

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 22, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Readings for the fifth Sunday of Lent, year a, present us with powerful images of life emerging from death and the promise of resurrection, urging us to trust in God's transformative power.

In the First Reading from the book of Ezekiel, we hear the Lord proclaiming His promise to bring His people back to life, to breathe His Spirit into their dry bones, and to restore them to their homeland. This vision of resurrection speaks not only to physical renewal but to a spiritual revival encouraging us to trust in God's ability to restore what seems lost or hopeless.

In the Gospel of John, we witness the profound miracle of Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead. Martha's declaration, 'I believe that you are the Messiah', serves as a call to faith and trust in Jesus during our own moments of grief and doubt. Jesus not only brings Lazarus back to life but also reveals His identity as the resurrection and the life, inviting each of us to experience the hope of resurrection in our own lives. Four things strike us on reading this passage: 1. The genuine friendship of Jesus with the family of Lazarus. 2. The complete trust of Mary and Martha in Jesus. 3. The deep grief of Jesus at the death of His friend 4. The moving prayer of Jesus to His Father. Jesus wept. This reveals His empathy and compassion. Jesus empathizes with our struggles and that should give us more strength and courage in our daily lives.

God bless.

Fr. Chacko

Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri  
March 21, 2026 – March 29, 2026

St. Albert the Great  
March 21, 2026 – March 29, 2026

Sat Mar 21	8:30 am 5:15 pm	For the People of SPNSA Jeff Rockwell (Thanksgiving) Gabriele Macalino (Protection Thanksgiving)
Sun Mar 22	9:00 am 11:30 am	Fred Foster † Lori Leonard † Milagros Garcia † Living & Deceased Members of ICF #10 Jeanette Zugnoni (Birthday)
Mon Mar 23	8:30 am	Alta Nolan †
Tues Mar 24	8:30 am	Dimalanta & Quinto Family (Thanksgiving) Sabina Burns (Healing)
Wed Mar 25	8:30 am	Cecilia Aldrette †
Thurs Mar 26	8:30 am	Shelby & Jennifer (Anniversary)
Fri Mar 27	8:30 am	Agustin Dimalanta † Lydia Cho (Birthday)
Sat Mar 28	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Jason Rockwell & Family Aida Gando † Duane Adams † Ophelia Nicandro (70th Birthday)
Sun Mar 29	9:00 am 11:30 am	Lois Ann Lackey Fr. Daniel McCotter (CSP) † Rodolfo Mesina Gomez † Victoria Hernandez †

Sat Mar 21	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Nora Doria † Siony Piatos (Healing)
Sun Mar 22	8:00 am 10:30 am	Roy Coutinho † Vanessa Marie Martinez †
Mon Mar 23	7:30 am	Roy Coutinho † Archimedes Sioson † (Death Anniversary)
Tues Mar 24	7:30 am	Lidwin Serpanchy (Birthday)
Wed Mar 25	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Thurs Mar 26	7:30 am	Jo Marie Mendoza & Prayer Group
Fri Mar 27	7:30 am	William Bautista †
Sat Mar 28	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Salvador Bautista (Birthday) Ed Perry †
Sun Mar 29	8:00 am 10:30 am	Charmaine Fargar Jason Fargo Vincent Coutinho †

**UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING**



March 22-23 Easter Flowers  
March 28-29 St Vincent De Paul



*The Annunciation of the Lord  
March 25, 2026*

*Heavenly Father  
On this holy day, we remember the moment  
your angel brought the message  
of hope to Mary*

*Grant us hearts as open as hers, ready to say "yes" to  
Your will, even when the path is unknown  
Like Mary, may we trust in Your promises  
Embrace Your plan with humility  
and carry Your light into the world.  
Lord, let our lives proclaim Your goodness  
And may the joy of Your coming dwell in us  
always. Amen*



**We Pray for our deceased:** Jack Veasy, Fr. Daniel McCotter

**We Pray for our sick:** Justin Lee, Emily Bennett, Carol Gottstein, 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, Tom Rockwell

**SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING**

**MARCH 2026**

**St. Philip Neri**

*Eliana Clare Laguicao  
(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 & Remefym 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.



### JOIN ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM

THEN STAY FOR 'SIMPLE SOUP'



## 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

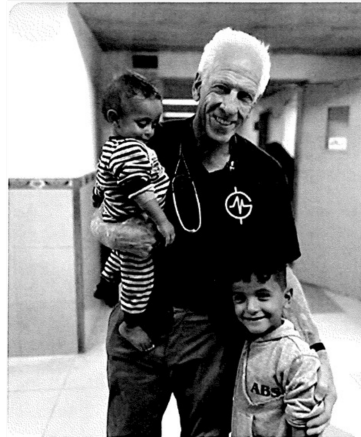
Dinner follows  
5:30 Stations of the Cross  
in Saint Philip Neri Church



## bearing witness

"Everyday I relive what I saw."

-Dr. Greg Shay



Dr. Shay is along time Alameda resident, member of St. Joseph's parish, and retired pediatric pulmonologist. Since retiring, he has participated in over 30 medical missions around the world. He heads for Sudan in this summer.

Join us for a powerful afternoon of witness and reflection with Dr. Greg Shay who has traveled to Gaza on three separate medical missions.

Dr. Shay offers us his firsthand stories to help us better see and understand what is happening on the ground, and how we might faithfully respond.

\*Please note: Some material may not be suitable for children.

**Sunday, Mar. 22, 2026 3:00 pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church - Alameda**  
**2001 Santa Clara Ave.**

First Presb! Jterian Church-Alameda, Buena Vista Communi!J nst!tute, Friends of Wadi Fo Yuin, Alameda Families & Friends 4 Collective Liberation, NorCa/ Sabee/

### 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!

Dinner catered by **Park Street Tavern**

**Adults \$30, Children \$5**

Call the Parish Office for Reservations  
Make check payable to SPNSA

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

*\*Film: The Jesus Film 1979  
Based on the Gospel of Luke  
March 27, 2026 at 7:10 pm  
In the Children's Chapel*

*Robert Minot presents a Jesus movie that most of us have not seen. It tells the story of the life and miracles of Jesus.*

The **SPNSA Book Club**, which meets on Zoom, is starting a new book entitled **"Honey from the Rock: Sixteen Jews Find the Sweetness of Christ"** by Roy H. Schoeman. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 24th at 7:00 PM.**

If you are interested in joining, contact Richard White at 510-521-9389 or email [rjmwhite2@att.net](mailto:rjmwhite2@att.net)

### Outreach Ministry—Garage Sale in July 2026

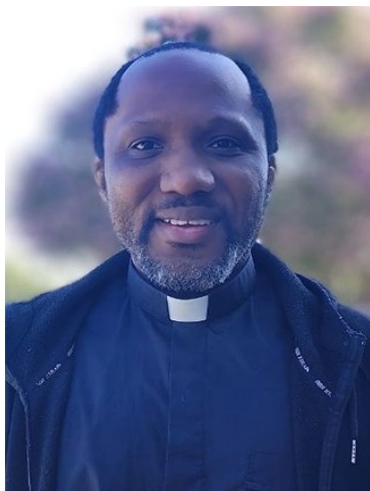
We are asking for donations of used or new household ware, decorative items, toys, shoes, small appliances, tools, gardening supplies, craft items, jewelry. At this time, we are NOT ACCEPTING large furniture, books or clothing.

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.

## PARISH LENTEN MISSION WITH

FR IKE UDOH



**Date: March 23-25**

**Place: St Philip Neri Church**

**Time: 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**

*"The mission talks will focus on keys that open the door of our hearts to the saving grace of Jesus."*

**March 23: Repentance and Faith**

**March 24: Forgiveness**

**March 25: Renunciation and Authority**

**Closing with Parish Reconciliation on the 25th.**

**Fr. Ike Udoh, SJ**

Unbound Ministries and Chaplain of the  
Oakland Charismatic Renewal  
Diocese of Oakland, CA

*Fr. Ike Udoh, SJ, is currently the Chaplain of the Oakland Diocese Charismatic Renewal.*

*He is the son of Joseph and Dorothy Udoh, brother to Chika and Osita, and Uncle to two nieces and two nephews. He joined the Society of Jesus in 2004, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2015. Following ordination, he completed studies in Scripture (S.T.L.) and Ignatian Spirituality (Master's), and then served as a priest at Blessed Sacrament church in Hollywood.*

*Fr Udoh moved back to the Bay Area in 2022 to be the primary caretaker of his mom, and serves in the Diocese of Oakland, primarily at St. Raymond's, St Joan of Arc and St. Augustine. Fr Ike loves music, spirituality and bringing people to Jesus who heals and sets us free in the Sacraments and through the "Five-Keys of Unbound".*



*Thank you!*



Thank you for sharing your resources to the St Vincent De Paul coat drive. During the months of Oct 2025 thru Feb 2026 we provided warm coats to 21 Dine and Connect events and 4 Warming Shelter events. These events are hosted by various congregations through Alameda as a means of providing meals, coats, and shelter to those in need. Your generosity provided 271 warm coats to our brothers and sisters throughout Alameda. In His service... Thank you!

And remember, the St Vincent de Paul recorded help line is 510-373-5226 and our email is svdp-spnsa08@gmail.com

### EASTER EGG HUNT

April 5 (Easter Sunday)

on the lawn at St. Albert the Great

**The Outreach Ministry is hosting this year's Easter Egg Hunt and is asking for monetary donations or individually wrapped candies that will fit into the plastic eggs.**

**Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. A container will be in the vestibules of each Hall for candy donations.**

**We will also need volunteers to help assemble the Easter eggs at:**

**St. Albert the Great Rectory,  
Saturday, March 21 at 10:00AM**

**Please contact Clare Mazala at 510-289-6501 or email: cgarussell@gmail.com**

**Thank you for any support**

# 2026 LENTEN & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



March 25, Parish Reconciliation Service at St Philip Neri Church

March 29, 2026 Mass



## Holy Thursday, April 2

*St. Philip Neri*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

*St. Albert the Great*

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
with Washing of the Feet and  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

## Good Friday, April 3



*St. Philip Neri*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
1:30 PM Seven Sorrows of Mary  
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's  
Passion with Veneration  
of the Cross

*St. Albert the Great*

5:30 PM Seven Last Words  
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's  
Passion with Veneration  
of the Cross



## Holy Saturday, April 4

*St. Philip Neri*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
8:00 PM Solemn Liturgy of the  
Easter Vigil  
Gather in front of the Church

*St. Albert the Great*

NO SERVICES

## Mass Schedule for EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

*St. Philip Neri*

9:00 AM Mass  
11:30 AM Mass

*St. Albert the Great*

8:00 AM Mass  
10:30 AM **Family Mass** - (Reenacting the  
meeting of the Risen Christ and  
the Blessed Mother (**Salubong**)  
(Children's Easter Egg Hunt on the  
Lawn after the 10:30 am mass)



## *Confirmation Candidate Group Picture*



## *SVDP Service Work Teen Confirmation*