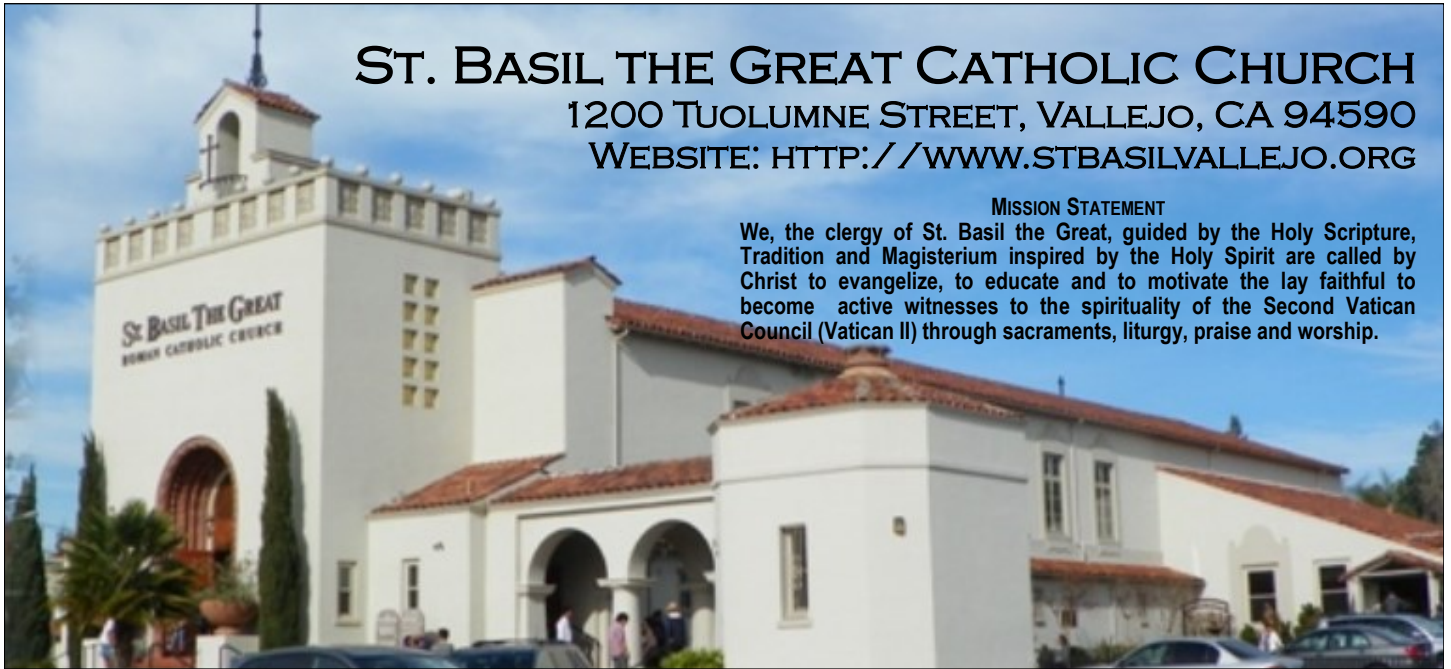


# ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the clergy of St. Basil the Great, guided by the Holy Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium inspired by the Holy Spirit are called by Christ to evangelize, to educate and to motivate the lay faithful to become active witnesses to the spirituality of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) through sacraments, liturgy, praise and worship.

**Rev. Alfredo L. Tamayo** - Pastor  
**Rev. Ronald V. Torres** - Parochial Vicar  
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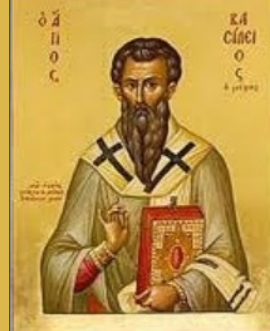
**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
**Office Closed Wednesdays**

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**Julia Boen** ~ Principal

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**Julie Kissinger** ~ Director

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**Cherry Lopez** ~ Director



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday:**  
5:30pm (Vigil Mass)

**Sunday:**  
7:30am, 9:30am,  
11:30am & 5:30pm

**Daily:**  
7:15am in the Mary Chapel

**Holy Days:**  
7:15am, 9:30am & 7:30pm

PLEASE  
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER  
YOUR GIFT  
TO ST. BASIL PARISH.  
THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

## SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday, 4:00 to 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Pre-Baptism preparation class required. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Minimum 6 months advance notice required. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Marriage/Wedding Coordinator.

**Pastoral Care for the Sick/Homebound:** Please call the Parish Office to arrange for home and hospital visits

**Anointing of the Sick, please call (707) 319-6569**

**Stewardship at St. Basil Parish**  
**Grow our Gifts...Share Our Blessings**

## Stewardship of Treasure

*Collections for 11/23/14 and the second collections for Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be published in next week's bulletin. Thank you!*

**Your ongoing support is essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.**

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

*Stewardship by the Book....Sharon Hueckel*

**NOVEMBER 30, 2014 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2014

**Be watchful! Be alert!**  
**You do not know when the time will come.**  
— Mark 13:33

### WATCH!

“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today’s Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master’s work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church’s pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus’ saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter’s mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital “T.” We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

### LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child’s.

—St. Nicholas

### BIG AMBITION

Give up your small ambitions; come with me to save the world.

—St. Francis Xavier

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

### Baptism and Beyond for Active Parents



The St. Basil Baptismal Preparation ministry will be holding a **four hour baptismal preparation class on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 8am - 12Noon**

in the Parish Center, St. Joseph Room. The consideration of the additional class is directly in response to the acknowledgement of the parish staff and baptismal preparation ministry from input received regarding suggestions and/or improvements to the existing baptismal preparation process here at St. Basil’s and would provide flexibility for parents and Godparents who are faced with challenging work schedules and/or face difficulty with attending the weekday sessions. Interested parents should contact the parish office at 707.644.5251 for more information and for registration.

A friendly smile is often all it takes.....to end the isolation our homebound elderly face every day. A cheery home visit or phone call bring a smile that can light up a life. A helping hand can restore valuable independence to a senior who can no longer drive to a doctor appointment or grocery store, or simply prepare a meal.

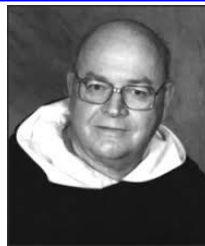
If you have a friendly smile to share and compassion in your heart, please join Faith in Action in our efforts to end the isolation, and restore dignity and independence to the homebound seniors in our communities. **Learn more at our next volunteer orientation meeting Saturday, December 6th, 9am - 3pm at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, The Fireside Room, 1600 Union Avenue in Fairfield.** RSVP to (707) 469-6675 or

VolunteerRecruier2@FaithInActionSolano.org



**ADVENT MISSION:  
GOD'S LOVE & HUMAN SUFFERING**

Are you in need of spiritual renewal? Mark your calendars for an Advent Mission with Dominican Preacher Fr. Antoninus Wall. Fr. Wall will preach at all Masses December 6th and 7th and will lead a series of spiritual reflections, December 8th through the 11th, 7:15 AM (Mary's Chapel) & 7:30 PM (Main Church)



**SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday/Sunday 12/6-7: (All Mass Times)**

**Monday, 12/8: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Theme: At the Foot of the Cross** 7:15AM; 9:30AM; 7:30PM

**Tuesday, 12/9: Reconciliation**

7:15AM; 7:30PM (Communal Reconciliation)

**Wednesday, 12/10: Adoration Means Drinking the Cup of Reality that God Offers You** 7:15AM; 7:30PM

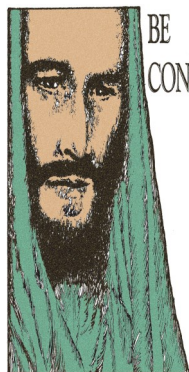
**Thursday, 12/11: Love of Life and Love of God** 7:15AM; 7:30PM

Fr. Tony will offer daily Confession as well as spiritual counseling.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014 "REPORT OF GRATITUDE"**

Bishop Soto invites all parishioners to view the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude" by visiting [www.tcfsc.org](http://www.tcfsc.org). "Every time a family has a breakthrough, a child finds safety and hope, a marginalized individual finds the strength to rebuild a life of dignity, a seminarian moves closer to ordination, or a student is able to stay in Catholic School, we think of you, our donors. Thank you for your support this year. Please take a moment to see the difference you've made in 2014."

The 2014 Appeal is approaching \$3 million from nearly 19,000 Catholics in our diocese. The Appeal Office is still accepting donations for 2014. Please donate online by visiting [www.tcfsc.org](http://www.tcfsc.org). 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to people who need our help.



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On Saturday, December 6th, we will celebrate **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** with a Spanish Mass at 11:30am sponsored by the Guadalupe Association of St. Basil. Rev. Antonio Racela of Holy Spirit Church in Fairfield will con-celebrate the Mass with Fr. Alfredo Tamayo. There will be a small reception in the St. Joseph Room of the Parish Office immediately following the Mass. All are invited and welcome.



**The Called and Gifted Workshop (Given in English)**

The Department of Evangelization and Catechesis in partnership with St. John the Baptist Parish in Chico, is excited to offer The Called and Gifted workshop from the Catherine of Siena Institute. Held at St. John the Baptist in Chico on January 9, 2015 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and January 10, 2015, from 8:30am to 4:30pm; the workshop is a two-day live presentation covering Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship; the nature of spiritual gifts, call, and vocation; and how to undertake the process of discernment. The cost of attendance is \$15. For more information call Karen Monroe at 530-343-8741. To register, please visit [www.saccatholic.com/calledandgifted](http://www.saccatholic.com/calledandgifted) or call Lourdes Ramirez at 916-733-0123.



**St. Basil Conference**

Jesus left us and "places his servants in charge, each with his own work". During Advent families are encouraged to pray and perform some special work together. SVdP programs like the Giving Tree or assisting with emergency food deliveries are great way to seek Christ in the poor, homeless and aged in Vallejo.

**Food Locker Wish List: Canned chili or beans**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday ~ November 29, 2014 ~ 5:30pm**

**Sunday ~ November 30, 2014 ~ 7:30am**

**Sunday ~ November 30, 2014 ~ 9:30am**

Greg and Ely Sacro (WA)

**Sunday ~ November 30, 2014 ~ 11:30am**

Bobby Amagan (S.I.)

**Sunday ~ November 30, 2014 ~ 5:30pm**

**Monday ~ December 1, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Gary Esmilla (BD)

Marlon Lucas (BD)

Ed and Nenet Zarco (WA)

David Chen (+)

Priscila Moreto (+)

**Tuesday ~ December 2, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Flor Lazaro (BD)

Herman Robinson (S.I.)

Guillermo "Bill" De Los Santos (+)

Arsenio Duenas (+)

John Keoghan (+)

**Wednesday ~ December 3, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Ed Sablan (S.I.)

Bob Hurt (S.I.)

Jaime and Benita Belen (+)

Arsenio Duenas (+)

Wene A. Vengco (+)

**Thursday ~ December 4, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Tapan Munroe (+)

Arsenio Duenas (+)

Edythe Struble Walsh (+DA)

**Friday ~ December 5, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Arsenio Duenas (+)



**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our community:**

Nomie Almendra, Emmanuel Annonuevo, Elena Barreto, Yola Bekhit, Encarnacion Buna, Boni and Gigi Capuyan, Naty Catacutan, Josephine de Vega, Dorothy, Gene Gamboa, Fredric Gough, Prescy Hernandez, Cris and Severina Ilagan, Aly Rose Jacobsen, Millie James, Rodolfo Lomibao, Dolly Marquez, Rolando Mercurio, Jim Murphy, James O'Brien, Nicholas Policar, Ed Sablan, Lita Sarmiento, Anna Silva, Dominador Viray, Nathaniel Williams and Matilda Wilson.