

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

“Who is this king of glory?
 It is the Lord!”



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	02/01	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
Mon	02/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Irmengard Carr
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Richard Kumisca
Tues	02/04	6:45 a.m.	(R) Teodulo & Iluminada Panganiban
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Aurora Masbad
Wed	02/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Peter Nguyen Duc Van
Thurs	02/06	6:45 a.m.	(H) Cynthia Merric
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Monica Sung Nam Han
Fri	02/07	6:45 a.m.	(R) Deceased Parents of Dominicans
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Diane Dawes
Sat	02/08	8:15 a.m.	(R) John Ruszel
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Rogelio Co
Sun	02/09	7:30 a.m.	(T) For the People
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Brett Watson
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Apolonia De Joya
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Edgardo Vicente

Legend:

(R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health (P) Prayerful Intention
 (A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

March 2025 Intentions Opens February 4

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. 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:

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

~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 Mark 3 in which some 'big-shot' scribes from Jerusalem had arrived where Jesus was preaching to evaluate him. In response to Jesus' successful casting out of demons from people, rather than taking it as a sign of Our Lord's legitimacy,

they give it a negative spin. They accuse Christ of being possessed by a demon and claim that it is by the power of the prince of demons that he casts out demons. Jesus answers back that it would be a counterproductive strategy for the devil to try expanding his own power over God's people by casting his own minions out of those people. He would seem to be undermining his own goals. I think what we can see on the part of the scribes is willful ignorance. They are firmly bent on seeing Jesus as a problem, and so even if they witness Jesus solving problems, like demonic possession, they immediately and viciously concoct and promote the counter-scenario that it is by demonic power that Jesus casts out demons. The Gospel seems to be suggesting that a stubborn disposition is dominating those scribes' mindsets, driving them to recast anything they learn about Jesus, no matter what, into something (anything) that can plausibly fit the narrative they are bent firmly on spreading about Jesus. This sort of willful ignorance ends up being a helpful context for us to understand what Jesus means at the end of the Gospel reading about what he considers an unforgiveable sin. "Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin. For they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'" Since the time of the early church, the Catholic conception of this 'unforgiveable' sin has been understood to be what is called "final impenitence." Through final impenitence, a person goes to his or her grave pridefully and stubbornly refusing Christ's salvation, which, of course, comes to us by way of the Holy Spirit while being rooted in the cross of Christ. Jesus seems to be indicating that the sort of willful ignorance of the Jerusalem scribes, if one persists in it, can lead a person into final impenitence. Clearly, willful ignorance is a dangerous habit! Let us all be on guard against it in the various aspects of our lives!

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

ADORE - Family Adoration

Friday, February 7

6:00 p.m. - Church

SDS Crab Feed

Saturday, February 15

6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

SVdP Hawaii Trip Drawing Ticket Sales

February 15/16 & 22/23

After All Masses - Front of Church

Baking Sunday

Bake a Valentine!

Sunday, February 16

After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses - Parish Hall

President's Day

Monday, February 17

8:15 a.m Mass Only

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5

Masses: 6:45, 8:15 a.m.

4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

A blue and yellow graphic advertisement for tax time. It features the text "TAX TIME" in large white letters, "2024 STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT" in yellow and white, and a URL "https://www.stdombenicia.org/give" and email "ltelepak@stdombenicia.org". The background shows a blurred image of a tax form and a pen.

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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.

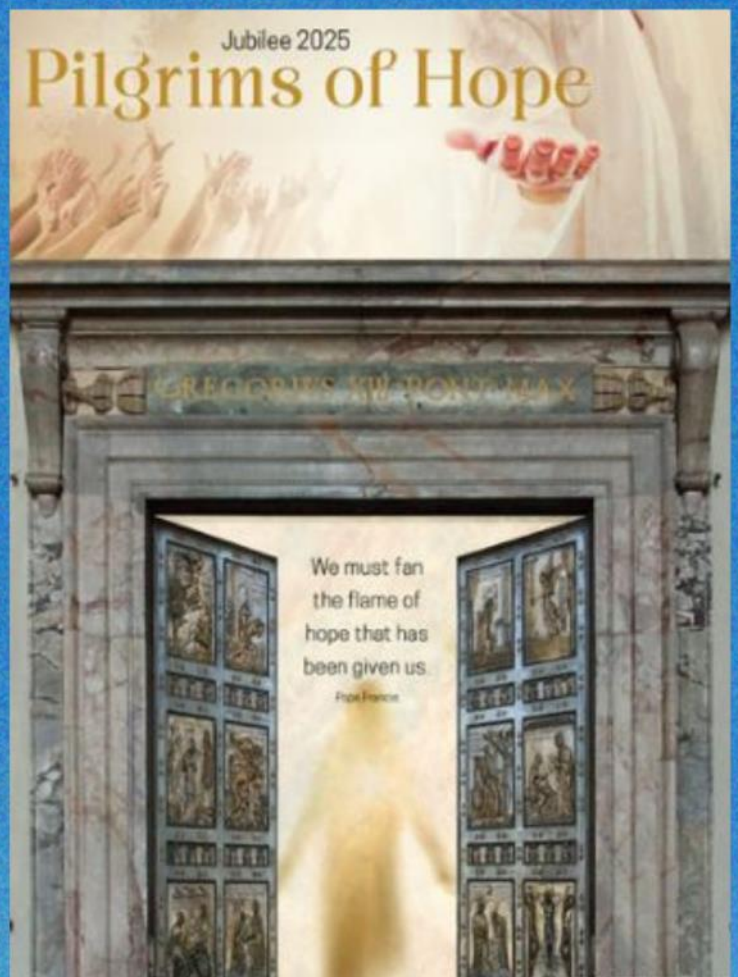
12 PILGRIMAGE PARISH SITES
OF SACRAMENTO DIOCESE

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)

Post your pictures
with these hashtags!
#stdombenicia
#hopefulpilgrims



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

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

Bake a Valentine!
 Baking Sunday
 February 16, 2025
 After 9 & 11 a.m.
 Masses

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

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM**

**MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT MIKE
 707-720-4287**

WIN A TRIP TO MAUI!



**Ticket Sales After
 All Masses
 February 15/16 & 22/23**



Tickets \$10
**90% of each ticket
 supports Benicia's poor!**

Grand Prize: 7days/6 nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa (Value \$6,000)
 Includes: Airfare for two (\$1500 max), Hertz Rental Car (\$500 Voucher), and \$1,000 American Express Gift Card

Drawing: April 25, 2025 Need not be present to win.
 If you are interested in purchasing 10 or more tickets in advance,
 please contact us at svdp@stdombenicia.org



Open houses, Masses, special events to mark local celebrations for Catholic Schools Week 2024



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



This week we hosted our annual Junior High Science Fair! Congratulations to our winners and great job to all of our students who participated!



Gifts That Continue to Give



During Advent, the students of St. Dominic School happily collected baby diapers and wipes for the newly-born babies who are

supported by our parish's Gabriel Project. We are very



grateful to the students and their families for the continual support and prayers for this ministry. The children help us to remember that every baby born is a Precious Gift from God.



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.

Donate Today: igfn.us/form/ojyUYQ

Text **LAFireRelief25** to **41444**

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.

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**
 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
- ◆ **Guadalupe Association**
 Patricia Chavez - guadalupe@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **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—bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**
 Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**
 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
Religious Education Office Hours
 Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
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Scott Schilz sschilz@stdombenicia.org	Weddings & Quince's
Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.	Maintenance
Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.	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.org	Principal
Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK) tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org	Preschool Director

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/24-12/31/24

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 224,436		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 291,816		
	\$ 516,252	\$ 504,000	\$ 12,252
Christmas	\$ 25,700	\$ 25,000	\$ 700
Second Collections:			
Building Improvement	\$ 22,256	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,256
Faith Formation	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,350	\$ (149)
Total Operating Income	\$ 690,624	\$ 644,315	\$ 46,309
Operating Expenses	\$ 729,335	\$ 664,672	\$ 64,663
Net Income/Loss	\$ (38,711)	\$ (20,357)	\$ (18,354)

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Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

<p>A & S Chem Dry, Anthony & Shelly Trevino Serving St. Dominic's Parish for over 25 years! (707) 748-7726</p>	<p>Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.</p>	<p>Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130</p>
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<p>Crane Station, Inc. Rex Sevilla–Crane and Electrical Services (707)333-6287</p>	<p>Mr. Lawn Landscape Service Landscaping, Maintenance & Installation (707) 747-5273</p>	<p>Teresa Stone - Notary Services tstone@stdombenicia.org (707) 330-0773</p>
<p>Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061</p>	<p>Napoli Pizza and Pasta Chris & Lisa Guerrero- Owners (707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com</p>	<p>Tuolumne Street Auto Repair John McLaughlin, Parishioner (707) 648-3434</p>
<p>Tim & Jeannie Hamann Foundation fightcancer@hamannfoundation.org Tax ID#47-2189766 hamannfoundation.org</p>	<p>North Point Pest Solutions Inc. Pest Control Services BENICIA (707) 621-0003</p>	<p>Up2Code Plumbing Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714</p>
	<p>Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602</p>	<p>Warring & Assoc. Realtors Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990</p>
<p>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2025</p>	<p>FEB 02: Building Improvement FEB 09: SDS Tuition Assistance FEB 16: Building Improvement FEB 23: Faith Formation</p>	

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