The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King)

November 24, 2024

Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

"The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty."



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

Altar Flowers in Appreciation of St. Dominic's Staff

Mass Intentions



(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:

Maria Kim, Michelle Garcia, Dennis Kolkebeck, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Patricia Butler, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, 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:

Brett Watson, Peter Szabo, Robert (Bob) Haight, 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

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

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Pastor's Corner



In this day and age, we tend to think of Thanksgiving as a secular day, but the feast commemorated by this holiday was certainly more than a secular celebration for the pilgrims in 1621. Those early years for the Puritan settlers on the American continent could

be guite brutal. And they endured that difficulty for the sake of being able to create a society aiming to live out their Christian faith in a way that reflected their view of doing so with full authenticity. No doubt at the first 'Thanksgiving' celebration, the pilgrims had an intensely felt sense of reliance on God, as well as on each other for basic survival. Now centuries later, life is much easier in a material sense. However, that does not necessarily mean it will be easy to spend this Thanksgiving with a mentality of gratitude. While we may have warm homes, running water, cars, plenty to eat and so forth, the holidays can still feel like a chore, depending on our circumstances. Perhaps someone in our family is struggling with loss of employment or with health difficulties and not in the mood to playact pleasantness guests. Maybe we are blue because we have just retired from our career and are grieving the loss of something that formed an important part of our identity for many years. Perhaps we feel anxiety about the family members we will be obligated to spend time around for several hours on this day. If this is the case for any of us, what can help is to consciously treat Thanksgiving as the Christian day of gratitude for survival it was meant to be. We should approach the day with a mentality of thankfulness for our salvation. When we get up in the morning next Thursday, before our feet hit the floor, we should say to God, "Lord, help me to show you gratitude for my salvation by being the best version of myself today." When you arrive at the house where you will celebrate the holiday or when the company arrives at your dwelling, rather than preparing to 'put on a show,' prepare to offer God a gift by trying with the company not to be fake but rather to be the best, most sincere version of you that you can be in that situation. For example, if you find yourself in front of someone you find tiresome, rather than nursing resentment as you feign interest in this person's remarks or fake-laugh at his or her jokes, try saying a prayer for that person. Ask the Lord to help you appreciate your common humanity with him or her. And, again, ask God to help you to make that a gift to him. I am not guaranteeing this will make your Thanksgiving fun, but it can certainly make it soulfilling. And a fuller soul is a more grateful one. Regardless of our situations, we are so blessed to be alive and to know Jesus Christ. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody!

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

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving & Office Hours

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

Advent Stations

Monday, December 2 6:30 p.m. - Church

SVdP Giving Tree Ornaments Available Starting Saturday, November 30

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 7 (See Pg. 3) Church & Parish Hall

St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m. - St. Dominic's Cemetery

Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass Monday, December 9

6:45, 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Parade Saturday, December 14 10:00 a.m. - First Street

Parish Advent Reconciliation Wednesday, December 18 9:00a.m. & 6:30 p.m.





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM



ENJOY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY, WE WILL CONTINUE IN DECEMBER!

> MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE 707-720-4287

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: guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

School News

This past week the 1st and 3rd grades had their annual "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" to celebrate the coming holiday! This is a long standing tradition that all the students will remember for years to come!





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

OPENS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF DECEMBER



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. Meekly rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the church, starting December 4th and continuing through the

from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the church, starting December 4th and continuing through the 7 week before Christmas. There will also be a ועעעעע 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)

Glybal Hyliday Faire

27th Annual Global Holiday Faire December 7th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Vallejo 1035 Indiana Street

FREE ADMISSION Jewelry * Clothing * Plants Ornaments * Nativities * Art **Purses * Scarves * Home Décor** Gift Baskets * Crafts * Baked Goods Lunch in Person & To-Go * More!

Looking for gifts that make you feel good about giving this season? As part of an ecumenical group of Christian Churches, the Faire encourages

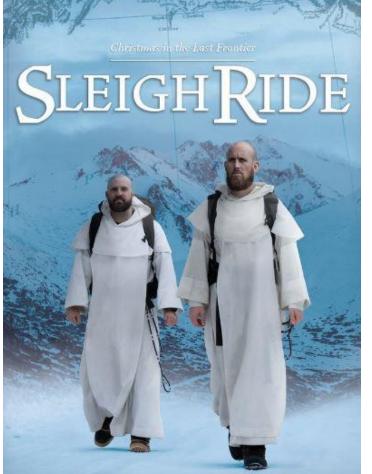
alternative gift- giving by making available donation cards and merchandise made by third world artisans and non-profit social justice organizations. Proceeds support nonprofit organizations.



Questions or to help please visit www.globalholidayfaire.org Www.facebook.com/GlobalHolidayFaire



The Advent Stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Like the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross, these seven Advent "stations" or "stopping points" proivde a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive his Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfillment in Christ, and then a prayer.



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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/



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.

Again, we will ask for your assistance in the delivery of Christmas to our neighbors in need throughout Benicia. Please watch the bulletin for details.



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.**

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- 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**



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

BUDGET

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 Financial Assistance

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 - <u>altarservers@stdombenicia.org</u>

Choirs

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

Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

• Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - <u>guadalupana@stdombenicia.org</u> 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

Amar Lagrimas - lazarus@stdombenicia.org

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Kaitlin Demers ppc@stdombenicia.org
- RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Brianne Dela Cruz—<u>bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org</u>

• St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

• St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - <u>Isarnicola@opwest.org</u>

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 <u>Current Office Hours</u> Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 707.747.7220 <u>Religious Education Office Hours</u> Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Parish Staff**

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Parochial Vicar

Deacon

Business Manager

Music Director

Communications

Dir. of Religious Ed.

Children's Sacraments

RE Admin. Assistant

Liturgy Coordinator Weddings & Quince's

Maintenance In Residence / Retired In Residence / Retired

St. Dominic School 935 East 5th Street, Benicia www.sdschoolbenicia.org 707.745.1266

Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade)
pogden@sdschoolbenicia.orgPrincipalTanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)
tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.orgPreschool Director

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		YTD Actual			YTD Budget	E	+/- Budget
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Online donations	\$	141,288					
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$	192,437					
	\$	333,725	\$	\$	336,000	\$	(2,275)

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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	<u>\$</u>	477,891	<u>\$</u>	444,281	\$ 33,610
Net Income/Loss	\$	(43,990)	\$	(30,238)	\$ (13,752)

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

A & S Chem Dry, Anthony & Shelly Trevino	Tim & Jeannie Hamann Foundation	Reyes Electric Co. & Design LIC#32877
Serving St. Dominic's Parish for over 25 years!	fightcancer@hamannfoundation.org	Residential/ Commercial
(707) 748-7726	Tax ID#47-2189766 hamannfoundation.org	(707) 747-6818
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Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Exams, Glasses, Contacts	www.saritasdrygardenconsulting.com
(707) 748-7726 Tile & Stone Clean & Seal	(707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.	(707) 347-9411 First step in gardening!
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Mark Basil Pappas, Esq.	Dorothy Doscher	Bill Simpson, Parishioner
(707) 567-8206 mbpappaslaw@comcast.net	(707) 334-3776	(707) 746-8187
Al Caruso Insurance - No Medical Required	Law Offices of Barnum & Avila	St. Dominic's Cemetery
Life Insurance - Guaranteed Issue age 50-85	Employment Law	Lisa Sarnicola, Sales Manager
(510) 207-4640 Lic#0191914	(707) 745-3747, www.rmblaw.com	(707) 751-0527
All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center FD2286	Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy	Teresa Stone - Notary Services
Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation & Burial.	Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice	tstone@stdombenicia.org
(707)-644-5209 cfcsSacramento.org	(707) 553-7360	(707) 330-0773
Amso Healthy Chiropractic	Minuteman Press	Tuolumne Street Auto Repair
310 Military West	Copy, Print, Posters & Banners	John McLaughlin, Parishioner
(707) 752-2990	(707) 647- 1000, 812 Tennessee St,Vallejo	(707) 648-3434
ATS Tax & Financial Solutions Tax	Mr. Lawn Landscape Service	Up2Code Plumbing
Angels to your rescue! Returns/ QB	Landscaping, Maintenance & Installation	Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service
(707) 745-1040	(707) 747-5273	(707) 751-1714
Crane Station, Inc.	Napoli Pizza and Pasta	Warring & Assoc. Realtors
Rex Sevilla–Crane and Electrical Services	Chris & Lisa Guerrera- Owners	Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St.
(707)333-6287	(707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com	(707) 746-6990
Caregiver - Trained - Seeking New Clients	Olson Realty, Inc.	Tim Wright - Carpentry Work
You or someone you know need assistance?	Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker	30 years Exp - References Available
(707) 330-2941 Contact Gigi	(707) 745-3602	(707) 319-5357
Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061	Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER	DEC 08: Immaculate Conception DEC 08: SDS Tuition Assistance DEC 08: Retired Religious Fund	DEC 15: Building Improvement DEC 25: Christmas JAN 01: Solemnity of Mary

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