

# 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 8, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel of Matthew, today, Jesus refers to his disciples as "the salt of the earth and the light of the world." Salt enhances flavor and preserves what is good, while the light penetrates darkness and reveals truth. We are not meant to hide our faith but to let it shine brightly, influencing the world for good. For us Christians, God is our light from within. The Holy Spirit, whom we receive at baptism, is the source of both of our love and of our light. It is He who turns us into a flaming torch that we may enlighten those around us. The moment we lose Him, we turn into darkness.

Salt in the ancient world was essential for preservation, flavoring and sometimes purification. Light symbolized divine presence, revelation, and life. Just as salt acts as a preservative, disciples are called to prevent moral and spiritual decline. Salt gives flavor to the food, in the same way, the disciples are to give meaning and direction to human life. A Christian ought to make his own life tasty that is meaningful and help those around him to give true meaning to their lives. A life without faith is like food without salt. It has no taste, no meaning. The warning is stark: discipleship that loses its distinctive character becomes useless. Faith must turn the life of a Christian into a shining light. Salt works quietly and light works naturally. A Christian perceives God's plan of love for him and for all people and does his best to help those around him to discover them and to walk towards God.

God bless,

*Fr. Chacko*

St. Philip Neri  
February 7, 2026 – February 15, 2026



St. Albert the Great  
February 7, 2026 – February 15, 2026

Sat <b>Feb 7</b>	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Carlos Paronda † William Ta-Nguyen (1st Birthday) Jack Ewing † Annabella Demattei †
Sun <b>Feb 8</b>	9:00 am 11:30 am	Ester Gangcuangco † Ms. Julie Thomas Daniel Doyle †
Mon <b>Feb 9</b>	8:30 am	Joel Jao (Birthday) Camila Ramirez-Nevarez (Thanksgiving)
Tues <b>Feb 10</b>	8:30 am	Jeff Rockwell (Birthday) Ramon Concepcion Sr †
Wed <b>Feb 11</b>	8:30 am	Rosa Schenone † Mrs. Fune & Mrs. Scroft and class scholars
Thu <b>Feb 12</b>	8:30 am	Froilan Ampil † David Alexander Bautista (Healing)
Fri <b>Feb 13</b>	8:30 am	For All Souls Ramon Rodriguez † Eleanor MacDonell †
Sat <b>Feb 14</b>	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Living & Deceased Members of ICF #10 Dave Rose †
Sun <b>Feb 15</b>	9:00 am 11:30 am	Carlos Geronimo † Peter Chen †

#### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

February 18—Ash Wednesday



#### PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

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



**We pray for the Deceased:** Eleanor MacDonnell, Josephine Ramos  
**We Pray for our sick:** Justin Lee, Angelita Soller Morales, 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 Bernardino, Mary Reiser, Elton Rowlee, Lora Bracy, Virginia Carlson, Sarah Nordstrom, June Ogden, Janelle Ogden Lake, Catherine Sherrer, 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, Marion Williams



Sat <b>Feb 7</b>	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Fr. William Marshall † Aurora Custodio †
Sun <b>Feb 8</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Rodriguez † Angelita Soller Morales (Healing) Pres & Helen Ordinario
Mon <b>Feb 9</b>	7:30 am	Lannha Vu †
Tues <b>Feb 10</b>	7:30 am	Joseph Young †
Wed <b>Feb 11</b>	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Thu <b>Feb 12</b>	7:30 am	Joe Vu †
Fri <b>Feb 13</b>	7:30 am	Bienvenida Romero †
Sat <b>Feb 14</b>	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Benigno T. Capulong, Sr Bernadette Resma
Sun <b>Feb 15</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Fr. Vince Cotter † For the People of SPNSA

We are accepting Sanctuary Lamp and Votive Candle offerings for Year 2026 for both St. Philip Neri and St Albert the Great. Please call the Parish office for more information. Thank you.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026



St. Philip Neri

Dave Rose †

St. Albert the Great

For living and Deceased members of Menchavez Family



#### SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026

BLESSED MOTHER

Jeffrey, Jason, & Joseph Rockwell & Family



ST. JOSEPH

People of SPNSA



#### VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

FEBRUARY 2026

St. Philip Neri

Daryl Dorn † & Family  
Joseph Cervelli Family

St. Albert the Great  
People of SPNSA



## 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.



*The Children's Choir sang  
at the Catholic Schools Week Mass*



*The Children's Choir at the Family Mass on  
February 1st*

### Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary, February 14 at 9:30 .m.

The 2nd Saturday Rosary takes place this month on Saturday, **February 14th** at Alameda City Hall (corner of Oak & Santa Clara Ave). We meet at 9:15 and start the Rosary at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

### **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.



"Wow! Another excellent Hospitality Sunday! **THANK YOU ALL** for the incredible help. I almost only had to supervise! Peggy cutting donuts with speed and accuracy; Fred and Lee moving stuff; Greg helping in the kitchen with coffee making and hot water making; Tony helping at the tables along with Lee, Greg, Fred, Jim and Roberta; and ALL helping with the clean up afterwards! You all are amazing and wonderful folks. Many families went home happy and full of sugar too." ~Knight Jesus Romero



*Hospitality Sunday by Knights of Columbus*

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.



### 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.

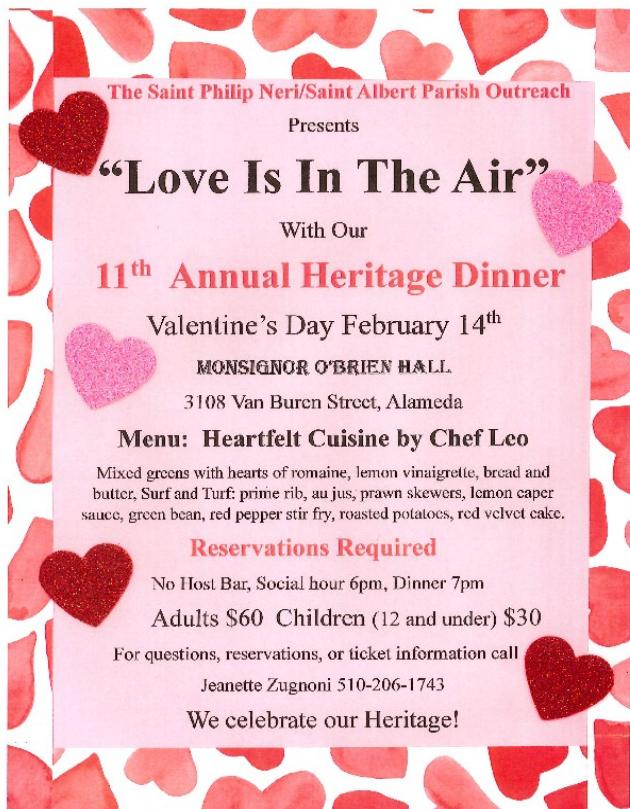
Go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) to find the Experience that is just right for you!

### 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](mailto:deigns@comcast.net)*

**February 11th** Barry Brown, Director, Formation Labs and Retreat Leader, *The Descending Path Leading Upwards to Hope*

**February 18th** Ash Wednesday Service



## Please Join Us

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH #10

### LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS



Every Friday Night of Lent at 6pm

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>,  
 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
 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 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. Philip 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 per person / \$20.00 for children 10 and under.**

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