

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

**"Let my tongue be silenced, if
I ever forget you!"**



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	03/09	5:00 p.m.	(R) Feliza Monje
Sun	03/10	7:30 a.m.	(R) Montserrat Gaskel Morrissey
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Ellen Alfero
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Luis Alberto Mendez
Mon	03/11	6:45 a.m.	(R) Josefina Co
		8:15 a.m.	(H) Marsha Morse
Tues	03/12	6:45 a.m.	(T) Mary Hickey
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Fr. Anthony Cordeiro, O.P.
Wed	03/13	6:45 a.m.	(H) Sr. Lorraine Amadeo, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Simon Lee
Thurs	03/14	6:45 a.m.	(R) Ofelia Banaga
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Helen De La Fontaine Porter
Fri	03/15	6:45 a.m.	(T) Fr. Patrick Jae Myung Jang
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Joey Rock Morocco
Sat	03/16	8:15 a.m.	(R) Marion Wright
		5:00 p.m.	(A) 170th Year Anniversary St. Dominic's Parish
Sun	03/17	7:30 a.m.	(R) Iluminada M. Panganiban
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Dorothy Harty
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(A) Greg & Margie Daly

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

April 2024 Intentions Open March 1

LENT 2024

PRAY



FAST



GIVE

- 40 DAYS OF RENEWAL -

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



Christian Salcedo 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:**

Sharon Kirkman, Malcolm Duvall, Elvira Little, 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

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



There are so many spiritual benefits that come with our Lenten penances, and one of those benefits is that our penances can help us to be less reliant on creature-comforts in moments of emotional difficulty. For example, during Lent, if I have given up sweets, and someone annoys me, I am much less likely to numb my feelings with cookies,

rather than turning to my relationship with God to address that irritation. Believe it or not, I did not learn the value of this until my novice year as a Dominican. When you are a novice, most of your creature-comforts are withheld from you, like sweets and alcohol, Internet access, media use, and so forth, and are only permitted at certain times. For me as a novice, this meant that if one of my fellow novice brothers really annoyed me, I was not able to alleviate that irritation by simply having a glass of wine that evening, making a batch of cookies, or streaming a few episodes of The Office. Before my novice year, those would have been my go-to emotional comforts – emotional crutches, really. But once I was in the novitiate and did not have access to those sorts of things whenever I wanted, I soon realized during times of emotional frustration, I needed to learn to seek resolution more from prayer, honest self-examination, and healthy conversations with others. Those were pretty much the only emotional medicine available to me, and, as a result, throughout my novice year, I learned to utilize them much more than I had ever done in the past. While I would not seek another novice year, I admit the whole experience forced me to grow in character to a degree that I do not believe I would have been able to accomplish without it. Our six-week Lenten penances can provide us growth along these lines, if we have the right intentionality. Making this a goal and following through with it can be very empowering. In general, the more we rely on God, the more secure we will feel in various aspects of life. God is the unmoved mover, after all. And he is a much sturdier support than sensory pleasures that often just provide a temporary illusion of support and comfort – an illusion that often leaves us feeling less secure than before. God wants to be our support so that we don't have to rely on those grossly insufficient substitutes. The next time someone annoys us during this Lent, and we are tempted resolve those feelings with the Girl Scout Cookies we tucked away from ourselves during the season, let's try a better option – God. The ephemeral pleasure of Girl Scout Cookies certainly cannot compare to Him!

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Upcoming Events

Sacrifice Bead Making

TODAY– Sunday, March 10
5:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays
6:30 p.m. - Siena Room

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
March 15 - St. Vincent de Paul / Gabriel Project
March 22 – Asoc. Guadalupana

Grief Series

Saturdays, February 24-March 20
11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

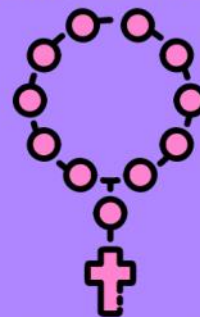
St. Dominic's 170th Anniversary & St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16
Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Followed by Dinner at the
Benicia Clock Tower
Tickets on sale at all Masses &
At the Parish Office
Sunday, March 17
Continental Breakfast Reception
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Jesus sacrificed his life for love of you.
What sacrifices will you offer for love of him?



Join MOMs group for fellowship as we follow St. Therese in her
"Little Way" by stringing together sacrifice beads to keep track of
our acts of love throughout the days of lent and beyond

Sunday, March 10, 2024
5:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Supplies and snacks will be provided



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

**TICKETS ON SALE THIS
WEEKEND! \$30**

SPECIAL
Guests

CLOCKTOWER
MARCH 16, 2024



St. Vincent de Paul, Dennis Garvey Easter Holiday Dinner Program

Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to participate in our holiday food boxes for the hungry! Easter boxes will be out soon!

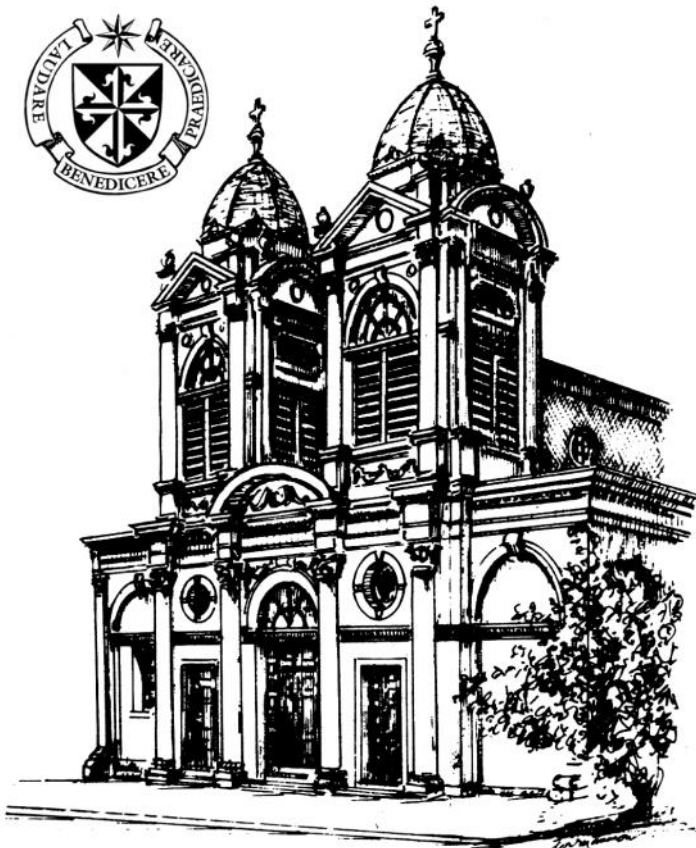
- ✚ Boxes will be available at Masses **March 9/10th**
- ✚ Boxes will be returned at Masses **March 16/17th**
- ✚ Boxes will be delivered to homes **March 23rd**

Your participation is vital to our efforts to provide for those in need during the holidays.

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



1854 - 2024
170 Years

CEMETERY POSITION



St. Dominic's Cemetery is seeking a part-time Assistant Manager. Must have experience with Office 365 and Excel software.

For more information, contact
Lisa Sarnicola at
707-751-0527

Come Let Us Adore Him!

**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



**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.**



WATCH APPEAL VIDEO

**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.

Tavola di San Giuseppe

"St. Joseph's Table"



Please join us in observing the beautiful Italian Tradition of the "St. Joseph's Table" in our own unique St. Dominic's way by offering the following nonperishable items and placing them on the tables that will be set up in front of the image of St. Joseph inside the church between March 15-19, 2024.

*Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Canned Fruit
Mac & Cheese
Canned Tuna*

All items offered to St. Joseph will be given to the needy through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



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

*"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.

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.



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 March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. Mass

Organ Prelude: Reflective Interlude in E 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.

Organ Postlude: Prelude in F major from 8 Short Preludes and Fugues by J. S. Bach

The **Eight Short Preludes and Fugues** (also **Eight Little Preludes and Fugues**), BWV 553–560, are a collection of works for keyboard and pedal formerly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach. They are now believed to have been composed by one of Bach's pupils, possibly Johann Tobias Krebs or his son Johann Ludwig Krebs, or by the Bohemian composer Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer.

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 - 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

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Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

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♦ 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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Parochial Vicar

Deacon & Dir Rel Ed

Deacon

Deacon

Resident Brother

Business Manager

Music Director

Communications

Teen Ministry

Children's Sacraments

Wedding Coordinator
& Office Assistant
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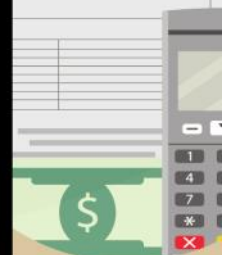
Taxes Statements for 2023

New Available!

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

Or email Lori:
ltelepak@stdombenicia.org

TAXES



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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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