

St. Basil the Great Catholic Church

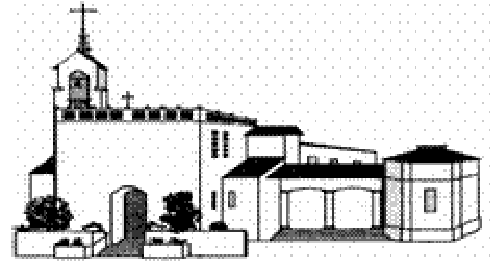
Celebrating our 70th Year ~ 1941 - 2011

1200 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Rev. Alfredo L. Tamayo, Pastor

Rev. Walter Borkowski, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Mike Urick and Deacon Errol Kissinger



Mission Statement

We, the St. Basil the Great Catholic faith community, guided by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the Eucharist, are called to share the gospel values of love, justice, forgiveness and service through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer, stewardship and fellowship with respect and dignity to all.

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00am to Noon &
1:00pm to 5:00pm
Office Closed Wednesdays

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 Coordinator.*
Pastoral Care Sick/Homebound: *Please call Parish Office for home & hospital visits.*

Readings for the Week of January 9th through January 15th

Mon	Is 42:1-4, 6-7	Acts 10:34-38	Mk 1:7-11 (21)
Tue	1 Sm 1:9-20		Mk 1:21-28 (306)
Wed	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20		Mk 1:29-39 (307)
Thurs	1 Sm 4:1-11		Mk 1:40-45 (308)
Fri	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a		Mk 2:1-12 (309)
Sat	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a		Mk 2:13-17 (310)

Prepare the Sunday Readings at home - then come to Mass and listen to the Lector proclaim what you have already read!
Sunday: January 15 ~ 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 ~ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17020 ~ Jn 1:35-42 (65)

January 08, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord - SOLEMNITY

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Julie Kissinger ~ Director

Music Ministry

Cherry Lopez ~ Director

2011 Tax Statements will be available upon Request. Please call the Parish Office for your copy.....644-5251



The 2012

Catholic Stewardship Calendar are once again provided by Twin Chapels Mortuary. They will be distributed this weekend. Thank you Twin Chapels!

REMINDER: All Ministry Leaders: Our next Solidarity Meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7PM at the Father Garrigan Room. Please plan to attend and if you are unable, please send a representative on your behalf. See you there!

**Sunday - Feast of Epiphany (January 8):
 "They fell down and worshipped Jesus"**

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407), in his homily on this passage from Matthew 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3]

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king. How could they recognize this infant as both divine and a human king - born of flesh yet sent from heaven? The early church fathers taught that only divine revelation could open the minds and hearts of people to recognize and receive Christ as their King and Savior. Chromatius (died 406 or 407), a contemporary bishop and friend of Ambrose, Jerome, and John Chrysostom, wrote:

Let us now observe how glorious was the dignity that attended the King after his birth, after the magi in their journey remained obedient to the star. For immediately the magi fell to their knees and adored the one born as Lord. There in his very cradle they venerated him with offerings of gifts, though Jesus was merely a whimpering infant. They perceived one thing with eyes of their bodies but another with the eyes of the mind. The lowliness of the body he assumed was discerned, but the glory of his divinity is now made manifest. A boy he is, but it is God who is adored. How inexpressible is the mystery of his divine honor! The invisible and eternal nature did not hesitate to take on the weaknesses of the flesh on our behalf. The Son of God, who is God of the universe, is born a human being in the flesh. He permits himself to be placed in a manger, and the heavens are within the manger. He is kept in a cradle, a cradle that the world cannot hold. He is heard in the voice of a crying infant. This is the same one for whose voice the whole world would tremble in the hour of his passion. Thus he is the One, the God of glory and the Lord of majesty, whom as a tiny infant the magi recognize. It is he who while a child was truly God and King eternal. To him Isaiah pointed, saying, "For a boy has been born to you; a son has been given to you, a son whose empire has been forged on his shoulders (Isaiah 9:6). [Tractate on Matthew, 5:1]

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentiles might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."

www.rc.net/wcc/readings

**WELCOME THE NEW
 MEMBERS OF OUR ST. BASIL'S
 FAITH COMMUNITY**

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us!

If you are not yet registered, fill out the form below and place it in the offering basket or mail it to the Parish Center, 1225 Tuolumne Street, 94590.

Upon receipt of this form we will mail you the parish registration form to complete and return. Thank you!

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____

Check all that apply below:

Interested in Ministry: _____

New Parishioner _____ New Address _____
 New Phone # _____ Send Envelopes _____
 Moving/Remove from list _____

The 70th Anniversary of Catholic Social Service - Solano
 On Saturday, February 4, 2012, Catholic Social Service - Solano will celebrate 70 years of service to those in need in the communities of Solano County. Enjoy a catered dinner, no host bar, the soothing sounds of the 2nd Planet Band and silent and live auctions at Dan Foley Cultural Center in Vallejo. Join Bishop Jaime Soto and Fr. Michael Kiernan at this special evening of celebration. Doors open at 5 PM. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a reserved table of 8. Gather your friends and attend this commemorative event. All proceeds from this event are dedicated to the Domestic Violence Counseling Program of Catholic Social Service - Solano. For tickets and information contact the Catholic Social Service - Solano Board members at your parish: Sylvia Alexander 552 5171 or Rene Perryman 649 0623 or call Cyndi Coulter, Catholic Social Service - Solano at 644 8909 x242.

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

Stewardship of Treasure
Our weekly expenses: \$15,000.00
Collection for 01/01/12: \$11,361.90

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

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

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?
 Stewardship By The Book ~ Sharon Hueckel



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Basil Conference



The Epiphany signifies the Magi's visit. But it also means a moment when you suddenly realize something important. Today's Psalm foretold of Kings bringing gifts to the Lord, but also that "He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save." Our SVdP members pray you too will have an epiphany and join us in the Lord's work for the lowly & poor. Please come to our meeting on Monday Jan. 9th at 7pm in the Fr. Garrigan Room. We as members of St. Basil's parish have the opportunity to be Christ's hands. If you are interested in joining the SVdP ministry or if you have questions regarding our food locker, please leave a message for Mrs. Rose at 644-0379 and she will gladly assist you. We want to thank our parishioners who bring food items each Sunday for our Food Locker. Could you make it your New Year Resolution? We are in need of the following items: **Canned Meat, Hardy Meat-type Soups or Chili.**

RETROUVAILLE

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? - Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the February 2012 program beginning with a weekend of February 10-12, call (800)283-5952 or email: sacramento@retroca.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Please come join us celebrate the 17th Annual Feast in honor of Our Lord Jesus Nazarene on January 20, 2012, Friday at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church located at 925 Sacramento Street, Vallejo, CA. January 11th, Wednesday through January 19th, Thursday, Novena Prayers begin. January 20, 2012, Friday, Concelebrated Mass at 5:15pm. Novena Prayers will be after the 5:15pm Holy Mass on weekdays/ Sunday and after the 8:00am Holy Mass on Saturday.

Catholics Daughters of the Americas #2525 of St. Basil the Great will be sponsoring an Education Contest for 2012. Students from 4th to 12th grades are encouraged to enter. Themes are "Planting Seeds of Faith" or "Inspiring Others to Grow." There are six (6) categories to choose from. Please email Maria Aranda at maranda@sbcglobal.net or call her at (707) 315-5051 for applications. Deadline to submit your entries is **January 23, 2012.**

Healing After Abortion Retreat - March 2 - 4, 2012

Is someone you know suffering after an abortion, perhaps years after the choice. Please consider the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend, March 2-4, 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 or grief and 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 registration packet or more information, contact Annette at (916) 733-0161 or write projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org. Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.



- January 7, 2012 ~ 5:30 pm**
 Gina Tai (S.I.)
 Maria Baptista (+)
 Katherine Tschida (+100th BD)
 Manuel Parungao (+)
 Diosdado Gozar (+BD)
- January 8, 2012 ~ 7:30 am**
 Kit Louie (S.I.)
 Kwan Chin Yun (+DA)
 Ruth and Howard Powell (+)
 Will Townson (+)
- January 8, 2012 ~ 9:30 am**
 Proceso Marquez, Sr. (S.I.)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+)
 Nenita Andal (+DA)
 Flora Cenalon (+)
 Josephine Rial (+)
- January 8, 2012 ~ 11:30 am**
 Teofilo Ocampo, Sr. (+BD)
 Eugenia Nillas (+BD)
 Nonilon Peridaso (+)
 Ruperto Ledda (+BD)
 Elpidio Dalisay, Jr. (+DA)
- January 8, 2012 ~ 5:30 pm**
 Wilfredo Chiong (+)
- January 9, 2012 ~ 7:15 am**
 Krishna Chanthan (S.I.)
 Kwan Chin Yun (+DA)
 Rizal Robancho (+40th day)
 Florentino Sarreal (+BD)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+)
- January 10, 2012 ~ 7:15 am**
 Romulo and Maria Presentation Hernandez (41stWA)
 Penina Amataga (S.I.)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+)
- January 11, 2012 ~ 7:15 am**
 Margaret Taylor (S.I.)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+)
- January 12, 2012 ~ 7:15 am**
 Jim Prossner (S.I.)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+)
- January 13, 2012 ~ 7:15 am**
 David Chang (S.I.)
 Fulgencio C. Buna, Sr. (+DA)
 Faustino C. Buna (+DA)



Lord Jesus, we ask you to bring Your Peace and Healing Touch to those who are sick, afraid, or worried. Amen.



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| Albert Scott | Eulolina Poblete | Manuel Morales |
| Andre Davis | Guillermo Cayabyab | Margaret Soley |
| Anna Silva | Guillermo Moico | Marina de Vera |
| Artemio Runez, III | Jana Allen | Mary Armstrong |
| Benjie Lucas | Jim Bertuzzi | Maryann Maestas |
| Conrada David | Jim Leite | Mel Gallofin |
| Cora Ojascastro | Jim Murphy | Milagros Morales |
| Danilo Dipiramo | Julie Ludovico | Nicholas Policar |
| Dave Reeder | Kiana Desrosiers | Paul Gravelle |
| Dolly Marquez | Lina Lapid | Ramon Descallar |
| Dorothy Egidio | Lourdes Budiongan | Raquel Mejia |
| Earline Perry | Lucila Monson | Rosa Delgadillo |
| Emmanuel Anonuevo | Margaret and | Steven Chock |
| Encarnacion Buna | Orville Hoover | Susana Ubungen |