Second Sunday In Lent

March 16, 2025

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Philippians 3:17—4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

"The Lord is my light and my salvation."



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

In Observance of Lent No Flowers Mass Intentions

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

April 2025 Intentions Opened March 4



OCIA Catechumens & Candidates Rite of Election

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



Greg Albright, Donna Ernst, Jocelyn Holzwarth, Marty Garrett, Fred Ayala, Grace Engels, Rachel McDonald, 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:

Jackie Klare, Eugenia Lorica, Gary Jurien, 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, Gladyne Mitchell, Brett Watson, Peter Szabo, Carol Burch Robert (Bob) Haight ~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



When I was eleven years old, my parents took my two sisters and me on a travel trailer trip across the country, and one of the places we visited was the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was exciting to see it because our family had recently seen a TV documentary

about the origin of the staircase, and it was cool to see it in person. It is a perfect story to read right now, given that this Wednesday is the Solemnity of St. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Here at St. Dominic's, this Wednesday, we will have a special mass for the solemnity at 6pm, and then there will be a free Italian dinner in the parish hall with a traditional St. Joseph Altar! Check out this article on the staircase at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe!

In 1873, construction on the Chapel of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe, New Mexico hit a roadblock. The beautiful Gothic-style chapel had no staircase to get from the main level to the choir loft. The original architect had died, and his plans for a staircase were unknown. The sisters of Loretto, who had commissioned the chapel, were distraught. They consulted with several architects and carpenters, but the answer was always the same: it couldn't be done. There just wasn't enough space to build a staircase to the choir loft. They were going to have to accept that they couldn't access the choir loft. Not guite ready to give up, the sisters said a novena to St. Joseph, the master carpenter, asking him to help them find a builder with a solution. As soon as the sisters finished the novena, a man arrived at their doorstep saying that he could build them a staircase—his only request was to work in complete privacy. The sisters agreed, and the man locked himself in the chapel to work. Some say it only took him one night, while others say it took months. However long it took to build, the staircase the man crafted for the sisters was nothing short of incredible. The man departed just as mysteriously as he had arrived, leaving behind one of the most marvelous pieces of woodworking ever seen. The staircase has two 360-degree spirals in it and was built with no central support, resting only on its base. It was built without nails-just wood pegs. Carpenters and scientists have said that the construction is nearly impossible and shouldn't be able to support anyone walking on it. Yet the staircase stands solid to this day. The chapel has become a museum now, but it is a must-see if you're ever in New Mexico. And who was the mysterious builder? Well, the Sisters of Loretto were confident that their mystery man was none other than St. Joseph himself.

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Upcoming Events

<u>The Feast of St. Joseph's</u> Wednesday, March 19 5:30 p.m. - Mass Followed by FREE Pasta Dinner - Parish Hall Please bring SVdP Pantry Items for the St. Joseph's Table

> Seven Sorrows of Mary Monday, March 24 6:30 p.m. - Church

<u>Grief Series - Finding HOPE</u> Saturdays, March 1 - April 5 11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

Stations & Soup Suppers

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

Ongoing Events

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

Estudio en Español de la Biblia Los Jueves 6:30 p.m. - Salón 'Siena'

<u>Men's Bible Study</u> Fridays 5:30 p.m. - Ministry Center/Siena Rom

Seven Sorrows of Mary

The Seven Sorrows Devotion dates back to the 14th century when Our Lady revealed it to St. Bridget of Sweden.

Monday, March 24 6:30 p.m. - Church





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

COLORS OF LENT

When you visit a Catholic church, attend Mass, or pray the Stations of the Cross, you'll notice certain colors repeated in the decorations and the priest's vestments. Each one of these colors holds great meaning.

Purple: Purple is the primary color of Lent. The color purple symbolizes our need for repentance. It also represents the purple robe that Pontius Pilate placed on Jesus before he was crucified and reminds us of the royalty of Jesus as King. Late in the Lenten season, your parish might cover every statue or painting with a deep purple cloth.

FASTING DURING LENT

Fasting is a way of pausing to open ourselves to the Word of God. In this act we can cast off the idols that bind our lives and allow our hearts to revive. Only when we empty our hands are we ready to receive something new into them. So let's take care to cleanse our hearts so that they are ready for the graces with which God wants to fill our lives at Easter. -excerpt from "The Power of Lenten Fasting" by Br. Lukasz Pasich, O.P.

WHY FAST?

There is great wisdom in the Christian practice of fasting—even though its benefits are largely forgotten. Fasting is a spiritual exercise, and as such is primarily an action of the inner life. Authentic fasting draws us nearer to God and opens our hearts to receive his many gifts. Fasting is also a sharp reminder that there are more important things in life than food. Authentic Christian fasting helps to release us from our attachments to the things of this world. It is often these worldly attachments that prevent us from becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves. Fasting also serves as a reminder that everything in this world is passing and thus encourages us to consider life beyond death.

Try going without food for several hours and you will quickly realize how truly weak, fragile, and dependent we are. This self-knowledge strips away arrogance and fosters a loving acknowledgment of our utter dependence on God.

Once you realize the spiritual power of fasting, you'll notice that it can be applied to aspects of life beyond food. You can fast from TV, social media, cursing, gossip, or any other habit that doesn't feed your soul. This Lent, make a point to rediscover the power of fasting in your life! -Dynamic Catholic



ITE AD JOSEPH!

ST. JOSEPH - FEAST DAY: MARCH 19

 Patron Saint of: Catholic Church, Fathers, Workers, Married People, Persons Living in Exile, The Sick and Dying, For a Holy Death
 Symbols: Lilies, Staff, Sandals, Ladder, Saw, Hammer, and Nails There's an old Latin phrase, *Ite ad Joseph*,
 which simply means, *"Go to Joseph."* Saint Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus, holds special significance for all fathers.

As much as 93% of communication in an adult is non-verbal. It may be even higher in children. Perhaps this is why there is a not a single recorded word spoken by Joseph in the Scriptures. Yet his silent presence spoke volumes. Joseph moved his family under his own and God's protection to Egypt when King Herod sought to kill the baby Jesus. He provided a stable and loving environment for Jesus to grow in "wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52) And he worked with dignity, lovingly passing on his trade to Jesus, who would later be referred to as "the carpenter's son." (Matthew 13:55)

There is so much to be said about Saint Joseph. But there is even more to ponder, and dream about. When it was just Joseph and Jesus alone in a room, what did they talk about? When Jesus was a little boy, did Joseph cradle him in his arms and rock him back and forth? We can imagine he did, because he was a great father.

Fathers spend their days and weeks, months and years encouraging others. But today, in honor of Saint Joseph, let's not forget that fathers themselves need a little encouragement and reassurance from time to time. -Today's Saint, Dynamic Catholic

UNFAILING PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Here is the prayer, which some claim "has never been known to fail, provided that the request is for one's spiritual benefit or for those whom we are praying for."

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Remember, God always answers our prayers. We may not always expect the response we receive. -Aleteia



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



ESTUDIO EN ESPAÑOL DE LA BIBLIA El Evangelio De San Juan Los Jueves Hora: 6:30 p.m. En el: Salón 'Siena' Edificio Del Centro Ministerial Material Necesitado: Biblia en Español





MORE INFORMATION Contact Mike 707-720-4287



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 <u>https://</u> <u>www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo</u>. 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, nondenominational 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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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!

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Online donations	\$	294,083				
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$	388, 167				
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Second Collections:						
Building Improvement	\$	35,829	\$	26,667	\$	9,162
Faith Formation	\$	6,944	\$	7,133	\$	(189)
Total Operating Income	\$	896,704	\$	849,587	\$	47,117
Operating Expenses	\$	978,080	\$	884,563	\$	93,517
Net Income/Loss	\$	(81,376)	\$	(34,976)	\$	(46,400)

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