# **Second Sunday** of Lent

February 25, 2024

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."



St. Dominic's is a Catholic Parish Inspired by **Dominican Spirituality** Igniting the Faith for the **Salvation of Souls** 

### **Mass Intentions**

Sat Sun	02/24 02/25	5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>(R) Victoria Montgomery</li> <li>(B) Rob Lustan</li> <li>(R) Dennis Silveria</li> <li>(R) Celedonio Hernandez</li> <li>(T) People of the Parish</li> </ul>
Mon	02/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Dr. Gil Wergowske
Tues	02/27	8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m.	
Wed	02/28	8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m.	(R) Margarita Pagao (R) Timmy Cullen
vveu	02/20	8:15 a.m.	(T) Diane Dawes
Thurs	02/29	6:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	(R) Maura Hawkins (R) Nannie Lustan
Fri	03/01	6:45 a.m.	(T) Pope Francis
0.4	00/00	8:15 a.m.	(R) Nilda Carbonell
Sat	03/02	8:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	(R) Alex Espinosa (T) People of the Parish
Sun	03/03	7:30 a.m.	(A) Mike & Vicki Fregosi
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Salvatorre Mangia
			(H) Sean Salvatin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Souls in Purgatory
			Legend:

(R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health (P) Prayerful Intention (A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

**April 2024 Intentions Open March 1** 



# - 40Days of Renewal -

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



Sharon Kirkman, Marsha Morse, Sean Salvatin, John Lydon, Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel, Joshua Oehler, Meredith Morrow, Laura Starkey, Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira, Eileen Hayes, Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan, Sherry Thomas, Barbara Helms, Greg Gormley, Joshua Chavez-Carroll, Colin Larkin, Jerry Schilz, Pauline Soop, Alma Johnson, Lee Schaffner, Barbara Flores, Rob Lustan, Nita Calvo, Mel Gaoaen, Sean Daly, Jackie Ho, Laura Carnes Dietrich, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin, Rosie & Don Klatt, Aurora Basilio, Leonor Cruel, Mark Nees, Lilian Fajardo, Albert Tan Co, Ron Pearman, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad, Monika Pangelinan, Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad, Pete & Dorothy Szabo

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

Tim Tatom, Rosemary Bacci, Pam Stanbrough, John Joseph Varni, Justavo Tiburcio, Dennis Silveria, Sue Hayes, Matthew Colucci, Gloria de Castro, Victoria Montgomery, Harlon Moore, Elda Slaviero, Darrell Perry, Mark Meagher, Olivia Curran, Larry Whitney, Brigitte Michael, Elizabeth McWalters, Apolonia Reyes, Cecelia Siu, Ross Martino, Maria Lupe Sanchez, James Donahue, Russell Ho

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows













### **Pastor's Corner**



As we all know, Lent is a time of year when it is especially fitting to spend time evaluating where sin might be crippling our walk with the Lord. Reflecting on our own sinfulness is not exactly a fun task, but it can be very fruitful. This is because when we are sinning, we are living in some way that keeps us from thriving in the way God

made us to thrive. Once we can pinpoint whatever sin it is that is causing that malfunction in our souls, we can start working, with God's help, on a plan of repair.

The sacrament of Confession is a tremendous help in this process of healing. And healing, after all, is a key aspect of Lent's purpose. We often associate sorrow with Lent, and rightly so. Thoughts of Christ's Passion should trigger within us sorrow for our sins, but not a sorrow that simply demoralizes us. It is meant to be a sorrow that heals – makes us feel better because of the hope that is called for in light of the merits of Christ's Passion and death. As long as we remain in this life, through his Passion and death, Christ washes away any sin we might have committed, and he restores our souls to health and greater happiness.

I like to think of meditating on sin as working with a really good doctor. A really good doctor is someone you can trust to be compassionate about what is ailing you, but also to 'give it to you straight,' which you don't mind because you trust that he or she wants what is best for you. The Divine Physician is sort of like the best, smartest, most compassionate doctor imaginable – the kind you feel comfortable telling everything about your health, even the stuff you would normally be embarrassed to say, because you know that doctor cares about you and can heal you. Like a good doctor, Jesus does not want us to talk with him about what ails our souls because he wants us to feel badly about ourselves. Rather, the opposite is true. He wants us to feel better. Internalizing that basic truth about Jesus can actually help to make meditating on our sins spiritually therapeutic and even liberating. Jesus underwent his Passion and death so that we could be free from what wounds are souls, a freedom that unleashes us to run ever-less unencumbered. more healed, and ever-happier!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor frandy@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4668

# **Upcoming Events**

Knights Breakfast - TODAY Sunday, February 25 After ALL morning Masses

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper
Fridays, February 16 - March 22
6:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross in Church
Followed by Soup in the Hall

February 23 - Hospitality
March 1 - Knights of Columbus
March 8 - Laity / Adoration
March 15 - St. Vincent de Paul / Gabriel Project
March 22 – Asoc. Guadalupana

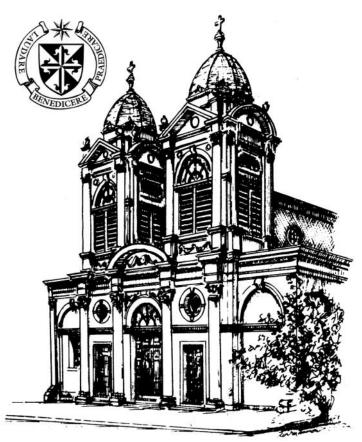
Mini Retreat with Br. Anselm Saturday, March 9 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Church

St. Dominic's 170th Anniversary &
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Saturday, March 16
Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Followed by Dinner at the Benicia Clock Tower
Tickets go on sale at all Masses starting
March 2/3 & 9/10

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Reflections with Br. Anselm Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m. - Church

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 7/1/23-1/31/24							
		YTD Actual	_	YTD Budget		+/- Budget	
Sunday Offertory							
Online donations	\$	255,067					
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$	322,128					
	\$	577,195	\$	568,750	\$	8,445	
Second Collections:							
Building Improvement	\$	25,035	\$	29,167	\$	(4,132)	
Faith Formation	\$	5,944	\$	6,417	\$	(473)	
Total Operating Income	\$	792,357	\$	744,526	\$	47,832	
Operating Expenses	\$	851,589	\$	784,025	\$	67,564	
Net Income/Loss	\$	(59,231)	\$	(39,499)	\$	(19,732)	

St. Dominic's provides online giving for safe, easy, and secure giving. Recurring or one time giving available. To get started go to stdombenicia.org/ways-to-give.



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170 Gyears



# "Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

We understand during these times it has been especially difficult for those grieving.
You are not alone. We are here for you.
St. Dominic's Grief Group is having a new series of sessions, come to one or all 6 weeks!

Saturdays February 24 - March 30, 2024 11:00 a.m.

In the Ministry Center - Aquinas Room

We are also available by phone or email.

Please reach out to Patti Erickson
at grief@stdombenicia.org or call 650.455.3766.





# In the Desert with St. Dominic

Lenten Mini– Retreat with Br Anselm

Saturday, March 9 - Church 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for a night of prayer in the church and reflection on the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Br. Anselm Dominic, OP Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.





Catechetical Foundations is an eight-month program for anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith and Catechetical then to pass it on to ourse. ...
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would like to invite any parishioners who aspire to serve as catechists

This formation is

and all parents to participate. This formation is designed to help participants not only to impart knowledge of the faith, but to make disciples of Jesus Christ. At the completion of the course, participants can use this formation toward Certification with the Diocese of Sacramento.

For more information, see: https://www.scd.org/ catecheticalfoundations.

First gathering: Friday, February 28 Mary Magdalene Room Fee: \$160 per person To sign up, please contact Dn. Errol Kissinger at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org





# CONFIRMATION

Please keep the YR II Candidates for Confirmation in your prayers as they anticipate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 19th. Come Holy Spirit!

#### YR II CONFIRMATION

**Monday, February 26,** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Teen Gathering - Church

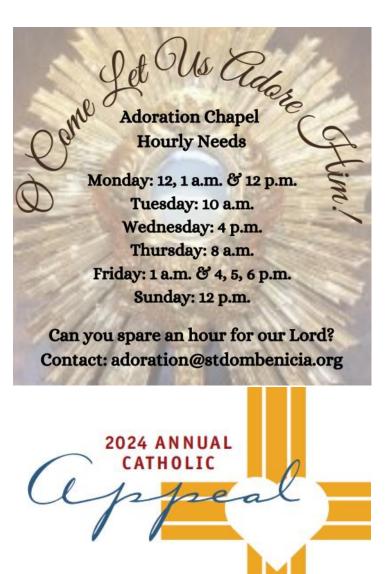
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# **Youth Ministry - Winter**

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. Teen Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. Creative Art Workshop

Saturday, March 2, TBA Teen Game Night Competition





Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual **Catholic Appeal** 

Your gifts will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material and spiritual poverty. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. 25% is returned to our parish for our own ministry to people in our community. Your gift matters.



# DOMINICAN FRIARS Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

# Dominican Rite Missa Cantata Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.

Join the Dominican friars at the Priory of St. Albert the Great at 6172 Chabot Road in Oakland for a sung Dominican rite Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Lent. Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P., will celebrate the Mass.

Please join us for a night of prayer in the church and reflection on the

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

with Br. Anselm Dominic, OP Monday, March 18 6:30 p.m. - Church





# In the Desert with St. Dominic

Mini– Retreat with Br Anselm Saturday, March 9 - Church 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



If you would like to be part of our community, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Tom at SVdP@stdombenicia.org For questions or more information

If you have questions or need assistance, please call 707-746-1773

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE...

Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning February 14th thru March 24th 2024, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 14th. Please consider giving 1 hour per week praying in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood located at 303 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA. You can sign up online at <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo">https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo</a>. You can set up your own login credentials and sign up for any hour of any day during the vigil. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We know 40 Days for Life has made a difference in Vallejo/Benicia & American Canyon. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion." Here are just a few of the positive results of the previous Vallejo campaign(s).

- Nine lives save from abortion that we know of
- Five Catholic Churches are working together
- Approximately 50 volunteers dedicated themselves as prayer warriors & few of them pray at the clinic every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday all year round, rain or shine.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707-246-9076 E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com

# Pregnant? Worried and confused? We're here to help you.



The Gabriel Project® offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need.

gabriel@stdombenicia.org

# **Adult Confirmation Spring 2024**

Each year, Bishop Soto extends an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento who are baptized, have received First Communion, and have received religious instruction since their First Communion, but for various reasons were never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Confirmation

The next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, 5:00 p.m. Candidates will be prepared at the parish level by completing 8 sessions held over a series of consecutive Sundays from March 10, 2024 through May 5, 2024, 3:00-4:30 p.m., St. Dominic's Ministry Center, Siena Rm.

Sacrament preparation will include prayer, scripture and a review of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. 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, and have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate certified within the past 6

months. Confirmation candidates must select a Sponsor who must be Catholic, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, is a practicing Catholic, and is at least 16 years of age.

Please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org for more information.

MUSIC NOTES
February 25, 2024

Organ music (7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses)
Prelude:

Meditation (Communion) by the French
composer and organist Jean Langlais is
based on a chant Ubi Caritas, and is part of
the cycle of liturgical organ pieces "Suite
Medievale". Even though Langlais was blind,
he was appointed organist at St. Clotiide
Basilica in Paris, following in the footsteps of
the great Cesar Franck.

Postlude:

"The Joys awaiting" by Lyndell Leatherman
This arrangement by Leatherman combines
two ancient hymns which anticipate the
eternals rewards of heaven: "Jerusalem, my
happy home" "Land of Rest", anonymous
early American melody

Communion meditation (11:00 a.m.)

Lord I cry to You by W. A. Mozart, arranged
by Hal Hopson
This piece, originally written by Mozart, was
arranged by Hal Hopson with the text "Lord, I
cry to You", focusing on redemption and
forgiveness granted by the Lord to the
faithful.

# **ANUNCIO:**

SE LES INVITA A PARTICIPAR EN EL ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA EN ESPAÑOL EN REUNIONES SEMANALES JUEVES A LAS 6:30 PM

EN EL SALÓN SIENA

LIBRO DEL GÉNESIS

LÍDER: M.T. MATTHEWS

INFORMACIÓN: 707.479.1941



#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Livestreamed
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)
First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass**Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m.
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

# **Confession Times**

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Saturday 3:30 p.m.

# Ministries at St. Dominic's

♦ Adoration

Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org

**♦** Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deaconoff - <a href="mailto:cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org">cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org</a>

♦ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

♦ Gabriel Project

Sandy Scafani & Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

♦ GIFT - Growing In Faith Together

Shannon Carter - gift@stdombenicia.org

♦ Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

♦ Hospitality

Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

♦ Knights of Columbus

Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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♦ Lazarus Ministry

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♦ Parish Pastoral Council

Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

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Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P. - gliu@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic School

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - <a href="mailto:lsarnicola@opwest.org">lsarnicola@opwest.org</a>

Our ministries are back to their regular monthly meetings on campus. Please email and find out more about them and how you can join! They look forward to hearing from you.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH	Mar 03: Building Improvement Mar 10: Catholic Relief Services Mar 10: SDS Tuition Assistance Mar 17: Building Improvement	Mar 24: Faith Formation Mar 28: Holy Thursday/St. Vincent de Paul Mar 29: Holy Land/Good Friday Mar 31: Easter Sunday		

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