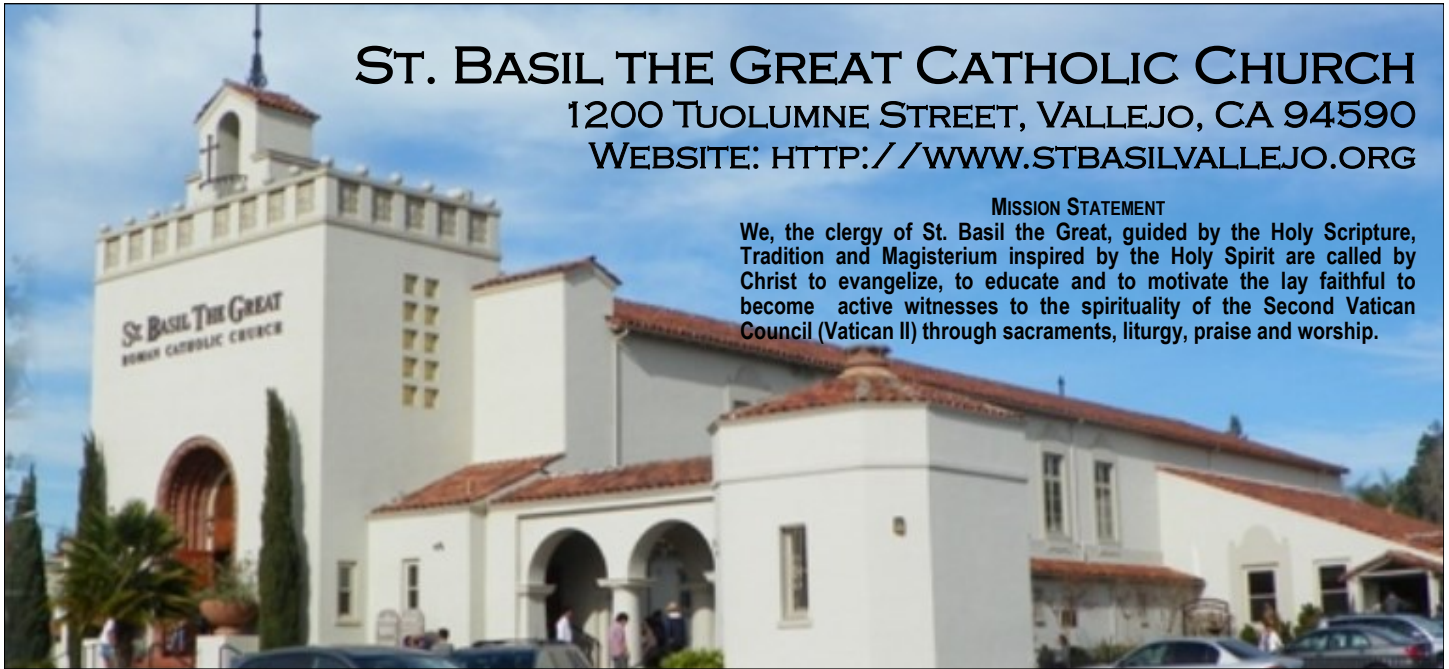


# ST. BASIL THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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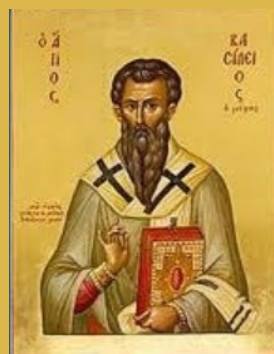
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**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

11/23/14: \$10,033.70

11/30/14: \$10,342.22

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**  
\$3,488.00

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

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live — the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.

*Stewardship by the Book...Sharon Hueckel*

**DECEMBER 7, 2014 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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## Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

**Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill  
shall be made low.**

— Isaiah 40:4



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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Have you seen *Antiques Roadshow* on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma's wall, often hold a "sick call crucifix." It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini□stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini□altar that can be propped up by a sick person's bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness.

Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The "sick call crucifix" is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ's presence. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Masses will be at 7:15am, 9:30am  
and 7:30pm**

### Living God's Word

Unlike those who were baptized by John, we were baptized "with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8). If that is so, then "what sort of persons ought" we to be? Like Isaiah, John, and Peter, we ought to be both heralding and "hastening the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12).

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### EXILE

Both Isaiah and Peter had the task of comforting and encouraging their communities during times of exile. The Israelites were in geographic exile from Israel; to them this was, in effect, the same as being in exile from their God. The early Christians, following the Resurrection, expected an immediate return of Christ in glory; they, too, felt in "exile" as the delay of the Second Coming grew longer and longer. All four of scripture's authors today—Isaiah, the psalmist, Peter, and Mark—hasten to help us see things in God's terms, not ours. They want us to know that we can never truly be exiled from God, or from God-among-us, since we know that when the faithful are gathered, Christ has come into their midst. Instead, we are encouraged today to do what we can from our end to shorten the time of our exile: to repent of our sins, to return our lives to the Lord, to live as people who seek the coming day of the Lord, when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:10). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Reflecting on God's Word

How many towns do you suppose have a newspaper called *The Herald*? It's a good name for a newspaper because it refers to one who proclaims significant news. It also can refer to a person who comes before to announce what will follow, a forerunner like John. The angels who heralded the good news of Jesus' birth fit into a long line of heralds who proclaimed that God's promises would at last be fulfilled.

This week everyone seems to be announcing good news. Isaiah and the psalmist herald and describe others heralding glad tidings. Mark proclaims "the gospel [or 'good news'] of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1). He also depicts John as a herald in the tradition of Isaiah. And Peter speaks eloquently of God's promise and patience. Can we bring ourselves to hearken to their words and believe them? Do we have any good news of our own to proclaim?

— Virginia Stillwell

**ADVENT MISSION - December 8 - 11, 2014  
GOD'S LOVE & HUMAN SUFFERING**

Dominican Preacher Fr. Antoninus Wall will preach at all Masses December 6th and 7th and will lead a series of spiritual reflections, December 8th through the 11th, 7:15AM in the Mary Chapel and 7:30PM in the Main Church.

**SCHEDULE:**

Monday 12/8: **Solemnity of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Masses will be at 7:15AM, 9:30AM and 7:30PM  
Tuesday 12/9: 7:15AM; **7:30PM Communal Reconciliation**  
Wednesday 12/10: Adoration Means Drinking the Cup of Reality that God Offers You  
7:15AM and 7:30PM  
Thursday 12/11: Love of Life and Love of God  
7:15AM and 7:30PM

(Fr. Tony will also offer daily Confession as well as spiritual counseling.)

**Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). The guiding mission of the RFR is to help senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives ministering to others. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and health care. Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of roughly 35,000 senior religious, providing necessities such as prescription medications and nursing care. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Nomie Almendra  
Emmanuel Annonuevo  
Edna Arcebal  
Yola Bekhit  
Encarnacion Buna  
Boni and Gigi Capuyan  
Naty Catacutan  
Arthur Cuanang  
Andre Davis  
Josephine de Vega  
Dorothy Egidio  
Amando Evangelista  
Dr. Cezar Gamboa  
Gene Gamboa  
Fredric Gough  
Cris and Severina Ilagan  
Aly Rose Jacobsen  
Millie James  
Rodolfo Lomibao  
Dolly Marquez  
Rolando Mercurio  
Jim Murphy  
James O'Brien  
Estrella Pamogas  
Nicholas Policar  
Ed Sablan  
Lita Sarmiento  
Anna Silva  
Dominador Viray  
Nathaniel Williams  
Matilda Wilson

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday ~ December 6, 2014 ~ 8:30am  
First Saturday Mass**

Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)  
Ernesta Furtado (+)  
Susana Ubungen (+)

**Saturday ~ December 6, 2014 ~ 5:30pm**

Jaime and Benita Belen (+)  
Manuel and Ana Buenviaje (+)  
Kho Chiong Hai and Valentina Ganade (+)  
Tan Ching and Maria Buenviaje (+)  
Maria and John Baptista (+)  
All Deceased members of the Guadalupanas Association of St. Basil (+)

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

Sandy Morgado (+)  
Agapita Olario Galia (+)

**Sunday ~ December 7, 2014 ~ 9:30am**

Alyssa Mae Gough (BD)  
Eric Sopang (+)  
Jose Catap (+)  
John Keoghan (+)  
Restituto Castaneda (+)

**Sunday ~ December 7, 2014 ~ 11:30am**

Bobby Amagan (S.I.)  
Crescencio Gaviola (S.I.)  
Consolacion Cosme (+)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)

**Sunday ~ December 7, 2014 ~ 5:30pm**

Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Ireneo Laturgo (+)  
Concepcion Laturgo (+)

**Monday ~ December 8, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Maria Serrano (+BD)

**Monday ~ December 8, 2014 ~ 9:30am**

Purissima Palada (BD)  
Greg and Leonora Ruado (S.I.)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)

**Monday ~ December 8, 2014 ~ 7:30pm**

**Tuesday ~ December 9, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Regina Chan (S.I.)  
Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)  
Angel Delos Santos (+DA)  
Constancia Mapula (+DA)

**Wednesday ~ December 10, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Grayson James Esmilla (BD)  
Srinivas Vyakaranam (S.I.)  
Struble Children (S.I.) & (+)  
Jaime and Benita Belen (+)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)

**Thursday ~ December 11, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Anna and Iggy Martinez (WA)  
Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Marcella Kwan (S.I.)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)

**Friday ~ December 12, 2014 ~ 7:15am**

Estrella Pamogas (S.I. - Healing)  
Kameron Ebuena (+)  
Arsenio Duenas (+)  
Lorenzo Silverio (+DA)



The response to the request from the St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for gifts for the children and hams has been wonderful. If there are still ornaments on the Giving Tree, please take one. Each ornament for a child will include the gender and age of the child. It may include clothing sizes and possible toys. The requested items are only suggestions. It is not necessary to provide everything that is listed on the ornament. Please return all wrapped gifts and hams (unwrapped) with the ornaments attached and place them under the Tree no later than Sunday, December 14th. Thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate in our community during this Christmas time.

**Rachel's Vineyard: Healing After Abortion Retreat**

Is someone you know suffering after an abortion, perhaps years after the choice? Please consider the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend, February 6-8, 2015, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. This unique and effective experience presents the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat is extremely helpful for those who struggle with feelings of: shame, anger, grief, or for those who have not forgiven themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples, and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175 per person. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, contact Paula at (916) 733-0161 or write [projectrachel@scd.org](mailto:projectrachel@scd.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.

**Rest In Peace**



**Monsignor James Mennis  
and  
Nelia Axibal**

