

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Benicia

**Twenty-first Sunday
of Ordinary Time
August 21st, 2016**

Today's Readings:

Isiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117:1, 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Dominicans & Deacons

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. Pastor

Fr. Corwin Low, O.P. Parochial Vicar

Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. (In Residence)

Deacon Errol Kissinger

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, 10:45AM,
12:30PM (English/Spanish),
5:30PM (Youth)

1st Sunday of Month: 3PM (Vietnamese)

Parish Office Hours

Closed Mondays

Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM

Saturday: 10AM-1PM

Sunday: 8:30AM-1PM

In case of a priestly emergency after hours,
call 707-747-7220, listen to recording and
connect directly with a priest.

Intentions for the Week

Mon 8/22	7:00AM †Doris Hastings 8:15AM Ross Tibbits (B)
Tues 8/23	7:00AM †Pompeo Tantoco Tiongson 8:15AM Joseph Lee (T)
Wed 8/24	7:00AM †Januarius Hipolito 8:15AM †Valerie Quillin Miller
Thurs 8/25	7:00AM †For the Souls In Purgatory 8:15AM †James M. O'Connor
Friday 8/26	7:00AM †Francisco Bartolomo, Sr. 8:15AM †Jorge Felipe
Sat 8/27	8:15AM †Angela Hayes 5:30PM Arleene Lucas (B)
Sun 8/28	7:30AM †Jack Hayes 9:00AM For the People of the Parish 10:45AM †Bill Earp, Sr. 12:30PM †Maria Chavez 5:30PM †Victoria Rappa (B)



***This week's flowers are
In Loving Memory of
John "Pete" Peterson***

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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know we are celebrating the 800th Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order. In honor of our jubilee, I will preach a four-week mission on the Four Pillars of Dominican Spirituality: Study, Prayer, Community and Preaching.

The mission will take place at the weekend Masses September 10th/11th, 17th/18th, 25th/26th and October 1st/2nd. Each weekend I will preach on one of the pillars. Last week I disappeared to St Albert's in Oakland for a few days of study and writing because I knew once the school year started time would move even faster than normal. I got a lot of work done and my talks focus on my experience with each of the pillars, how they brought me back into relationship with God and Church, and how they form my Dominican life each day. You do not have to be a professed Dominican to allow these pillars to assist you in your spiritual life. I look forward to exploring these topics with you.

God bless you,
Fr. Jerome

Parish Events

Youth (Teen) Pizza/Movie Night
Friday, August 19th, 6:30-9:30PM
In the Parish Hall

Home School Mass & Confession
Wednesday, August 24th 10AM
In the Church

New RE Program Overview with Fr. Jerome
August 27th, 10AM
In the Parish Hall

American Heritage Girls, 1st Troop Meeting
Thursday, September 1st, 3:30-5:30PM
In the Mary Magdalene Room

Saints of Mercy Relic Tour
Friday, September 2nd-Sunday, September 4th
In the Church

Teen Coastal Cleanup Day in Benicia
September 17th

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday, September 18th, 8AM-Noon
In the Parish Hall

RE Classes Begin
Tuesday, September 20th, 4PM
Wednesday, September 21st, 4PM

Find Event Details in Parish Bulletin or Online



Join the

1216
Society

Since our founding in 1216AD, our Dominican life of preaching has been sustained by God's grace and the regular alms giving of those we serve.

In honor of our 800th Jubilee, we invite you to join our new 1216 Society by making a monthly gift on your credit card. Like the faithful of the last eight centuries, your support makes our life of preaching possible.

Become a monthly donor to the Western Dominican Province by 12/31/16 and be remembered forever on the Founding Members plaque at St. Albert's Priory.

**Your support helps us
lead souls to Christ!**

Monthly Giving Advantages

- **Convenience & Flexibility:** Monthly giving is easy to budget and manage. Increase, decrease or suspend your gift at any time.
- **Updates:** You'll receive updates on the impact your generosity makes in the lives of the friars.
- **Design Your Gift:** Choose the gift that's right for you and direct it to the Greatest Need, our Dominican school, or St. Albert's Priory.



DOMINICAN FRIARS
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Enroll Today! Visit opwest.org/1216 or Call (510) 658-8722

Good News Reflection

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21st, 2016

Isaiah 66:18-21

Ps 117:1, 2 (with Mark 16:15)

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30



The sign of heaven

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate at the entrance of heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life -- how he lived and how he died -- are a sign of how to enter heaven.

He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that: We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But we are told to be perfect in love. This means loving fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love.

To rely on God's love and feel confident in it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unforgiveness, vengeful attitudes, lingering resentments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.

The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who's to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love -- if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love -- we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.) How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? How is this a key to heaven?

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Become Part of the Solution.

becoming a catechist



ST. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you thinking of becoming a catechist? Are you a former catechist looking to become active again? Or are you a catechetical leader, looking for a new way to help our families' children better understand our faith.

Our Religious Education Program (K-7) is always looking for existing talent within our community. Here are some reasons to consider.

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.

Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.

You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.

Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.

You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.

You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)

You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.

P.S. If you are considering the invitation to serve as a catechist, please send an email to Deacon Errol Kissinger at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org and share what you're thinking or ask any questions you may have. I know there are lots of great catechists in our community who know how much of a blessing it is to grow in faith by sharing it with others.

Religious Education

Tuesday Session Classes Begin September 20th, 4PM (Grades 1-5)

Wednesday Session Classes Begin September 21st (Grades Kinder-7th) **7PM**

Attention Parents! On Saturday, August 27th, 10AM, in the Parish Hall, Fr. Jerome will share several new and exciting changes to our Religious Education program. It is important parents understand the changes that will go into effect this new school term.

Registration is Open Through Sept 9th, M-F, 9AM-4PM Please visit our website at www.stdombenicia.org/religious-education. You will find information, directions and downloadable forms for new and returning students on the site. Completed registration packets with tuition may be returned by mail or returned in person to the Ministry Center (2nd floor) of St. Dominic's.

As always, you may register your children in person by visiting us at the Ministry Center (2nd floor) during regular business hours, M-F, 9AM-4PM. New students families should make a registration appointment with Deacon Errol Kissinger (707) 335-4674.

For further information please call Deacon Errol Kissinger (707) 335-4674.

DOORS OF MERCY

EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You
Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an *Extraordinary* Jubilee Year. And the focus? Mercy.

Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. We invite you to join us as we participate in a parish wide program, *Doors of Mercy*. This is not a bible study, there is no written homework, just eight simple sessions that will allow you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy in this once-in-a-lifetime program.

Meetings are 7:00-8:30PM in the Siena Room on the following dates:

Friday, September 2nd

Friday, September 16th & 30th

Email Steve Williams at hdsweep06@att.net for additional details and to get registered.

**This class counts towards SDS catechism hours for stewardship.*

Homeschool Mass this month will take place on Wednesday, August 24th!

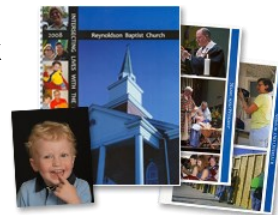


Confession will begin at 10AM and Mass following at 10:30am.

Don't miss it!

Don't forget! Our LifeTouch Family Directories Are Here!

Participating families can pick up their FREE copy of the new photo book in the Parish Office. If you are not in the directory or would like an extra you can purchase one for \$10 in the office.



Eucharistic Ministers

The body of Christ needs you as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**.

Please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to be open to this rewarding ministry serving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord to your fellow parishioners. Training only takes one hour. Contact the Parish Office or call JoAnn Talken to coordinate your short training. Call 553-8084 for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers



Jubilee T-shirts!

Mass on the Grass 2016: Thank you to everyone who helped make Mass on the Grass 2016 a beautiful celebration of the 800th Jubilee for the Order of Preachers.

Commemorative T-Shirts: Mass on the Grass t-shirts are still being sold for \$15 during office hours in the Parish Office. This year's shirt commemorates the Jubilee 800 of the Order of Preachers. A special thank you to Jessi Vera for her hours of work on the Mass on the Grass T-shirt design!





ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

The 2016 SDS School Auction will be on
October 15th, 2016 at
St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School in Vallejo.



Our Auction Committee is currently planning our largest fundraiser, the school Auction and Dance. In previous years proceeds from this event have provided a technology lab, interactive Starboards, 1:1 Google Chromebooks, a new fire alarm system, a play structure and scholarships that allow students from all income levels to attend our school.

We are seeking donations to help make a successful year. If you have a connection and can help us acquire, or you yourself can donate, any of the following types of items, our students would be eternally grateful!

- Sporting event tickets (A's, Raiders, Niners, Giants, Warriors, Cal Bears, Stanford, or St. Mary's!)
- Travel opportunities (timeshare weeks or rental)
- Play or concert tickets
- Hosted dinners or themed parties
- High-end wine or wine tasting
- Meeting or outing with a celebrity or signed photos, jerseys, etc.
- Gift certificates or gift cards
- Designer purses or sunglasses
- Spa certificates
- Liquor baskets

Your donation is tax deductible!

Donated items can be dropped off at the school office or picked up by an auction volunteer. Please contact Deb Bezanson at 707-363-0018.

Contact our school office at [\(707\) 745-1266](tel:7077451266) to schedule a tour and learn more or visit us at sdbenicia.org.

It's Not too Late to Join RCIA



Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Join us for Inquiry Meetings
Tuesday Evenings at 7PM

In the Mary Magdalene Room

Now Monthly Inquiry Meetings Open All Year!

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This journey of inquiring, learning and becoming Catholic will lead you to full communion in the Catholic Church.

"I entered RCIA with a real sense of wonder about the Catholic religion. I found that a great deal of what I knew about being Catholic was not true. I truly can say that this process has changed me. Changed me, for the better as a person, a husband, a Dad, and a son. Each step through the rites strengthened me and made me feel whole. I used to struggle with my boss, my problems, my life...But now, I give my trust and my problems to God."

~David Bean (SDS Parent, Confirmed in 2016)

"To those of you who are thinking of joining RCIA, yes, a year is a long commitment, but I guarantee, if you open yourself up to it, you will get so much more out of it than you could ever imagine. So, whether you are hoping to learn more about Catholicism, looking for your own healing and peace, your strength to forgive someone who has hurt you, or for your own personal reasons, RCIA can be your first step to making that happen."

~Jazmine Rapp (SDS Parent, Confirmed in 2014)

Call RCIA Program Leader Shannon Carter
707-980-1296 or email RCIA@stdombenicia.org
for more information.

Seeking Faith at St. Dominic's: RCIA Testimonials

Kristen – Before RCIA, I didn't think it was possible for me to become Catholic. After the vigil, I felt welcomed, loved and wanted by the Catholic Church. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – do not hesitate, do not be afraid and follow your heart!

Jackie – Before RCIA, I was curious about God. I had searched for God and could not find my place or comfort in a specific religion. It took many years to have the courage to attend RCIA. After the vigil, I felt happy and close to God. The whole experience was better than I could have imagined. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – it is a wonderful journey that each person should give themselves.

Chelsea – Before RCIA, I didn't think before I spoke. I got mad easily and wasn't patient or understanding with others. Since the vigil, I feel less stressed and I've learned to give things to God and am more patient and understanding of God's plan. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – GO! At least try it and if you try it, give it a while and see if it feels right.

Arthur – Before RCIA, I didn't understand the sacrifice that Jesus had to go through for our sins and how His sacrifice was for me. Since the vigil, I believe and see how much we need Jesus in our lives and that we are healed by His sacrifice. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – Go! It will help you see what God has for planned for you and how much He loves us.

Wendi – Before RCIA, I was very anxious and experienced discomfort in things that are not in my control. Since the vigil, I feel a calm that I have never felt before. I feel at peace in church and with the world around me. I am more patient, kind and less worried about the future. I have faith that uncomfortable situations are solvable and temporary.

I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – understand that you may have a rollercoaster of emotions and that is ok. You are obtaining the tools for life.

Lynn – Before RCIA, I felt a deep need to learn about becoming Catholic. Since the vigil, I now feel that I have the foundation that I need to continue from the beginning of my walk. I feel closer to God and feel His grace in every part of my life. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – do it for yourself, your loved ones. Do it to learn more about the Catholic faith; you will have all the encouragement you need.

Jeremy – Before RCIA, I believed intellectually, but my faith was lacking. Temptation to sin was wreaking havoc in my spiritual life. After the vigil, I never want to leave. The previous level of temptation to sin is gone.

“I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – you have nothing to lose but yourself and nothing to gain but God. The best seasoning is hunger and RCIA made me hunger for God.”
~Jeremy



Even Sponsors are changed...

Paul (Sponsor) – Before RCIA, I was lost in the dark. After the vigil, the whole RCIA class has put me into the light. I don't want to be in the dark anymore. I am doing many things different in my life to keep feeling happy, calm and relaxed. Prayer meetings, rosary, meditation, bible readings, Daily Bread book, looking for weekend retreats! I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA – I have been alive but now I am really living life.

Diane (Sponsor) – Before RCIA, I felt that I knew a lot about my faith, but by taking part in RCIA I was drawn closer to Jesus through the fire that all the Catechumens had. I witnessed the love of our Lord and it is quite refreshing. Since the vigil, I do not take my own faith for granted and I am more appreciative of what I have and hope for better things to come. I would say to someone thinking of coming to RCIA or being a sponsor – I encourage you to go or help! It could be a life changing experience!

Join us, and bring a friend, RCIA Inquiry Meetings take place Tuesday evenings at 7PM in the Mary Magdalene Room of the Ministry Center.

Sacrament Prep

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

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Communion Calls: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please call 12 months in advance; family must be registered parishioners.

Children's Sacraments: Baptism To have a child baptized at St. Dominic's, parents must attend two baptismal prep classes (offered monthly) before the birth of a child, must be registered parishioners, must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate, and both Godparents must complete baptismal prep classes.

Our fall offering of baptismal prep classes will be held 7:00-8:30PM in the Mary Magdalene Room on the following dates: September 12th & 19th October 3rd & 10th November 7th & 14th

First Communion/First Reconciliation Children generally receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion in 2nd Grade. Inquires should be made through St. Dominic's School (St. Dominic School students) or through St. Dominic's Religious Education Program (public school students).

For Baptisms or First Communion scheduling or to volunteer with any of these programs, please contact Debi Thurin at (707) 335-4688 or by email at dthurin@stdombenicia.org.

Children at St. Dominic's can enjoy the **Liturgy of the Word for Children again starting in September!** We are in need of more adult volunteers. All leaders are volunteers from the parish and are always look to expand the team.

Little Disciples Co-Op

Who wouldn't want to hang out with these little cuties during 9AM Mass a few times a year?

Little Disciples Childcare Co-op comes back August 14th but they NEED volunteers to help lead Godly play for 1-4 year olds for one hour so these faithful moms can take turns going back to Mass without distraction. If your child participates, please pick your weekends now to make sure we can continue to offer this great program.

<http://www.stdombenicia.org/little-disciples-co-op/>



Eucharistic Adoration

"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth.'"

"While all the sacraments confer grace, the Eucharist contains the author of grace, Jesus Christ Himself."

Fr. John Hardon, S.J.



CURRENT ADORATION NEEDS:

11 AM WEDNESDAY (Weekly)

Call Bernadette Cambra @ 745-6868

5 PM SATURDAY (Once every six-week rotation)

Call Marie Earp @ 745-0899

12 AM SUNDAY (Once every six-week rotation)

Call Marie Earp @ 745-0899

Perpetual Adoration Hours:

Open to the public 7 AM to 8 PM daily (the rest of the hours are by scheduled assignment) located in the Adoration Chapel next to the Church. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic adorer (assigned or substitute) or have questions about adoration, please call Shirley Cortez @ 208-2004 or Joji Holzwarth @ 704-8779.

Perpetual Adoration Hours:

Open to the public 7 AM to 8 PM daily (the rest of the hours are by scheduled assignment) located in the Adoration Chapel next to the Church.

LiveScan Fingerprinting

Capital Live Scan
Keeping Our Communities Safe One Fingerprint At A Time

Livescan will be on site in the Mary Magdalene Room on Sunday, September 18th from 10:00AM to

12:00PM to print any volunteers and school parents that need fingerprinting.

The parish pays for any volunteers that are printed to become Catechists serving in Little Disciples, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Vacation Bible Camp, RE or Confirmation Programs. However, new school families require a separate fingerprinting and need to pay the parish the \$47 fee at the time they are printed.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls (AHG), a Christ-centered youth ministry program for girls ages 5-18, is coming to St. Dominic's this fall!

We are an official Ministry of the parish and meet on campus after school.

AMERICAN
HERITAGE GIRLS

The
Christian
Alternative to Girl
Scouts



Pick up registration forms in the Parish Office or download them from our website page:
<http://www.stdombenicia.org/american-heritage-girls/>

Our troop meetings start **Thursday, Sept. 1st, from 3:30PM-5:30PM in the Mary Magdalene Room of the Ministry Center.**

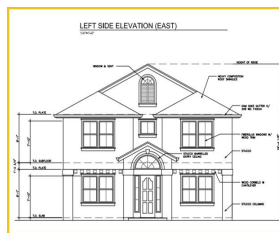
SDS students can come after school or be dismissed from Extension to attend. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month through June 15, 2017.

Our St. Dominic's Troop Coordinator, Carissa Talmadge can be reached at (707)-240-8913 or email us at Ahgbenicia@gmail.com

We've had over 60 Girls sign up and we also need parent volunteers to help support this program at various meetings. Please email Carissa if you are able to help at a few meetings.

New Rectory Update

We are approximately 90% funded for our New Rectory Project and halfway through the building process. We have a tentative move in planned for January of next year!



We've posted videos online to preview the interior construction and "take a virtual walk through"!

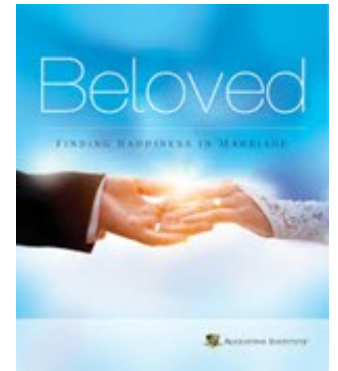
Visit the Building Project page at:

<http://www.stdombenicia.org/about-st-dominics/building-projects/>

GIFT: New Beloved Series

BELOVED – *Finding Happiness in Marriage*

So you've shared an anniversary or two... or twenty and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?



GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) for Married Couples is presenting a DVD series entitled "Beloved" Finding Happiness in Marriage. The Beloved Series explores the essential realities of marriage, dealing with the deepest spiritual, emotional and practical aspects of the Sacrament--inviting and encouraging all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do"... whether you said it last year or many years ago.

PLEASE JOIN US:

September 9:	Christ at the Center
September 16:	A Deeper Unity
September 23:	Conflict and Communication
September 30:	Building a Thriving Marriage
October 7:	Protecting the Bond
October 14:	Sexuality and Authentic Love

This series is a continuation of the one presented last Fall. Prior attendance is not required; in fact, please feel free to come to one or all of these sessions as your schedule may allow.

All gatherings will be held on Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact Ed & Maria Padrones at stampermup1@gmail.com.

Make it a Date Night!

Coming This Fall

FALL 2016

Flipped
Classroom



St. Dominic's Faith
Formation Department

Save the Date!
Saturday, August 27, 2016,
10:00AM-Noon, Parish

Dear Parents,

Coming this fall, St. Dominic's Religious Education Program will **shift your child's learning experience into your home.** This shift recognizes the reality that faith first begins in the home, the "domestic church," where conversations of faith authentically occur.

Your child will continue to meet weekly in their religious education classrooms, however the classroom experience will now better animate and integrate the material learned at home with the support of your family. Through use of the internet, children will have greater flexibility and frequency to their coursework during the week in advance of their regularly scheduled classes thereby making their class time more effective. This is called, the "flipped classroom." This "flipped classroom" is an approach in education where

students gain first exposure to new material outside of the classroom, and then they use class time to animate that knowledge through problem solving, activities, discussion, skits and debates. As a result of recent studies that reveal a staggering inability for Catholics to articulate their beliefs, many parishes are "flipping the classroom" with faith formation. In other words, parishes are creating the expectation that "faith" learning first begins in the home and only thereafter reinforced in the religious education classroom. For years St. Dominic's invested well in the best catechetical program available in the *Blest Are We* curriculum published by RCL Benziger. However, what is more exciting is the introduction this fall to the interactive eBook version of the same curriculum. With each *Blest Are We* textbook in the classroom, **your child will**

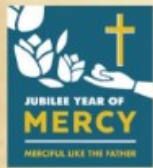
receive a User ID and a Password to access the same textbook electronically on any device (computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone) at anytime and anyplace with an internet connection. Additionally, **your child will complete an assessment exercise each week using a new feature called eAssessments where your child will answer basic questions online to reinforce their learning.** The eBook version of *Blest Are We* makes the learning experience radically mobile and adaptable to the busiest of family schedules.

More information will be made at a kick-off event to celebrate the new religious education school year!

Fr. Jerome Requires that All RE Families Attend
Saturday, August 27, 2016
10:00AM – Noon, Parish Hall



HOLY MEN AND WOMEN OF MERCY



In Celebration Of 2016, The

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Be Sure To Experience The

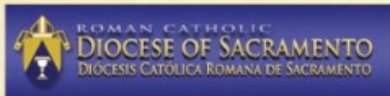
Saints of Mercy Relics Tour

TO BE PRESENTED AT

St. Dominic's Catholic Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Friday, Sept. 2 ~ Sunday, Sept. 4

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL
INFO@DIVINEMERCYSACRAMENTO.ORG



Confirmation: Teens and Adults



Adult Confirmation

Each year, Bishop Jaime Soto extends an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing, adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento, who have received religious instruction, but for various reasons were never confirmed.

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The next celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, November 5th, at St. Mary's Church in Vacaville.**

This opportunity is presented for those informed, adult Catholics, who practice their faith in the parish community.

Classes will convene for six consecutive Sundays beginning September 25th and end October 30th, 2016. Classes will be held 2:00-3:30PM in the Mary Magdalene Room of the Ministry Center.

For further information, please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at (707) 335-4674 or ekissinget@stdombenicia.org.

To participate the candidate must be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion), be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate issued within the past 6 months, and have a Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic and at least 16 years of age.



YR I Confirmation Registration:

Teens who are interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register into the program.

Registration paperwork can be found on the website (www.stdombenicia.org) or on the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center.

YR I Confirmation will kick-off with a parent/teen meeting that will take place on Monday, September 26th OR Thursday, September 29th. Parent and teen will only need to attend one meeting. Both meetings will take place from 7:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

YR II Confirmation:

YR II Confirmation will kick-off with a parent/teen meeting that will take place on Monday, October 3rd OR Thursday, October 6th. Parent and teen will only need to attend one meeting. Both meetings take place from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

YR II Teens: If you have not turned in your sponsor selection form, please drop off your completed form to the 2nd floor of the Ministry Center as soon as possible. Thank you!

All Parish Youth (8th grade and older) are invited to celebrate the beginning of the new school year with a **Pizza/Movie night on Friday, August 19th.** Festivities begin at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome - bring a friend! Please RSVP to the Office of Faith Formation at 335-4697 or ltoomey@stdombenicia.org. We look forward to seeing you on 8/19.

St. Vincent de Paul



Check out our new Facebook Page!

<http://www.facebook.com/svdpenicia>

Keep in touch and get informed about our meeting times, programs, and service opportunities.

Please Help Stock the Pantry

Please continue to help stock our pantry this summer and fall. We are always in need of paper towels, and food items: peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, pasta mixes, cereal, mayonnaise and tuna. Thank you.

If you are in need of food or assistance with rent, temporary living arrangements and/or utilities, please call the SVdP Food Pantry at 707-746-1773 and leave a message.



Knights Breakfast Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking breakfast after Mass on Sunday, September 18th, 8AM-Noon In the Parish Hall

Bring the whole family, sit with classmates, reconnect with fellow parishioners and enjoy the best breakfast in town!



Communal Prayer in the Church

Monday through Thursday the **Seven Sorrows Rosary Group** will continue to pray the Rosary in the Church beginning at 3:30PM. All are welcome to join.

On Fridays the group will meet at 3:30PM and begin with the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** followed by the **Stations of the Cross**. We will be using the booklet entitled "Praying the Stations with Mary the Mother of Jesus" by Richard Furey, published by the Twenty-Third Publications.

If there are no other groups using the church, we will pray the Rosary after the Stations of the Cross.



New Flower Intentions

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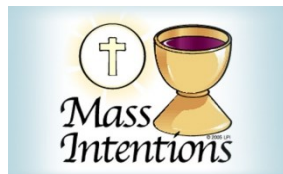
Parishioners are now invited to offer flower intentions in honor or memory of their loved ones or in celebration of an anniversary. Parishioners can offer flowers just like Mass intentions, with a minimum of \$80 (or up), you can sponsor a Sunday or specific feast.



A notice will appear in the bulletin each week with all of the Mass Intentions indicating the benefactor or the intention. Please see the parish office for specific details but **DO NOT** drop off flowers of your own.

Intentions Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calendar Opens</u>
Oct. 1	January
Nov. 1	February
Dec. 1	March
Jan. 1	April
Feb. 1	May
Mar. 1	June
Apr. 1	July
May 1	August
Jun. 1	September
Jul. 1	October
Aug. 1	November
Sept. 1	December



This schedule applies to all Mass and Flower Intentions. Intentions can only be made for one name, one married couple, or one family name. Thank you!

Financials

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT
7/1/16-7/31/16

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	+ / - <u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory			
<i>Envelopes & Loose</i>	\$ 63,960	N/A	N/A
<i>Electronic Giving</i>	\$ 25,219	N/A	N/A
Total Sunday Offertory	\$ 89,179	\$ 81,267	\$ 7,912
Restricted Donations:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 4,156	\$ 3,667	\$ 489
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 979	\$ 875	\$ 104
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<i>New Rectory</i>	\$ 802,760	\$ 952,751	\$ (149,991)

Stewardship—it's not just about giving money.
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



ST. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

6-Week Grief Support Series

**Begins Saturday, August 6th,
at St. Dominic's**

Understanding Grief and Getting Help

If you, or someone that you love, is grieving a loss, we want to offer support for the journey. Our 6-week series is highly respected throughout Solano County, led by trained facilitators for peer-to-peer support on the seven stages of grief.

Saturdays, August 6th-September 10th at 11AM in the Aquinas Room
Ministry Center at St. Dominic's.

For more information contact Joanne Flanagan. 707-747-9416 or email
consolation@stdombenicia.org

475 East I Street, Benicia.

<http://www.stdombenicia.org/grief-support/>



ST. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Dominic's Educational Series on Aging Presents:

What is Palliative Care?

With Agnieszka Witkowski, MD
Palliative Care & Hospital Physician

August 30, 2016

St. Dominic's | Parish Hall | 6:30-8:00 PM

Palliative Care is a medical specialty that has grown in popularity and importance over the last three decades. It focuses on improving quality of life and relieving suffering in patients with life-threatening illness. It bridges - but also runs parallel with - curative and hospice care.

Learn how to prepare for serious illness, including advanced care planning and talking with your family about your fears, hopes and wishes.

Learn tips on how to ask your doctor "the difficult questions" when faced with serious illness, and also give some insight into why the answers are often so vague.

The talk will end with an overview of hospice, with plenty of time to answer any questions you may have about the continuum from curative care through to hospice care.



Agnieszka Witkowski, MD currently works as Palliative Care and Hospital Physician at Kaiser in Vallejo. She received her difficult to pronounce name in Poland. Her family immigrated to the United States when she was 8 years old and she grew up in the Bay Area. She was lucky to attend UC Davis School of Medicine and remained there for her Internal Medicine Residency. She moved back to the Bay Area for her Hospice and Palliative Care Fellowship at Stanford Hospital and Clinics. She is the proud mother of a ridiculously adorable 2-year-old boy, Augustyn, who keeps her on her toes.

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ST. DOMINIC PRESCHOOL (707) 745-4430

Director Tanya Sanchez, tsanchez@sdbenicia.org

Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Randy Sanders	Charlie Gallagher
Britney Black	Amy Smith
Coach Charlie Banfield Jr.	Ann Hansen
Grace Sobilo	Cyndi and Dan Wolke
Aida Mendoza	Carolyn McKay
Larry Watson	Susan Furey
Louise Thibeaux	Henderson Family
Ana Menjivar	Leroy Howell
Dan Macariola	Bernice Clark
Barbara Everingham	Aurora Bareng
Andre Davis	Brian Smith
Teresa Winer	Fr. Kenneth Brown
Lisa Bowen	Cristina O'Brien
Terry Irwin	Branson David King
The Pines Family	Jack Curran
Ron Pearman	Michelle Christle
Fr. Jim Cassin	Matthew Bidou
Siu Ming Lau	Monica Jaime
Thom Clark	Tom Mitchell
Glenn Bliss	Gladys Haddad
Johanna Abrera	Al Rohleder
Lonnie Stone	Jeff Mues
Doris Seitz	Mili McDermott
Jim Schafer	Scott Dziuban
Rick Keller	Mary Carbullido-Anderson
Glenys Hewitt	Charlie White
Nellie Morgado	Pete Raine
Ramond Davena	Scott Reeder
Dawn Altobell	James Werder
Dorothy Szabo	
Daniel Cooper	



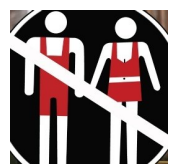
Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners (and their families) in your prayers:

Liz Miller, Theresa Chase, John "Pete" Peterson, Fr. Michael Morris, OP, Anthony Souza, Lucas, Nucum, Jr., Remigio Balingit, Duncan McNiff, Sherilynne Gate, Carmela Patania-White, Diane Garcia, Millard Oracoy, Esther Preciado, Lawrence Gunn, Sr., Pat Scafa

Sick and remembrances will be listed for a period of 3 months

What is considered appropriate dress at St. Dominic's?

Casual dress is acceptable for a Catholic Mass. Appropriate casual dress is clean, neat, and modest. It is typical for women to wear a knee length dress/skirt and blouse, long shorts or pants and top and for men to wear dress shorts, long pants (jeans/slacks) and a shirt with sleeves. No caps, short shorts, or tank tops. Modest choices in either casual or formal attire are acceptable and appropriate for all members of the family throughout the year.



**Please patronize the following businesses owned by members of our parish community.
Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

All About Beauty- (707) 747-1471 Eminence Organics & FHF Products Facials & Eyelash Extensions	James M. McVeigh Certified Public Accountant 707-746-5604	Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts 874 Southampton Rd. 707-745-6266
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ATS Tax & Financial Solutions Tax Angels to your rescue! Returns/ QB 707-745-1040	Kristine Passalacqua Studio of Interior Design StudioOfInteriorDesign.com 707-746-7123	Sac's Tasty Hot Dogs George & Karolyn Maichel 2445 Springs Rd, VJO 707-642-2442
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Fregosi & Co. Paints– Mike Fregosi Concord, CA 925-609-9925	Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva, Directors 707-745-3130	Vincent R. Maher, Attorney at Law 724 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533 Tel: 707-427-2800 / Fax: 707-427-2220
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Gavin/Schreiner Insurance , Tom Gavin Chartered Financial Consultant 707-745-5626	<p>For advertising opportunities here e-mail tstone@stdombenicia.org</p> <p>BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES</p> <p>If you are a ministry leader or organization that would like to promote a church event or catholic charity in the bulletin please submit your request online at... HTTP://WWW.STDOMBENICIA.ORG/BULLETIN-SUBMISSIONS/</p> <p>Deadlines for submission are the Friday, one full week, before the Sunday you would like a promotion to run. All submissions are pending Pastor Approval. For questions email Ejacobs@stdombenicia.org</p>	
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