

# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52

“Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.”



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



## Altar Flowers for the Holy Family Mass Intentions



Sat	12/28	5:00 p.m.	(P) Donna Ernst
Sun	12/29	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Monique Hull
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Cortez Family Members
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Noe Soria
Mon	12/30	6:45 a.m.	(R) Peter Szabo
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Barbara Jean Piepho
Tues	12/31	6:45 a.m.	(T) Hampton Family
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Emiliano De Joya
		6:00 p.m.	(R) Paul Draper
		11:00 p.m.	(T) Dominican Friars of Benicia
Wed	01/01	<b>Happy New Year! 2025</b>	
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Thurs	01/02	6:45 a.m.	(R) Bob Haight
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Brett Watson
Fri	01/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Edgar Caldo
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Peter Szabo
Sat	01/04	8:15 a.m.	(R) Brett Watson
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	01/05	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Joe Lucero
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Bob Haight
		1:00 p.m.	(H) Rigoberto Alvarez

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:



Evangeline Chua, Neil Black, 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:

Paul Draper, Stanley Mellor, Peter Boss, Carol Keating, Gladys Mitchell, Brett Watson, Peter Szabo, Carol Burch, Robert (Bob) Haight, Barbara Peck, David Barnhardt, Jane Gasper, Renato Duey, Margaret McClune O.P.L., Fr. Donald Bramble, O.P.,

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



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## Pastor's Corner



I hope you are enjoying this Christmas Season! What a cause to rejoice! As the angels proclaimed to the shepherds in the Gospel of Luke, glory to God in the highest, and peace to those on whom his favor rests! He came to save us from our sins by atoning for them through his Passion and death, and

restoring our nature to God through his Resurrection. Jesus brings the various aims of our lives into alignment with the ultimate purpose of human life – to know and love God fully. This, of course, will enable us to love each other fully as well. None of it can happen without the rebirth of our souls Jesus came to accomplish, which happens for us through baptism. Through that rebirth of our souls, enabling us to be a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, we are able to be soldiers in Christ's victory over Satan. This, believe it or not, is quite relevant to the angels' message to the shepherds. Matthew describes those angels as the "Heavenly host," 'host' being a military term. Our membership on the side of Heaven's battle against evil is what ensures we will share in Christ's peace. It is a battle he has already won, a victory that was set forth with his incarnation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also, Joseph, in keeping Mary and the baby Jesus safe from King Herod, played a role in bringing about this successful victory. God willed for it to take a family, a very holy family to carry out his will for saving humanity. What an important truth to remember as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday! The feast reminds us that the family is an essential building block for a healthy and holy society. For us as Catholics, the family is considered the 'domestic church,' which is meant to be the primary source of catechesis. This is key to what can enable the family to play a crucial role in Christ's victory over evil in our world. With that in mind, let us spend this week reflecting on different ways we can strengthen our own families. Many of us are either staying with family or have members of our families staying with us for the Christmas Season. This provides us occasion to put the goal of strengthening family into practice. Depending on the state of your family, that can be a difficult task! But it is a task that is worth the effort. Family is supposed to be a school of charity. When it functions this way successfully, it can be a means by which we are lifted up and lift others up as well. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us strive to strengthen each other as a parish family to radiate the love of Christ to each other and our neighbors in an effort to grow the family of the Body of Christ!

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

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas Office Hours Office is Closed

Tuesday, December 31  
Wednesday, January 1, 2025

### New Year's Eve (Vigil) Mass

Tuesday, December 31  
6:00 & 11:00 p.m.

### New Year's Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Wednesday, January 1, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

### School Returns from Christmas Break

January 7

### Santa Niño Votive Mass

Saturday, January 11  
10:00 a.m.

Reception to Follow in the Hall

### Baking Sunday

Sunday, January 19  
After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses  
Parish Hall

### Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 26 - February 1  
Open House - Sunday, January 26  
Watch for More Details

## VOTIVE MASS

In Honor of the Divine Infant Jesus Mahal na Poong Santo Niño

*Mahal na Poong  
Sto. Nino de Tondo  
Maawa Ka sa amin!*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

Followed by Reception in the Hall

Please bring all your  
images of the Santo Niño  
for a yearly blessing after  
the Mass.



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# 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**  
 Maria Padrones - [gabriel@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gabriel@stdombenicia.org)
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 Patricia Chavez - [guadalupana@stdombenicia.org](mailto:guadalupana@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Hospitality**  
 Kristina Ruiz - [hospitality@stdombenicia.org](mailto:hospitality@stdombenicia.org)
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**  
 Dan Swienton - [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)
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 Amar Lagrimas - [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  
**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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| <b>Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P.</b><br>frandy@stdombenicia.org | <b>Pastor</b>  |
| <b>Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P.</b><br>gliu@stdombenicia.org   | <b>Parochial Vicar</b>   |
| <b>Mike Scafani</b><br>mscafani@stdombenicia.org        | <b>Deacon</b>  |
| <b>Teresa Stone</b><br>tstone@stdombenicia.org          | <b>Business Manager</b>  |
| <b>Luke Shalz</b><br>lshalz@stdombenicia.org            | <b>Music Director</b>  |
| <b>Lori Telepak</b><br>ltelepak@stdombenicia.org        | <b>Communications</b>  |
| <b>Brianne Dela Cruz</b><br>bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org  | <b>Dir. of Religious Ed.</b>                                   |
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| <b>Delores Rodriguez</b><br>drodriguez@stdombenicia.org | <b>RE Admin. Assistant</b>                                     |
| <b>Justin Reyes</b><br>jreyes@stdombenicia.org          | <b>Liturgy Coordinator</b>                                     |
| <b>Scott Schilz</b><br>sschilz@stdombenicia.org         | <b>Weddings &amp; Quince's</b>                                 |
| <b>Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.</b>                         | <b>Maintenance</b>   |
| <b>Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.</b>                          | <b>In Residence / Retired</b><br><b>In Residence / Retired</b> |

# St. Dominic School

935 East 5th Street, Benicia  
[www.sdschoolbenicia.org](http://www.sdschoolbenicia.org) 707.745.1266

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|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade)</b><br>pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org | <b>Principal</b>          |
| <b>Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)</b><br>tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org   | <b>Preschool Director</b> |

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-11/30/24			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>			
Online donations	\$ 176,053		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 235,025		
	\$ 411,078	\$ 420,000	\$ (8,922)
<b>Second Collections:</b>			
Building Improvement	\$ 18,586	\$ 16,667	\$ 1,919
Faith Formation	\$ 4,686	\$ 4,458	\$ 228
Total Operating Income	\$ 525,659	\$ 516,679	\$ 8,979
Operating Expenses	\$ 618,349	\$ 554,727	\$ 63,623
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (92,691)</b>	<b>\$ (38,048)</b>	<b>\$ (54,643)</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>Passalacqua Funeral Chapel</b> John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130</p>
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<p><b>All Souls Cemetery &amp; Funeral Center FD2286</b> Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation &amp; Burial. (707)-644-5209 cfcsSacramento.org</p>	<p><b>Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy</b> Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice (707) 553-7360</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>Up2Code Plumbing</b> Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714</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>Olson Realty, Inc.</b> Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602</p>	<p><b>Tim Wright - Carpentry Work</b> 30 years Exp - References Available (707) 319-5357</p>
<p><b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER</b></p>	<p>DEC 08: Immaculate Conception DEC 08: SDS Tuition Assistance DEC 08: Retired Religious Fund</p>	<p>DEC 15: Building Improvement DEC 25: Christmas JAN 01: Solemnity of Mary</p>

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

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