

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Jer 31:31-34
51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

*“Create a clean heart
in me, O God”*



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	03/16	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
Mon	03/18	6:45 a.m.	(B) Raylene Rufino
		8:15 a.m.	(P) St. Patrick
Tues	03/19	6:45 a.m.	(T) Flores & Alcasid Family
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Pramod Prasad
Wed	03/20	6:45 a.m.	(R) Mariz Bautista
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Sr. Mari Josephine Ye Yoon Chun
Thurs	03/21	6:45 a.m.	(R) Wilfredo Mojica & Lita Pingol
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Joseph & Mary Bettencourt
Fri	03/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Francis Kau
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Gilbert & Fe Lagrimas
Sat	03/23	8:15 a.m.	(R) Ventura Lustan
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	03/24	7:30 a.m.	(R) Juan S. Aguirre
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Luis Alberto Mendez
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Tim Tatom
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

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

May 2024 Intentions Open April 2

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:**



Jenny Quandt, Michael Raymundo Co,
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

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Brother's Corner

In the Gospel this week, Jesus announces that He has come to enact judgment on the "ruler of this world." Who is this ruler that Jesus has come to drive out? We can discern from other parts of Scripture that it must be God's great Enemy, the Evil One who has become consumed with envy of God's power and decided to attempt to claim it for himself. Satan has deceived the human race into turning against God, and joining him in rebellion, and therefore he arrogantly claims us as his own, and declares himself the Lord of this world. Although he claims things that are not his, the devil does wield real power over us; St. Paul goes so far as to call him "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

But, if there's one thing that God makes clear in His revelation to the Jewish people, it's that there is only one Lord of all things, only one God worthy of the name. Now, in Jesus, we see that God is not willing to allow Satan's false kingship to last, but that He Himself has come to establish His own Kingdom on earth.

However, the power of the true King is not like that of the usurper. His assault on the powers of darkness is something against which they had prepared no defense, as it was something they would never have even conceived of. As Jesus says in this same Gospel: "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Thus Jesus makes Himself weak, poor, and vulnerable, and Satan practically trips all over himself as he rushes to humiliate and destroy God's Anointed One. He takes the bait, and the trap is sprung. The Prince of Death has swallowed something he cannot digest, and his power is broken by the divine life within Jesus.

This path, the Way of the Cross, is the only one which Jesus has offered to us who hope for salvation in Him. It is the only one which He Himself has walked, and if we follow Him, there is nowhere to go but Calvary: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

Of course, that is a great statement of hope, as we realize when we think of Jesus reigning at His Father's right hand, triumphant over all His enemies – even death itself. But that comes later. For now, we are in the desert with Christ, or laboring behind Him under the Cross, on the way to death. Our task for now is to bear that Cross with Him, like Him, out of love for Him. It is at the end of this path, and only this path, that true life awaits us.

Br. Anselm LeFave, O.P.
alefave@stdombenicia.org

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, March 16

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Followed by Dinner at the
Benicia Clock Tower

Sunday, March 17– TODAY!
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

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 22 – Asoc. Guadalupe

Grief Series

Saturdays, February 24-March 30

11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

Lenten Reconciliation & Holy Hour

Monday, March 25

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Church

March 28~Holy Thursday

Tenebrae 8:15 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Reposition to follow in the Parish Hall

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until the
Farewell Discourses of Jesus Christ at 11:30 p.m.

March 29~Good Friday

Tenebrae 8:15 a.m.

Seven Last Words of Christ 12:00 p.m.

Veneration of the Cross & Communion

2:00, 4:00 (Spanish/English), & 7:00 p.m.

March 30~Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Tenebrae 8:15 a.m.

Service of Light (Courtyard) 8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass

March 31~Easter Sunday Mass Times

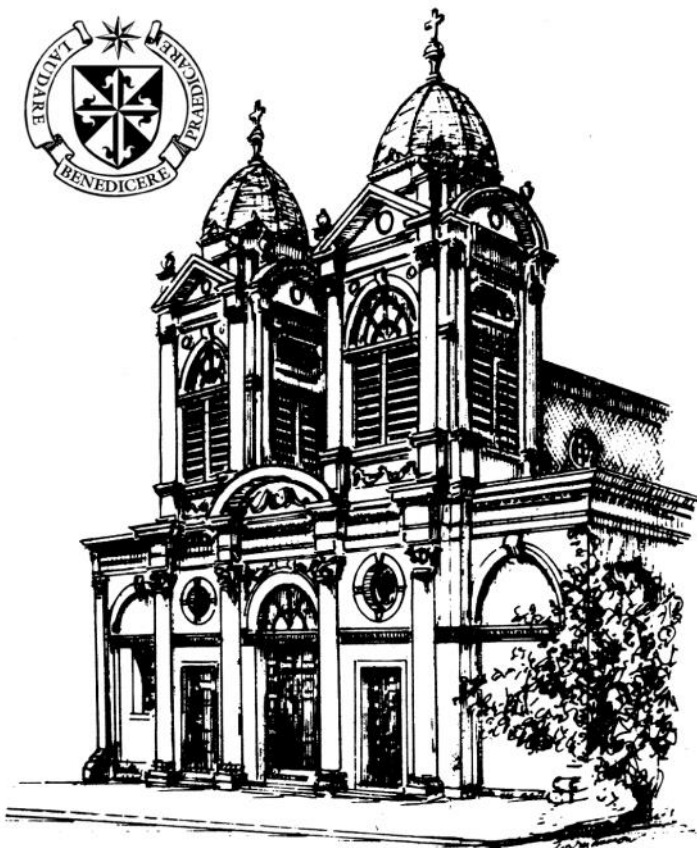
St. Dominic's Cemetery: Sunrise Mass 6:30 a.m.

(If inclement weather Mass will be
in the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.)

St. Dominic's Church: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
& 1:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)

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.



1854 - 2024

170 Years



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!

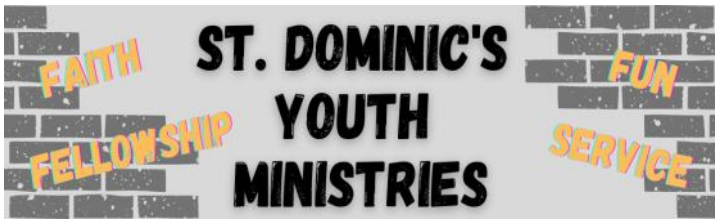
- ✝ Boxes will be returned at Masses **March 16/17th**
- ✝ Boxes will be delivered to homes **March 23rd**
Students with a parent can help deliver for volunteer hours.

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, March 20
 Outreach Service Project
 Create Easter Gifts & Cards for
 Casa de Vilarrasa
 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23
 Service Project - Assist
 St. Vincent de Paul with Easter
 Food Box Deliveries 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 29
 Good Friday Seven Last Words of Christ
 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

YR I CONFIRMATION

Monday, March 18
 Teen Class

YR II CONFIRMATION

Saturday, March 16
 Service Project - Assist at
 St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Please email Lisa
at ltoomey@stdombenicia.org
for more information.

Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs
Wednesday: 5 p.m.
Friday: 5 & 6 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.

Adoration is open to the public
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Chrism Mass
Misa Crismal

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the annual Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on March 21, at 6 p.m.

Bishop Soto and the priests of the diocese will pray for God's continued blessings on the local church of Sacramento. The priests will renew their priestly promises. Bishop Soto will blessed the holy oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the diocese throughout the coming year.

1st Saturday Mass
April 6, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Dominic's Cemetery
5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia

CEMETERY POSITION



St. Dominic's Cemetery is seeking a part-time Assistant Manager. Knowledge of Excel and Office 365 helpful. For more information, contact

Lisa Sarnicola at
707-751-0527

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

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 <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 17, 2024

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

Prelude: Lament by Henry Purcell

Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was an important English composer of Baroque music. His most important positions were organist at the Chapel Royal and Westminster Abbey. Though originally written for Dido and Aeneas, Lament features characteristic church music style of Purcell's time - passacaglia variations with a repeated bass line and melody emphasizing lament and repentance.

Postlude: I ask not worldly wealth by J. S. Bach This is one of 'chorale' arrangements by J. S. Bach - traditional German chant melodies which Bach arranged with great skill in voice leading. Different instrumental options are possible, in this case arranged for organ by Frank Asper.

Choral anthem for 11 AM Mass:

God is my shepherd by William Briggs

God is My Shepherd by William Briggs is an arrangement of an instrumental piece by J. S. Bach. Briggs' text talks about God leading us through the dark valley toward the light at the end.

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

◆ Guadalupana Association

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◆ Lazarus Ministry

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◆ Parish Pastoral Council

Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

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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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Parochial Vicar

Deacon & Dir Rel Ed

Deacon

Deacon

Resident Brother

Business Manager

Music Director

Communications

Teen Ministry

Children's Sacraments

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& Office Assistant
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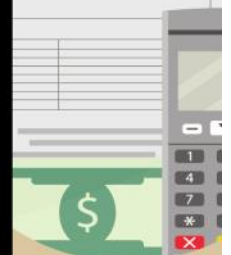
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for 2023

New Available!

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

Or email Lori:
ltelepak@stdombenicia.org

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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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