

## 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

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL HELPLINE: 510-373-5226**

*November 30, 2025*

*First Sunday of Advent*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we begin a new liturgical year, and with it, the season of Advent. Advent is not only a time of preparation for Christmas—the celebration of Christ's birth—but also a reminder of His second coming and His coming into our lives every day.



The readings remind us of a single, urgent message: Be awake. Be ready. Be attentive. Not with fear, but with hopeful expectation. In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a picture of the future full of hope: He invites us to imagine a world where peace replaces violence, unity replaces division, and light overcomes darkness. St. Paul, in the second reading, urges us to not be asleep spiritually. We sometimes get distracted. We fall into routine. We forget God's presence in daily life. He calls us to choose light over darkness, love over selfishness, grace over sin.

**Here is the Advent invitation:** *Wake up your soul! Don't live on autopilot. So, what should we do during Advent? It is not merely decorating, shopping, and preparing our homes—but preparing our hearts. Spend one moment of silence daily. Sit with God and listen. Do an act of kindness each day. Make Christ visible. Try to uproot habits of sin. Make room for grace. One step toward reconciliation or forgiveness brings peace to a relationship.*

God bless,  
Fr. Joseph

*JUBILEE THEME FOR NOVEMBER - PEACE*

# Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri  
November 29, 2025 – December 7, 2025

St. Albert the Great  
November 29, 2025 – December 7, 2025

Sat Nov 29	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Linda Ross Rebecca Jacobo † Concordia Hasal †
Sun Nov 30	9:00 am 11:30 am	Geraud Ioann Tasic (Birthday) Erna Brockl † Bernice Nelson † (Birthday) Martino Tran Van Toan † Teresa Nguyen Thi Hong †
Mon Dec 1	8:30 am	Mary Lee (Birthday) Beth Ziade (Birthday) Concepcion Sandoval (Birthday)
Tues Dec 2	8:30 am	Myron Dorn † James Villapudua (Birthday)
Wed Dec 3	8:30 am	Lorraine Dorn † Fr. Joy Kumarthusseril (Birthday) Caleb Pangilinan (Birthday)
Thu Dec 4	8:30 am	Lily Pabelico (Birthday) Maria Femminis †
Fri Dec 5	8:30 am	Karen Mendes † Cris Foley † Mark Acero † Ted Schmidt †
Sat Dec 6	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Cris Foley † Evelyn Rose Bibb † Concordia Hasal † Felicito Bayson †
Sun Dec 7	9:00 am 11:30	Michael James Duclos † Silvestre Pantig † Bruno Sibal † Silvia Bartholomeio (Birthday) Bob Steimer † Guise Truong Duc Tan † Giacobe Truong Duc Hoi † Mark Stephen Aquino † (1st death anniv)

Sat Nov 29	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Efren Merquillo † Alfonso Co † Consejo Herrera †
Sun Nov 30	8:00 10:30	Maria Femminis † Dorian & Doriancito Perez †
Mon Dec 1	7:30 am	MJ Merquillo (Birthday)
Tues Dec 2	7:30 am	Fidely Elena & Marcelo Bohrt † Malou Hartrick †
Wed Dec 3	7:30 am	Aida Siemen Malou Hartrick † Dr. Martin Yu (Birthday)
Thu Dec 4	7:30 am	Katherine Ding
Fri Dec 5	9:30 am	Charles & Rita Humbel †
Sat Dec 6	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Ruth & Rudy Pontemayor (50th Wed. Ann) Cesario De Guzman Piamonte †
Sun Dec 7	8:00	Renan & Ma Concepcion Diaz † Francis Coutinho †

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



**We Pray for the deceased:** Nancy Rodriguez  
**We Pray for our sick:** Francisca Reyes, Jess Mabagos,  
Max Baylosis, Mark Fantillo, enigno Capulong Sr.,  
Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Branchaud, Rogelio  
Feliciano II, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Arcely  
Bernardino, Justin Lee, Mary Reiser, Norma Murray, Elon  
Rowlee, Lora Bracy, 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, Carol Hoyer, Gail Ferrouillet, Ida Mae Kempel, Veronica,  
Mario Cicero, Rose Brown, Al Hugger, Jing Jing Costello,  
Roger Dorn, Harry Rogers, Marianne Schenone, Patricia Faria,  
Mary Lee, 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, Ana Brown, Tina Jimenez, Jeff R, Anne Loos

## SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

November 2025

**St. Philip Neri**

L & D members of Gatan & Rockwell families

**St. Albert the Great**

People of SPNSA



## SANCTUARY LAMPS OFFERING

November 2025

**BLESSED MOTHER**

Margaret M. Pendergast †

**ST. JOSEPH**

Edward I. Pendergast



## VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

November 2025

**St. Philip Neri**

Joseph Cervelli †

**St. Albert the Great**

People of SPNSA





## Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

NOVEMBER 2025

**For the prevention of suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## OCIA CORNER FOR ADVENT (Part 1) by Sherry Eastwood Falls

The following is based on an article by Professor Sharon Hickson entitled **"What Dickens Teaches Us in A Christmas Carol"**

**Part 1** - The classic tale: A Christmas Carol, helps us to usher in Advent and await the joy of the Incarnation of Christmas. The novel has five parts. In part one, we learn that "Jacob Marley is dead." But, worse than that, we learn that one who is physically living (SCROOGE), is spiritually dead. So dead in fact that he doesn't even know it.

In contrast to this, we see Scrooge's nephew Fred who declares that "Christmas is a good time, a kind and forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." Scrooge resists Fred's good cheer with his statement "Bah humbug" which he says frequently!

Scrooge gets a warning later that night from "a ghost from Hell" Jacob Marley, his former business partner, who tells Scrooge that he still has a chance to escape his fate.

Watch for Part 2 in the next bulletin.

### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

November 29-30 St. Vincent De Paul

December 6-7 Parish Maintenance Fund

December 8 The Immaculate Conception

December 13-14 Religious Retirement

December 20-21 Christmas Flowers

December 25 Christmas Offering



## Simbang Gabi

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

Everyone is invited to attend Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino series. This tradition was introduced by 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".

**FIRST FRIDAY—DECEMBER 5, 2025**

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

**HIS presence**

**Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**

**St. Philip Neri Church 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



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



## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 8

**St. Albert the Great -**  
**7:30am & 6:00pm**

**St. Philip Neri -**  
**8:30am & 9:30am (school mass)**

### "Getting to Know the Gospel" Growing in Your Faith



**What:** Lectio Divina and Catholic Topics

**When:** Most Friday mornings following the 8:30 mass & rosary

**Where:** In the Rectory (Front conference room)

**Facilitators:** Bob Minot, Sherry Eastwood Falls, and Fr. Joseph

#### DATES

#### TOPICS

**December 5** Prayer—The Creed—The Lord's Prayer  
LD Matt 3:1-12 John the Baptist

**December 12** Mary and the Holy Rosary  
LD Matt 11:2-11 Who is Coming?

**December 19** How the Birth of Jesus Came About  
LD Matt 1:18-24

**December 26** No class Merry Christmas

### 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**

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers

## Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 30 @ 6:00 pm

Christ the Light Cathedral



2121 Harrison St.  
Oakland, CA 94612

## First Sunday of Advent Advent Candle of Hope



*Therefore the Lord Himself will  
give you a sign: the virgin will  
conceive and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel.*

*Isaiah 7:14*



## An Evening of Remembrance with Jesse Manibusan

*You are cordially invited to gather for  
an evening of Remembering our Loved  
Ones with Music and Fellowship. All are  
welcome!!!*

Greer Family Mortuary  
and Cremation Services

Friday, December 5, 2025

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Concert begins at 6:00 pm

*If you are able, please bring an unwrapped  
toy to support the US Marine Corps Reserve  
Toys for Tots*

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH #10



Monsignor O'Brien Hall

High Street & Van Buren Street, Alameda

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Social Hour 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

Menu: Salad, Pork Dinner, 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: Sheila Ewart 510-331-6660 or Jeanette Zugnoni 510-206-1743  
by 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

*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 29<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.