9:00 am 11:30 am	Ariane Economos (Birthday) Anton † Conrad DeGuzman †

Sat Jan 3	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Glorietta Ang Fuente † Nathaniel Roco Jane Hageman †
Sun Jan 4	8:00 am 10:30 am	Vilda Coutinho Nathaniel Roco Juresh Jeyachandran
Mon Jan 5	7:30 am	Maria Femminis † Nathaniel Roco
Tues Jan 6	7:30 am	Fr. Ande Tran Van Cuong † Edward Llanes Battoon † Nathaniel Roco
Wed Jan 7	7:30 am	Renan & Concepcion Diaz †
Thu Jan 8	7:30 am	Ngo Van Thuyet † Nathaniel Roco
Fri Jan 9	7:30 am	Nathaniel Roco
Sat Jan 10	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Nia ReAnn Ordinario (Birthday) Maria Femminis † Dr. Rogelio Ventanilla †
Sun Jan 11	8:00 am 10:30 am	Edgardo Esteban † Howard Lee

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

January 1—Solemnity of the Virgin Mary Offering
January 3-4 Parish Maintenance Fund
January 10-11 D Seminary Collection
January 17-18 D Philippines/Vietnam Typhoon Disaster Relief
January 24-25 SPN School Support



PRAAYER LIST MAINTENANCE

It's time to **update** our '**We Pray for our Sick**' list below. If you know of anyone on our list who is well and can be taken off, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you!



We Pray for the deceased: Paul Marchetti

We Pray for our sick: Suresh Jeyachandran, Ishita Suresh, Nathaniel Roco, Dolores Jardine, Zeny Mabagos, Max Baylosis, Mark Fantillo, Benigno Capulong Sr. Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Branchaud, Rogelio Felicano II, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Arcely Bernardino, Mary Reiser, Elon Rowlee, Lora Bracy, Virginia Carlson, Sarah Nordstrom, June Ogden, Janelle Ogden Lake, Catherine Sherrer, Aurora Custodio, Ginni Carson, Carol Lagoe, Lilian Layante, James Gwynne, Reydante Aguinaldo, Fr. Bob's Cousin Suzy, Helen Yee, Carol Hoyer, Gail Ferrouillet, Ida Mae Kempel, Veronica, Mario Cicero, Rose Brown, Al Hugger, Jing Jing Costello, Roger Dorn, Harry Rogers, Marianne Schenone, Patricia Faria, Mary Lee, Kate Quick, Alex Cruz, Diane Bustos, Cherry Anne Feliciano, Chang Jok Lee, Peter Perata, Lea Murphy, Chris Messina, Jacek Waszkowiak, James Ogden, Sr., Linda Morales, Vicki Cuadra, Ana Brown, Tina Jimenez, Jeff R, Anne Loos, Francisca Reyes

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

January 2026

St. Philip Neri

Rejano & Laguicao Family (Thanksgiving)

St. Albert the Great

Thanksgiving for Leo, Cathy, Trina's Birthday



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

January 2026

BLESSED MOTHER

Jess James & Remelym Laguicao (Anniversary)

ST. JOSEPH

Jess James Laguicao (Birthday)



VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

January 2026

St. Philip Neri

Daryl Dorn † & Family

St. Albert the Great

Alice Blancaflor



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention



JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Next week is our annual diocesan-wide Seminary collection. Our diocese is blessed with 10 dedicated men discerning a vocation to the priesthood. As they continue their formation and studies, they rely on our prayers and support. You can help by contributing to the Seminarian Fund, which assists with the tuition, housing books, and spiritual formation.

Please consider making a gift next week. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support.

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

at St. Albert Church 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come and join us for an hour of adoration and prayer

First Wednesdays: For Families

Second Wednesdays: For Promotion of Life

Third Wednesdays: For Religious Vocations

Fourth Wednesdays: For Youth

Fifth Wednesdays: Strengthening of Married Life

TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2026 (Part 2)
from Sherry Eastwood Falls

44 tips from **"The 80-Year-Old Wall"** by Hideki Wada

8. Don't over medicate. More pills don't always mean more health.
9. You don't always need to lower your BP or sugar too much. Balance matters.
10. Being alone isn't loneliness. It's peace—when chosen.
11. Laziness isn't shameful. Rest is part of living.
12. No need to spend on a driver's license. Many countries encourage returning them for safety.
13. Do what you love. Avoid what drains you. It's your life.
14. Desires don't vanish with age. Don't pretend they do.
15. Don't stay cooped up at home. Fresh air works wonder.

Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary, January 10 at 9:30 am. Gather with the Alameda Catholic Community and join us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion, and for our voiceless little brothers and sisters. We meet in front of City Hall in Alameda at 9:15am. Rosary will start at 9:30 am.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 24, 2026
SAN FRANCISCO



Rally: 12:30 pm starts at Civic Center Plaza
Walking down Market St. (2 miles)

Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.

Info faire: 11:00 a.m.

Please call Kathleen Ding at 510 928-3133 for more info .

World Wide Marriage Encounter

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Husbands and wives, offer each other the treasures of your love by participating in an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences** on:

Feb. 13-15, 2026 in Sacramento CA

March 6-8, 2026 in Danville CA

April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV or

May 1-3, 2026 in San Juan Bautista CA.

Go to www.wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

Thank you!



Thank you for your continuing generous donations to the parish **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**! You are really helping to serve Alameda neighbors in need! The St. Philip Neri school families and children donated many new clothes, toys, games and gift cards to the Alameda County SVdP Community Center, where they served over 500 children at the Annual children's Christmas Celebration. And with your Christmas Giving Tree donations of gift cards, new clothing, toys and games, we were able to partner with the St. Barnabas Conference to provide Christmas gifts for 39 families and 73 children. Thank you! And remember, the St Vincent de Paul recorded help line is 510-373-5226.

Simbang Gabi 2025 at St. Albert the Great. The 9-day novena was celebrated everyday at 5:00a.m. from Dec 16-24 by various priests from Oakland and San Francisco Dioceses.

First day with Fr. Ramon



Second day with Fr. Jayson



Third day with Fr. Fernando



Ninth day with our Pastor, Fr. Joseph



Fourth day with our Associate Pastor, Fr. Chacko



Fifth day with Fr. Mark



Eighth day with Fr. Jojo



Seventh day with Fr. Gabriel



Sixth day with Fr. Joy

