

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

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time, year A, calls us to trust in God, to embrace the humility of life, to cultivate compassion towards others, to seek justice for all, to desire and practice righteousness towards God and one another every day of our lives.

In the First Reading from Zephaniah, we encounter a message of hope and restoration. The prophet calls us to seek the Lord, emphasizing that those who humble themselves and rely on God, will find refuge and strength. In a world that often values power and privilege, Zephaniah reminds us that God's favor rests on the meek and the lowly.

In the Gospel of Mathew, Chapter 5, Jesus inaugurates the sermon on the mount. In Biblical tradition, the mountains function as sacred spaces where Heaven and earth meet, acting as locations for divine revelation, covenant, and testing. Mathew deliberately echoes Moses, on Mt. Sinai, presenting Jesus as the definitive teacher of God's will. This was Jesus' foundational discourse on the kingdom of heaven. It is called 'Beatitudes, meaning blessed or happy. These are the blueprint for Christian living. Jesus proclaims blessings upon the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek and the peacemakers. Each of these qualities reflects a heart open to God's grace and a life lived for others. They challenge us to rethink our values and priorities considering God's kingdom.

God bless,

Fr. Chacko

St. Philip Neri
January 31, 2026 – February 8, 2026



St. Albert the Great
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Sat Jan 31	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Crescenciana Sarmiento † ICF #10 Living & Deceased Members
Sun Feb 1	9:00 am 11:30 am	Ester Geronimo † Brian & An Family Eddie Malenk †
Mon Feb 2	8:30 am	Janice Hammond † Alister Carocoto (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Tues Feb 3	8:30 am	Rene Sarmiento † Linda Yap †
Wed Feb 4	8:30 am	Laurelle Loustau †
Thu Feb 5	8:30 am	Angel Geronimo †
Fri Feb 6	8:30 am	Gil Ramos (1st Death Anniversary)
Sat Feb 7	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Carlos Paronda † William Ta-Nguyen (1st Birthday) Jack Ewing †
Sun Feb 8	9:00 am 11:30 am	Ester Gangcuangco † Daniel Doyle †

Sat Jan 31	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Anjelica Mendoza Rick Lavoie †
Sun Feb 1	8:00 am 10:30 am	Paul Marchetti † Carmelita Gabato
Mon Feb 2	7:30 am	Carmelita Gabato
Tues Feb 3	7:30 am	Zeny Mabagos
Wed Feb 4	7:30 am	Andy Sidari (Birthday)
Thu Feb 5	7:30 am	For the People
Fri Feb 6	7:30 am	Robert & Marge Hartshorn †
Sat Feb 7	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Fr. William Marshall † Aurora Custodio †
Sun Feb 8	8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Rodriguez † Pres & Helen Ordinario

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

*Come and join us for an hour of adoration & prayer
ALL ARE WELCOME*

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



We Pray for the Deceased: Ida Mae Kempel
We Pray for our sick: Bob Radecke, Josephine Ramos, Carmelita Gabato, Suresh Jeyachandran, Ishita Suresh, Nathaniel Roco, Dolores Jardine, Zeny Mabagos, Mark Fantillo, Benigno Capulong Sr. Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Brachaud, Rogelio Feliciano II, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Arcely Bernardno, 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, Helen Yee, Carol Hoyer, Gail Ferrouillet, 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, Martine Lee, Armando Aguilar

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

January 31-February 1 Parish Maintenance
February 18—Ash Wednesday



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026

St. Philip Neri

Dave Rose

St. Albert the Great

Living and Deceased members of Menchavez Family



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026

BLESSED MOTHER



Jeffrey, Jason & Joseph Rockwell & Family



ST. JOSEPH

For the People of SPNSA

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli Family



St. Albert the Great

Alice Blancaflor



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



February 5, 2026
6:30 PM



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RSVP HERE



SCAN ME

Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County

FIRST FRIDAY—February 6, 2026

Come and embrace the joy of being in HIS presence

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction



St. Philip Neri Church
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mass and Anointing of the Sick
St. Albert the Great 9:30 a.m.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The sacrament of the [Anointing of the Sick](#) will be offered at the [Cathedral of Christ the Light](#) at 11:00 am on [February 7](#). A reception will follow hosted by the Order of Malta Clinic of Northern California.



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 and meet 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 info, contact Dee McDonough at deigns@comcast.net

February 4th Margaret Roncalli, Pastoral Associate, St. Columba Catholic Church *Pilgrimage of Hope: The Word in My Life*
February 11th Barry Brown, Director, Formation Labs and Retreat Leader, *The Descending Path Leading Upwards to Hope*
February 18th Ash Wednesday Service

TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2026 (Part 5) from Sherry Eastwood Falls

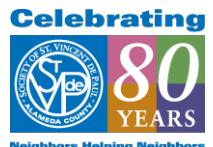
41 tips from ["The 80-Year-Old Wall"](#) by Hideki Wada

34. The tougher it is, the more interesting it gets. That's life.
35. A bit of sun is happiness in disguise. Soak it in.
36. Do things that help others. It gives you purpose.
37. Take it slow. Not every day needs a to-do-list.
38. Desire fuels long life. Wanting something keeps you going.
39. Live with cheer. It's infectious— in a good way.
40. Breathe easy. No seriously—relax your breath.
41. Life's rules? You make them now.

**End of year tax statements will be mailed out in the first week of February. If you prefer to pick up your statement, please contact the parish office. Thank you. **

SWEATER, JACKET AND COAT DRIVE

Cold winter weather is here again and there is a need for warm coats, jackets and sweaters (clean and gently used). [Men's coats are in short supply.](#)



Collection containers will be placed in the vestibules of both St. Philip and St. Albert. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for continued generosity to neighbors in need.

Outreach Ministry—Garage Sale in July 2026

We are asking for donations of used or new household ware, decorative items, toys, shoes, small appliances, tools, gardening supplies, craft items, jewelry. At this time, we are NOT ACCEPTING large furniture, books or clothing.

Your generosity will continue to allow Outreach Ministry to provide needed support to our parish and outside community.

Donation drop off will be on Wednesday mornings (8:30 am—11:30 am) at St Albert Hall. If you need items picked up or more information about donations, please contact John at (408) 829-0740.



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!

In preparation for **Ash Wednesday**
Services, **February 18**, we will be gathering
last year's Palms to burn for ashes.

Please drop off palms in the baskets in the vestibule
at St. Philip Neri or St. Albert the Great.



Please Join Us

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH #10

LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



Every Friday Night of Lent at 6pm

February 20th, 27th,
March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Saint Philip Neri Hall

Everyone Welcome

Complete Meal

Fish Pasta Salad Rolls Dessert



Take-Out Option Available

Adults \$15

Children \$5

Dinner follows
5:30 Stations of the Cross
in Saint Philip Neri Church



Italian Catholic Federation Annual Crab Feed



The ICF East Bay District Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed

is on **February 21st** at St. Phillip Neri in Monsignor O'Brien Hall. All are welcome!

Join us in an evening of friendship and fun with plenty of crab, pasta, salad as well as dessert!! Chicken available in lieu of crab, pre-order only. Please specify when making reservations. A special ticket for Chicken Dinners will be held at the door.

Cocktails are at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. A raffle of those famous ICF gift baskets will be part of the fun. This event is the main fundraiser for the many charities we support- including college scholarships, seminary studies and thalassemia research. **Tickets: \$80.00 / \$20.00** for children under 10 yrs.

Deadline for reservations is **Friday Feb 13!** Contact John Zugnoni: John@Zugnoni.net, (510) 326-3474 for details.