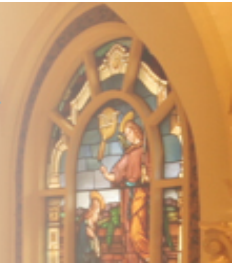




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## St. Joseph Basilica Mid-Week Bulletin

Thursday April 23, 2015

*Our Mission:*

*Learning to Live as Jesus Teaches*

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for repose of the soul of **Jim Keltner** who has returned home to God. Memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday April 27 at 11am at St. Joseph Basilica. As a community of faith we offer our prayers and support to his family and friends.



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

### THIS WEEKEND

**Friday:** [Taize](#) at 8pm

**Saturday:** [Bundle Sunday](#)

**Sunday:** [Bundle Sunday](#);

Altar Servers Appreciation Day (contact [Fr. Thi](#))

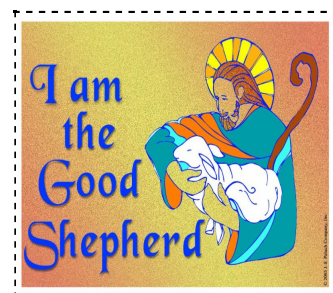


Visit our website regularly for complete information, including links to ministries, forms and [slideshows](#), and [upcoming events](#).

Our [full color Sunday bulletin](#) is available online [here](#).

Check out photos from [Palm Sunday](#) and [Easter Vigil](#) on the Galleries page of our website.

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### ROOTED IN BAPTISM

Today gives us the opportunity to take the time to pray for those who lead us in ordained ministry. In this time of crisis in the Church, our bishops, deacons, and priests need our

## TONIGHT: MILITARY MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

What could we as a community of faith do to welcome and assist those who have given so much in service to our country? If you or your spouse are serving or have served in the military, join us for an initial planning meeting to identify the needs of local active-duty military or veterans and their families. Tonight (April 23) at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Center (1119 Lafayette Street). To RSVP or for information contact Anne Marie at 995-9409 or [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org).

## TAIZE THIS FRIDAY

[Taize](#) at 8:00pm in Basilica fourth Friday each month. Ecumenical prayer for peace, with simple chants, music and reflection. Reception follows.



## SPRING CLEANING- CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR BUNDLE SUNDAY

[St. Vincent de Paul](#) will have a trailer in the rectory parking lot this weekend for your usable clothing and furniture, and your e-waste. Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 2pm.

## HAPPY EARTH DAY!

"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family." (Pope Francis)

Celebrate Earth Day by helping with

support as they continue to embrace their vocation to do as Saint Peter did-to point others to the Lord. Since all vocations are rooted in the sacrament of baptism, it is good for us to remember that it was at the moment of our baptism that we became Christ for others. Each of us is called to become more and more like the Good Shepherd as we learn to live out our baptismal call. As we make our way along the Christian journey, we need nourishment and guidance from those appointed to be our shepherds. We need to pray that God will strengthen those who have become weary. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray especially for the ordained and all those called to point us to the Lord.

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Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18. Read online [here](#).

## STAYING IN TOUCH WITH CATHOLIC NEWS

Have you read the current issue of the Catholic Voice? There's a nice item about our Junior High Faith Formation students visiting the religious sisters who live nearby, and a photo of one of our newly baptized.

Available online at [www.catholicvoiceoakland.org](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org). The Spanish-language local Catholic newspaper El Heraldo Catolico is also available online

Alameda's coastal cleanup on April 25. More information [here](#). Care for the earth is an important part of Catholic social teaching; all ages can lend a hand to make a difference.



Download a resource from the U.S. Bishops on ***Catholic Social Teaching on Care for Creation*** [here](#).

### GUADALUPE / HISPANIC MINISTRY MEETING MONDAY

Start the planning for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December, and follow up on possible development of Spanish-language Baptism and Quinceañera preparation teams. If interested, please join us at 7pm in the Damien Room (upstairs in the Parish Center, 1119 Lafayette St) at 7pm April 27. Contact Anne Marie at [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org) for more information.

### KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED, AND NOT SURE HOW TO HELP?

Check out the new Catholic Social Services Directory [Faith in Action](#), created by your [Catholic Charities of the East Bay](#). This online resource can be accessed on your smartphone or your home computer and will put you in touch with local Social Service Agencies that can help with issues of Homelessness, Counselling, Healthcare, Domestic Violence and many other needs our people may have. Discover how to help your neighbor with [www.faithinactionoakdiocese.org](http://www.faithinactionoakdiocese.org)

at [www.elheraldocatolico.org](http://www.elheraldocatolico.org) and at the entrances of the Basilica.



### Coming Events:

April 24-26: [Rachel's Vineyard](#) retreat

April 26: Altar Servers  
Appreciation Day

April 27: [Guadalupe Ministry Meeting](#)

May 2: New Parishioner  
Breakfast

May 2: Confirmations (at  
Cathedral of Christ the Light)

May 3: [Family Mass](#)

May 9: First Communions

May 9: [Date Night](#)

May 16: First Communions

May 17: [Beginnings](#)

May 18: [Grief Ministry](#)

May 22: [Taize](#)

May 31: Family Mass (**Note  
change in date**)

Aug 15: Group Convalidation  
Mass (**Note change in date**)

### WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS



## MONASTIC IMMERSION WEEKEND

Catholic men ages 18-35 are invited to immerse themselves in the ancient yet living monastic tradition with the monks of New Clairvaux Abbey in Vina, California for the weekend of May 15-17. Details [here](#).

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TIME CHANGE

We are fortunate to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica the first Friday of every month starting immediately after the 8am Mass. Effective May 1, Adoration will end an hour earlier, with Vespers at 5:30pm followed by Benediction. Learn more about this ancient and sacred tradition [here](#).



## HOW CAN WE HELP IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY?

[Catholic Charities of the East Bay](#) attorneys and legal staff will be talking about immigration legal services and listening to your ideas at several locations throughout our diocese. This workshop is designed for clergy, staff and parishioners interested in learning how to help their neighbor. **Together we can become the change we want to see. This is our opportunity to be a church that makes a difference in people's lives.**

- Immaculate Heart of Mary - Brentwood - April 23rd (Thursday) - 7:30pm to 9:00pm
- St. Patrick - Rodeo - May 16th (Saturday) - 9:00am to 10:30am
- Holy Spirit - Fremont - June 11th (Thursday) - 7:30pm to 9:00pm
- Christ the King - Pleasant Hill - July 16th (Thursday) - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that "the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). *Read more* [here](#).

## TICKLER FILE Adults Preparing for Sacraments: RCIA

Those interested in preparing for Baptism, or already baptized and wanting to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation, are welcome to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at any time. Contact Anne Marie at [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org) or visit our website [here](#).

## Tote Bags

St. Joseph tote bags are available for purchase at Parish Office for \$5.



## CHURCH CHUCKLE



- North Alameda County @ TBA (in August)

## HOST A STUDENT FROM SPAIN

Families are invited to host an exchange student from Spain, June 27, 2015 to July 25, 2015. Students range in age from 13 to 17, and will participate in 3 excursions each week. The program provides a stipend to cover the cost of the student's meals. Host families are asked to provide the student with his/her own bed. Contact Jan Garcia at 510-749-7061 or [garciaPUCCINI@aol.com](mailto:garciaPUCCINI@aol.com) for more information.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP

### SHARING TIME & TALENT

Many thanks to all who have shared their love for the Gospel with the youngsters in our parish through **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. This special ministry allows children to experience the Sunday Scriptures at their level. More volunteers are needed to allow this to continue. If you can participate during the 9:30 Mass occasionally please contact Anne Marie at [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org).

### SHARING TREASURE

#### April 18/19 Collection


<b>Goal</b>	\$13,000
<b>Plate &amp; EFT Collection</b>	\$10,738.18
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$2,261.82)</b>

The Sunday collection is the primary source of income to cover the day-to-day operating costs of the parish: salaries, utilities, insurance, assessments, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity. Without your support we would be unable to offer some of our programs and resources. Like the convenience of electronic funds transfer? Sign up [here](#).



*Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.*

- 1) Don't miss the boat.
- 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- 3) Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4) Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6) Build your future on high ground.
- 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- 8) Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9) When you're stressed, float awhile.
- 11) Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11) No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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