

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Luke 6:27-38

“The Lord is kind and merciful.”



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

Altar Flowers Offered for the Birthday of Rob Lustan

Mass Intentions

Sat	02/22	5:00 p.m.	(R) Timmy D. Cullen
Sun	02/23	7:30 a.m.	(R) Aurea Belen Paras
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Luis Alberto Mendez
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	02/24	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jose & Leovigilda Callao
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Callixto & Visitacion Ereno
Tues	02/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joan Bade
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Kathy Keemoon Lee
Wed	02/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Hideliza Faraon
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
Thurs	02/27	6:45 a.m.	(R) Timmy Cullen
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Diane Dawes
Fri	02/28	6:45 a.m.	(B) Rob Lustan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Margarita & Ricardo Pagao
Sat	03/01	8:15 a.m.	(P) The Holy Father, Pope Francis
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Joseph Bettencourt
Sun	03/02	7:30 a.m.	(R) Sheila Elliot
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Alex Espinosa
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Departed Sarte Family Members
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

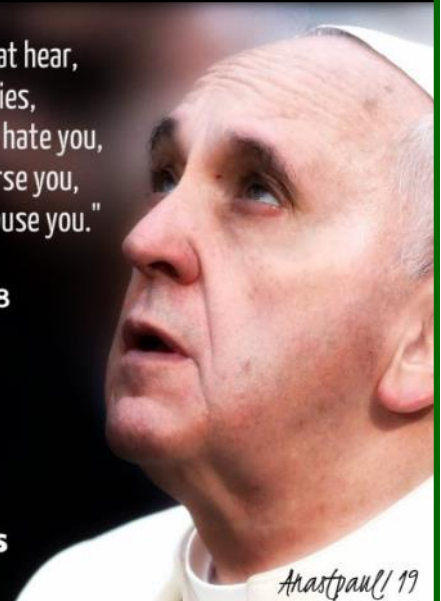
Legend:

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

“Lord, give them Your blessing and teach me to love them. Let us think of one enemy and pray for them. May the Lord give us the grace to love them.”

“But I say to you that hear,
 Love your enemies,
 do good to those who hate you,
 bless those who curse you,
 pray for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28



Pope Francis

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Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:



Marty Garrett, Fred Ayala, Gary Jurien, Grace Engels, Rachel McDonald, Jackie Klare, Evangeline Chua, Neil Black, Maria Kim, Dennis Kolkebeck, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Pauline Soop, Rose Marie Watterson, Elaine Paschal, Maria Bongco, Ramon Dela Cruz, Carol Marsh, Francisco Gan, Dino Tan, Donna Wade, 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

Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

Paul Dacey, Raffaele G. Ruberto, Robert Morgan, Jr., Patricia Butler, Pam Shook, Dr. Joseph “Tony” Matan, Troy Carl, 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



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Pastor's Corner



This past week, we had a daily mass reading from the Gospel of Mark Chapter 8 in which Jesus heals a blind man in the village of Bethsaida in two stages. After guiding the man outside of the village, Jesus puts his own spittle in the man's eyes then lays hands on the man. First, as a side-note, the spittle in the man's eyes can seem rather strange, however, perhaps less odd when we consider that saliva was seen to have medicinal properties in the ancient world. Following Jesus' initial intervention, the blind man reports receiving partial vision. "Looking up the man replied, 'I see people looking like trees and walking.'" Then, after Jesus lays hands on him a second time, the man is able to see clearly. We might wonder what was the point of the two-stage healing? One way to interpret it is to point out that we receive the vision of faith, it is an imperfect vision. As Saint Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 when discussing what it will be to know the God perfectly, "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known." For us as Christians in this world, this is a time of pilgrimage in which we come to know and love the Lord with clearer and clearer vision. As we strive to worship God and live out that worship through acts of charity toward our neighbors, our vision can improve. And the process of growth can develop our ability to see promising ways forward during challenging times. I told our school kids that cultivating that growth required actual exercise of our souls through those acts of charity – not just as an abstract notion but in practice. I compared this dynamic to the kids' sports. If a kid does not practice basketball, when gameday arrives and he has the ball and is facing a bunch of defenders on the opposing team, those defenders can end up seeming like a thicket of trees the player is unable to bypass. The more that player practices, however, the clearer his vision will become in such moments in regard to finding possible routes to dribble the ball past those defenders in order to score another point for his or her team. The next time we find ourselves struggling to show charity, let's try to think of ourselves as spiritual athletes developing greater ability to zoom past our adversary and slam dunk another basket over his head!

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Upcoming Events

SVdP Hawaii Trip Drawing Ticket Sales

February 22/23 - This Weekend!
After All Masses - Front of Church

Women's Bible Study

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

St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner Meeting

Mondays, February 24 & March 3
6:30 p.m. - Parish Office

Men's Bible Study

Fridays
5:30 p.m. - Ministry Center/Siena Rom

Rite of Burning Palms

Saturday, March 1
6:00 p.m. After the Vigil Mass
Courtyard

Grief Series

Saturdays, March 1 - April 5
11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5
Masses: 6:45, 8:15 a.m.
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Stations & Soup Suppers

Fridays, March 7 - April 11
6:00 p.m. Stations - Church
Followed by Soup Supper - Parish Hall

St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, March 15
6:00 p.m. - Benicia Clocktower

St. Joseph's Table Dinner

Wednesday, March 18
5:30 p.m. - Prayer Service
Followed by FREE Dinner - Parish Hall

»»» **TAX TIME** «««
2024

**STATEMENTS
AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT**

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

or email:

ltelepak@stdombenicia.org



WIN A TRIP TO MAUI!



**Ticket Sales After
All Masses
February 22/23
LAST WEEKEND!**



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

Prayer for the Health of His Holiness Pope Francis

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your



loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:17)
We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. (Caritas Jerusalem)

Rite of Burning Palms to Ashes

Saturday, March 1

6:00 p.m.

Following 5:00 p.m. Mass

Courtyard

Drop your palms off in the box provided in the vestibule.

March 5

Ash
Wednesday

Masses
6:45, 8:15 a.m.,
4:00, & 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Service with Ashes
12:30 p.m.

Lent Begins

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance
Celebrating St. Dominic's
171st Anniversary**

**MARCH 15, 2025
BENICIA CLOCKTOWER**



**DOORS OPEN 6:00 P.M.
DINNER 7:00 P.M.
DANCING UNTIL 10:00 P.M.**



**SCAN
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CODE**



**NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR.
ALL TICKETS \$40 SOLD ONLINE ONLY.**

**IRISH DANCERS - RAFFLE - MUSIC
CORNEBEEF DINNER - NO HOST BAR**

**PLEASE JOIN OUR
COMMITTEE!
NEXT MEETING
FEBRUARY 24TH
AT 6:30 PM
PARISH OFFICE**



Cemetery Mass

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

GRIEF SERIES

SATURDAYS

**MARCH 1- APRIL 5 AT 11:00 A.M.
MINISTRY CENTER - AQUINAS ROOM**



**FINDING
HOPE**



**In this Jubilee year of Hope, offering hope to
those suffering heartbreaking loss. Join us in our
small group setting to share your grief, while
receiving resources to help you through it.
grief@stdombenicia.org**

ESTUDIO EN ESPAÑOL DE LA BIBLIA

El Evangelio De San Juan

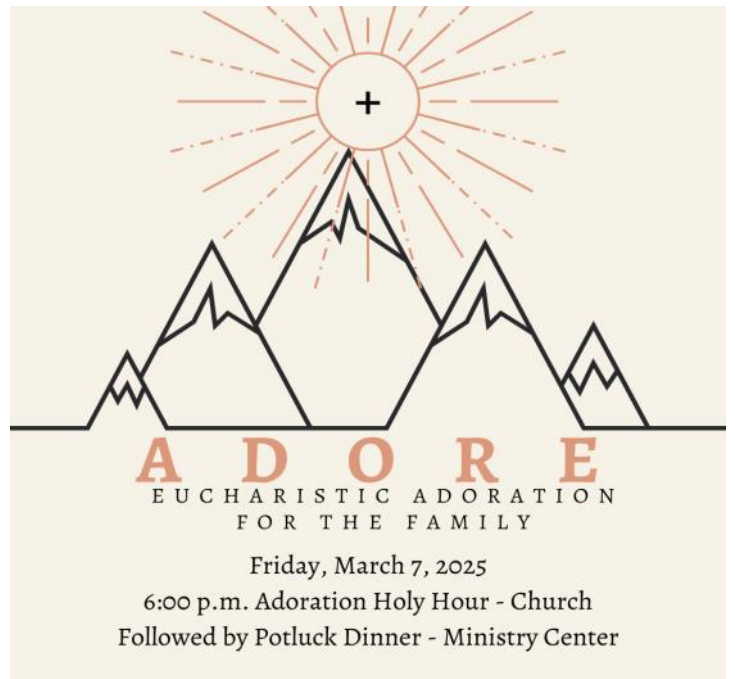
Los Jueves, Comenzando Marzo 6

Hora: 6:30 p.m.

En el: Salón 'Siena'

Edificio Del Centro Ministerial

Material Necesitado: Biblia en Español



A D O R E

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FOR THE FAMILY**

Friday, March 7, 2025

**6:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour - Church
Followed by Potluck Dinner - Ministry Center**

LENT



YEAR OF HOPE

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

WE ARE WELL INTO THE JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE! WE ENCOURAGE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO CONTINUE LIVING THE JUBILEE THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR.

One of the ways to do this is to reflect upon the three themes for the Jubilee introduced by Bishop Soto: 1) To See God; 2) To Be Living Stones in His Temple, and 3) To Unite All Creation in Christ.

Each quarter of 2025, we will be focus on a specific theme. Between now until the end of March, we invite you to reflect upon the 1st theme: To See God inspired by the scripture passage from 1 John 3:2-3, “We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure as he is pure.”

WHAT IS LENT?

What are your priorities in life right now? Lent is an invitation to rearrange your priorities—to focus on what matters most and leave behind what matters least.

Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for his mission. Lent is your opportunity for that same focus. Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously. Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits. Lent is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter.

Take these 40 days to explore God’s dream for your life and it will change everything.
Are you ready?

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

6:00 P.M. STATIONS IN THE CHURCH

FOLLOWED BY SOUP SUPPER IN THE PARISH HALL

- **MARCH 7 - ST. DOMINIC’S SCHOOL**
- **MARCH 14 - LECTORS / HOSPITALITY**
- **MARCH 21 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
- **MARCH 28 - ASSOC. GUADALUPANA**
- **APRIL 4 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / GABRIEL PROJECT**
- **APRIL 11 - DOMINICAN LAITY / ADORATION**



Post your pictures with these hashtags!
#stdombenicia
#hopefulpilgrims



Annual Catholic Appeal helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters

25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need. On the weekend of March 1-2 we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes.

Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our SVdP & school ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning March 5th thru April 13, 2025, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil March 5th. Please consider giving 1 hour per week praying in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood located at 303 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo>. You can set up your own login credentials and sign up for any hour of any day during the vigil. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We know 40 Days for Life has made a difference in Vallejo/Benicia & American Canyon. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion." Here are just a few of the positive results of the previous Vallejo campaign(s).

- Nine lives save from abortion that we know of
- Five Catholic Churches are working together
- Approximately 50 volunteers dedicated themselves as prayer warriors & few of them pray at the clinic every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday all year round, rain or shine.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

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Pregnant? Worried and confused?

We're here to help you.

The Gabriel Project® offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need.



gabriel@stdombenicia.org

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

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

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**
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- ◆ **Guadalupe Association**
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- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**
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- ◆ **MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood**
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 Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org
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- ◆ **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
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- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul**
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- ◆ **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

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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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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-12/31/24			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory			
<i>Online donations</i>	\$ 224,436		
<i>Sunday/Mail-in donations</i>	\$ 291,816		
	\$ 516,252	\$ 504,000	\$ 12,252
<i>Christmas</i>	\$ 25,700	\$ 25,000	\$ 700
Second Collections:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 22,256	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,256
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 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!**

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<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>
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<p align="center">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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