

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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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 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The readings for this 4th Sunday of Advent in year A, invite us to reflect deeply on the mystery of God's presence among us, especially as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. Today's scripture passages reveal both the depth of God's promise and its fulfillment in Jesus.



In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah announces a sign given at a time of fear and political uncertainty. "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son". This promise reminds us that God remains faithful even when human confidence fails. The sign he gives is not an army or a miracle of power, but a Child. God chooses to come gently, quietly and close.

Gospel according to Mathew, we see how God's promise unfolds in the life of Joseph. Faced with a mystery he cannot fully understand, Joseph chooses faith over fear. He welcomes God's plan and takes Mary into his home. The child conceived by the Holy Spirit will be called Emmanuel which means God with us. Joseph's obedience shows us how to respond as wait Christ's coming. He does not cling to doubt or hesitation but trusts God's word. As we draw near to Christmas, we are encouraged to ask ourselves how we too can live with such openness and faith. Merry Christmas to all.

God bless,

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil

JUBILEE THEME FOR DECEMBER - EMMANUEL

St. Philip Neri
December 20, 2025 – December 28, 2025

Mass Intentions



St. Albert the Great
December 20, 2025 – December 28, 2025

Sat Dec 20	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Maria Femminis † Leah Hitchings (Birthday) Paul Lupetti (Birthday) Felicito Bayson † Wesley Acosta † Annabelle Ramos (Birthday)
Sun Dec 21	9:00 am 11:30 am	Maureen Ann Lane † John Vincent Woulfe Jr † Earl J. Dolcini † Bill T. Meyers † Cathy Stapley † Tom Staggs † (Birthday)
Mon Dec 22	8:30 am	Rose Gatan (Birthday) Fr. Tran Van Cuong † Anton †
Tues Dec 23	8:30 am	For All Souls Ngo Van Thuyet † Anton †
Wed Dec 24	8:30 am 4:00 pm 10:00 pm	Michael Haid † Anton † For the People For the People
Thu Dec 25	9:00 am 11:30 am	Darryl Dorn † Anton † John Rockwell family (Thanksgiving) Cassandra Macalino (Thanksgiving) Gabriel Macalino (Thanksgiving)
Fri Dec 26	8:30 am	Papa & Mama Caviglia † Anton † Sharon Trayan (Birthday) † Rogelio Rejano † (Death Anniversary) Erlinda Gacad (Birthday)
Sat Dec 27	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Maria Caviglia † Anton † Harriet West † Frank Jacopetti † Charles Christy †
Sun Dec 28	9:00 am 11:30 am	Mary Lee † Aida G. Gando † Anton † Paul & Jeanne Cromwell † Bob & Cesarina Hughes †

Sat Dec 20	7:30 am 4:00 pm	William Bautista † Diane Dean †
Sun Dec 21	8:00 am 10:30 am	Lourdes Malou Hartrick † Lourdes Malou Hartrick † Elaine & Rod Ding (Wedding Anniv)
Mon	7:30 am	Renan & Ma Concepcion Diaz †
Tues Dec 23	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Wed Dec 24	7:30 am 5:30 pm	Zeny Mabagos For the People
Thu Dec 25	8:00 am 10:30 am	For the People For the People
Fri Dec 26	7:30 am	Arsenio Leong (Birthday)
Sat Dec 27	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Jane Hageman † Maria Femminis †
Sun Dec 28	8:00 am 10:30 am	L & D members of Merquillo & San Buenaventura family Bautista, Munoz, Ison, Serrano and Roco family (Thanksgiving)



We Pray for our sick: Suresh Jeyachandran, Ishita Suresh, Nathaniel Roco, Dolores Jardine, Zeny Mabagos, Max Baylosis, Mark Fantillo, Benigno Capulong Sr. Chris Servente, Michael Schmidt, Kathleen Branchaud, Rogelio Feliciano 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,

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

December 20-21 Christmas Flowers
December 25 Christmas Offering



SANCTUARY LAMP OFFERING

December 2025

St. Philip Neri

Joseph Cervelli Family

St. Albert the Great

Thanksgiving for Leo, Cathy, Trina's Birthday



SANCTUARY LAMP 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





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 (Parts 4 and 5)

by Sherry Eastwood Falls

Central in the novel is the suffering but kind-hearted Tiny Tim, but the main emphasis is on the Christ Child himself. "For it is good to be children sometimes and never better than at Christmas, when its Mighty Founder was a Child himself".

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come makes Scrooge face death.

For while our birth seems the most important thing, it is only in death that we can rise again, like Christ, to eternal life.

In part 5, Scrooge declares that "it is time to make amends." Scrooge bounds into the streets with "A Merry Christmas" to all he sees. The three ghosts have led Scrooge to the Cradle of Christ and he has been raised to new life!



Merry Christmas!!

SANCTUARY LAMP and VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS FOR 2026 ARE NOW OPEN

FOR ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH AND ST ALBERT THE GREAT Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph

Sanctuary Lamp offering is \$50/month
Votive candle offering is \$30/month (\$300/yr)

This is a wonderful way to celebrate a loved one

Mass Offering is \$10
Please contact the Parish office

SPECIAL PRE-K CHRISTMAS (private) MINI CONCERT (They sang so well. What a treat! ~ Thank you!!)



CCF Christmas Party



Rite of Welcome Teen Confirmation



"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 26 No class Merry Christmas

Classes will resume on Friday, January 16, 2026.

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent Candle of Love*

*Herein is love, not that we loved God but that
He loved us, and sent His Son.*

John 4:10



Christmas & New Year Mass Times

St. Philip Neri Church

Wednesday, December 24

8:30 am

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve, Vigil Family Mass (musical prelude 3:45 pm)

10:00 pm Midnight Mass (musical prelude 9:30 pm)

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

9:00 am & 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary Vigil, Wednesday, December 31

7:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1

8:30 am

St. Albert the Great Church

Simbang Gabi, December 16 - 24

5:00 am (light reception follows)

Parish Advent Confession, Wednesday, December 17

6:00 to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24

5:30 pm - Christmas Eve, Vigil Family Mass (musical prelude 5:15 pm)

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1

7:30 am & 6:00 pm



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