

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7
 Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 Luke 6:39-45

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”



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Mass Intentions

Sat	03/01	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
Mon	03/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Mary Smith
		8:15 a.m.	(P) For an Increase in Vocations & Religious Life
Tues	03/04	6:45 a.m.	(R) Eugenia Lorica
		8:15 a.m.	(T) The Rosary Group
Wed	03/05	6:45 a.m.	(P) Lindy Cullen
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	03/06	6:45 a.m.	(H) Liam Carter Bautista
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Michael Edwin Hickey
Fri	03/07	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jansen Jesus Bautista
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Cory DeBrake
Sat	03/08	8:15 a.m.	(R) Manrique & Natividad Lingad
		5:00 p.m.	(P) Brianne & Bianca Dela Cruz
Sun	03/09	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Ralph Montgomery, Sr.
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Crenciano & Felicitas Pahingalo
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Marta Isabel Fogliata

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

April 2025 Intentions Open March 4

**Bake a Valentine was a huge success!
 Baking will return in May.**



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



Donna Ernst, Jocelyn Holzwarth, Marty Garrett, Fred Ayala, 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:

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, Gladys 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



This past week, we had a daily mass reading from chapter 9 of the Gospel of Mark in which the disciples of Jesus encounter someone not of their number casting out demons in the name of Jesus. The disciples report that they tried to stop this person, but Jesus discourages them from this.

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." I think this was an early instance of the disciples learning to make helpful distinctions that could keep them from getting into conflicts with fellow followers of Christ, needlessly. Evidently, the person the disciples saw casting out demons was doing so with a sense of reliance on the power of Christ – doing it in Christ's name. The disciples do not report any heretical teachings about Jesus being proclaimed by this person. Jesus thus identifies the instance as a non-problem. It could be that the disciples felt pridefully territorial about casting out demons, given that Jesus had given them that special authority as preachers. This seems very likely, given the penchant apostles have in the gospels for speculating who among them would be the greatest in Heaven, sitting at the left and right of Jesus. No doubt it was important for the disciples to overcome that sort of pridefulness because being disciples of Christ would end up requiring martyrdom of most of them. And if being disciples for them was driven too much by prideful self-promotion, that could make it difficult for them to have the willingness to sacrifice to the point of death. In regard to learning to make proper distinctions about following Christ, I am sure this education was useful to the disciples in the early days of the church. Sometimes they indeed needed to preach against supposed proclaimers of Christ's message who were doing so in a counterfeit way. An example of this would be Paul's preaching in Galatians against the supposed Christians who were going around claiming that circumcision was necessary for salvation. As Paul reminds the Galatians, to claim this is to deny the sufficiency of Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection by which we truly obtain our salvation from Jesus. This was a battle worth fighting for Saint Paul who was a disciple who understood when it was right to wage a fight and, conversely, when it was counterproductive to do so. Throughout many of his writings, implicitly, Saint Paul makes clear that being free of a dominating ego helps him to fight only in conflicts that are worthwhile. Let us all ask for Saint Paul's intercession in striving to have a similar strength in navigating our own lives as Christians. Let's not fight each other needlessly! We need each other!

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Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner Ticket Sales

Weekends March 1/2 & 8/9
After ALL Masses

Women's Bible Study

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

Men's Bible Study

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

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.
12:30 p.m. - Prayer Service with Ashes

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 Meeting

Mondays, March 10
6:30 p.m. - Parish Office
New volunteers welcome!!

St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner & Dance

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

St. Joseph's Table Dinner

Wednesday, March 19
5:30 p.m. - Mass
Followed by FREE Pasta Dinner - Parish Hall



Through the Annual Catholic Appeal we offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer in our communities

We may not all work on the front lines of charity, but through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our whole community leans in to help our Catholic charities... and our own parish... to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty. The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 509,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works. In our parish, . Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.




DONATE ONLINE

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

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 QR 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
MARCH 10
6:30 PM - PARISH OFFICE

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
TABLE AT ALL MASSES
THIS WEEKEND!

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)



LENT IN THE YEAR OF HOPE



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 ARE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

The "Stations of the Cross," also called the "Way of the Cross" or "Via Crucis," represent a series of 14 depictions of key moments in Jesus' final hours leading up to his crucifixion and burial, allowing Christians to meditate on his suffering and sacrifice through prayer and reflection on each "station" along the journey to Calvary, essentially making a spiritual pilgrimage through these events without physically being in Jerusalem where they took place.

Purpose:

To deeply contemplate the pain and sacrifice Jesus endured during his Passion, providing a way for Christians to personally connect with his suffering.

Origin:

The practice originated from **pilgrims** who would physically walk the path Jesus took in Jerusalem, known as the "Via Dolorosa," and later evolved into a devotional practice with visual representations of these events.

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**



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PRAY



FAST



GIVE

TRADITIONAL LENTEN PRACTICES

We all need a fresh start from time to time. And Lent is the perfect time to embark on that journey. Maybe you need a fresh start in your personal finances, or perhaps you need a fresh start in your marriage. Maybe you need a fresh start in a relationship with a child or a parent, or possibly you need a fresh start in your health and well-being.

It could even be that you need a fresh start in your career.

For generations, Catholics have developed different traditions that help them make a new beginning during Lent. Here are just a few examples:

- **Give Something Up:** Many Catholics “give up” something for the entire Lenten season. A classic example is giving up chocolate, but you don’t have to stop there! You could give up negative thinking, speaking poorly about others, or procrastinating. You could also make a positive swap: like praying the Rosary instead of watching TV, or reading an amazing Catholic book instead of scrolling through social media.
- **Join a Spiritual Challenge:** One of the simplest ways to transform your Lent is to join other Catholics for a spiritual challenge. You could create a small challenge with your friends, sign up for a local Bible study, or join nearly one million Catholics for BEST LENT EVER—a FREE Lenten video program with Matthew Kelly.
- **Deepen Your Prayer:** Catholics often will say special Lenten prayers. One of the most popular spiritual practices during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus during his Passion...and encounter him like never before
- **Attend a Fish Fry or Soup Supper:** One delicious Catholic tradition is hosting a fish fry or soup supper. Since Catholics don’t eat meat on Fridays during Lent, many parishes have a pescatarian meal together on Fridays—often inviting the larger community to participate too. Here at St. Dominic’s we have a soup supper following stations of the cross. Take this opportunity to engage with your community!
- **Giving During Lent:** In the earliest of times giving to the poor, or almsgiving, has been an invaluable spiritual practice. At St. Dominic’s through the SVdP we are able to assist the poor in our community, but giving doesn’t always only mean money. We are also called to give of oneself during Lent and throughout the year. During Lent we can often find ways to *give a little extra*. Find ways to “fast” in spending or wasting time and devote that time and money to a charitable organization in your community such as the church or St. Vincent de Paul.
- **Take On Something New:** 40 days of phone calls to important people in your life, 40 random acts of kindness, 40 days of reading the Bible, 40 days of spiritual journaling, 40 days of community service, join in the 40 Days for Life, 40 days committed to praying the rosary, or a combination of things you add to your routine!

Our God loves fresh starts. How is he inviting you to a fresh start this Lent?

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

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

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

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

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**
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- ◆ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
 Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org
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 Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Guadalupe Association**
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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
 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.
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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)

