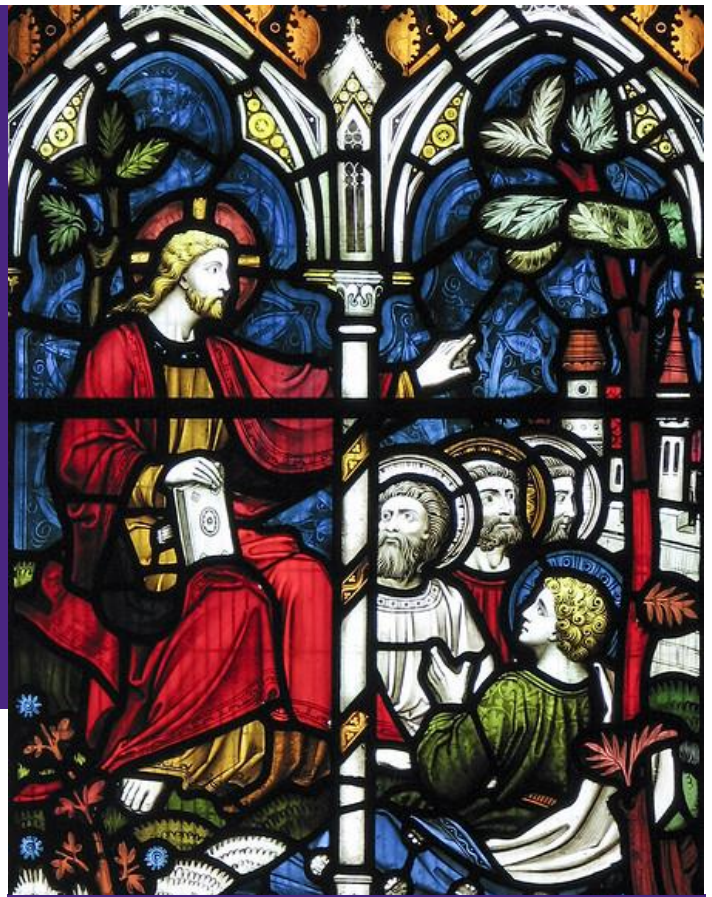


Third Sunday In Lent

March 23, 2025

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

“The Lord is kind and merciful.”



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In Observance of Lent No Flowers

Mass Intentions

Sat	03/22	5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	03/23	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(A) Lisa & Tom Sarnicola
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Marta Isabel Fogliata
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Rea Scrafford
Mon	03/24	6:45 a.m.	(P) Lumbre Family
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Leah J. Scrafford
Tues	03/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Holy Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Rexelle Marasigan
Wed	03/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Elaine Florkowski
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Minda Navarro
Thurs	03/27	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joseph Alves
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lau Ying Yee
Fri	03/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Manrique & Natividad Lingad
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Joseph Kang Lee
Sat	03/29	8:15 a.m.	(R) Josie Fernando
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Ken Grady
Sun	03/30	7:30 a.m.	(H) Donna Ernst
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Jason De Joya
		1:00 p.m.	(H) Rosemarie Watterson

Legend:

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

May 2025 Intentions Open April 1

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



Albert Horvath, Estela Kanade, Greg Albright, Donna Ernst, Jocelyn Holzwarth, Marty Garrett, Fred Ayala, Grace Engels, Rachel McDonald, 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 Loricca, 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's Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary was such a joyful success! We had a great turnout for the mass at 5:30pm, and then even more people joined us for the free spaghetti dinner afterwards. It was a wonderfully diverse crowd with many young families and a good number of

new faces, which is so encouraging. We received loads of canned food for the poor, and take a look at the St. Joseph altar featured at the event! This was created by our very own Justin Reyes who does all of the flower arrangements and other similar devotional displays at St. Dominic's. Justin really outdid himself for St. Joseph! The dinner was a collaboration uniting our hospitality ministry, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and the Knights of Columbus. For my homily at the mass, I reiterated what I said about Saint Joseph at an earlier mass that day. The solemnity provided a great opportunity to preach to our middle-school age boys about the kind of husband they should be if they are called to marriage and to our middle-school age girls about what they should expect from their prospective husbands. This is quite relevant to a topic near and dear to many parents' hearts – the need of good prospective husbands for our daughters. A concerning trend I have noticed over the past fifteen years or so in California Catholic young adult groups is that there seem to be way more eligible Catholic bachelorettes than eligible Catholic bachelors. The groups tend to have a lot of topnotch young women, but the men, by comparison, are often a mix of some who are ready for marriage, and then a fair number of others who are still trying to get their acts together. To this day, I know women from the Catholic young adult group I attended during my twenties who are still trying to find good husbands. These are faithful, smart, lovely women. It's a real shame. Young men need our prayers and any other support we can give them! The wellbeing of our daughters hangs in the balance. In light of this, next year, as a parish, we are going to pray a nine-day novena to Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary with a joint intention of praying for good prospective Catholic husbands for our Catholic daughters. In the meantime, let's ask for Saint Joseph's intercession in this matter now. The better flourishing of the Church requires good husbands and wife who take Joseph and Mary as exemplars!



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Upcoming Events

Seven Sorrows of Mary

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

Teen Confirmation

Wednesday, March 26
& Tuesday, April 1

SVdP Shredding Event

Saturday, March 29
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Large Parking Lot

Grief Series - Finding HOPE

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

Women's Bible Study

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

Estudio en Español de la Biblia

Los Jueves
6:30 p.m. - Salón 'Siena'

Men's Bible Study

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

Seven Sorrows of Mary

Let us pray with Mary
our mother & meditate
on her sorrow as she
teaches us what it is to
suffer with love.

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

LENT



IN THE

YEAR OF HOPE

YEAR OF



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

REFLECT ON THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY THIS LENT

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows is very ancient, and over many centuries pious customs have been developed to enter into the heart of Mary, which was pierced so “thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35).

One such custom owes its origin to the Servite Order, founded in 1233 by a group called the Seven Holy Founders. From the very beginning they sought to live a life dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Through their spirituality they developed a list of the “7 Sorrows of Mary.” It recalls seven events in the life of Mary when she experienced great sorrow. They also developed a Rosary that meditates on the seven sorrow events, pondering what was going on in Mary’s heart.



VIRTUE IS BUILT THROUGH HABIT

Lent is an invitation to grow in virtue – to form habits that don't just disappear after Easter but shape us for the rest of our lives. By adding practices that strengthen faith, discipline, and charity, we can make Lent not just a season of self-denial, but a season of transformation.

Aristotle famously taught that virtue is not just about knowing what is good but doing it consistently. He wrote, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit” (Nicomachean Ethics, II.1).

St. Thomas Aquinas expanded on this, explaining that virtue is habitual goodness – a stable disposition to act rightly. This means that the holiest people are not just those who make good choices in a moment, but those who train themselves to choose the good again and again, until it becomes second nature.

Lent is the perfect time to begin that training. By adding small but meaningful habits to our daily lives, we form ourselves into the kind of people who naturally choose God, not just for 40 days, but for a lifetime. - Aletea


Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen. (Dynamic Catholic)

GRIEF SERIES

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

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March 29

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- Saturday, March 29
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- St. Dominic's Catholic Church
- 475 East I Street Main Parking Lot

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2110 BROADWAY SACRAMENTO, CA 95818-9730



JUBILEE YEAR | PILGRIMS OF HOPE
24 HOURS FOR THE LORD



24 Hours for the Lord will be celebrated throughout the Diocese starting at 12 noon on Friday, March 28, 2025 until 12 noon on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Every deanery in the Diocese will be offering 24 hours of continuous confessions. All Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time and throughout the Jubilee Year.

Friday, March 28

- 9:00am-10:00pm - St. Vincent Church | Vallejo
- 9:00am-11:00pm - St. Catherine Church | Vallejo
- 10:00am-12:00pm - Holy Spirit Church | Fairfield
- 3:00pm-5:00pm - Holy Spirit Church | Fairfield
- 2:00pm-9:00pm - St. Joseph Church | Vacaville

Saturday, March 29

- 7:00am-8:30am - Holy Spirit Church | Fairfield
- 9:00am-12:00pm - St. Joseph Church | Vacaville
- 9:00am-12:00pm - Our Lady of Mt Carmel | Fairfield

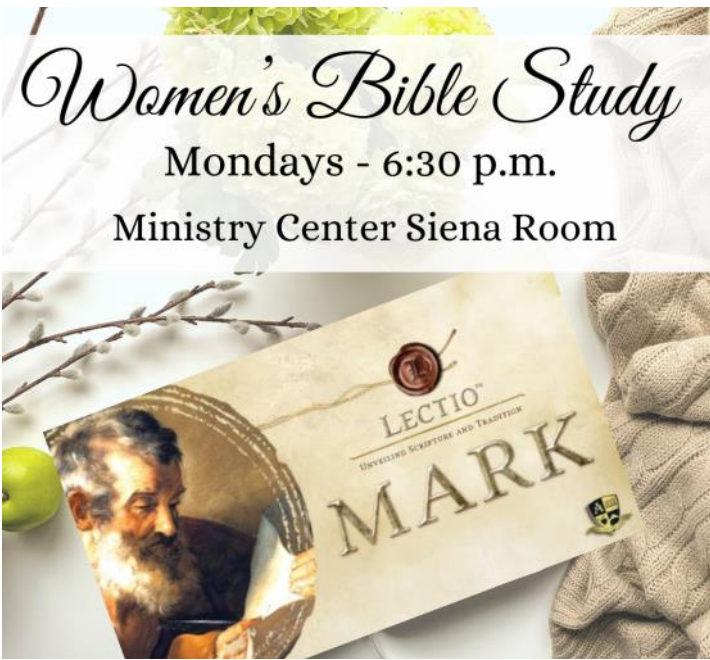
RECONCILIATION AT ST. DOMINIC'S DURING LENT

Lenten Reconciliation

Monday, April 7
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
With Visiting Priests

Regular Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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.

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

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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BIBLE STUDY
EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM
RESUMING JANUARY 24

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM

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 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.

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**Our ministries are open to
 all parishioners.
 Please contact our ministry leaders
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 hear from you!**

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/24-2/28/25

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 294,083		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 388,167		
	\$ 682,250	\$ 672,000	\$ 10,250
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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