

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

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Pastor: Fr. Joseph Pathiyil, MF

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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

Phone: 510-373-5225

Associate Pastor: Fr. Chacko Muthoottil, MF

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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

DECEMBER 7, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings for the second Sunday of Advent, year A, invite us to renew our hope and ready our hearts for the coming of Our Lord Jesus, allowing His presence to lead us into true peace and spiritual transformation.



In today's First reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a vivid picture of the coming Messiah, describing a shoot that will come forth from the stump of Jesse, who will embody wisdom, understanding and justice. This imagery reminds us that even in the bleakest circumstances, God can bring forth new life and hope. His promise is not just for Israel but extends to all nations. We are reminded of God's steadfast commitment to His people and the glorious future He has in store for them.

In today's gospel, we hear John the Baptist's call to repentance, urging us to prepare the way of the Lord. His cry in the wilderness is a powerful reminder of our need for conversion, especially as we prepare to celebrate Christ's entry into our world at Christmas. John the Baptist urges us to bear fruit worthy of repentance, inviting us into a transformative relationship with God. This Advent is a time not only of waiting but also of action- a time to evaluate our lives and align our hearts with God's will.

God Bless,
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil

JUBILEE THEME FOR DECEMBER - EMMANUEL

Mass Intentions



St. Philip Neri
December 6, 2025 – December 14 2025

St. Albert the Great
December 6, 2025 – December 14, 2025

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.)
Mon Dec 8	8:30 am	Ester Gangcuangco † Dolores Romero †
Tues Dec 9	8:30 am	Jane Hageman † Lori Proctor † Family
Wed Dec 10	8:30 am	Roda Bautista (Healing) Catherine Esteban (Surgery/Healing)
Thu Dec 11	8:30 am	Pippo Family † Donny Dorn † Geraldine Liscano (Birthday)
Fri Dec 12	8:30 am	ICF #10 Living and Deceased members Dana Hearing (Thanksgiving)
Sat Dec 13	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Dennis Dorn † Melville Rodricks † Dave Rose † Ken Tucker †
Sun Dec 14	9:00 am 11:30	Cris Foley † Sherry Eastwood Falls (Birthday) Harriett West † Lucia Nguyen Thi Phu †

Sat Dec 6	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Ruth & Rudy Pontemayor (50th Wed. Ann) Cesario De Guzman Piamonte †
Sun Dec 7	8:00 10:30	Renan & Ma Concepcion Diaz † Francis Coutinho † Special Intentions for Pontemayor Family
Mon Dec 8	7:30 am 6:00 pm	Concepcion Serafica † Maria Femminis †
Tues Dec 9	7:30 am	Charles Corwin †
Wed Dec 10	7:30 am	Segundo Ordinario † Montano Merquillo †
Thu Dec 11	7:30 am	Carmelo Roco & Bernadette Roco Alex Gonzales Trina & Elo Munoz
Fri Dec 12	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Sat Dec 13	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Jane Hageman † Bienvenido Romero †
Sun Dec 14	8:00 10:30	Maria Feminnis † Alan Brown †

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING



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

SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

December 2025



St. Philip Neri
Joseph Cervelli Family
St. Albert the Great
People of SPNSA

SANCTUARY LAMPS OFFERING

December 2025

BLESSED MOTHER

L & D members of Gatan & Rockwell families

ST. JOSEPH

L & D members of Wegener Family



VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERING

December 2025

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli †

St. Albert the Great

People of SPNSA



We Pray for our deceased: Norma Murray, Ninh Van Pham, Conrad De Guzman

We Pray for our sick: Dolores Jardine, Zeny Mabagos, Max Baylosis, Mark Fantillo, Benigno Capulong Sr., Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Branchaud, Rogelio Felicano II, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Arcely Bernardino, Justin Lee, Mary Reiser, 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, Francisca Reyes



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention

DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

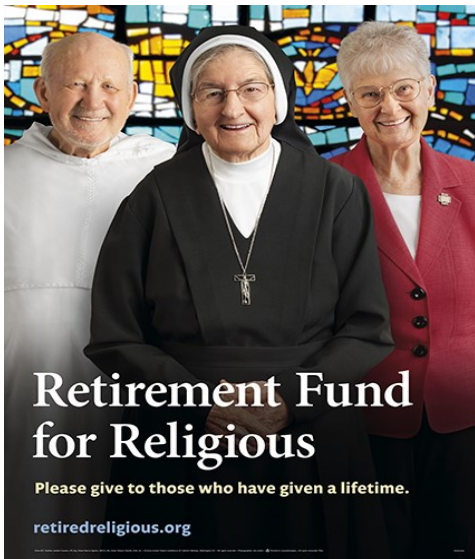
OCIA CORNER FOR ADVENT (Part 2)

by Sherry Eastwood Falls

In the next part of Dickens classic tale:

A Christmas Carol, we encounter The Ghost of Christmas Past. Strangely, he is both a child and an old man. He sets forth to have Scrooge relive his past. He tells Scrooge to "arise and walk with me." Scrooge is taken back to his boyhood home, sees his friends and his spirits are lifted. Returning to his happy past, we can see the positive effect this has on Scrooge who has begun to "thaw."

Watch for Part 3 in the next bulletin.



A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

ADVENT PRAYER

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan, You sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Our Lady of Guadalupe—Patroness of All Americas
Feast Day: December 12*

"Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe."



—Francesca Merlo, 12/11/18, [Vatican news](#)

Pro-Life Second Saturday Rosary

takes place this month on Saturday, **December 13th** at Alameda City Hall (corner of Oak & Santa Clara Ave). We meet at 9:15 and start the Rosary at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

"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 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



*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2025

Mass Times

St Albert 7:30 am and 6:00 pm

St Philip Neri 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 am— **School Mass**

*Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate
Conception*

*O God who by the Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin
prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,
Grant we pray, that, as you preserved her
from every stain,
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which
you foresaw,
so through her intercession,
we too maybe cleansed and admitted to
your presence.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who
lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever
and ever. Amen*

*Second Sunday of Advent
Advent Candle of Peace*



*“For to us a child is born, to us a son
is given, and the government will be
on His shoulders. And He will be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:16

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”**.

***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 29th thru Sunday, December 14th. 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 14th. 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.