

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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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

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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 28, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are invited to reflect on the model of family life that we find in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. There are different points for reflection as we hear the gospel passage today.

Joseph's trust and obedience to God's will continue to shine forth. Even in the midst of hardship and danger, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remained united in their love for each other and for God. The Holy Family is the ultimate example of holiness in family life. In a world that can sometimes seem overwhelming and full of uncertainties, Joseph's example reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles. God is with us, and if we trust in His plan, He will guide us through difficult times. In our own families, we are called to support and love one another, especially in times of difficulty. Families are meant to be a place of refuge, where each member feels loved and safe. We too are called to holiness in our family lives. It might seem difficult, especially when we face struggles or misunderstandings within our families, but the Holy Family teaches us that holiness is found in small, everyday acts of love and service.

Let us ask for the intercession of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to guide and protect our families. Let us remember that no matter the challenges we face, we are called to trust in God's plan, to love and protect one another, and to seek holiness in the everyday moments of family life.

God bless,
Fr. Joseph



JUBILEE THEME FOR DECEMBER - EMMANUEL

St. Philip Neri
December 27, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Mass Intentions




St. Albert the Great
December 27, 2025 – January 4, 2026

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 †
Mon Dec 29	8:30 am	Anton †
Tues Dec 30	8:30 am	Anicia Ramirez † Anton †
Wed Dec 31	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Ruth Romero † Anton † Brian and An (Thanksgiving) For the people
Thu Jan 1	8:30 am	Jess James Laguicao (Birthday) Anton † Fr. William Marshall † Cassandra Macalino Gabriele Macalino
Fri Jan 2	8:30 am	Jimmy & Eddyta † Anton †
Sat Jan 3	8:30 am 5:15 pm	Melva Claridge † (40 days) Anton † Grandparents Thanksgiving John & Fran Babjak †
Sun Jan 4	9:00 am 11:30 am	Valerie Trieu † Anton † Giacobe Truong Duc Hoi † Robert Irvine †

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)
Mon Dec 29	7:30 am	Sebastian Jordan Hughes (Birthday)
Tues Dec 30	7:30 am	Ian & Catherine Ordinario (Wedding Anniv.)
Wed Dec 31	7:30 am	Maria Femminis †
Thu Jan 1	7:30 am 6:00 pm	For the People For the People
Fri Jan 2	9:30 am	Ian Gabriel Ordinario (Birthday) Jesse & Edna White †
Sat Jan 3	7:30 am 4:00 pm	Glorietta Ang Fuente † Jane Hageman †
Sun Jan 4	8:00 am 10:30 am	Vilda Coutinho Rose Brown Suresh Jeyachandran

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL OFFERING

 **January 1—Solemnity of the Virgin Mary Offering**
January 3-4 Parish Maintenance Fund
January 10-11 D Seminary Collection
January 17-18 D Philippines/Vietnam Emergency Storm Relief
January 24-25 SPN School Support

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



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 Felicano II, Ann & Peter Dinh, Hakley Family, Arcely Bernardino, 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, Paul Marchetti



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.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP and VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS FOR 2026

The office is now accepting Sanctuary Lamp and Votive Candle offerings for 2026. St Philip Neri offers three locations at the front of the church for **Sanctuary Lamp offerings: Altar, St. Joseph and Blessed Mother.**

Votive candle offerings are located in the candle room in the vestibule.

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

This is a wonderful way to celebrate a loved one

Mass Offering is \$10

Please contact the Parish office

TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2026 (Part 1) from Sherry Eastwood Falls

44 tips from "The 80-Year-Old Wall" by Hideki Wada

1. Keep walking. Don't stop moving-even a little bit each day makes a difference.
2. When angry, take a deep breath. Reacting calmly can be your secret superpower.
3. Exercise enough so your body doesn't stiffen. You don't need to be a gym rat- just stretch and move.
4. Drink more water, especially with the AC on. Hydration is underrated.
5. Diapers increase mobility. If they help you get out and about, use them proudly.
6. Chewing keeps your brain active. Don't rush meals - chew well.
7. Memory loss isn't due to age, it's due to underuse. Keep mind busy.

JOIN US for the
CLOSING MASS of the
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



MULTI-LINGUAL
MASS PRESIDED BY THE BISHOP

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 28, 2025

Where: Christ the Light Cathedral
2121 Harrison St, Oakland, CA 94612
Time: 11am (Reception Follows)

Please Note: This is the only Mass at the Cathedral that day.

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

DIocese of OAKLAND

FIRST FRIDAY—JANUARY 2, 2026 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.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph *December 28*

The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration honoring Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model for Christian families.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before you.
Once more we consecrate ourselves to You—our trials and joys -
that our home may ever be the shrine of
peace, purity, love and faith. Protect and bless all of us,
both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving mother of Jesus, and our Mother,
Pray to Jesus for our family, for all families of the world,
to guard the cradle of the newborn,
the schools of the young and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary,
assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.
Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying
so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

Adoration of the Christ Child, 1499 Fra Bartolomeo c Galleria Borghese, Rome

New Year Mass Times

St. Philip Neri Church

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

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

7:30 am & 6:00 pm



Happy New Year!