

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

MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The reading for the feast of Ascension of Our Lord, year A, invites us to reflect on the significance of the Ascension and what it means for our lives.



In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the disciples witnessing Jesus' ascension, a moment filled with awe and wonder. As they gaze into the sky, two angels told them that Christ will return. This reminds us that while Jesus has ascended to the Father, He has not abandoned us. Instead, we are called to be active participants in His mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit who will come upon us.

Ascension is not merely a departure; it's an enthronement. Jesus, who walked among us, now reigns in glory. This truth brings us hope and assurance.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives His disciples the mission to "go and make disciples of all nations." That mission continues today. We are called to proclaim the Good News, to baptize, and to teach, confident that He remains with us always, even to the end of the age. The feast of Ascension is a feast of joy and hope. Jesus goes to His Father and will come back to take us all into His eternal kingdom. So let us be ready and prepared to receive Him again with unwavering hearts.

God bless.
Fr. Chacko

Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri
May 16, 2026 – May 24, 2026

St. Albert the Great
May 16, 2026 – May 24, 2026

Sat May 16	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Clarita Balanza Espino † Harriet West †
Sun May 17	9:00 am 11:30 am	Alex Corpuz (Birthday) Jack Veasy †
Mon May 18	8:30 am	Virginia Wegener (Healing)
Tues May 19	8:30 am	For the People of SPNSA
Wed May 20	8:30 am	Maria Croft (Healing)
Thurs May 21	8:30 am	Maria Falkner (Healing)
Fri May 22	8:30 am	Mark Stefen Aquino (Birthday) Celina Gaddi † (1 yr Death Anniversary)
Sat May 23	8:30 am 5:15 pm	For the People of SPNSA Thelma Buenaventura (Thanksgiving) Robert & Pauline Latzy † Anthony Romero †
Sun May 24	9:00 am 11:30 am	Antonio D. Tursi † Doc Harrington † Mary Butler †

Sat May 16	7:30 am 4:00 pm	For the People of SPNSA Michael Proto †
Sun May 17	8:00 am 10:30 am	Maria Femminis † Victor Miloslavich †
Mon May 18	7:30 am	Thelma Cavan (Birthday)
Tues May 19	7:30 am	George Piedad (Birthday)
Wed May 20	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Thurs May 21	7:30am	Lois Reilly †
Fri May 22	7:30 am	Larry Bovo (Birthday)
Sat May 23	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Joe & LanNha Vu † For All Souls
Sun May 24	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joe & LanNha Vu † For the People of SPNSA

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

May 14 Feast of the Ascension Offering
May 16-17 Catholic Charities
May 30-31 St Vincent de Paul



We Pray for our sick: Maria Croft, Maria Falkner, Betty Hall, Kay Regan, Jennifer Hillenbrand, 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 Branchaud, 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 Ferrouilet, 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, Felicidad Salcedo, Tom Rockwell, Mary "Babe" Goodman, Baby Leana Gigi and family, Ava and Marty Nicandro, Oscar Rivero Senior, Marcos Gatan Jr., Chiara Losk, Lynn Arucan, Virginia Wegener

SANCTUARY LAMP and VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS FOR 2026

There are several available offerings for both St Philip Neri and St Albert the Great churches:

Sanctuary Lamp: July-September and November at SPN and June - December at SA

Blessed Mother: July through November

St. Joseph: July—December

Sanctuary Lamp offering is \$50/month and votive candle offering is \$30/month (\$300/yr)

Mass offering is \$10. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

*Come and join us for an hour of
adoration and prayer*

ALL ARE WELCOME

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

MAY 2026

St. Philip Neri

People of SPNSA

St. Albert the Great

*Living & Deceased Members of
Seráfica & Ordinario Family*



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

MAY 2026

BLESSED MOTHER

People of SPNSA

ST. JOSEPH

People of SPNSA



VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

MAY 2026

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli Family

St. Albert the Great

People of SPNSA





Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

MAY 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 10, 2026 Family Mass/Mother's Day
- May 13, 2026 Our Lady of Fatima
- May 14, 2026 **The Ascension of the Lord** (to be celebrated on May 17)
- May 24, 2026 **Pentecost Sunday**
- May 25, 2026 **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
- May 26, 2026 **St. Philip Neri, Priest**
- May 31, 2026 **The Most Holy Trinity**

Returning ...

LECTIO DIVINA starting **June 5th** immediately following Friday morning mass in the conference room of the rectory.

ALL ARE WELCOME

OCIA CORNER

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If we suffer we are not to be discouraged, "but glorify God because of the name" (1 Peter 4:16). To give glory to God in our suffering and in our work is also prayer. What kind of prayer comes naturally to you these days? What kind of prayer are you avoiding?

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Rules for a great marriage

By Deacon W. Gerard Gautrau



- The foundation of a great marriage is mutual respect. If we have it, we can do no wrong to one another; if we lose it, we can do no good.
- To build the foundation, see yourself through the eyes of your spouse.
- Act toward each other as you would have them act toward you.
- Let your actions be expressed not just when in public, but also when alone.
- Do unexpected nice things often for your spouse.
- Never take each other for granted. To do this, just ask yourself, "What would I do if my spouse was gone forever?"



LOVE IN ACTION THIS SPRING

We have been serving our neighbors in the East Bay for over 90 years. Please help us continue our programs that address housing stability, mental health needs, and immigration legal support.



DONATE TODAY AND PLANT A SEED OF HOPE

cceb.org



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BECOME PART OF THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION MINISTRY

MISSION: "Spirituality serves as the life of the Society and it is our goal as Vincentians to grow Spiritually by bringing the love and peace of Christ to those who are poor and suffering, and to address their needs for food, clothing, and shelter". The essential elements of the Society are Friendship, Spirituality, and Service.

WHAT WE DO: The St Vincent de Paul mission is to provide direct assistance to anyone suffering or in need. Through Home Visits, we offer a lifeline to those in need of food, clothing, rental assistance, utility assistance and shelter. The motto of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is "no act of charity is foreign to the Society".

THE NEED: In these difficult times, the SPNSA SvDP Conference is actively seeking new volunteers to help with this important work. We are in need of volunteers to help with home visits, fund raising drives, record keeping, spiritual guidance and other important jobs. Give the gift of immediate and personal assistance to those in need, drawing upon the community's resources and the St. Vincent DePaul Society's organization. Make a difference in the St. Philip-St. Albert Community. Make our parish a welcoming place for all of its people. Live the message of Matthew 25. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, **please contact:** Richard White at 510-521-9389 or email svdpspsna08@gmail.com.

Full meal for only \$10

SPECIAL TREAT ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21, 2026



St. Albert Church after 8 and 10:30 A.M. mass

St. Philip Neri after the 9:00 and 11:30 A.M. mass

SPECIAL COMBO #1

PANSIT

CHICKEN ADOBO

LUMPIANG SHANGHAI



SPECIAL COMBO #2

RICE

CHICKEN ADOBO

LUMPIANG SHANGHAI

A LA CARTE STILL \$10 (PANSIT OR CHICKEN ADOBO)

We accept pre-paid orders. Please call to order or for more information:

St. Philip Neri Parish Office
Ruth Pontemayor
Helen Ordinario
Leo Munoz

510 373-5200
510 917-0845
510 769-1148
415 200-7429

Reservations can be made until Thursday, June 18, 2026

Don't wait-come hungry, leave happy!

(All orders will be available for pickup only at St Philip Neri parking lot on June 21 after the mass which you designated.)

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST. ALBERT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: St. Joseph Basilica is closing for renovations starting May 18 and continuing through November. Below is a schedule of services across the neighboring Alameda parishes to help affected parishioners find a time that best fits their needs.



Preparing Joseph's House

AN ALAMEDA CATHOLIC SCHEDULE
May 18, 2026 - November 2026

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4 PM | St. Albert
4:30 PM | St. Barnabas
5:15 PM | St. Philip Neri

RECONCILIATION

SAT 3:30 PM | St. Albert
St. Barnabas
SAT 4:30 PM | St. Philip Neri
FIRST FRI 5:30 PM | St. Barnabas*

SUNDAY MASS

8 AM | St. Albert
9 AM | St. Barnabas
St. Philip Neri
10 AM | St. Joseph (High School Quad)*
10:30 AM | St. Albert
11 AM | St. Barnabas
11:30 AM | St. Philip Neri
7 PM | St. Barnabas*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WED 6 - 7 PM | St. Albert
FRI 1 - 7 PM | St. Barnabas*
FIRST FRI 8:30 - 1 PM | St. Philip Neri

WEEKDAY MASS

7:30 AM | St. Albert
8 AM | St. Joseph (Notre Dame Hall)*
8:30 AM | St. Philip Neri
12:10 PM | St. Barnabas

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

8:30 AM | St. Philip Neri
9:30 AM | St. Albert
7 PM | St. Barnabas*

SATURDAY AM MASS

7:30 AM | St. Albert
8 AM | St. Joseph (Notre Dame Hall)*
8:30 AM | St. Philip Neri

While our basilica is closed, our parish mission and operations will continue. Please sign up for electronic giving to help sustain our community.

ONLINE CAPITAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



We have added services* at St. Joseph and St. Barnabas for this phase of transformation. We have also put together the schedules across our neighboring Alameda parishes to help you find a time that best fits your needs. During this period, we pray that we all remain steadfast in our service to our Lord who is faithful to His people.

We are so excited for this season of our church, and we look forward to journeying with you throughout all of it. Thank you and stay tuned for updates!

Outreach Ministry—Garage Sale in July 2026

2 WEEKS REMAINING TO DONATE ITEMS

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.

LAST DAY TO DONATE ITEMS will be

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026



So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another...—ROMANS 12:5

Please help support the 2026 Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Envelopes are in the vestibules.

Choir Photos from the First Communion and the Family Mass



A note from the Choir Director Lydia Cho...

*“As we conclude our Family Mass on Mother’s Day, I want to take a moment to share our deepest appreciation for our wonderful **Children’s Choir**.*

Throughout this past school year, they have consistently led us in song at every Family Mass (and at some Vigil Mass). Seeing these young musicians share their talents has been a highlight of our services—their participation truly made each liturgy shine. We are so proud of their dedication and the beautiful spirit they bring to our community. Hope they have a wonderful summer break, and see you all in September!”



*Family Mass & Hospitality by the Knights of Columbus on **Mother’s Day**, May 10, 2026*

“The mass was well attended and lots of kids enjoyed donuts, juice and hot cocoa. We made lots of strong coffee as well.”

Thank you to all our volunteers ~ Lee Kemp, Fred Costello, Peggy Dorrance, Jim Gooch and Tony Shomon.

~ Bro. Jesus Romero



The Mothers’ Day Food Sale by the St. Albert

*50th Anniversary Committee
was a great success! Thank you
to all who donated, participated
and supported the sale.*

*And, of course, we appreciate all
our volunteers.*

*All proceeds go to St. Albert’s
50th Anniversary*



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to SPNSA 2025-2026 First Communicants



*Helena Aljoe
Miles Bernal
Genevieve Corriveau
Leonardo D'Mello
William Foster
Gia Fowler
Daniel Lacson
Dylan Lacson
Emilia Lock
Romina Lopez
Elianna Nguyen
Alessandro Roloson
Sofia Romero
Maxine Saavedra
George Stienbach
Alice Tran*

