

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

“Your words, Lord, are
Spirit and life.”



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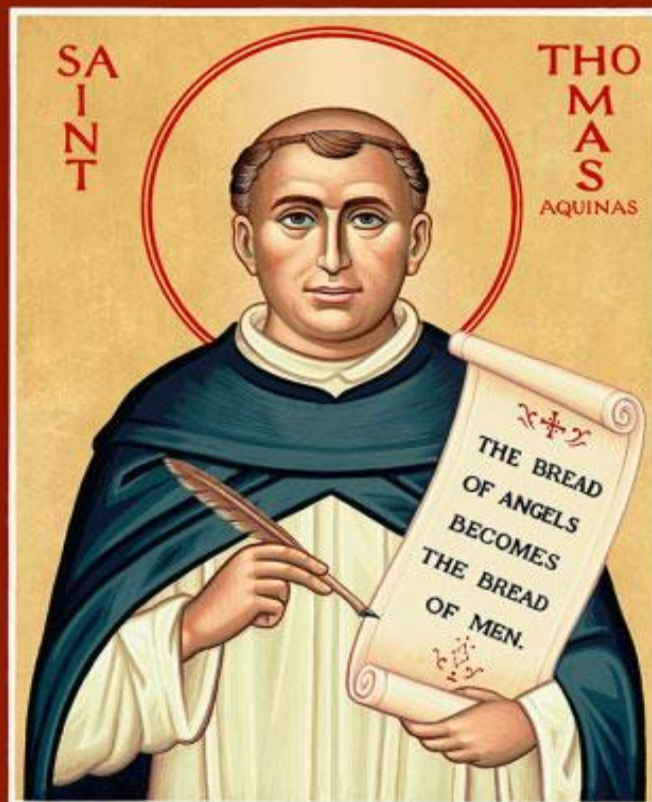
Altar Flowers in Memory of Teodulo P. Panganiban

Mass Intentions

Sat	01/25	5:00 p.m.	(R) Maria Esguerra
Sun	01/26	7:30 a.m.	(R) Teodulo P. Panganiban
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Ralph & Alice Hayes
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Emiliano De Joya
Mon	01/27	6:45 a.m.	(A) Manny & Carol Esguerra
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Dorothy Harty
Tues	01/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Peter Nguyen Duc Van
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Nelson Maranan
Wed	01/29	6:45 a.m.	(R) Monica Sung Nam Han
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Peace in Lebanon & Gaza
Thurs	01/30	6:45 a.m.	(R) Peter Nguyen Duc Van
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Stephen Kumisca
Fri	01/31	6:45 a.m.	(R) Peter Nguyen Duc Van
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Edmundo De Joya
Sat	02/01	8:15 a.m.	(R) Harriet Nonye Anyafulu
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Sun	02/02	7:30 a.m.	(H) Fr. Elias Escanilla
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Connie Reyes
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Michael Diepenbrock
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Frank Werder

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:

Rachel McDonald, Jackie Klare, Evangeline Chua, Neil Black, Maria Kim, Dennis Kolkebeck, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andraikin, 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:

Joan Bade, Shiela Elliott, 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



One of the side-ministry commitments Father Gregory and I have is celebrating monthly masses at Saint Patrick/Saint Vincent High School. This past week, as a way of gearing up for Catholic Schools Week, I celebrated a mass there that included students from

Sacramento's Cristo Rey and Christian Brothers High Schools. The tri-school mass's overall theme was evangelization, and the Gospel reading we had for it was very fitting from Matthew 5. Jesus proclaims, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.'" I pointed out to the teenagers that through this analogy, Jesus was calling them to flavor the culture by allowing his grace to animate how they conducted themselves in it. I cautioned them that it is very easy for us as Christians, rather than flavoring the culture with the Gospel's good news, to instead be flavored by the secular cultural norms, which makes us go proverbially bland. This undermines us as instruments by which Our Lord is able to make himself known to those around us. I told the teens that what makes us especially susceptible to losing our flavor is when we draw our sense of dignity from the vain approval of those around us, rather than God's love for us. It is one of my favorite topics, especially with preteens and teenagers because that is the general age when people really start struggling with that problem. It is quite a powerful difficulty that vexes most of us to some extent. The earlier we learn how to work at overcoming it, the better! I cautioned the kids that if their sense of their own dignity, their ability to feel confident and good about themselves came from the vain approval of their peers, their sense of inner-power would be in the hands of those peers – peers who would be able to give them that sense of inner-power or take it away. By contrast, the extent to which we draw our sense of inner power from God's love for us, that is something no other human being can take away from us if we choose not to let them have it. Of course, expressing that idea through one's speech is a lot easier than actually cultivating it deeply in one's soul. For most us, it ends up being a lifelong project, one that can become more and more successful as we work at growing in our faith. So let's get working at it!

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

Women's Bible Study

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

Men's Bible Study

Fridays
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center/Siena Rom

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)

Hope in His Presence

Eucharistic Adoration with Confession & Reflections
Tuesday, January 28
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Church
Novena starting January 19 after 11:00 a.m.
Continuing after 8:15 a.m. Daily Mass

ADORE - Family Adoration

Friday, February 7
6:00 p.m. - Church

SDS Crab Feed

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

TAX TIME

2024

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<https://www.stdombenicia.org/give>

The advertisement features a blue background with a yellow diagonal stripe. On the right side, there is a partial view of a tax form with a white pen resting on it. The text is in white and yellow. At the bottom right, there is a decorative graphic of three stylized 'X' shapes.



YEAR OF

HOPE



DECEMBER 24, 2024 - JANUARY 6, 2026

To see God. To be living stones in His temple. To unite all creation in Christ.

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. All 12 sites have an anchor for the duration of the Jubilee Year. It is a visible symbol of Jesus' **anchoring** love for all of us and a reminder of our call to be Pilgrims of Hope for the world.

12 PILGRIMAGE PARISH SITES
OF SACRAMENTO DIOCESE

St. Dominic's Parish - Benicia

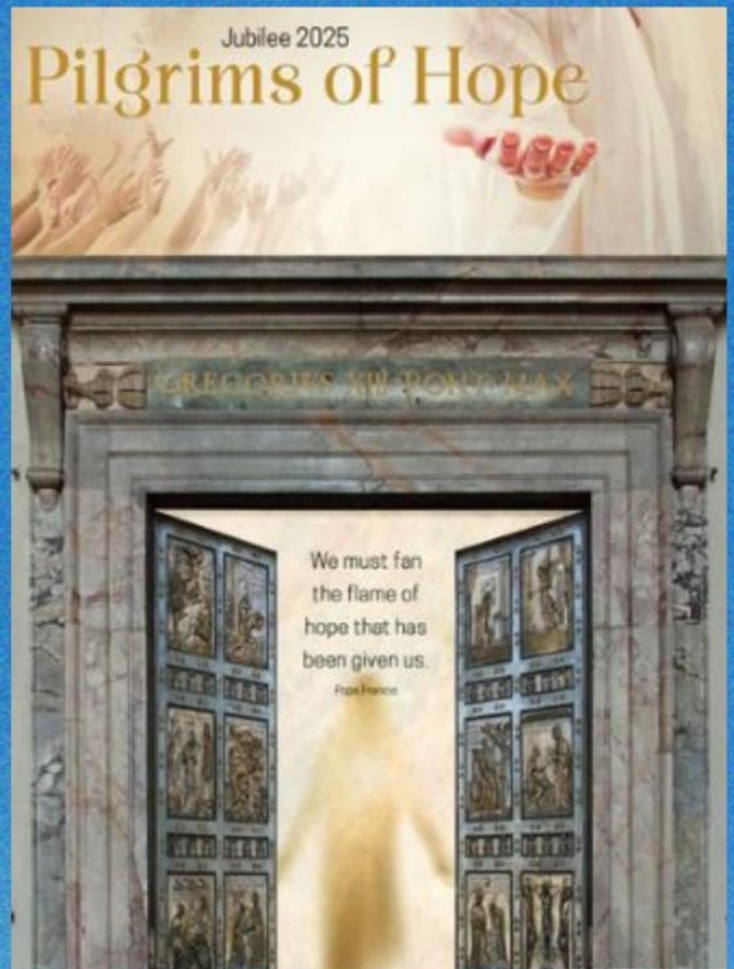
- St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Sacramento
- St. James Parish - Davis
- Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Sac
- Holy Trinity Parish - El Dorado Hills
- St. Lawrence Parish - North Highlands
- St. Clare Parish - Roseville
- St. Isidore Parish - Yuba City
- St. Patrick Parish - Grass Valley
- Sacred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

Scripture reminds us that "We who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." (HEB. 6.18-20)

Hope in His Presence

Tuesday, January 28

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Confession with St. Thomas Aquinas Reflections with a Novena starting Sunday, January 19



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



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

ALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
BIBLE STUDY
 EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM
 RESUMING JANUARY 24

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM

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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.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

MASS: 9:00 AM

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

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ST. DOMINIC
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Saturday

February 15, 2025

St. Dominic's Parish Hall

935 East 5th St, Benicia

6:30 PM

TICKETS



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Lumen Christi

Blessing of the Candles

Saturday, February 1 before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 2 before all Masses

Please bring your candles to be blessed

(keep them with you in the pews)



While many people know the date as Groundhog Day, the celebration of Feb. 2 in the Catholic Church began far earlier than 1887, the year people across the United States started looking for a woodchuck's shadow.

The Catholic feast has many names, including the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, the feast of the Encounter and Candlemas. Nomenclature aside, the feast celebrates the event recorded in Luke 2:22-38: Mary and Joseph's presentation of Jesus in the Temple 40 days after his birth and the response from Anna, the prophetess, and Simeon of Jerusalem. (National Catholic Register) Candles blessed at these Masses are then taken home by the faithful to be used for devotional purposes as a reminder of Christ, the light of the world.

Join St. Vincent de Paul in Supporting LA Fire Relief

The recent fires in Los Angeles have left families, first responders, and entire communities facing unimaginable challenges. Together, we can provide the essential relief they desperately need. While generous donations have helped supply many essentials, critical needs remain. Your contribution will go directly (SVdP-LA) toward purchasing these vital supplies and supporting those most affected. Every dollar counts. Join us in bringing hope and relief to our City of Angels.

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Together, we can help rebuild lives and bring hope to our neighbors. Thank you for your support!



Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Magdalene Room, which is located on the first floor of the ministry center. 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.

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



Cemetery Mass

February 1, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Dominic's Cemetery
5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia

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**

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**
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 Luke Shalz - lshalz@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Consolation/Grief**
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 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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