

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20, 2023

Is 53:10-11  
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

*“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”*



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

## Altar Flowers in Memory of Roman Frantela

### Mass Intentions



Sat	10/19	5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	10/20	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Joan Witek
		11:00 a.m.	(T) Ultan & Maria Rhee
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Elba Folquer
Mon	10/21	6:45 a.m.	(R) Salvador Lusko
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lydia Laveriza
Tues	10/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Daniel Macapinlac
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Leonor Cueto
Wed	10/23	6:45 a.m.	(B) George Zorilla
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Roman Frantela
Thurs	10/24	6:45 a.m.	(T) Lori Telepak
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Rowaldo Saulog
Fri	10/25	6:45 a.m.	(B) Theresa Schneider
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Vicente & Librada Panganiban
Sat	10/26	8:15 a.m.	(R) Mary Jean Kotch
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Cremilda Franco & Artur Cardoso
Sun	10/27	7:30 a.m.	(B) Justin Reyes
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Leonor Cueto
		11:00 a.m.	(A) Joseph & Jo Ann Talken
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend:

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

**October 2024 Intentions are Open**

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE**  
*to the banquet*  
(Mt 22:9)

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**



## World Mission Sunday

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



Michelle Garcia, Dennis Kolkebeck, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Patricia Butler, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Bill Telepak, Pauline Soop, Rose Marie Watterson, Elaine Paschal, Maria Bongco, Ramon Dela Cruz, Carol Marsh, Francisco Gan, Dino Tan, Donna Wade, Jenny Quandt, Michael Raymundo Co, Christian Salcedo, Marsha Morse, Sean Salvatin, Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel, Meredith Morrow, Laura Starkey, Maria de Fatima Pereira, Eileen Hayes, Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan, Sherry Thomas, Barbara Helms, Colin Larkin, Jerry Schilz, Alma Johnson, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin, Rosie & Don Klatt, Aurora Basilio, Leonor Cruel, Mark Nees, Albert Tan Co, Ron Pearman, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad, Monika Pangelinan, Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad

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

David Barnhardt, Jane Gasper, Renato Duey, Margaret McClune O.P.L., Fr. Donald Bramble, O.P., Helen Sapp, Cindy Ike, Delores Franko, Nina Hurst, Rita Schneider, Martha Parada de Reid, Lucita Rios, Marta Leda Aversano Franchini, Dorothy Szabo, Siddiq (Steve) Kilkenny, Rafael Luis Morales  
~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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## Pastor's Corner



This past week, we had a Gospel reading from Luke 11 in which Jesus admonishes the Pharisees for having wrongly ordered priorities. He pointed out that while the Pharisees were fastidious about following certain aspects of the law, like tithing, offering to the synagogue tithes on all of their

crops, including even the little garden herbs they grew, they nevertheless were lax with themselves in more important matters of the law pertaining to justice and love of God. Later in the reading, Jesus offers quite an ironic critique of the Pharisees saying they are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk. To understand what Jesus means by that comparison, it helps to know that in the Mosaic ritual purity laws, touching a grave made a person ritually unclean. When that person was made ritually unclean, he or she needed to undergo a ritual purification process before that person could interact with others again or reenter the synagogue. This now can give us context for Jesus' statement that the Pharisees were like unseen graves over which people walk unknowingly. He is saying that the Pharisees, men who were famous for strict observance of the law and certainly fastidious about ritual purity, were because of their laxity in matters pertaining to love of God and justice, themselves a means by which those who followed their example became proverbially filthy and unfit for dwelling with God and others. If Jews during this period were to walk over unseen graves unknowingly, they would become ritually unclean, unknowingly. Similarly, Jews who interacted with the Pharisees and followed their example were likely to become unclean, unknowingly, in their souls. An insight we can draw from this Gospel is that it is good to reflect on and evaluate what matters we treat as important and what we treat in a more blasé way. Do our priorities lead us to neglect matters pertaining to justice, as that relates to our particular states in life, or do our priorities lead us to neglect love of God? It is important for us as Christians to get that right because otherwise our bad example can bring the faith into ill repute, causing others to be turned off and reject Christ, which, of course, is bad for their souls. Sometimes focusing on trivial matters can function as an escape from dealing with the more important things in life. Let us all make sure we set our priorities in a way that is rightly proportionate and builds the Kingdom of God.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Autumn Harvest Baking THIS Sunday

Sunday, October 20  
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

### Grief Series

Saturday, September 28-November 2  
11:00 a.m. In Siena Room

### Women's Bible Study

Mondays  
6:30—8:00 p.m.  
Siena Room

### YA Men's Bible Study

Fridays  
5:30 p.m.  
Siena Room

### Rosary Procession

Wednesday, October 23  
Starting in the Church

### All Saints Day Masses

Friday, November 1  
6:45, 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### All Souls' Day Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 2  
Special Reading of the Deceased  
11:00 a.m.

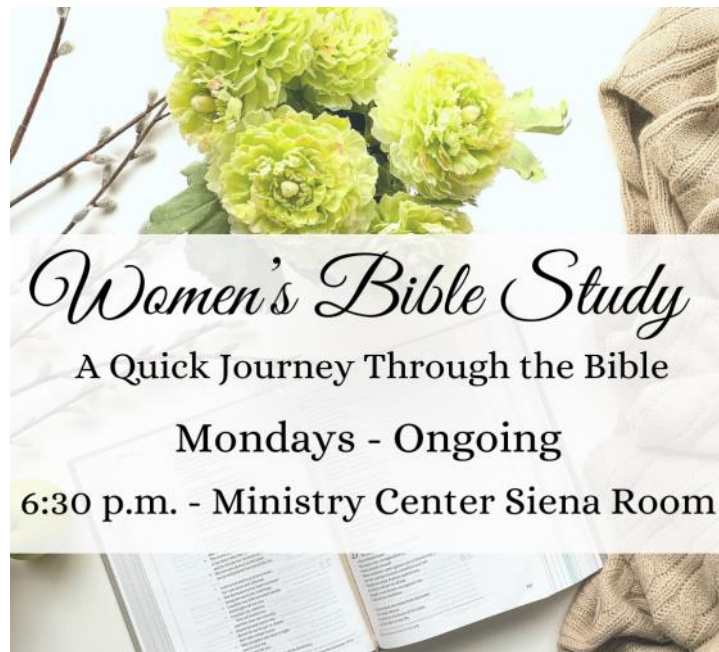






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**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/wms>**



## Women’s Bible Study

A Quick Journey Through the Bible

Mondays - Ongoing

6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room



THE PONTIFICAL  
MISSION  
SOCIETIES

Message for  
World Mission Day  
2024

## ALL MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM

**YA MEN’S BIBLE STUDY AGES 18-39  
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM**



**MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT MIKE  
707-720-4287**

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

Matthew 5:4

A new 6 week series of grief support  
is being offered at St. Dominic's

**Saturdays**

**September 28 - November 2, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

Also a one-day session **"Grief thru the Holidays"**  
**November 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to either or both.  
In the Ministry Center - Aquinas Room

Loss of a loved one is painful,  
it can help to talk about it, we're here for you.

We are also available by phone or email.  
Please reach out to Patti Erickson  
at [grief@stdombenicia.org](mailto:grief@stdombenicia.org) or call 650.455.3766.

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Years



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Our  
celebration  
continues,  
watch for  
more  
events!





*Candlelight  
Rosary  
Processions*

*Wednesday Evenings*

October 9

October 16

October 23

All Processions will begin in the front of the church at 6:30 p.m.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

### FAMILY ADORATION & POTLUCK DINNER

Let's celebrate all the saints in Heaven! Join us for Family Adoration, followed by an All Saints' Day Party.  
Dress up as your favorite saint (optional).

**NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

**St. Dominic's Church**  
**6:00PM - Adoration in Main Church**  
**6:30PM - Dinner in Mary Magdalene Room**

For more information or to RSVP:  
[mothers@stdombenicia.org](mailto:mothers@stdombenicia.org)

## **Cemetery Mass**

Please join us for the First Saturday Mass at 9:30 a.m.

**November 2, 2024**

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

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS' DAY

- Day of Holy Obligation -  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Friday, November 1st**  
**6:45, 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

## **All Souls' Day Memorial Mass**

The St. Dominic's Lazarus Ministry will be holding a "Memorial" for the families and friends of our parishioners who have died since All Souls' Day of 2023. A solemn reading of their names of their loved ones' name will be recited at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.





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**FRIARS IN FORMATION 2024-25**



Br. Elias Guadalupe



# Rosary Sunday

## DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



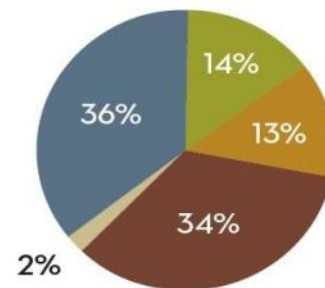
### Please help the Dominican Student Brothers and Novices!

Thank you! We, here at St. Dominic's Church we are off too a great start in helping the brothers in formation! One great preacher can change the world. You can help him!

Please give online at [www.opwest.org/rs](http://www.opwest.org/rs), use a Rosary Sunday envelope from the pew, or mail a gift to: Western Dominican Province, 5877 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618.

### HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

Annual Formation Investment Per Student Brother: \$53,500



- Housing & Formation: \$19,500
- Food: \$7,700
- Healthcare: \$7,100
- Graduate Education: \$18,150
- Travel/Supplies: \$1,050

Sponsor a Day	Sponsor a Week	Sponsor a Month
\$147	\$1,030	\$4,460



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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning September 23rd thru November 3rd 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 all Wednesday's from 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil September 25th. 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](mailto: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](mailto:gabriel@stdombenicia.org)



## **Legacy & IRA Giving**

You can remember St. Dominic's, Benicia in your estate plans through your will, retirement plan or other assets. Legacy gifts are used for capital projects that may otherwise not be possible and are never used for day to day expenses. For example the parish hall renovations! You can even designate your gift to a specific fund (i.e. building fund).

If you own a traditional IRA and are over the age of 70 1/2, the IRS requires that you take yearly distributions (MRD's). But did you know you can designate the MRD to St. Dominic's Church and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution? For more information, visit the IRS website or contact your tax or financial consultant.

**For more information or to explore your options please contact**  
**Teresa Stone at [tstone@stdombenicia.org](mailto:tstone@stdombenicia.org)**  
**or 707-335-4672**



## **EMHC's Needed!**

Call for **Extraordinary (Lay) Ministers of Holy Communion**. If you are a fully confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church, have a love of our Eucharistic Lord, and ever felt called to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass liturgy, please consider this important ministry.

Call or text us with any questions.

Mike and Sara Monahan [emhc@stdombenicia.org](mailto:emhc@stdombenicia.org)  
707-771-1384 (Mike) or 925-876-3190 (Sara)

# Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30 (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](mailto:adoration@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Altar Servers**  
 Theodore Diepenbrock - [altarservers@stdombenicia.org](mailto:altarservers@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Choirs**  
 Luke Shalz - [lshalz@stdombenicia.org](mailto:lshalz@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Consolation/Grief**  
 Patti Erickson - [grief@stdombenicia.org](mailto:grief@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Dominican Laity**  
 Dirk Fulton - [domlaity@stdombenicia.org](mailto:domlaity@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 Mike & Sara Monahan - [emhc@stdombenicia.org](mailto:emhc@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Gabriel Project**  
 Sandy Scafani & Maria Padrones - [gabriel@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gabriel@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Guadalupe Association**  
 Patricia Chavez - [guadalupe@stdombenicia.org](mailto:guadalupe@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Hospitality**  
 Kristina Ruiz - [hospitality@stdombenicia.org](mailto:hospitality@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**  
 Dan Swinton - [beniciaknights@gmail.com](mailto:beniciaknights@gmail.com)
- ◆ **MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood**  
 Jamaila Pasternack - [mothers@stdombenicia.org](mailto:mothers@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Lectors Ministry**  
 Amar Lagrimas - [lectors@stdombenicia.org](mailto:lectors@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Lazarus Ministry**  
 Ann Espinosa - [lazarus@stdombenicia.org](mailto:lazarus@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Kaitlin Demers - [ppc@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ppc@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
 Brianne Dela Cruz—[bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org](mailto:bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Michael Munn - [svdp@stdombenicia.org](mailto:svdp@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**  
 Lisa Sarnicola - [lsarnicola@opwest.org](mailto:lsarnicola@opwest.org)
- ◆ **Ushers**  
 Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – [usher@stdombenicia.org](mailto:usher@stdombenicia.org)

**Our ministries are open to  
 all parishioners.  
 Please contact our ministry leaders  
 and join one today! We can't wait to  
 hear from you!**

# Parish Office

475 East I Street, Benicia  
**Current Office Hours**  
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 707.747.7220

# Parish Staff

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<b>Scott Schilz</b> sschilz@stdombenicia.org	<b>Maintenance</b>
<b>Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.</b>	<b>In Residence / Retired</b>
<b>Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.</b>	<b>In Residence / Retired</b>

# St. Dominic School

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<b>Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)</b> tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org	<b>Preschool Director</b>

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-9/30/24			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>			
<i>Online donations</i>	\$ 112,857		
<i>Sunday/Mail-in donations</i>	\$ 148,507		
	\$ 261,364	\$ 252,000	\$ 9,364
<b>Second Collections:</b>			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 11,800	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,800
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 2,863	\$ 2,675	\$ 188
Total Operating Income	\$ 322,213	\$ 311,407	\$ 10,805
Operating Expenses	\$ 358,792	\$ 334,426	\$ 24,366
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (36,579)</b>	<b>\$ (23,019)</b>	<b>\$ (13,560)</b>

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Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

<p><b>A &amp; S Chem Dry, Anthony &amp; Shelly Trevino</b> Serving St. Dominic's Parish for over 25 years! (707) 748-7726</p>	<p><b>Tim &amp; Jeannie Hamann Foundation</b> fightcancer@hamannfoundation.org Tax ID#47-2189766 hamannfoundation.org</p>	<p><b>Reyes Electric Co. &amp; Design LIC#32877</b> Residential/ Commercial (707) 747-6818</p>
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<p><b>Al Caruso Insurance - No Medical Required</b> Life Insurance - Guaranteed Issue age 50-85 (510) 207-4640 Lic#0191914</p>	<p><b>Law Offices of Barnum &amp; Avila</b> Employment Law (707) 745-3747, www.rmblaw.com</p>	<p><b>St. Dominic's Cemetery</b> Lisa Sarnicola, Sales Manager (707) 751-0527</p>
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<p><b>Crane Station, Inc.</b> Rex Sevilla—Crane and Electrical Services (707)333-6287</p>	<p><b>Napoli Pizza and Pasta</b> Chris &amp; Lisa Guerrero- Owners (707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com</p>	<p><b>Warring &amp; Assoc. Realtors</b> Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990</p>
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<p><b>Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street</b> Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061</p>	<p><b>Passalacqua Funeral Chapel</b> John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130</p>	
<p><b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER</b></p>	<p>NOV 03: Building Improvement NOV 10: SDS Tuition Assistance NOV 17: Building Improvement</p>	<p>NOV 17: Camp for Human Development NOV 24: Faith Formation</p>

**Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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