

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

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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 11, 2026 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's feast marks the end of the Christmas season, but more importantly, it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. From quiet life to public ministry. It begins with the baptism. This moment is not about Jesus being cleansed. Instead, His baptism is about solidarity. Jesus enters the water not because He needs purification, but because we do. He stands with sinners, not apart from them.



It is the first great sign of His mission: God comes not to condemn us from above, but to stand with us, beside us, and for us. Before Jesus performs a single miracle, before He preaches a single sermon, before He calls a single disciple, the Father declares His love.

This is a powerful reminder for us: Identity comes before activity. Belovedness comes before mission. We often think God will love us after we get our lives together. But the Father speaks His love first. At our own baptism, something astonishing happened: Do we remember that? We were united with Christ. We became children of God. We were claimed as beloved. But baptism is not only identity—it is also mission. Just as Jesus' baptism launched His ministry, our baptism sends us into the world as: bearers of light, instruments of peace, witnesses of God's mercy, servants of the poor, and voices of hope.

The Baptism of the Lord is not just a story about Jesus. It is a story about us. Jesus steps into the Jordan so that we might step into our identity. He rises from the water so that we might rise to our mission. He receives the Spirit so that we might live in the Spirit.

God bless,
Fr. Joseph

St. Philip Neri
January 10, 2026 – January 18, 2026



St. Albert the Great
January 10, 2026 – January 18, 2026

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	Ariane Economos (Birthday) Anton †
	11:30 am	Conrad DeGuzman † Richard Osanna †
Mon Jan 12	8:30 am	Anton †
Tues Jan 13	8:30 am	For All Souls Anton †
Wed Jan 14	8:30 am	Anton † Gene Rihm †
Thu Jan 15	8:30 am	Peter Chen † Anton † Nicole Schuler Birthday
Fri Jan 16	8:30 am	Michael Finigan † Anton † Andy Shimabukuro (Birthday)
Sat Jan 17	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Anton † Michael Marcheschi (Birthday)
Sun Jan 18	9:00 am 11:30 am	Anton † Felipa Agnes Reyes †

PRAYER 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: Aurora Custodio

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 Feliciano 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, 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, JoMarie Mendoza, Sabina Burns, Pam Eiselman, Carmelita Gabato



Sat Jan 10	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Nia ReAnn Ordinario (Birthday) Ishita Suresh (Birthday) Maria Femminis † Dr. Rogelio Ventanilla †
Sun Jan 11	8:00 am 10:30 am	Edgardo Esteban † Howard Lee
Mon Jan 12	7:30 am	Madalena Loan †
Tues Jan 13	7:30 am	Bienvenida Romero †
Wed Jan 14	7:30 am	Janet Dacanay
Thu Jan 15	7:30 am	Amb. George G. Aducayen, Jr
Fri Jan 16	7:30 am	Zeny Mabagos
Sat Jan 17	7:30 am 4:00 pm	For All Souls Arnaldo Avellanada †
Sun Jan 18	8:00 am 10:30 am	Dr. Roberto Purangao † Aurora Custodio † Jason Ding (Birthday)

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING



January 10-11 **D** Seminary Collection
January 17-18 **D** Philippines/Vietnam Typhoon Disaster Relief
January 24-25 SPN School Support



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

January 2026

St. Philip Neri

Rejano & Laguicao Family (Thanksgiving)
St. Albert the Great
For the People of SPNSA



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

January 2026

BLESSED MOTHER



Jess James & Remesly 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.

JANUARY PROLIFE MESSAGE

Catechism

470. What is forbidden by the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment forbids as gravely contrary to the moral law:

- *direct and intentional murder* and cooperation in it;
- *direct abortion*, willed as an end or as means, as well as cooperation in it. Attached to this sin is the penalty of excommunication because, from the moment of his or her conception, the human being must be absolutely respected and protected in his or her integrity;
- *direct euthanasia* which consists in putting an end to the life of the handicapped, the sick, or those near death by an act or by the omission of a required action;
- *suicide* and voluntary cooperation in it, insofar as it is a grave offense against the just love of God, of self, and of neighbor. One's responsibility may be aggravated by the scandal given; one who is psychologically disturbed or is experiencing grave fear may have diminished responsibility.

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

Come and join us for an hour of adoration & 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

SANCTUARY LAMP and VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS FOR 2026

The office is now accepting Sanctuary Lamp and Votive Candle offerings for 2026. St Philip Neri offers three locations at the front of the church for *Sanctuary Lamp offerings: Altar, St. Joseph and Blessed Mother.*

Votive candle offerings are located in the candle room in the vestibule.

Sanctuary Lamp offering is \$50/month

Votive candle offering is \$30/month or \$300/yr

This is a wonderful way to celebrate a loved one

Mass Offering is \$10

Please contact the Parish office

From the Bishop's Office

Special appeal for Vietnam and the Philippines

With deep concern for the suffering in the home dioceses in Vietnam and the Philippines of many of our clergy, Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, asks all parishes to consider a voluntary second collection to aid typhoon disaster relief in Vietnam and the Philippines.

Please consider making a gift next week on January 17-18. Thank you for your generosity.

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. And remember, the St Vincent de Paul recorded help line is 510-373-5226.

TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2026 (Part 3) from Sherry Eastwood Falls

- 44 tips from "**The 80-Year-Old Wall**" by Hideki Wada
- 16. Eat what you enjoy. A little belly won't kill you.
- 17. Do everything with care. Slow down; there's no rush.
- 18. Avoid those who drain your energy. You've earned the right to choose peace.
- 19. Switch off the telly sometimes. Don't just watch—live.
- 20. Stop fighting illness. Learn to live with it gracefully.
- 21. "When the car reaches the mountain, the road appears." In other words, it'll sort itself out.
- 22. Eat fresh fruits and salads. Nature knows what it's doing.
- 23. Bathing? 10 minutes tops. You're not marinating.

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION and MASS at St. Albert the Great
Daily Novena starting Friday, January 9 thru Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m.



Celebration of the Feast of the Santo Niño
Sunday, January 18 at 10:30 AM



Place your statues at the altar by 10:15 AM
(reception to follow)



**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
 BRANCH 10**



POLENTA DINNER

Monsignor O'Brien Hall

High Street & Van Buren Street, Alameda

Saturday, January 24, 2026
 Doors open at 6 pm Dinner 7 pm



Dinner to be prepared by Ben Ratto



Salad, Antipasto, Bread, Polenta with Chicken,
 Wine, and Dessert



Hosted Bar

Note: Mixed drinks will not be served after 7:00 pm

Adults \$35 Children 12 years old & under \$12

Reservations to John Zugnoni by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20th
 Email: john@zugnoni.net or Phone: (510) 326-3474

**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.

Women In God's Spirit (WINGS): Winter 2026



WINGS is a group of women from many parishes who seek to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. Through prayer, thought provoking presentations on a variety of subjects, and small group faith-sharing and discussion of how the Spirit is working in their lives, women journey together. Gatherings are held on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:15 in the Meeting Rooms at St. Theresa parish, 30 Mandalay Boulevard in Oakland. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Dee McDonough at
deigns@comcast.net

January 7th Sue Bojdak, Jewish Educator and Spiritual Director
What Sustains Us on the Journey: An Exploration of Miriam's Well

January 14th Rebecca Esterson, PhD Dean, Center for Swedenborgian Studies, Graduate Theological Union

Helen Keller's Travel Journal (1936-37): A Pilgrimage of Grief and Hope

January 21st Matthew J. Thomas, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Department Chair of Theology, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology. *Seven Principles for Reading Scripture With the Saints*

January 28th Service Project

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 upcoming

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences:

Feb. 13-15, 2026 in Sacramento CA

March 6-8, 2026 in Danville CA

April 10-12, 2026 in Zephyr Point NV

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

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

The Saint Philip Neri/Saint Albert Parish Outreach
 Presents

"Love Is In The Air"

With Our

11th Annual Heritage Dinner

Valentine's Day February 14th

MONSIGNOR O'BRIEN HALL
 3108 Van Buren Street, Alameda

Menu: Heartfelt Cuisine by Chef Leo

Mixed greens with hearts of romaine, lemon vinaigrette, bread and butter, Surf and Turf: prime rib, au jus, prawn skewers, lemon caper sauce, green bean, red pepper stir fry, roasted potatoes, red velvet cake.

Reservations Required

No Host Bar, Social hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm

Adults \$60 Children (12 and under) \$30

For questions, reservations, or ticket information call
 Jeanette Zugnoni 510-206-1743

We celebrate our Heritage!