

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

**“You are my inheritance,
O Lord!”**



Honoring Our Veteran's



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/16	5:00 p.m.	(R) Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Xavier
Sun	11/17	7:30 a.m.	(R) Zenaida Dizon
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Marina Macaraeg
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Engleberto Villanueva
Mon	11/18	6:45 a.m.	(R) David Barnhardt
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Mary Pokladowski
Tues	11/19	6:45 a.m.	(R) Helen Sapp
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Fr. Corwin Low, O.P.
Wed	11/20	6:45 a.m.	(R) Leonor Cueto
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Kahtleen Snider
Thurs	11/21	6:45 a.m.	(R) Paul Arsen Paguirigan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Chris Reynolds
Fri	11/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Orveline Frisbie
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Peace in Lebanon
Sat	11/23	8:15 a.m.	(R) Precillo & Lina Galana
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Leonor Cueto
Sun	11/24	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) John Versace
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Apolonia De Joya
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Francis Lagrimas

Legend:

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

January 2025 Intentions Opens December 3

**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:**

Barbara Peck, David Barnhardt, Jane Gasper, Renato Duey, Margaret McClune O.P.L., Fr. Donald Bramble, O.P., Helen Sapp, Cindy Tarantino, Dolores Franko, Nina Hurst, Rita Schneider, Martha Parada de Reid, Lucita Rios, Marta Leda Aversano Franchini, Dorothy Szabo, Siddiq (Steve) Kilkenny

*~names will be listed approximately 3 months
as space allows~*



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Pastor's Corner



This past Wednesday, we had a daily mass Gospel reading that was fun for me to preach on for our school kids. The reading was from Luke 17, and in it, as Jesus enters a village, ten lepers call out to him begging for a healing, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Jesus responds by telling them to show themselves to the priest, which was part of the prescribed ritual for being declared clean and acceptable back in their communities. On their way to the priest, the ten lepers are healed. Upon discovery of the healing, one of the lepers, a Samaritan, before showing himself to the priest, returns to Jesus in order to glorify God. The other nine lepers presumably continue on their way to the priest to be declared clean and receive admission back into their communities. When the Samaritan returns to show his gratitude to Jesus, Our Lord responds, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" In my homily, I pointed out to our kids that all ten lepers were happy to show proper respect to Jesus when they wanted something from him. Once they got their wish, however, they were not so concerned with showing him proper gratitude. Scripture does not say what the other nine did from that point onward, but I would not be surprised if they just reentered their communities and went back to what life-as-usual was before they got leprosy. I cautioned our youngsters that, as believers, we often become very "devout" toward God when we are in some sort of crisis and mindful of our need for God's help. When the crisis subsides, however, it is typical to slide back into treating Our Lord as a low priority. I remarked to the kids that doing this was like being an opportunistic 'friend' in general – like a classmate who is really friendly when he wants to copy your biology notes but blows you off once he has gotten the good grade he coveted, thanks to your help. Truly growing in friendship with God requires making an effort on our part to build the friendship both during the difficult times, as well as the days when it seems everything in life is happening in our favor. This is the sort of friendship in general that is able to help us to love more deeply and selflessly. Being good-time-only friends keeps us stunted in terms of how we relate to others. Let us strive to grow in deeper friendship with Our Lord. It can only help us to be better friends with each other as well!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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Upcoming Events

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

Advent Wreath Workshop

Friday, November 22
7:00 p.m.
Mary Magdalene Room

Thanksgiving & Office Hours

Closing at noon, Wednesday, November 27
Closed on Thursday & Friday
November 28 & 29

SVdP Giving Tree

Ornaments Available Starting
Saturday, November 30

Celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 7
Church & Parish Hall

St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 am
St. Dominic's Cemetery

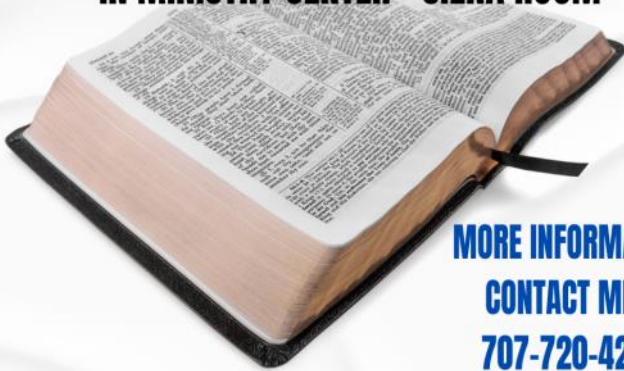
Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 14
First Street



ALL MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
EVERY FRIDAY | 5-30 PM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM



MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MIKE
707-720-4287



Women's Bible Study

A Quick Journey Through the Bible

Mondays

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



ST. DOMINIC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
TREE LOT

OPENS THE 1ST
SATURDAY OF DECEMBER

SAT - SUN 10AM-7PM
FRIDAYS 2PM-7PM

935 EAST 5TH STREET
BENICIA, CA 94510

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Celebration of
Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday - December 7

6:00 a.m. Mañanitas

1:45 p.m. Mariachi & Procession

2:00 p.m. Mass & Dinner

Dinner Ticket Information Contact:
guadalupeana@stdombenicia.org



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF WINE AND ADVENT WREATH MAKING. PLEASE RSVP FOR YOUR SUPPLIES. SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.



NOVEMBER 22, 2024
7:00PM - 9:00PM
MARY MAGDALENE ROOM

CONTACT: MOTHERS@STDOMSBENICIA.ORG

Christmas Youth Choir

Join the Christmas Youth Choir at St. Dominic's!

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, and for our church musicians, it's also a time to prepare special music for the Christmas season. This year, St. Dominic's is inviting children ages 6 and up to join a special *Christmas Youth Choir* to sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass!

Led by Ms. Maddie Burmann and accompanied by our parish music director, Luke Shalz, the choir will perform familiar carols, learn new music selections, and discover the joy of singing God's praise as part of an ensemble.

Rehearsal Schedule

Weekly rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the church, starting December 4th and continuing through the week before Christmas. There will also be a final rehearsal on Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m., before the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

If your child is interested in participating, please contact Ms. Maddie Burmann at MadelineBurmann@gmail.com



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 707-771-1384 (Mike) or 925-876-3190 (Sara)

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



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ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
 BENICIA, CA

2023-2024 FY Report

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

Thank You For Making A Difference!



Preventing Homelessness

- Rental/Housing Assistance
 - 58 Families Helped (\$44,677)
- PG&E/Water Assistance
 - 104 Families Helped (\$43,830)
- Home Visits
 - 124 in person visits to assess, support, pray and refer as needed



Grocery Deliveries and Personal Encounters

- Grocery Delivery Monday - Friday
 - 758 Deliveries
 - 2266 Individuals helped
- Dennis Garvey Holiday Dinner Box Program
 - 451 total dinners/grocery certificates delivered for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas
 - Christmas gifts provided to 146 children and 80 low income seniors



Special Projects

- Prison Ministry - Solano County
 - Sweatsuits provided for 76 newly released returning citizens (who are often released in paper clothes)
- Hope In Action
 - Helping 2 neighbors with tuition and school expenses
- Backpack Project
 - Provided school supplies to SDS scholarship Students



Disaster Relief

- \$2,000 to stock Emergency Preparedness Shed for Benicia residents
- \$2,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento for fire Disaster Relief



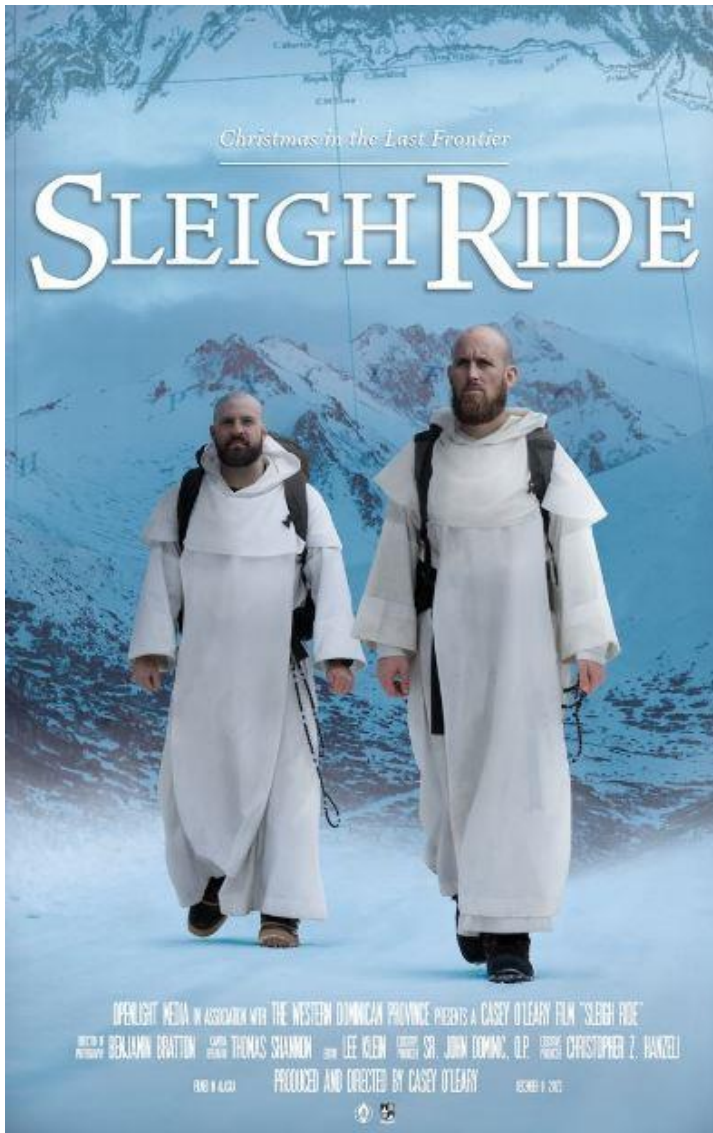
Financials

- Income: \$174,048
- Expenses: \$145,936
 - Operating Expenses: \$8,277 (4.8% of revenue)
 - Those We Serve in Benicia: \$137,659

✉ svdp@stdombenicia.org

☎ 707-746-1773
Grocery Delivery

☎ 707-200-4940
Financial Assistance



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Thank you for helping our neighbors in need of food for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Thanksgiving food boxes were delivered to **195 Families** in Benicia on Saturday.

The Giving Tree will go up on Saturday, November 30th! Please take an ornament and buy the gift, wrap it and bring it back by the deadline. Each ornament will have instructions. These gifts will be delivered to local families on December 21st.



St. Vincent de Paul

Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and get involved this holiday season and beyond! To learn more about these events, our ministry, or to get involved contact svdp@stdombenicia.org

Please help us stock our pantry. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, etc.

If you know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call **707-746-1773**.

Christmas in the Last Frontier

December 17, 2024 | 7 p.m.

Rheem Theatre

350 Park St, Moraga, CA 94556

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

7 p.m. - Doors Open and Refreshments

8 p.m. - Screening Begins

8:30 p.m. - Q&A with

the Filmmakers & Dominicans

Advanced ticket purchase required. No tickets at the door.

About the Film

With beautiful cinematography, this inspiring short film chronicles the experiences of two Dominican Friars as they spend 28 hours crossing the frozen Alaskan landscape to bring Christmas Mass to the faithful.

Please do not contact the theatre regarding tickets or event details. This is a private event, and tickets can only be purchased through this website.

<https://www.sleighridefilm.com/>

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Giving

- Access to online giving
- Quick and convenient
- Help support our parish with the tap of a button

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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
- ◆ **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**
 Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Guadalupana Association**
 Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Hospitality**
 Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**
 Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com
- ◆ **MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood**
 Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Lectors Ministry**
 Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Lazarus Ministry**
 Ann Espinosa - lazarus@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council**
 Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
 Brianne Dela Cruz—bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**
 Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**
 Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org
- ◆ **Ushers**
 Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – 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
Religious Education Office Hours
 Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Parish Staff

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| Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P.
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| Scott Schilz
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| Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. | Maintenance |
| Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P. | In Residence / Retired
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| Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade)
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| Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)
tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org | Preschool Director |

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-10/31/24			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 141,288		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 192,437		
	\$ 333,725	\$ 336,000	\$ (2,275)
Second Collections:			
Building Improvement	\$ 14,859	\$ 13,333	\$ 1,526
Faith Formation	\$ 3,997	\$ 3,567	\$ 430
Total Operating Income	\$ 433,902	\$ 414,043	\$ 19,858
Operating Expenses	\$ 477,891	\$ 444,281	\$ 33,610
Net Income/Loss	\$ (43,990)	\$ (30,238)	\$ (13,752)

