

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

Email: secretary@spnsa.org

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Pathiyil, MF

510-373-5201 or fr.pathiyil@spnsa.org



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

510-373-5202 or chackommf@gmail.com

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

MARCH 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church takes us up a mountain. Lent began in the desert (First Sunday). But today, we are taken to the mountain. Why? Because the journey to Calvary is hard. Before the disciples see the suffering of the cross, Jesus allows them to glimpse His glory.

In the first reading, God calls Abraham to leave his homeland and trust in a promise: Abraham walks in faith without seeing the full picture. On Mount Tabor, the disciples see what Abraham longed for: the fulfillment of God's promise. Jesus is the blessing for all nations. He is the fulfillment of the Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah). Lent is our journey of faith like Abraham's. We may not see clearly. We may not understand everything. But we trust the promise.

The most important words in today's Gospel are the Father's: "Listen to Him." Not listen to our fears. Not listen to the noise of the world. Not listen to our discouragement. Listen to Him. And what has Jesus just said before this event? That He must suffer, be rejected, and rise again. That whoever wants to follow Him must take up his cross. Lent is a time to quiet the noise so we can hear His voice again. The Transfiguration is given in Lent to remind us: The cross is not the end. Glory awaits. Lent is not about gloomy sadness. It is about transformation. The same Jesus who was transfigured on the mountain desires to transfigure us – to change our hearts, our priorities, our lives.

God bless.
Fr. Joseph

Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri
February 28, 2026 – March 8, 2026

St. Albert the Great
February 28, 2026 – March 8, 2026

Sat Feb 28	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Aida Gando † (Death Annivesary) For the People of SPNSA
Sun Mar 1	9:00 am 11:30 am	Alfonso Laguicao † Socorro Tolentino † Primitiva Balbin † (40 Days) Brian & An Family
Mon Mar 2	8:30 am	Anthony Caviglia (Birthday) Margaret Marani (Birthday)
Tues Mar 3	8:30 am	Bobbie Perata † Stina Loomis †
Wed Mar 4	8:30 am	For the People of SPNSA
Thu Mar 5	8:30 am	Fr. Vincent Cotter †
Fri Mr 6	8:30 am	Fr. Chacko Renee Woods
Sat Mar 7	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Sophia Dorman (Birthday) Belinda Rejano (Birthday) Msgr. Patrick J. O'Brien †
Sun Mar 8	9:00 am 11:30 am	Ester Gangcuangco † Everett MacNamara † Fr. Jerry Kennedy †

Sat Feb 28	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Stephen Low Nida B. Villalon †
Sun Mar 1	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joe & LanNha Vu † Jeff Sommers † Anthony Amigo (Healing)
Mon Mar 2	7:30 am	Manuel Gacayan †
Tues Mar 3	7:30 am	For All Souls
Wed Mar 4	7:30 am	Linda T. Rivera †
Thu Mar 5	7:30 am	For All Souls
Fri Mr 6	7:30 am	James & Irene Smith †
Sat Mar 7	7:30 am 4:00 pm	For All Souls For the People of SPNSA
Sun Mar 8	8:00 am 10:30 am	Felicidad Salcedo (Birthday) Luisa Hamilton (Birthday)

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING



Feb 28—Mar 1 Parish Maintenance Fund
March 7-8 D Catholic Relief Services
March 22-23 Easter Flowers
March 28-29 St Vincent De Paul

We are still accepting Sanctuary Lamp & Votive Candle offerings for Year 2026 for both St. Philip Neri and St Albert the Great churches. Sanctuary Lamp offering is \$50/month and the votive candle offering is \$30/month (\$300/year).

This is a wonderful way to celebrate a loved one. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or want more information.



We Pray for our deceased: Armando Aguilar
We Pray for our sick: Angelita Soller Morales, Bob Radecke, Carmelita Gabato, Nathaniel Roco, Dolores Jardine, Zeny Mabagos, Mark Fantillo, Benigno Capulong Sr. Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Brachaud, Rogelio Felicano II, Hakley Family, Arcely Bernardino, Elon Rowlee, Lora Bracy, Virginia Carlson, 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, Kate Quick, Alex Cruz, Diane Bustos, Cherry Anne Feliciano, Chang Jok Lee, Peter Perata, Chris Messina, Jacek Waszkowiak, James Ogden, Sr., Linda Morales, Tina Jimenez, Jeff R, Anne Loos, Francisca Reyes, JoMarie Mendoza, Sabina Burns, Pam Eiselman, Martine Lee, Marian Williams, Sherley Flores, Anthony Amigo, Felicidad Salcedo

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

Come and join us for an hour of adoration & prayer

ALL ARE WELCOME

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
MARCH 2026



St. Philip Neri
Eliana Clare
(Birthday Thanksgiving)
St. Albert the Great
Flor Ventanilla
In Thanksgiving

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
MARCH 2026



BLESSED MOTHER
Belinda Rejano
(Birthday Thanksgiving)
ST. JOSEPH
Dave Rose †



VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING
MARCH 2026



St. Philip Neri
Joseph Cervelli Family
Jess James & Remelyn Laguicao
(Wedding Anniversary)
St. Albert the Great
People of SPNSA



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

MARCH 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



OCIA Rite of Initiation

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.

Calling all Spartans and Friends!

Join the **Class of 1971** on Saturday, **March 28** for **5:15 PM Mass** with Fr. Bob Glynn and **dinner** following in Monsignor O'Brien Hall!

Call the Parish Office for more details!

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**:

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!



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!

March 26, 2026
6:30 PM

408-325-5107
snavarro2@ccscc.org

RSVP HERE



SCAN ME

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Our Lenten CRS Rice Bowls have arrived.

75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donations support



Catholic Relief Services work around the world. They include feeding the hungry in suffering refugees, legal assistance, advocate on behalf of the poor and marginalized, help to victims of natural disasters.

25% helps fight hunger and poverty in our own community.

Please pick up a Rice Bowl box from the church vestibule. Please remember to give generously.

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.

HELP NEEDED to fund new computers for the Parish Office

To keep up with current technologies, software upgrade requirements, and security, we have found it necessary to upgrade our staff computers. Our computers will no longer support these newer updates. We need to replace 4 computers and are asking for monetary donations. All gifts are tax deductible.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to donate. Thank you in advance for your support!

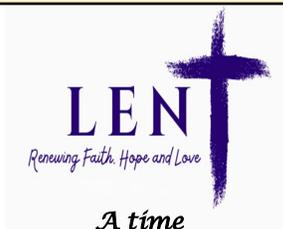
FIRST FRIDAY—March 6, 2026
Come and embrace the joy of being
in HIS presence



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.



*A time
 to grow
 spiritually
 through penitential practices
 especially those of
 self-denial, almsgiving,
 and through works of
 kindness and compassion.*

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: **February 20 thru April 3**
5:30 pm at St Philip Neri followed by (ICF) Fish Fry
7:00 pm at St. Albert the Great followed by Simple Soup

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



MARCH EVENTS at SPNSA

- Stations of the Cross**—Fridays through March 27
- Lenten Fish Fry**—Fridays thru March 27
- Adoration at St Albert**—every Wednesday at 6 pm
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at SPN**—March 6
- Anointing of the Sick at St Albert**—March 6
- ICF St. Patrick's Irish Social**—March 7
- OCIA Family Films Night**—every Friday thru March 27
- Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)** - March 8
- St. Patrick's Day**—March 17
- Palm Sunday**—March 29



SAINT PATRICK'S IRISH SOCIAL

Sponsored by ICF Branch 10

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Social Hour, including Hosted Bar, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Monsignor O'Brien Hall
 High Street & Van Buren Street, Alameda

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE & ALL THE TRIMMINGS

ENTERTAINMENT BY YOUNG LADIES
 FROM
 McBRIDE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Adults \$35.00 Children 12 Years & under \$15.00

Reservations

To: Terry Greig, (510) 504-0498 or terrygreig3@gmail.com,
 by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd



OCIA FAMILY FILMS NIGHT -
 Immediately following (ICF) Fish Fry

**Film: Casablanca (PG) 1943*

March 6, 2026 at 7:10 pm

In the Children's Chapel

"Best Hollywood Movie of All Time"

Winner of Best Picture Academy Award
 Starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman &
 Paul Henreid with Claude Rains,
 Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre

*In the time of War, do "the lives of two
 little people even matter?"*