

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10:34-38
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

“The Lord will bless his people with peace.”



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



Altar Flowers Offered in Memory of Elisa Oregel



Mass Intentions

Sat	01/11	5:00 p.m.	(R) Brett Watson
Sun	01/12	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Virgilio Austria
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Brett Watson
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Elisa Oregel
		1:00 p.m.	(H) Rigoberto Alvarez
Mon	01/13	6:45 a.m.	(R) Felicidad Ang
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Fr. Walter Mayer
Tues	01/14	6:45 a.m.	(R) Nelson Maranan
		8:15 a.m.	(H) Rigoberto Alvarez
Wed	01/15	6:45 a.m.	(B) Consuelo Ingle
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Consuelo Ingle
Thurs	01/16	6:45 a.m.	(B) Myrna Bernabe
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Mark & Martha Cho & Family
Fri	01/17	6:45 a.m.	(T) Andrea Hill
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Theresa Calonsag
Sat	01/18	8:15 a.m.	(R) Joao & Joaquin Da Silva
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Pramod Prasad
Sun	01/19	7:30 a.m.	(R) Tony James
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Justo Garcia
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Leo & Ricardo Salceda

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. Andraquin, 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:

Irmengard Carr, 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



This past week, we had a daily mass reading from 1 John, Chapter Four in which John offers quite a reality check on what is required for truly loving God. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he

has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother." John here is basically saying that as a way of doing quality control on your love of God, reflect on how well you love your neighbor. How well we love our neighbors can tell us something about how well we actually love God. I find this truth sobering because while we may find our fellow Christians difficult to love, loving God can seem comparatively easy because we do not interact with him in the flesh the way we do with our neighbors. And if we are not careful, this easy love of God can be a form of projecting our preferences onto our idea of God in order to make him easier to love. When this happens, it is really ourselves we are loving more than God. We may call that projection of our preferences by the name of God, but what it really is is a kind of imaginary friend. That having been stated, let's face it, loving one's fellow Christians can feel rather difficult at times. One insight that has always helped me, however, is something I heard Father Michael Hurley say in a homily back when I was a vocation candidate for the Dominicans. He pointed out that people often confuse love between people for mutual affability. Loving someone requires willing the good of that person, regardless of whether or not the two of you hit it off socially. You do not need to like people to love them. This can make it easier to love our enemies. When it comes to such an enemy, try simply saying, "Lord, please help this person to repent of whatever this person needs to repent of in order to obtain your salvation, just like I want your salvation. I remember when I had become a novice and visited Saint Dominic's in Benicia to give my vocation story, I brought up that previous homily to Father Michael who was the pastor here at that point in time. He smiled and said, "Yeah, just think of Jesus when he was being crucified by the Roman soldiers. Jesus certainly loved those soldiers, but I don't think he felt like spending vacations with them." Let us all strive to love God by imitating the way he loved others, which wasn't driven by mutual affability, but rather by willing the good of his neighbors – both the fun ones and those less so!

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

TODAY! Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, January 12
After All Morning Masses
Parish Hall

Women's Bible Study

Mondays, Resuming January 13
Formed.org Lectio: Mark
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center/Siena Rom

Baking Sunday

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

25th Annual Walk for Life

Saturday, January 25
11:00 a.m. Info Session
12:30 p.m. Rally
San Francisco - Civic Center

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 26 - February 1
Mass & Open House - Sunday, January 26
9:00 a.m. Mass - CSW Kick-off
10:00 a.m. Open House (Parish Hall & School)

Knights of Columbus Crab Feed

Saturday, February 1
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

SDS Crab Feed

Saturday, February 15
6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Vilarrasa Council #7268

Breakfast

Sunday

January 12th

After Morning Masses Parish Hall





PILGRIMS OF HOPE

DECEMBER 24, 2024 - JANUARY 6, 2026

FOR WHAT DO WE HOPE?

TO SEE GOD.

TO BE LIVING STONES IN HIS TEMPLE.

TO UNITE ALL CREATION IN CHRIST.



“Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us”
(Rom 5:1-2.5).

Join us in living the **Jubilee Year** called by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The Jubilee Year is an opportunity for every Catholic in our Diocese to make real our call to be **Pilgrims of Hope** in Northern California.

12 PILGRIMAGE PARISH SITES

- ✦ **St. Dominic’s Parish - Benicia**
- ✦ St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Sacramento
- ✦ St. James Parish - Davis
- ✦ Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Sac
- ✦ Holy Trinity Parish - El Dorado Hills
- ✦ St. Lawrence Parish - North Highlands
- ✦ St. Clare Parish - Roseville
- ✦ St. Isidore Parish - Yuba City
- ✦ St. Patrick Parish - Grass Valley
- ✦ Sacred Heart Parish - Susanville
- ✦ Sacred Heart Parish - Anderson
- ✦ Holy Cross Parish - Tulelake

PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Soto has designated **12 Pilgrimage Sites** for the Jubilee Year and encourages all Catholics to make a pilgrimage and visit these sites and to reflect and pray upon the three diocesan themes for the Jubilee. Partial and plenary indulgences can be earned for pilgrimage and/or practice.

St. Dominic’s, Benicia is honored to be chosen as one of the 12 Pilgrimage Sites!
<https://www.scd.org/Jubilee2025>

MARK YOUR VISIT

Once you have visited the pilgrimage site and spent some time in prayer, place the sticker on the corresponding location in the Jubilee brochure. Brochures and sticker sheets are available (one per family) in the church. We have a prayerful place designated for pilgrims at the Altar of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Also, please take a picture or a selfie and share it on social media with hashtags **#hopefulpilgrims** and **#stdombenicia**



ST. DOMINIC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

MASS: 9:00 AM

OPEN HOUSE: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

- ✓ A WASC/WCEA Accredited PK - 8th Grade Catholic School
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Confirmation Preparation



On Monday, Jan 6, Our Confirmation Prep Years 1 & 2 Teens gathered together for Eucharistic Adoration with the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered during this Holy Hour. It was a beautiful and prayerful evening to witness the youth adore Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. This night also served as preparation for our Year 2 teens as they receive the Sacrament this Spring.

Please keep our Year 2 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this week as they prepare for their Retreat on Jan 18, 2025! May God pour out His graces upon them on that day as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



ST. DOMINIC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saturday
February 15, 2025
St. Dominic's Parish Hall
935 East 5th St, Benicia
6:30 PM



TICKETS



Women's Bible Study
 Mondays - Resuming January 13
 6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

Bake a Cake!
 Baking Sunday
 January 19, 2025
 After 9 & 11 a.m.
 Masses

A D O R E
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
 FOR THE FAMILY

Friday, February 7, 2025
 6:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour - Church
 Followed by Potluck Dinner - Ministry Center

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)

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30 PM
 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
 Info Faire: 11:00 AM
 Saturday, January 25, 2025

Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.
 BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info:
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Saturday, January 25
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**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 1**

6:00 PM DOORS OPEN

No Outside Alcohol or Open Flame Warmers Permitted

*All CC Transactions Subject to a 4% Processing Fee
Cash, Check, Zelle or *Credit Card



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
BENICIA, CA

Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. To learn more about our ministry or to help with one of our projects, please contact us at svdp@stdombenicia.org or speak with a Vincentian at one of our events. We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

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 or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with food, then please call us at (707) 746-1773 and leave a message. One of our volunteers will call you back on a weekday. We deliver groceries 5 days/week Monday-Friday.

If you or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with rent, water or PG&E bills, then please call us at (707) 200-4940. If we don't answer, then please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

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**



Part- Time Employment Opportunity

Cemetery Crew

**Ground maintenance part-time
position is available.**

**To learn more, please contact
Danny Cesena at 925.550.5967**

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
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 Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org
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 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
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 Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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St. Dominic School

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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-11/30/24			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 176,053		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 235,025		
	\$ 411,078	\$ 420,000	\$ (8,922)
Second Collections:			
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
Net Income/Loss	\$ (92,691)	\$ (38,048)	\$ (54,643)

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<p>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025</p>	<p>JAN 05: Building Improvement JAN 05: Epiphany JAN 12: Tuition Assistance</p>	<p>JAN 19: Building Improvement JAN 26: Faith Formation</p>

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