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**August 2nd,  
2015**

**Eighteenth  
Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**

### Intentions for the Week

Mon 8/3	7:00AM †Carole Nocek
	8:15AM Joseph Lobo & Family (T)
Tues 8/4	7:00AM †Manuel Santiago
	8:15AM Ray & Lolita Alvarez (T)
Wed 8/5	7:00AM Natalie Habib (H)
	8:15AM †Julia Yoon
Thur 8/6	7:00AM †Sheila Beaty
	8:15AM †James Wallace
Fri 8/7	7:00AM Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P. (B)
	8:15AM †Peggy Reilly
Sat 8/8	8:15AM †Rennie Amante (B)
	5:30PM For the People of the Parish

### Intentions for next Sunday

Sun 8/9	7:30AM †Bruno Slaviero
	10:00AM Mass on the Grass
	5:30PM Sofia Lavdiotis (H)

Legend: (†) Memorial (H) Health  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

### Dominicans

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. Pastor  
Fr. Corwin Low, O.P. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P. (In Residence)  
Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. (In Residence)

### Deacon

John Flanagan (Retired)

### Schedule of Masses

Weekdays:	7:00AM, 8:15AM
Saturday:	8:15AM only
Saturday:	Vigil Mass 5:30PM
Sunday:	7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM(English/Spanish), 5:30PM (Youth)

1st Sunday of Month:

3PM (Vietnamese Mass)

Last Saturday of the Month:

8AM (Special Needs Family Mass) with  
fellowship in the parish hall to follow.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00PM in the church or  
by appointment.



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# Pastor's Corner: Vacation Story- Part 2

Dear Brother & Sisters in Christ,

My older sister hosted a high school graduation party for her son and about 80 family and long time friends were on hand to celebrate. The highlight of my evening was hitting the tent over the bar with a water balloon launched from about 100 yards away on the first shot, then pointing to my brother when the death stares came our way. I guess my aunt, who is a missionary nun in Africa, was right when she said of an 8-year-old future Fr. Jerome that I was an "impudent little pup". However, she does belong to the Sisters of No Mercy.

One afternoon a storm came through and my parents and I sat on their back porch under the awning for 45 minutes as the torrential rains came down. It was very meditative to allow the sight and sound of rain to infiltrate every aspect of my being. Unlike us, the East is getting lots of rain. So, I relished in taking very long showers. Also, it took a while for the knee jerk reaction to want to turn off peoples' lawn sprinklers. I did bring some rain back with me but with the TSA rules of only 3-ounce containers of liquid it will not go very far. On the Sunday I was home, I offered and preached the Mass at my little brother's parish. After mass a number of the people said they would like to be stay and be their priest. So, you better be nice to me!

On the flight back I read a book entitled, **The God Experiment: Can Science Prove the Existence of God**. The author is a retired high energy particle physicist who currently holds the position of Professor Emeritus of Physics at the Open University. Obviously he really knows his science but he is also well read in theology. However, while the book has lots of food for thought, the book suffers, as most of these types of book do, of trying to make a square circle. This is not to say that science and theology are irreconcilable; we just need to be very careful in how we attempt to reconcile them and not cross pollenate first principles.

Fr. Jerome

## Next Week's Readings 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Reading II: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

To easily reference alternative and upcoming  
Sunday Readings: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

<b>Town Hall Meeting</b> All Welcome. Parish Hall	<b>Aug 4, 7PM</b>
<b>Retreat for College Bound Students</b> Morello Retreat Center	<b>Aug 7-8th</b>
<b>Returning Catechist Meeting</b> Mary Magdalene Room	<b>Aug 7th, 7PM</b>
<b>Grief Series Begins (7 Week Series)</b> In the Aquinas Room	<b>Aug 8th, 11AM</b>
<b>Cemetery Mass</b> Hillcrest Ave.	<b>Aug 8th, 9:30AM</b>
<b>Feast of St. Dominic Mass</b> Hospitality in Courtyard After Mass with Dominican Laity	<b>Aug 8th, 8:15AM</b>
<b>Mass on the Grass</b> Benicia Community Park	<b>Aug 9th, 10AM</b>
<b>Kids Choir &amp; Catholic Camp</b> Here at St. Dominic's, Registration Open	<b>Aug 10-14th</b>
<b>RCIA Inquiry Meeting</b> Mary Magdalene Room	<b>Aug 12th, 7PM</b>
<b>Movie Night in the Parish Hall</b> Bella, (PG-13)	<b>Aug 14th, 7:15PM</b>
<b>Town Hall Meeting</b> All Welcome. Parish Hall	<b>Aug 17th, 7PM</b>
<b>First Day of School at SDS</b> All School Mass	<b>Aug 20th</b> 9:15AM in Church
<b>New Mass Times Take Effect</b> 11AM mass will now be a 10:45AM Mass	<b>Aug 23rd</b>
<b>RCIA Inquiry Meeting</b> Mary Magdalene Room	<b>Aug 26th, 7PM</b>
<b>Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall</b> The Mighty Macs (G)	<b>Aug 28th, 7PM</b>
<b>Special Needs Family Mass</b> Saturday	<b>Aug 29th, 8AM</b>

See details for these events and more in bulletin and online.

## Our 7-week Grief Series is back!

Group meets Saturday Mornings  
August 1st– September 12th  
11AM in the Aquinas Room.

Contact Joanne Flanagan for more info on this  
highly regarded program for individuals  
suffering from loss.

[consolation@stdombenicia.org](mailto:consolation@stdombenicia.org)

## Announcements

### **St. Dominic School is still accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year.**

Please email [Kperata@sdbenicia.org](mailto:Kperata@sdbenicia.org) if you are interested in enrolling.

### **Feast Day Mass for St. Dominic**

Please join the Dominican Laity in the Mass celebration at 8:15am on Saturday, August 8th. Hospitality follows immediately in the church courtyard.

### **Teen Service Opportunity**

Any teen who would like to assist with the Mass on the Grass festivities on Sunday, August 9th, please contact Lisa in the Office of Faith Formation by August 5th. Email Lisa at [ltoomey@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ltoomey@stdombenicia.org)

### **Knights are selling Kettle Corn at Benicia Peddler's Fair, Saturday August 8th.**

Knights of Columbus contact: Pat Fitzgerald at 707-853-1978 or email [gk7268frv@gmail.com](mailto:gk7268frv@gmail.com)

### **Schedule Your LifeTouch Portraits**

Tues-Sat, August 18-22nd or October 6-11th  
Make your appointment online or call or visit the parish office. Go to our website, click on the banner to our LifeTouch Session Sign Ups.

### **Faith Formation: Returning RE Catechists!**

If you didn't attend last week's meeting please join Fr. Jerome and our Faith Formation Team August 7th for an evening of prayer, reflection, fellowship and a preview of some new and exciting programs planned for religious education.

### **Adoration needs are:**

~Sat 7AM call Rose Gallagher 707-746-6312  
~Wed 2PM Share a position with another Adorer. Call Maggie Ruszel 747-0734

### **RCIA Inquiry Sessions Open now**

Join us for our next RCIA Inquiry session  
**August 12th, 7PM In the Mary Magdalene Room**  
Find out how you can join the Catholic Church email [rcia@stdombenicia.org](mailto:rcia@stdombenicia.org) for more information.

### **Movie Nights!**

Friday August 14th, Bella (Rated PG-13)  
Friday August 28th, The Mighty Macs (Rated G).  
Bring your own seating or use a chair in the hall. Movie starts at 7PM. Bring a potluck item if you like to share.

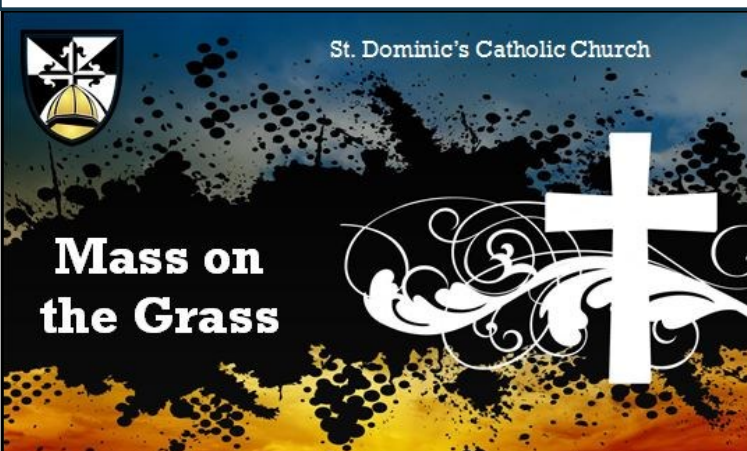
## Town Hall Talks

If you missed our previous Town Hall Talks in the Spring, don't worry we are bringing these interactive sessions back before the busy Fall and Advent seasons fill your calendar.

**Join Fr. Jerome and the St. Dominic Staff on Tuesday, August 4th, 7PM  
Or Monday August 17th, 7PM  
In the Parish Hall**



Learn all of the latest changes at the church, ask questions, hear updates from the staff and Finance Committee, plus Fr. Jerome shares new expansion plans.



**Experience the love of Christ  
in our Faith Community, August 9th, 2015  
Benicia Community Park (Big Slide Park)  
10AM- Worship & Celebration of the Mass  
12PM- Picnic & Games\***

\*BBQ Served by the Knights of Columbus (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Condiments and Drinks)  
Bring your own side dish or desserts to share with your table.

We are looking for 4 pop-up tents to borrow for the event, if you have one please email [ltoomey@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ltoomey@stdombenicia.org) and drop off at the Aquinas Room of the Ministry Center!

Due to summer schedules, regularly running features including prayers for the sick, phone contacts, and other detailed ministry blurbs will return in 2 weeks.  
Thank you for understanding!  
St. Dominic's Communications Team



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