

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024

Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

“Praise the Lord, my soul!”



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

Altar Flowers for the Repose of the Souls of Elisa & Eutimio Oregel

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/07	5:00 p.m.	(A) John & Eleanor Saunders
Sun	09/08	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Penny Ogden
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Emerald Masbad
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Elisa Oregel
Mon	09/09	6:45 a.m.	(R) Mary Ann Bond
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Leslie Faraon-Rabat
Tues	09/10	6:45 a.m.	(R) Delfin Sevilla
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Joseph Lary
Wed	09/11	6:45 a.m.	(R) Lucita Rios
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lucita Rios
Thurs	09/12	6:45 a.m.	(R) Relatives & Benefactors of the Province
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Eutimio Oregel
Fri	09/13	6:45 a.m.	(B) Marisa Lagrimas
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Lolito Abad
Sat	09/14	8:15 a.m.	(R) Mary Ann BOnd
		5:00 p.m.	(P) Fr. Corwin Low, OP
Sun	09/15	7:30 a.m.	(R) Oralndo Cabula
		10:00 a.m.	(P) People of the Parish
			Only Two Masses Due to Festival!

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:



Sandra K. Andrakin, Patricia Butler, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Margaret McClune, Bill Telepak, 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



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Pastor's Corner



Well, Labor Day is behind us, which means Autumn is on its way. As the crisper weather approaches, the time has also come, I believe, to talk with you all about the need to increase the parish's financial resources for the coming months. As you will see in the attached parish annual financial report, St. Dominic's finished its fiscal

year last June having operated at a net loss by quite a large amount. The good news is we were able to cover this loss with leftover Covid relief funds, so we will not need to dip into our savings as a result. This was a fitting use of that money, given that it was due to the effects of Covid on our mass attendance and general ability to do ministry in previous years that the parish's income had dropped so considerably. For this new year, however, we will not have that extra money to close a large budget gap, and so it is time for me to ask those who are able to please consider increasing their weekly gift to the parish by five percent. I chose to wait until now to make this request for a few reasons. One reason was that, as a new pastor, I wanted to make sure we had done our own 'belt-tightening' before asking parishioners to up their donations. Second, I thought that before asking parishioners for more support, we should demonstrate our commitment to growing the parish by initiating and carrying out projects and enhancements aimed at reinvigorating the life and mission of Saint Dominic's. In regard to prudent belt-tightening, I am glad to report that we have made deep cuts to the parish's expenses that should enable us to end this new fiscal year 'in the black,' assuming parishioners provide the needed increase in support. As for new efforts to grow the parish, this past year, in support of our mission to evangelize, the visibility of Saint Dominic's in the Solano region has increased considerably through our presence in the Benicia Farmers Market, our participation in local parades, and various other public events. We have also worked to build community morale here onsite, hosting more hospitality events, like our recent patronal feast day free breakfast, the monthly baking Sundays, as well as increased coffee and donut offerings in the parish hall. And we have seen a noticeable increase in mass attendance this past year. We just need the dollars to follow likewise. In addition to an average increase of five percent from the parish in general, in the coming months, I would like to start having conversations with parishioners who might be able to support us to a larger degree in order to enable some further enhancements to St. Dominic's ability to carry out its Gospel mission. Things got off to a flourishing start this past year, but, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, the harvest out there is plentiful, and there is much more to be done for us as a parish. Let us work together to continue our efforts to light our community of fire with the Gospel!

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

Upcoming Events

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

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

Tamale Sales

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!

*"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 - Siena Room - Upstairs

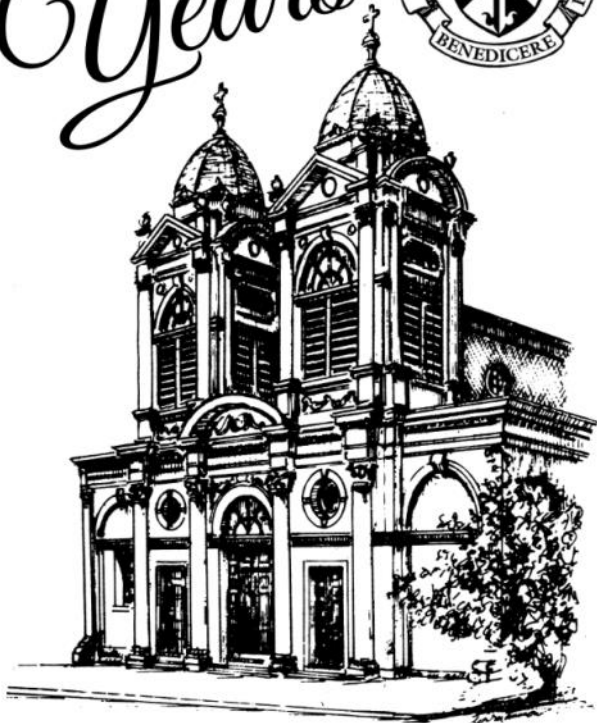
**Loss of a loved one is painful,
it can help to talk about it, we're here for you.**

We are also available by phone or email.

Please reach out to Patti Erickson

at grief@stdombenicia.org or call 650.455.3766.

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Years



1854 - 2024

6th Annual
Friends
OF THE POOR®
WALK/RUN

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
CITY PARK GAZEBO
FIRST ST. BENICIA



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

1.5
miles

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

Scan to register, donate
or for more information.



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!

FREE **Festival** FREE
Celebration

Snow Cones! **Sunday** Dunk Tank!
September 15, 2024

10:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Festival & Lunch
St. Dominic's Catholic Church



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 <u>6/30/24</u>	Budget FYE <u>6/30/24</u>	Budget FYE <u>6/30/25</u>
Income:			
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
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Total Operational Income	1,216,679	1,273,525	1,308,630
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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
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Total Operational Expenses	1,432,306	1,341,935	1,334,704
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Expenses in excess of Income	(215,627)	(68,410)	(26,074)
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Other Income and Expenses			
Diocesan Special Collections	28,939	-	-
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)
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Overall Income (Loss)	\$ (254,836)	\$ (23,910)	\$ (8,804)
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Second Collection

This weekend, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement.

This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please consider making a donation.

All donations made at St. Dominic's return to our parish to pay for the friars in retirement.

Thank you for all your generosity!

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**

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**

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



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, 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

- ◆ **Adoration**
Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Altar Servers**
Theodore Diepenbrock - altarservers@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Choirs**
Luke Shalz - lshalz@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**
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- ◆ **Hospitality**
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- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**
Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com
- ◆ **Mothers Ministry**
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- ◆ **Lectors Ministry**
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Ann Espinosa - lazarus@stdombenicia.org
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- ◆ **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
Brianna Dela Cruz—bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**
Tom Carroll- svdp@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**
Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org
- ◆ **Ushers**
Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – ushers@stdombenicia.org

Please join us at the festival September 15th 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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St. Dominic School

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Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK) tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org	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@dre.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.

**Please support the following businesses owned by members of our parish community.
Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

<p>A & S Chem Dry, Anthony & Shelly Trevino Serving St. Dominic's Parish for over 25 years! (707) 748-7726</p>	<p>Tim & Jeannie Hamann Foundation fightcancer@hamannfoundation.org Tax ID#47-2189766 hamannfoundation.org</p>	<p>Reyes Electric Co. & Design LIC#32877 Residential/ Commercial (707) 747-6818</p>
<p>A & S Chem Dry - Drier. Cleaner. Healthier. Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning (707) 748-7726 Tile & Stone Clean & Seal</p>	<p>Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.</p>	<p>Sarita's Garden Consulting www.saritasdrygardenconsulting.com (707) 347-9411 First step in gardening!</p>
<p>Accident Attorney Mark Basil Pappas, Esq. (707) 567-8206 mbpappaslaw@comcast.net</p>	<p>Kindred Spirits Pet/House Sitting Dorothy Doscher (707) 334-3776</p>	<p>Shutters and More Bill Simpson, Parishioner (707) 746-8187</p>
<p>Al Caruso Insurance - No Medical Required Life Insurance - Guaranteed Issue age 50-85 (510) 207-4640 Lic#0191914</p>	<p>Law Offices of Barnum & Avila Employment Law (707) 745-3747, www.rmblaw.com</p>	<p>St. Dominic's Cemetery Lisa Sarnicola, Sales Manager (707) 751-0527</p>
<p>All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center FD2286 Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation & Burial. (707)-644-5209 cfcsSacramento.org</p>	<p>Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice (707) 553-7360</p>	<p>Teresa Stone - Notary Services tstone@stdombenicia.org (707) 330-0773</p>
<p>Amso Healthy Chiropractic 310 Military West (707) 752-2990</p>	<p>Minuteman Press Copy, Print, Posters & Banners (707) 647- 1000, 812 Tennessee St,Vallejo</p>	<p>Tuolumne Street Auto Repair John McLaughlin, Parishioner (707) 648-3434</p>
<p>ATS Tax & Financial Solutions Tax Angels to your rescue! Returns/ QB (707) 745-1040</p>	<p>Mr. Lawn Landscape Service Landscaping, Maintenance & Installation (707) 747-5273</p>	<p>Up2Code Plumbing Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714</p>
<p>Crane Station, Inc. Rex Sevilla—Crane and Electrical Services (800) 891-3888</p>	<p>Napoli Pizza and Pasta Chris & Lisa Guerrero- Owners (707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com</p>	<p>Warring & Assoc. Realtors Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990</p>
<p>Caregiver - Trained - Seeking New Clients You or someone you know need assistance? (707) 330-2941 Contact Gigi</p>	<p>Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602</p>	<p>Tim Wright - Carpentry Work 30 years Exp - References Available (707) 319-5357</p>
<p>Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061</p>	<p>Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130</p>	
<p>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST</p>	<p>SEPT 01: Building Improvement SEPT 08: Priests' Retirement SEPT 08: SDS Tuition Assistance</p>	<p>SEPT 15: Building Improvement SEPT 22: Faith Formation SEPT 29: St. Vincent de Paul</p>

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