# The Epiphany of the Lord

**January 5, 2025** 

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."



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#### **Mass Intentions**

Sat Sun	01/04 01/05	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso (T) People of the Parish (B) Joe Lucero (R) Bob Haight
Mon	01/06		(H) Rigoberto Alvarez (R) Sr. In Myong Basillia Lee
IVIOII	0 1/00		(R) Eugene & Marge Nahm
Tues	01/07		(R) Theresa Choi & Don Bosco Ha
			À Rogelio & Josefina Co
Wed	01/08	6:45 a.m. (	(R) Mike Olive
			(R) Luisa Da Silva
Thurs	01/09	6:45 a.m.	(R) Nelson Maranan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Teresa Calonsag
Fri	01/10		(R) Manrique & Natividad Lingad
			(R) Brett Watson
Sat	01/11		(B) Francisco Trujillo
			(R) Brett Watson
Sun	01/12		(T) People of the Parish
			(R) Virgilio Austria
			(R) Brett Watson
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Elisa Oregel
			Legend:

(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

February 2025 Intentions Opens January 2

(R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health (P) Prayerful Intention



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, Gladyne 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~













### **Pastor's Corner**



You may remember that in a Pastor's Corner near the beginning of Advent, I recommended formulating some New Year's resolutions. I encouraged this for Advent because the season marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Given that our prayer at the liturgy should flow into how we live our

lives in general, the start of the liturgical year is a logical time for reflecting on how we want to grow throughout the rest of the twelve months. Have you had a chance to do any of that reflecting? If so, do you have any resolutions you would like to pursue during the coming months? For example, one goal I have pertains to keeping track of the various administrative details I must manage as pastor in a more thorough way. What feels very hopeful to me about this goal is that improvement seems assured if I can just get better at some common-sense habits. An example would be that sometimes I let little tasks fall through the cracks because I did not write them down on my office "To Do List." In other cases, I wrote the task down on my office to-do-list, but I also needed to schedule a little alarm in my phone to remind me to do it at the right moment. These are easy ways to set ourselves up for administrative success, and pretty much all of us know about them. The difference is between those of us who implement them into our lives, and those who do not and continue letting various little-butimportant tasks fall through the cracks. On the topic of habits, another goal I have for this year is getting better at my pronunciation of Spanish when celebrating the Spanish mass. There are certain words in Spanish that I seem to pronounce in a strange way, often with the wrong emphasis on the wrong syllable, even though I technically know how to pronounce them correctly. As an example, even though I know the correct way to pronounce the word "pecados," I always say it with the wrong emphasis when celebrating mass. It is just a goofy little habit I need to break. And in order to help me break it, one of our wonderful volunteers at the Spanish mass is going to be meeting with me on a regular basis to drill proper pronunciation of some of my problem words in Spanish. I have various other personal improvements I will be working toward as pastor this year. Let us all encourage each other in growth this year, and if we help each other stay strong, we are bound to be in a much better state next Christmas!

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

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **TODAY! Doughnuts & Coffee**

Sunday, January 5 Parish Hall

#### **Santa Niño Votive Mass**

Saturday, January 11 10:00 a.m. Reception to Follow in the Hall

#### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Sunday, January 12 After All Morning Masses Parish Hall

#### Women's Bible Study

Mondays, Resuming January 13 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)





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







Benefitting Dominican Student Brothers at St. Albert's Priory



**FEBRUARY 1** 

6:00 PM DOORS OPEN

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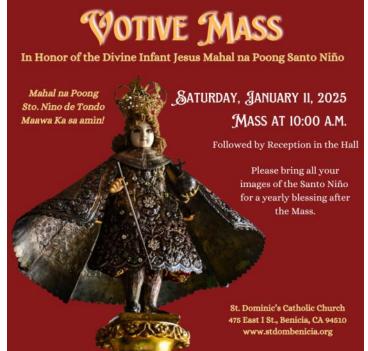
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- Salad & Garlic Bread
- · Pasta & Meatballs
- Dungeness Crab
- Dessert

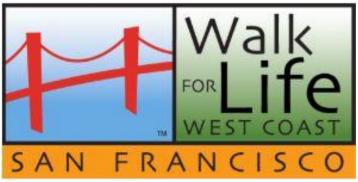
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Cemetery Mass
CANCELLED - No Mass
January 4, 2024

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#### Saturday, January 25

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



# 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).



Rome - Lanciano - Assisi -

#### Turin

Includes:
Flights, Private
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and 2 dinners,
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We will visit:
Major Beasilicas in
Rome, walk through the
Jubilee Door, the Sistine
Chapel, St. Francis
Basilica, Blessed Carlo,
Venerate the First
Eucharistic Miracle,
Venerate the Shroud of
Turin.

Information: Alex Barraza: abarraza@scd.org 916-733-0134



#### **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-Pilgrimage-Sites

#### 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. We will have brochures available next week our church soon!

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





Tradition says that the "Three Kings" were converted and became holy saints. It is said that the Three Kings who traveled to Bethlehem to adore the newborn King were radically changed by the experience and abandoned their pagan ways. According to one account, the Magi traveled to India and were eventually baptized by St. Thomas the Apostle before their deaths. Tradition has since held Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar as "saints," and throughout the centuries various prayers have been composed to them. Below is one such prayer, part of a longer novena to the Magi that is often said in preparation for the feast of Epiphany.

O Holy Magi, you were living in continual expectation of the rising of the Star of Jacob, which would announce the birth of the true Son of justice; obtain for me an increase of faith and charity, and the grace to live in continual hope of beholding, one day, the light of heavenly glory and eternal joy. (Share your request ...) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Roman Ritual provides a strong blessing of Epiphany water that casts out all evil spirits, emphasizing the symbolism of water as a cleansing agent. While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus Sanctifying the waters of Baptism.

This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition.

The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus' baptism and more on the symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels.



Blessing of Epiphany Water Monday, January 6 After the 8:15 a.m. Mass

(Please bring water for the blessings)

#### **Epiphany Water**

It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to invoke the power of God over evil. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies.

-Philip Kosloski

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# St. Vincent de Paul

#### Thanks to you, Christmas was **Merrier for Our Neighbors!**

You made the 2024 Giving Tree Project a wonderful opportunity to share love and create joy. Parishioners and SVdP volunteers delivered gifts to 185 Benicia children (91 families) and \$50 Safeway grocery certificates to 198 Benicia families.

You also made possible 80 each, \$50 Safeway grocery certificates to residents of Benicia's senior home, Casa de Vilarrasa, and 24 gifts to St. Dominic's Gabriel Project. You also spread Christmas love to three Vallejo organizations with 60 gifts to Heartwood Avenue Healthcare, 65 gifts to Springs Road Healthcare and 25 gifts to LAAM (Life.... Abortion Alternative Ministries) and 20 gifts (sweat top & bottoms) to the Solano County Jail Ministry so that people released have something to wear rather than paper clothes.

Your generosity is amazing and so very much appreciated by our neighbors. Thank You and May God Bless You for Your Kindness!

#### 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! To learn more about these events, our ministry, or to get involved contact svdp@gmail.com or 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.



#### **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

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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
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Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
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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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