24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

"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



Altar Flowers In Loving Memory of Larry Watson



Mass Intentions

Sat Sun	09/14 09/15	5:00 p.m. (P) Fr. Corwin Low, OP 7:30 a.m. (R) Oralndo Cabula 10:00 a.m. (P) People of the Parish Only Two Masses Due to Festival!
Mon	09/16	•
		8:15 a.m. (B) Roger Bueno
Tues	09/17	6:45 a.m. (R) Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 a.m. (R) Samuael Santos
Wed	09/18	6:45 a.m. (R) Lucita Rios
		8:15 a.m. (R) Lucita Rios
Thurs	09/19	6:45 a.m. (B) Harold Bodenheimer
		8:15 a.m. (B) Monica Rhee
Fri	09/20	6:45 a.m. (P) Amado & Heidi Tolentino
		8:15 a.m. (R) Aurora Masbad
Sat	09/21	8:15 a.m. (R) Julie Hirtzel
		5:00 p.m. (R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	09/22	7:30 a.m. (B) Timoteo Rubio
		9:00 a.m. (B) Mel E. Maranan
		11:00 a.m. (T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m. (R) Lucita Rios

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:



Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Patricia Butler, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Margaret McClune, Bill Telepak, Pauline Soop, Rose Marie Watterson, Elaine Paschal, Maria Bongco, Ramon Dela Cruz, Carol Marsh, Lucita Rios, 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:

Nina Hurst, Rita Schneider, Martha Parada de Reid, Lucita Rios, Marta Leda Aversano Franchini, Dorothy Szabo, Siddiq (Steve) Kilkenny, Rafael Luis Morales, Cathy Giffin Mathieson, Fr. Raymond Finerty, Marion Selig, Jesus Garcis, Felipe Kiocho, Angela Bofill, Teresita Rapolla

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows











Pastor's Corner



Well, last week at mass I talked about the importance of going beyond the borders of our own home church here on East I Street to engage with a wider population. Along those lines, I have started a new priestly gig that combines two very important things to me – evangelization and football! For

Friday night home football games at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School, I now get to pray with and bless the football players in the weight room before they take the field, and on some nights I will also be able to lead prayer in the stadium before the game begins! How cool is that?! While I love the Niners and watching NFL football in general, there is something especially magical about high school Friday night football. Going to games makes for such happy memories for many of us, regardless of whether or not we donned a uniform in high school. Doubtlessly, many of those students at St. Patrick-St. Vincent's are building their own Friday night football memories, and it is great to be able to contribute to the school's efforts to ensure that our faith will be part of those memories. At our own school here at St. Dominic's, we strive to encourage our kids to integrate their faith into all aspects of their lives - their social lives, home lives, their studies, and their athletics. We urge them to bring Jesus with them in their hearts everywhere they go and not just to proverbially leave him at the door when they depart from mass. A football stadium is a great place to reinforce that message, because many people in our society tend to offer proverbial worship to sports rather than true worship of the God who made them. Love of football and love of God do not need to be at odds with each other, as long as they are prioritized right. Prioritizing earthly, creaturely goods above our Creator, the supreme good, is an easy tendency to cultivate if we are not mindful of avoiding it. If we keep our priorities rightly ordered, however, there is so much fun to be had in this world, whether on a football field, a mountain trail, an amusement park, or numerous other delightful places. We just need to always remember to take Christ with us and allow him to guide our minds, hearts, and actions at all times. If you ever find yourself at the St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School football stadium on a Friday night this fall. I hope our paths cross. And let's cheer for our team just so long as our hearts are cheering loudest for the one who makes it possible for us to cheer in that stadium in the first place!

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

Upcoming Events

TODAY! St. Dominic's Mass & Festival

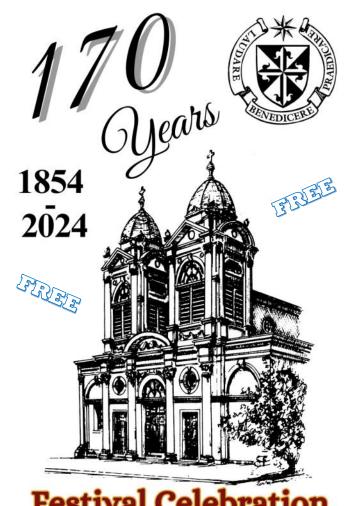
Sunday, September 15
(Note: There will not be a 9:00, 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Mass this day)
10:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. FREE Festival & Lunch

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

Tamale Sales

Deadline to Pre-Order Sunday, September 29 Pick Up: Sunday, October 6



Dunk Tank*Jumpy Houses*Snow Cones*Beer Garden*Photo Booth*DJ

Sunday Santamber 15 2024

Sunday, September 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Festival & Lunch St. Dominic's Catholic Church

Only the 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses due to the festival

STOP BY OUR BOOTH

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Fr Andy & St Dominic School

Benicia Certified Farmers Market



All Sales are by Pre-order Order TODAY!

\$30/doz. Chicken with green tomatillo sauce only



Pick-Up: Sunday, October 6, 2024 In the Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Deadline to order is September 29th) Patricia Chavez at 707 333-7677 guadalupana@stdombenicia.org



This fundraiser benefits St. Dominic's Church, Guadalupana Ministry and our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you for your support!

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Funds raised assist the poor and underserved in Benicia.

Programs include grocery delivery, holiday dinner programs, rent and utility assistance.

Check In: 8:00 AM

Walk Start: 9:00 AM

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https://events.idonate.com/ stdominicsbenicia 501(c)(3) EIN: 27-0831195

Scan to register, donate



Come join your fellow Benicia residents walking to Prevent Homelessness in Benicia. Raise awareness and donations to support our Neighbors in Need. A 1.5 mile walk beginning at City Park, down First Street and back.

Go to https://events.idonate.com/stdominicsbenicia
for more information, to register as a walker, and to donate. Thank YOU for Preventing Homelessness in Benicia!





COLLECTIONS/OVERALL OPERATIONS

During the 2023/24 fiscal year programming and events were back in full swing since the pandemic, resulting in a 9% increase in operating expenses over FY 2022/23. Although Mass attendance and donations are also on the rise, the increase in operating income was only 2%, significantly short of the 5% we budgeted which resulted in a net operating loss of approximately \$215,000. Fortunately, with government COVID relief programs we did not need to dip into our savings, however we have now exhausted those funds.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

We continue to work on capital projects as funds become available. The Parking lot repaving was completed in the summer of 2023. In addition, several smaller deferred maintenance projects were completed throughout the year. The Parish Hall renovation was completed last month due to a generous bequest. Capital projects planned for the 2024/25 fiscal year include a new roof on the parish office and repair of the barrel roof above the choir loft.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

This year's annual assessment from the diocese was \$175,920. This amount is taken out from the parish's regular operations.

THOUGHTFUL WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PARISH

We know that the state of the economy and inflation has brought financial strain to many of you, as well as to the parish. We are taking this opportunity to ask those who can, to prayerfully consider increasing your Sunday Offerings by 5%, the increase we budgeted to meet our operation expenses. In addition, please consider making a one-time donation to help us overcome the budgeted shortfall for 2024/25.

There are several ways to give; simply choose what works best for you: weekly envelopes, Paypal, Parishsoft Giving, Sunday offertory, Securities, IRA distributions, etc. Online giving provides us with a solid base of donations and helps us plan our expenditures throughout the year. See the bulletin or our website for details.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Fr. Andrew Opsahl, O.P. – Pastor Teresa Stone – Parish Business Manager Noreen Cillo – St. Dominic's School Office Manager

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edna Masbad, Mike Monahan, Christine Souza Morrison, & Rosemary Kim

ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH, BENICIA, CA. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Due to your ongoing generosity, St. Dominic's has been blessed with the resources to continue to offer you a wide range of ministries and services. Our financial operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and our budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	Actual FYE 6/30/24	Budget FYE 6/30/24	FYE 6/30/25
Income:		A	¥ **************
Collections	\$ 1,005,206	\$ 1,039,750 \$	1,079,000
Sacraments	79,026	83,075	86,710
Community Services & Other Programs	20,567	27,700	26,550
Other Income	111,880	123,000	116,370
Total Operational Income	1,216,679	1,273,525	1,308,630
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits (clergy and lay staff)	831,679	825,105	761,138
Property maintenance and utilities	149,786	117,630	134,390
Worship and sacraments	52,280	55,200	57,830
General and administrative	207,626	155,000	179,550
Bishop Annual Appeal (Assessment)	175,920	175,000	185,236
Other Expenses	15,015	14,000	16,560
Total Operational Expenses	1,432,306	1,341,935	1,334,704
Expenses in excess of Income	(215,627)	(68,410)	(26,074)
Other Income and Expenses			
Diocesan Special Collections	28,939	*	125
Diocesan Special Distributions	(35,640)	*	-
Bequests & Special Receipts	57,247	*	-
Interest	27,374	14,500	17,270
Capital Contributions	52,064	50,000	40,000
Capital Outlay	(169,193)	(20,000)	(40,000)
Overall Income (Loss)	\$ (254,836)	\$ (23,910) \$	(8,804)

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
or 707-335-4672



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

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, nondenominational 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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 (livestreamed), 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

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Luke Shalz - Ishalz@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

Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

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Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

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Lazarus Ministry

Ann Espinosa - lazarus@stdombenicia.org

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Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Brianne Dela Cruz—bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll- svdp@stdombenicia.org

St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - Isarnicola@opwest.org

Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan - uhers@stdombenicia.org

Please join us at the festival and visit our ministries at their booths! Get involved, sign up, share your thoughts and ideas with us. We can't wait to see you there!

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Principal

Preschool Director

In re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, Case No. 24-21326 U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: October 1, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

On April 1, 2024, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Sacramento aka Diocese of Sacramento filed a chapter 11 bankruptcy petition for protection under title 11 of the United States Code.

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim so as to be received by October 1, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Diocese.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Diocese that occurred before April 1, 2024, must be filed on or before October 1, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before April 1, 2024.



For more information on how to file a claim or about the bankruptcy, please visit: https://www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsacramento, or contact the Debtor's claims agent Donlin, Recano, & Company, Inc. via email at rcbsacramentoinfo@drc.equiniti.com or by phone at 1-866-714-7301; or visit the Debtor's website at https://scd.org and follow the links for Chapter 11 filing.

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Al Caruso Insurance - No Medical Required Life Insurance - Guaranteed Issue age 50-85 (510) 207-4640 Lic#0191914	Law Offices of Barnum & Avila Employment Law (707) 745-3747, www.rmblaw.com	St. Dominic's Cemetery Lisa Sarnicola, Sales Manager (707) 751-0527
All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center FD2286 Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation & Burial. (707)-644-5209 cfcsSacramento.org	Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice (707) 553-7360	Teresa Stone - Notary Services tstone@stdombenicia.org (707) 330-0773
Amso Healthy Chiropractic 310 Military West (707) 752-2990	Minuteman Press Copy, Print, Posters & Banners (707) 647- 1000, 812 Tennessee St,Vallejo	Tuolumne Street Auto Repair John McLaughlin, Parishioner (707) 648-3434
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER	SEPT 01: Building Improvement SEPT 08: Priests' Retirement SEPT 08: SDS Tuition Assistance	SEPT 15: Building Improvement SEPT 22: Faith Formation SEPT 29: St. Vincent de Paul

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