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.

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-3:00 pm
Phone: 510-373-5200 **Email:** secretary@spnsa.org

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Phone: 510-373-5225

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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

NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a new liturgical year begins, the Church invites us into the holy season of Advent, a time of watching, waiting, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus urges His disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33). These words are not meant to fill us with fear, but with hope and readiness.

Advent reminds us that God is always coming to meet us. We remember His coming in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago, we celebrate His presence among us today, and we look forward with confidence to His glorious return. The challenge is not simply to wait, but to wait faithfully. We are called to recognize Christ in the ordinary moments of life, in prayer, in the Eucharist, in acts of charity, and in the people around us.

In a world filled with distractions and busyness, Jesus' call to "stay awake" is especially relevant. Spiritual vigilance means keeping our hearts open to God, examining our lives honestly, and making room for His grace. Advent is an opportunity to renew our relationship with the Lord, deepen our trust in Him, and prepare a worthy dwelling place for Him within us.

May we embrace Advent as a time of hope, watch with expectant hearts, pray with renewed faith, and prepare joyfully for the coming of our Savior. May the Lord find us ready, faithful, and eager to welcome Him whenever He comes.



Blessings, Fr. Joseph

Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri
November 28, 2026 – December 6, 2026

Sat Nov 28	8:30 am 5:15 pm	**Aida Gando †** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico and All Souls** **Santos Family †** **Leanne Farner** **Victor Asubar †** **Maria Asubar †**
Sun Nov 29	9:00 am 11:30 am	**Roger Dorn †** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico and All Souls** **Julie Thomas (In Appreciation)** **Roger Dorn †** **Margie Antes †** **Milagros Enriquez Tolentino †** **Concepcion Atilano Narciso (healing)**
Mon Nov 30	8:30 am	**Geraud Zoann Tasic (Birthday)** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico and All Souls** **Edna Sarmiento (Thanksgiving & Petition)**
Tues Dec 1	8:30 am	**Brian & An Family** **Elizabeth & Kristine Ziade (Birthday)** **Cassandra Macalino (Thanksgiving)** **Maura & Teofista Alonzo †** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico, and All Souls**
Wed Dec 2	8:30 am	**Roger Dorn †** **Donna Spear-Lopez (Healing)** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico, and All Souls**
Thurs Dec 3	8:30 am	**Heidi Lin (Birthday Thanksgiving)** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico, and All Souls**
Fri Dec 4	8:30 am	**Kathleen Ding (Birthday)** **Phuong Nguyen †** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico and All Souls**
Sat Dec 5	8:30 am 5:15 pm	**Ted Schmidt †** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico, and All Souls** **Bob Steimer †** **Roger Dorn †**
Sun Dec 6	9:00 am 11:30 am	**Claire McNamara "94"** **Julie Thomas (In Appreciation)** **Harriette Roberts †** **Evelyn Rose Bibb †** **Roger Dorn †** **Elsa Sarmiento** **Maria, Joseph, Dominico, and All Souls**

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
November 2026
Blessed Mother
Living & Deceased members of the Cerio Family
St. Joseph
Darryl Dorn

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING
November 2026
St. Philip Neri
Joseph Cervelli Family
McIntosh/Lepkey Family
St. Albert the Great
People of SPNSA

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING
November 2026
St. Philip Neri
Edward & Margaret Prendergast
St. Albert the Great
Living & Deceased members of Nguyen Family

St. Albert the Great
November 28, 2026 – December 6, 2026

Sat Nov 28	7:30 am 4:00 pm	**Melania Velasquez †** **John & Maria Femminis †**
Sun Nov 29	8:00 am 10:30 am	**Edward F. Menchavez †** **Kris Perez (healing)** **Mario & Josephine Femminis †** **Annemarie Brenner +** **Robert Gaylon Abriol +**
Mon Nov 30	7:30 am	**Purisimo Columna †**
Tues Dec 1	7:30 am	**Joe & LanNha Vu †**
Wed Dec 2	7:30 am	**Lien Family**
Thurs Dec 3	7:30 am	**Kathleen Ding (Birthday)**
Fri Dec 4	7:30 am	**Charles & Rita Humbel †** **Kathleen Ding**
Sat Dec 5	7:30 am 4:00 pm	**Kathleen Ding (Birthday)** **Mark Acero †** **Fr. David Schuyler †** **Aurora Santos †**
Sun Dec 6	8:00 10:30 am	**Francis Coutinho †** **Dr. Martin Yu** **Aida Siemens**



We pray for the Deceased: **Annemarie Brenner**

We Pray for the Sick:

Darlene Gardner, Tina Jimenez, Esperanza Vigil, Tom and 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 Ferrouilet, Veronica, Mario Cicero, Rose Brown, Al Hugger, Jing Jing Costello, 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, 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, Joan Kohler, Victor Manuel Jimenez, Liana Rockwell, Victor S. Serafica, Catherine Cervelli, Uliano Lupetti, Celeste Gonzalez, Ari S., James Achramowicz



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

NOVEMBER 2026

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



Nov 28-29 St. Vincent de Paul

December 5-6 Parish Maintenance Fund

Start of Advent – November 29, 2026

In Advent, we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it.

- St. John Paul II



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent. We are asking families to please sign up to light up the advent wreath at the beginning of each mass. You will be lighting the wreath only. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Thank you!

SIMBANG GABI

Our Simbang Gabi masses begin at 5:00 a.m. daily from Dec 16 to 24 at St. Albert the Great. A light reception follows mass.

Everyone is invited to attend Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino series, introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear mass before going to the fields early in the morning. It is also known by its popular Spanish name as the Misa de Gallo or "Mass of the Rooster".

OCIA DATES AND TOPICS

Period of inquiry:

Sun Nov 29	First Day of Advent
Sun Nov 29	9:00 Mass Rite of Acceptance
Fri Dec 4	Prayer – The Creed, The Lord's Prayer
Fri Dec 11	Mary and the Holy Rosary
Fri Jan 8	Holy Mass
Fri Jan 15	Ten Commandments – Penance
Fri Jan 29	Catholic Morality & Sin



One bread, one body in Christ, and individually members one of another – Romans 12:5

Pease help support the 2026 Bishops' Ministries Appeal. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

BAPTISMS



Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass.

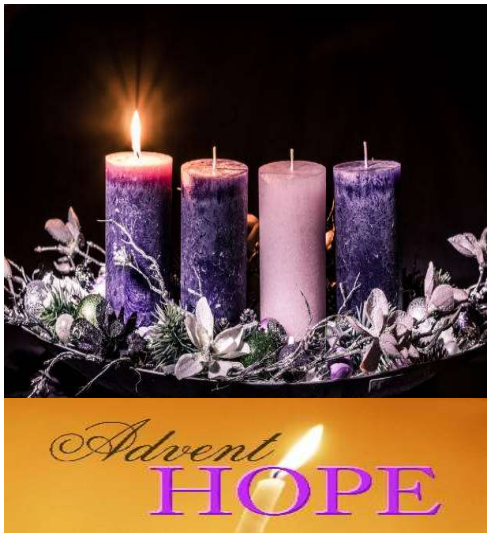
Please contact Gina Foster: gfoster@csdo.org

for Baptism Procedures and requirements at SPNSA.



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!



First Sunday of Advent

The first candle on the advent wreath represents Hope ~ the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle", the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all the promise God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

SVdP Christmas Giving Tree

It's that time of year again and our Christmas Giving Trees will be set-up in both parishes from Saturday, November 28th thru Sunday, December 13th. This year we will be supporting the clients at the Alameda County St. Vincent de Paul Community Center along with fellow Alameda families supported by both our parish conference and the conference at St. Barnabas.

This Christmas we will be requesting fewer specific gifts for individuals and asking for more grocery, gift and gas cards. This is because we are serving many more neighbors with various needs or those transitioning into temporary and permanent housing than in the past.

Our Christmas Giving Trees will be decorated with paper ornaments and "Small Envelopes". The ornaments will give the details for a specific request – "socks", "sweater", "pants", "shirt", etc., size needed along with the gender and age of the neighbor. "Small Envelopes" will be for gift cards (with receipts) that can be used for gas, groceries or other personal items from stores like Lucky's, Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Target and Walmart. Gift items can be placed under the tree at either church. The envelopes with gift cards can be placed in the collection or in the poor boxes. Please select an envelope or "ornament" and return it to the Church by Sunday, December 13th. PLEASE don't substitute a different item or get a different size and **do not wrap** individual gifts. If you have any questions, please call Donna Watson (510) 769-6341.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH #10

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EAST BAY DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monsignor O'Brien Hall

High Street & Van Buren Street, Alameda

RAFFLE RAFFLE

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Social Hour 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

Menu: Salad, Risotto, Pork Roast, and Dessert

Hosted Bar

Note: Mixed drinks will not be served after 7:00 pm

Visit by Santa Claus with Gifts for Children

Santa Will Arrive Early

Adults $35 Children 12 Years Old & Under $12

Reservations: Terry Greig, 510-504-0498

by 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 1st

Payment in Advance

Mail your check payable to *ICF BRANCH 10* to either:

St. Philip Neri - St. Albert the Parish Office
Attention ICF Branch #10
3101 Van Buren St.
Alameda, CA 94501

or

Terry Greig
1010 San Antonio Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501





The 50th Anniversary celebration of St. Albert the Great was a great success!! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who made the 50th Anniversary Mass and luncheon reception such a beautiful celebration!

Thank you to all our parishioners who supported this special occasion and to all the volunteers whose efforts made this event an affair to remember. From fundraising, planning, and decorating to liturgy, music, hospitality, and the luncheon, every contribution made a difference. So many hands helped bring it all together.

