

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

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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

AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's Gospel invites us into the heart of discipleship with one of Jesus' most challenging teachings: "If anyone wants to be my disciple, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." It's a call that unsettles us because it pushes against our instinct to avoid discomfort, loss, or anything that feels like a burden. Peter's reaction is our own. He wants a Messiah without suffering, a path without sacrifice. But Jesus shows him—and us—that love without cost is too small, too fragile, too self protective to transform the world. Real love stretches us. It asks us to let go of what is easy so we can embrace what is true.

In our parish life, this teaching becomes beautifully concrete. Every act of patience, every moment of forgiveness, every step toward unity, every willingness to serve—these are the "crosses" that shape us into Christ's people. They are not punishments but pathways: ways we discover who we really are and who God calls us to become.

Jesus reminds us that the life we try to cling to slips through our fingers, but the life we offer—generously, courageously, faithfully—is the life that endures. The cross is not the end of the story; it is the doorway to resurrection.

May we walk behind Jesus this week with trust, letting His love lead us into deeper compassion, deeper courage, and deeper joy.

*God bless.
Fr. Joseph*

St. Philip Neri
August 29, 2026 – September 6, 2026

Mass Intentions



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St. Albert the Great
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Sat Aug 29	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Harriet West † Jenny Richardson Koverman † Angela Parodi-Perata † Rina Austin (Birthday)
Sun Aug 30	9:00 am 11:30 am	Cassandra Macalino (Thanksgiving) Conchita Chen † Bob Steimer †
Mon Aug 31	8:30 am	Elvira Aranas † Clarita Quinto † Roberto Ponce † (Death Anniversary)
Tues Sept 1	8:30 am	Linda Nehls † Brian & An Family
Wed Sept 2	8:30 am	LeAnn Farner (Healing)
Thurs Sept 3	8:30 am	Peter Edridge † Estefanio Mutia † (40th day)
Fri Sept 4	8:30 am	ICF #10 Living & Deceased Members
Sat Sept 5	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Harriet West † Peter Lupetti (65th Birthday) Russ Goodman (Healing) Mary Goodman (Healing)
Sun Sept 6	9:00 am 11:30 am	Andrew Tuazon (Healing) Matthew Rayta † Roberto Basbas Lim †

Sat Aug 29	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Nathanjon Roco (Birthday) Nita Munoz †
Sun Aug 30	8:00 am 10:30 am	Sister Rosario Sagarbarria Roco † Cathy Munoz (Healing) Fr. Ramon Gomez (Birthday)
Mon Aug 31	7:30 am	Natalie Lazzett (Birthday)
Tues Sept 1	7:30 am	Sonia Roco (Birthday)
Wed Sept 2	7:30 am	Jean Marie Tan (Birthday)
Thurs Sept 3	7:30 am	Fr. Paul Schmidt †
Fri Sept 4	9:30 am	Dr. Robert & Catherine White †
Sat Sept 5	7:30 am 4:00 pm	For the People of SPNSA Maria Femminis †
Sun Sept 6	8:00 am 10:30 am	Michael A. Connor Roberto Basbas Lim † Joel Munoz (Healing)

SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTION

August 29-30 St Vincent de Paul
Sept 5-6 Parish Maintenance Fund
Sept 12-13 Diocesan Priest Retirement
Sept 19-20 Missionaries of Faith



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

Psalms: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)

Gospel: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:21)



We Pray for our sick: Annemarie Brenner, Tina Jimenez, Esperanza Vigil, Tom & Barbara Kugler, Arianna Lake, Maria Croft, 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 Feliciano 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, James Ogden, Sr., Linda Morales, Jeff R, Anne Loos, Francisca Reyes, Sabina Burns, Pam Eiselman, Martine Lee, Marian Williams, Sherley Flores, Felicidad Salcedo, Mary "Babe" Goodman, Baby Leana Gigi and family, Ava and Marty Nicandro, Marcos Gatan Jr., Chiara Losk, Barbara Mcquillen, Lea Murphy, Pete Fox, Gloria Piedad, Maricar Rodriguez, Lorelei Ballesteros, Adrian Rodriguez, Louise Caviglia, Patricia Freitas, Michael A. Connor



**SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
AUGUST 2026**

St. Philip Neri

Dave Rose †

St. Albert the Great

In memory of

Peter Cuadra and Vicki Cuadra



**SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
AUGUST 2026**

BLESSED MOTHER

Joseph, Jason, Jeffrey Rockwell Family

ST. JOSEPH

In memory of Mary Richards



**VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING
AUGUST 2026**

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli Family

St. Albert the Great

People of SPNSA



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

AUGUST 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

(MT 14) Jesus walked to the boat over the water and said: "Have faith, It is I. Do not be afraid". Learn how to let Jesus into your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **Sept 18-20, 2026 in San Juan Bautista, CA**, **Nov. 13-15, 2026 in Danville** or Nov. 20-22, 2026 in Benicia.

Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!



FIRST FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 4, 2026



Come and embrace the **joy** of being in His presence

St. Philip Neri—8:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm

Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

St Albert the Great—9:30 a.m. Mass and Anointing of the Sick

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

ST. PHILIP NERI

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PARISH VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES and ORGANIZATIONS

PLANNING

Financial Council

Chair: Sandy Goya

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Pastoral Council

Chair: Karen Cerio

MINISTRIES

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Welcome the Stranger

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ICF Branch #10

Jim Lee

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Donna Marchetti

SPNSA Book Club

Richard White

Flowers & Arrangement

Terry Grieg (SPN)

Bernadette Roco (SA)

"Getting to Know the Gospel"



Growing in your Faith

WHAT: Lectio Divina and Catholic Topics

WHEN: Most Friday mornings following the 8:30 mass

WHERE: Rectory (front conference room)

Facilitators: Sherry Eastwood-Falls, Bob Minot & Fr. Joseph

~Please bring your missal~

OCIA DATES AND TOPICS

Period of inquiry:

Fri Oct 23 Human Longing for God

Fri Nov 6 The Bible/Liturgical Year

Fri Nov 13 Person Words and Works of Jesus Christ

Sun Nov 29 9 A.M. Mass
Rite of Acceptance

Stay tuned for an announcement coming at Mass in September

Calling SPN/SA Children's Choir

You are invited to join our Children's Choir!

Who: 2nd Graders - 8th Graders

Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 2:15 pm ~3:15 pm,

SPN Church

First rehearsal: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

What do we do: Sing at Family Mass

(All C. Choir)

and All School Mass (SPN Students)

Calling SPN/SA Youth Choir

All Confirmation candidates and 8 graders

and up are invited to sing and lead

at Sunday Mass, 11:30 am

Rehearsal: Thursdays at 6:00 pm. SPN Church

Calling SPN/SA Adult Choir

All are welcome, NO audition required.

Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7 pm, SPN Church

We rehearse together, you can join

at 9 am (SPN) mass or 10:30 am (SA) mass or

BOTH!

Contact: Lydia Cho,

SPN/SA Music Director

510)373-5219

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One bread, 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.

Franciscan Jubilee Pilgrimage

SEPTEMBER 5, 8 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Faithful from the Diocese of Oakland are invited to a day of deep spiritual reflection in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the *transitus* (passing into eternal life) of Saint Francis of Assisi in 1226.

8 a.m. | Morning Mass | Old Mission San Jose, Fremont

9:30 a.m. | Adoration and Benediction | Our Lady of Grace Church, Castro Valley

11 a.m. | Visit the Labyrinth | San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville

12:30 p.m. | Prayer | Saint Jarlath Parish, Oakland

1:30 p.m. | Lunch and Group Sharing | San Junipero Serra Friary, Oakland

3:00 p.m. | Prayer | Saint Paul Catholic Church, San Pablo

4:30 p.m. | Confessions and Saturday Vigil Mass | Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Concord

FREE ADMISSION!

Please RSVP by emailing rector@oakdiocese.org.

PARISH FUN FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11 a.m.—4:00 p.m. food and games

BINGO at 3pm

RAFFLE drawing SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

(after the 9:00 a.m. mass)

1st Prize\$ 1000.00

2nd Prize3 Night Stay in

Twain Harte Mountain Retreat

3rd Prize \$ 500.00

4th Prize\$ 250.00




Outreach Ministry- Autumn Holiday Sale is

October 2, 3 & 4th 2026





We are asking for donations of new or unused items for gift giving. This includes...Kitchen ware, Holiday serving ware Decorative Gifts, Toys, Small appliances, Jewelry, Religious items, Holiday decorations, Antique & Vintage collectibles, Sports memorabilia.

At this time, we are NOT ACCEPTING any furniture, books, CD's, DVD's, clothing.

Your generosity will continue to allow Outreach Ministry to provide needed support to our parish and outside community.

Donation drop offs are on Wednesday mornings (8:30 am ~11:30 am) at St Albert Hall. Last donation drop off is on Wednesday **September 23, 2026.**

Save the Date!

Happy 50th ANNIVERSARY

50 Years of FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FAMILY all in one.




Celebrating wonderful years of service, love, and devotion. A bittersweet goodbye, but a joyful celebration filled with fun, laughter, and beautiful memories.

*A legacy of love.
A future of hope.*

WHAT:
50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEN:
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
10:30 AM MASS

WHERE:
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH
FOR MASS

RECEPTION:
O'BRIEN HALL
IN ST. PHILIP NERI
RECEPTION AFTER THE MASS

Come and Join Us!

As we give thanks for five decades of God's blessings, love, and faithful service, let us celebrate our journey together—honoring the past, cherishing the present, and embracing the future with hope.

Fellowship and Friendship
ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY, HONOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND MAKE THIS **LAST HURRAH** ONE TO REMEMBER!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



PARISHSOFT—ONLINE eGIVING

Consider signing up for eGiving and setting up your recurring donation. You can use eGiving from your computer, smart phone, tablet for recurring or one-time gifts. Sign up by visiting spnsa.org website **"GIVE ONLINE"** which goes directly to ParishSoft "Give Now" page. **Thank you for your generosity!**