

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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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

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, someone asks Jesus a question that perhaps we all have wondered: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Instead of giving statistics, Jesus points to the real issue: "Strive to enter through the narrow door."

The door to eternal life is open, but it is narrow, meaning it requires effort, humility, and commitment. Salvation is not about simply belonging to the right group, having the right label, or being familiar with Jesus. It is about living a relationship of faith and love with Him. Jesus warns that some will say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets," but He will reply, "I do not know you." In other words, it is not enough to have external contact with Christ; we must allow His word to transform us, so that our lives bear fruit in love, forgiveness, mercy, and justice.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that God desires to gather people from every nation into His Kingdom. The narrow door is open to all, but entering requires a response. It is a daily choice to walk in God's ways, even when the world offers broader and easier paths.

Faith is not passive. We cannot just drift into heaven. We must "strive," which implies effort, prayer, self-denial, and perseverance. Faith is not external. Simply being baptized or coming to Mass without interior conversion is not enough. We must allow Christ to shape our hearts and actions. Faith is universal. The Kingdom of God is not for a select few but is offered to all. Yet, entry requires walking the narrow way of humility and love.

May the Lord give us the grace to enter through the narrow door and may we one day hear the words we all long for: "Come, share your Master's joy."

God bless ~ Fr. Joseph Pathiyil



JUBILEE THEME FOR AUGUST
HOPE

St. Philip Neri
August 23, 2025 – August 31, 2025

Mass Intentions



St. Albert the Great
August 23, 2025 – August 31, 2025

Sat Aug 23	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Jenn Pangilinan (Birthday) Bob Steimer † Arturo Estrada † (Birthday)
Sun Aug 24	9:00 am 11:30 am	George Henry † Felipa Aguas Reyes † Bernard Liwanag (Healing)
Mon Aug 25	8:30 am	Ted Kennard †
Tue Aug 26	8:30 am	Jacinta Richards (Birthday)
Wed Aug 27	8:30 am	Michael Lee † Mia Pabelico (Birthday) Hung Ta †
Thu Aug 28	8:30 am	Rosalina Laguicao (Birthday) Aida G. Gando † Dan Domagas (Birthday)
Fri Aug 29	8:30 am	Michelle Pangilinan (Birthday) Donna Marchetti (Birthday)
Sat Aug 30	8:30 am 5:15 pm	James & Catherine Rebecca Jacobo † (Bday Remembrance)
Sun Aug 31	9:00 am 11:30 am	Clarita Quinto † Fr. Joseph Harriet West † Mary Richards † Cassandra Macalino (Birthday)

Sat Aug 23	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Fr. Marshall † Kay Regan Family
Sun Aug 24	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. R. Anderson Robert Carlson † (40th Day)
Mon Aug 25	7:30 am	Modesto & Luisa Leong †
Tue Aug 26	7:30 am	Rose Barindelli †
Wed Aug 27	7:30 am	George Mondoza †
Thu Aug 28	7:30 am	Maria Femminis
Fri Aug 29	7:30 am	Nathanjon Roco
Sat Aug 30	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Louie Harangozo Colette Fox †
Sun Aug 31	8:00 am 10:30 am	Maria Femminis Roy Coutinho † Bill Victor & Lynn Arucan (30th Wed. Anniv.)



**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12**



We Pray for our sick: Bernard Liwanag, Corazon de Jesus, Kathleen Branchaud, Rogelio Feliciano II, Paul Bettlehein, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Malou Hartrick, Arcely Bernardino, Justin Lee, Mary Reiser, Norma Murray, Elon Rowlee, Lora Bracy, Vicky Bell, Norma De la Cruz, Michael Kempel, Virginia Carlson, Sarah Nordstrom, June Ogden, Janelle Ogden Lake, Catherine Sherrer, Aurora Custodio, Ginni Carson, Carol Lagoe, Lilian Layante, James Gwynne, Reydante Aguinaldo, Fr. Bob's Cousin Suzy, Helen Yee, Susan Anderson, Wanda Bishop, Carol Hoyer, Gail Ferrouillet, Ida Mae Kempel, Veronica, Mario Cicero, Rose Brown, Al Hugger, Jing Jing Costello, Roger Dorn, Harry Rogers, Maria Femminis, Marianne Schenone, Patricia Faria, Mary Lee, Donna Vaughn, 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, Andrew Saltzman, Ana Brown



UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

Aug 30-31 St Vincent de Paul

Faith Direct-eGiving

Thank you for your donations and generosity throughout the year!

Consider signing up for eGiving today by visiting SPNSA.org website
"GIVE ONLINE" which goes directly to the Faith Direct 'Give Now' page.
Use church code CA798. You may also call 866 507-8757.

Thank you for your generosity!

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING AUGUST 2025

St. Philip Neri

People of SPNSA

St. Albert the Great

People of SPNSA

SANCTUARY LAMPS OFFERING AUGUST 2025



BLESSED MOTHER

Living and Deceased Members of
Mitchell Family



ST. JOSEPH

Michael & Susan Silva Ender

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING AUGUST 2025

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli †

St. Albert the Great

People of SPNSA



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

AUGUST 2025

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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Gentle Reminder: 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who has already participated in our parish's 100th Anniversary fundraiser and we would like to encourage others to please consider donating as every gift is appreciated. You may return your envelopes to the parish office or place them in the collection baskets. Thank you!

100th Anniversary Memorial Bricks for \$150 each

The bricks are red with 3 lines of engraving with 20 spaces for printing on each line. You can see samples inside St Philip Neri church.

The first bricks will be ordered on September 4th. The bricks will be placed in front of the new fountain in front of the Rectory. There are a limited number of bricks; once sold out there will be no more.

For more information, contact Ken Dorrance at
kennyd50@sbcglobal.net

100th Anniversary Merchandise For Sale

In preparation for our 100 Year Anniversary celebration, we are going to be selling various items such as St. Philip Neri-embroidered polo shirts, baseball caps, aprons, screen print T-shirts, canvas totes, and printed cotton shopping bags to commemorate this special event.

To order or for more information, please call the parish office at 510 373-5200 .

PRAYER WEDNESDAYS

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

Come and join us for
An hour of adoration and prayer

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

Do you know who I am? I am one of the 12 apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. My name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars identify me as **Nathanael** who appears in the gospel of John (1:45-51; cf. 21:2), **Jesus** called me an "Israelite...incapable of deceit."

Answer on page 4.

Calling All SPNSA Children's Choir Members!

Who: Students in Grades 2-8

When: Wednesdays (Starting in Sept)

Time: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Where: SPN Church



What We Do:

- Sing at the **Family Mass**
(All Choir Members)
- Sing at the **All-School Mass**
(SPN Students Only) Our first rehearsal is on **Wednesday, Sept.**

10th. A copy of the application is available in the vestibule at each church door.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ST. PHILIP NERI - ST ALBERT THE GREAT PARISH

ANNUAL FUN FAIR ON SATURDAY, **SEPTEMBER 20, 2025!**

(and the return of **FUN FAIR BINGO**)

AS WELL AS OUR ANNUAL FUN FAIR RAFFLE!

This year, we have 3 generous cash prizes!



1st prize	\$1,000.00
2nd prize	\$ 500.00
3rd prize	\$ 250.00



Tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20, 15 for \$50 and are available at the Parish office.

Raffle Drawing on Sunday **September 21, 2025** after 9 am mass.

Registration Now Open

SPNSA Children's Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation

Families with children and teens — registration is now open for our **St. Philip Neri – St. Albert the Great Parish Children's Faith Formation** (serving Kindergarten through 7th Grade) and **Teen Confirmation Program** (serving 8th through 12th Grades).

These programs provide:

- ◆ Ongoing **faith formation** rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Regular **participation in weekly Mass** as part of our parish family
- ◆ **Sacramental preparation** for **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**

Our mission is to help our young people grow in love for God, deepen their friendship with Jesus, and live joyfully as active members of His Church. As Scripture reminds us:

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." — Mark 10:14

Register Today: Visit www.spnsa.org or call 510-373-5216

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT...

Summer Fun Road trip

SAT-AUGUST 30, 2025
9AM-2PM

Join us for our 2nd Annual
Discovery & Adventure to our
parishes!

SCAN FOR
DETAILS &
REGISTRATION!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST JOSEPH BASILICA

SAVE THE DATE DONATIONS NEEDED

Outreach Ministry is holding a **Holiday Sale** on **November 7, 8, & 9**. We are asking for donations of jewelry, vintage items, gently used items or new items you received but never used.

Your generosity will continue to allow Outreach Ministry to provide services to our parish and outside community. We will be accepting donations starting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th** from 8:30 am -11:30 am at St. Albert's Hall.

If you need the items picked up, please call Kelly (510) 917-8049 or John (408) 829-0740. Thank you!

Answer to today's Do you know who I am? ~ St. Bartholomew—Feast Day August 24