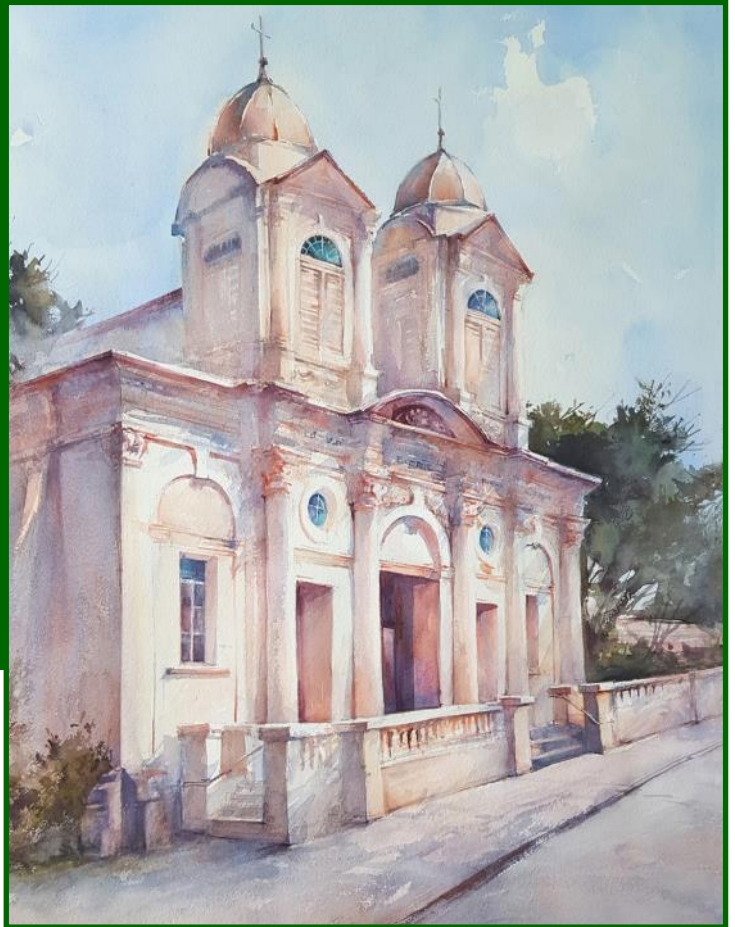


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

**“Praise the Lord, who heals
the brokenhearted.”**



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Dominican Spirituality
Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**



**Altar Flowers in Memory
of Don Larkin**

Mass Intentions

Sat	02/03	5:00 p.m.	(R) Victoria Montgomery
Sun	02/04	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Barbara Piepho
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Don Larkin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Antonia & Antonio Gomez
Mon	02/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Fr. Vic Cavalli, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Marvin Bernabe
Tues	02/06	6:45 a.m.	(R) Rudy Leonardi
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Jung Jin Veronica Chang
Wed	02/07	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jim Guinasso
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Deceased Parents of Dominicans
Thurs	02/08	6:45 a.m.	(R) Carmen & Juan Espinosa
		8:15 a.m.	(R) John Ruszel
Fri	02/09	6:45 a.m.	(R) Rogelino Co
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Sharon Fischer
Sat	02/10	8:15 a.m.	(R) Larry C. Valdez
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Steven Sarnicola
Sun	02/11	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Michael Diepenbrock
		11:00 a.m.	(T) Our Lady of Lourdes
		1:00 p.m.	(H) Rolando Cortez

Legend:

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

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



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:**

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,
Robert Coronado, Andrew Kinane, Jack Curran,
Arlene Saitz, Siong Beng Tan, Gregory Quillin

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



This past Wednesday, we celebrated at mass the memorial of Saint John Bosco, the 19th Century Italian priest famous for having founded the Society of Saint Francis de Sales, more commonly known as the Salesians. Saint John Bosco was equally famous for having established organizations meant to catechize young orphan boys, as well as teach them professional skills, like tailoring and shoemaking. Bosco understood that teaching the boys skills would give their lives direction and a healthy sense of self-satisfaction from having actualized their God-given gifts in a productive way.

Saint John Bosco was also clear on the importance of integrating faithfulness into all aspects of the boys' lives, something we strive to teach our own students at St. Dominic's School. I love reminding our kids that while God make us for greatness and while it is good to delight in our accomplishments, it is essential that we pursue that greatness with the ultimate aim of giving glory to God. This should be our goal, rather than simply vain, worldly esteem. The greatness we accomplish with the ultimate aim of giving glory to God is a kind of greatness that we carry with us into the next life. Personal glory consisting merely of vain, worldly esteem will not be worth anything in Heaven, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospels.

When talking to our seventh and eighth graders, I like to compare that vain, worldly esteem to high school popularity. High school popularity may feel delightful while possessed during the quick passage of those four years, but once high school is finished, that popularity will not count for much. I remind the students that after high school, when they arrive at college (assuming they go to college) most of those college kids will not know who was and wasn't popular in high school, nor will they care. Experiencing this loss of status can be traumatic for some kids. By contrast however, I tell our kids that if they pursue greatness with the ultimate aim of giving glory to God, always asking him to align them with his holy will, that can be a source of personal greatness and confidence that they can take with them wherever they go in life. Especially cool was that Niners quarterback Brock Purdy gave us all a great example of what I am talking about after leading the Niners to victory at the NFC Championship. When Michael Strahan handed Brock Purdy the George Halas Trophy and asked him how he and the other players managed that 17-point comeback during the second half, Brock paused and then said, "First, glory to God."

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Upcoming Events

Doughnuts and Coffee - TODAY
Sunday, February 4
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Hand lettering Basics - TODAY
Sunday, February 4
4:30 p.m. Parish Hall

Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, February 10
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Ritual of Burning Palms
Saturday, February 10
Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Bring Blessed Palms - Courtyard

St. Dominic School Crab Feed
Saturday, February 10
6:00 p.m. Portuguese Hall

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14
6:45 & 8:15 a.m. Masses
12:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
4:00 & 7:00 p.m. 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 16 - St. Dominic's School
February 23 - Hospitality
March 1 - Knights of Columbus
March 8 - Laity / Adoration
March 15 - St. Vincent de Paul / Gabriel Project
March 22 – Asoc. Guadalupana

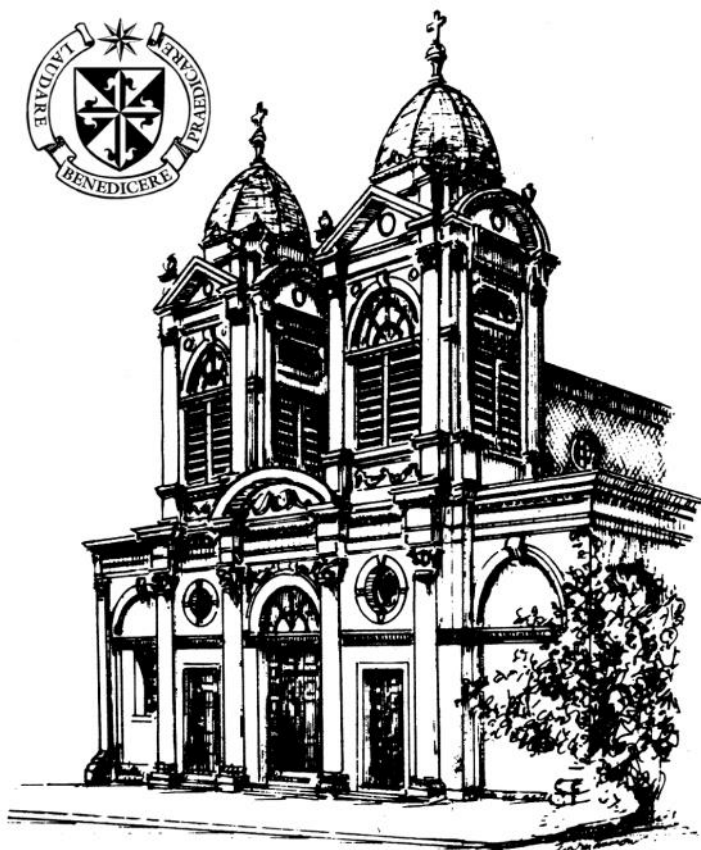
Taxes Statements for 2023
New Available!

Instructions online go to:
<https://www.stdombenicia.org/tax-statements>

Or email Lori:
ltelepak@stdombenicia.org

TAXES





1854 - 2024

170 Years

*St. Dominic's
170th Anniversary
& St. Patrick's Day
Dinner*

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 16, 2024

MAGNIFICENCE OF MOTHERHOOD INVITES YOU TO:

*Modern
Handlettering
Basics! ✨* **TODAY!**

Calling all moms! Enjoy a fun night of learning modern handlettering for all your creative projects!

Sunday, Feb 4th 4:30-6pm in the Parish Hall

Supplies and snacks will be provided.
Bring your own brush pen and/or markers.

ASH *February 14*
WEDNESDAY



Masses
6:45, 8:15 a.m.,
4:00, & 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Service with Ashes
12:30 p.m.

ANUNCIO:

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ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA EN ESPAÑOL
EN REUNIONES SEMANALES
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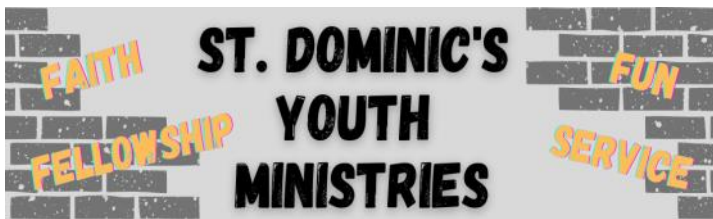
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LIBRO DEL GÉNESIS

LÍDER: M.T. MATTHEWS

INFORMACIÓN: 707.479.1941





CONFIRMATION

Please keep the YR II Candidates for Confirmation and the confirmation team in your prayers as they anticipate the upcoming retreat that will take place on February 10th.

Thank you to all the youth who assisted at the reconciliation retreat on January 27th. We are grateful for your leadership and presence.

YR II CONFIRMATION

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
YR II Confirmation Retreat

YR I CONFIRMATION

Saturday, February 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
YR I Teen Small Group Gathering

Youth Ministry - Winter

Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Food Bank Service Project

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.
Creative Art Workshop

Saturday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.
Teen Game Night Competition

**Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs**

Monday: 12, 1 a.m. & 12 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 4 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.
Friday: 1 a.m. & 4, 5, 6 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.

Can you spare an hour for our Lord?
Contact: adoration@stdombenicia.org



Annual Catholic Appeal helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need. On the weekend of February 17-18, 2024

we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as companions to those who suffer emotional, physical and

spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance.

Our St. Dominic School Tuition Assistance & St. Vincent de Paul ministries receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

*"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.

Ritual of Burning Palms In Preparation for Ash Wednesday

**Saturday, February 10th
Immediately following the
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**

**Did you know palms that have been
blessed should be buried or burned?**

**Bring your palms that have been
blessed and are ready to be burned.
We have a box in the back of
the church for collection.**



Society of
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
BENICIA, CA

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

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat February 16-18, 2024

Those who choose abortion are our daughters, sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends & members of our parish communities. The impact and pain of abortion hurts - even years after the experience. If you or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women.

For more information please call (916) 733-0161 or projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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 <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo>. 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



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

MUSIC NOTES

February 5, 2024

Organ music for 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Prelude: Chorale 1 by Cesar Franck (excerpt)

César Franck (1822-1890) stands as a cornerstone of the French organ tradition. Born in Belgium, he became the Organiste Titulaire at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. Written in the last year of his life, his Three Chorals for organ represent a mastering of motivic development.

In Choral No. 1 in E major, Franck invites a patient observer to discern and discover relationships between motives in a form which is basically a theme followed by three variations. As one of the most prayerful and spiritual works, 1st Chorale elevates human soul to appreciate the divine gift of music.

Organ Postlude: Joyful Interlude in A by Colin Mawby

Colin Mawby (9 May 1936 – 24 November 2019) was an English organist, choral conductor and composer. From 1961 he was Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, then from 1981 he was the choral director at Radio Telefís Éireann. He composed masses dedicated to specific choirs, including in Germany. He was awarded Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory in 2006.

Choral meditation for 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Old Irish Blessing by Denes Agay.

In this arrangement the words of Irish blessing are set to music by Hungarian composer Agay:

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Lenten Retreat at St. Joseph Vacaville

February 16 (6:30 - 8:45pm) & 17 (9:00am - 12:30), 2024

"Mark your calendars! St. Joseph Parish in Vacaville is having a Lenten Retreat led by **Dr. John Bergsma from St. Paul Center**. We encourage you to participate in this Lenten Renewal Retreat."



Friday, February 16, 6:30pm - 8:45pm

- Mass Conversion: How I Discovered the Eucharist and the Catholic Church

- Confession as Spiritual Warfare: My Protestant Journey to Confession and Its Importance for Lent

Saturday, February 17, 8:15am – 12:30pm

- Daily Mass

- Science and Faith: How Modern Discoveries Provide Evidence of a Supernatural Mind

- Can I Be Holy?: A Personal Plan for Lent - God's Plan for the Family: Family Habits for Happiness Now and Eternally

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 - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

♦ 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

♦ Guadalupe Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupe@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

♦ RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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Penny Ogden - pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org

♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org

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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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2023-12/31/2023

	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Sunday Offertory	\$ 460,644	\$ 487,500	\$ (26,856)
Christmas	\$ 20,442	\$ 24,750	\$ (4,308)
Second Collections:			
Building Improvement	\$ 22,752	\$ 25,000	\$ (2,248)
Faith Formation	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,500	\$ (275)
SDS Tuition Assistance	\$ 6,102		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 34,320		

Total Operating Income	\$ 652,777	\$ 646,125	\$ 6,652
Operating Expenses	\$ 710,594	\$ 973,343	\$ 37,251
Net Income/Loss	\$ (57,817)	\$ (27,218)	\$ (30,599)

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Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.		Tim Wright - Carpentry Work 30 years Exp - References Available (707) 319-5357
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY	Feb 04: Building Improvement Feb 11: SDS Tuition Assistance Feb 14: Ash Wednesday	Feb 18: Building Improvement Feb 25: Faith Formation

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