

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

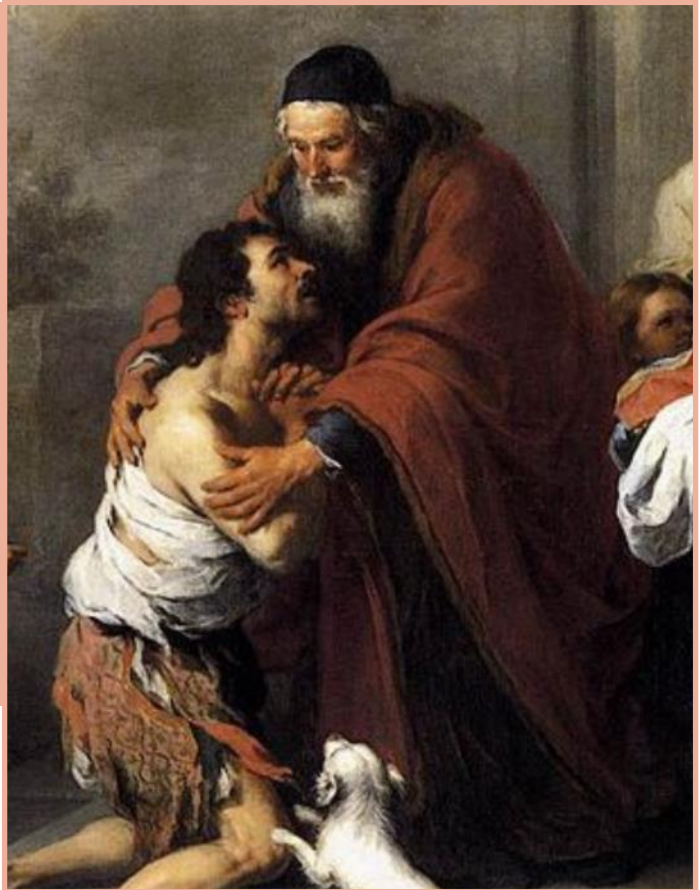
March 30, 2025

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

*“Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.”*



**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

Sat	03/29	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
Mon	03/31	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jason De Joya
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Patrick K Murphy
Tues	04/01	6:45 a.m.	(P) Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner III, O.P., Master of the Order
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Barbara Ann Ramsay
Wed	04/02	6:45 a.m.	(P) Increase in Vocations
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Siu Ming Lau
Thurs	04/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Robert Morgan, Jr.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Helen Armoreda
Fri	04/04	6:45 a.m.	(R) Dee Ann Carll
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Maia Carbonell
Sat	04/05	8:15 a.m.	(R) Elpidio Masbad, Sr.
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Pat Butler
Sun	04/06	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Marvin & Nym Bergerson & Family
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Mrs. Jackie Klare, O.P.L.
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Maria Sorta

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,
Bill Telepak, Donna Ernst, Jocelyn Holzwarth,
Fred Ayala, Grace Engels, Rachel McDonald,
Neil Black, Maria Kim, Dennis Kolkebeck,
Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Hau Thi Vu
Nguyen, 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:**

Marty Garrett, Pauline Soop, 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,
Gladys Mitchell, Brett Watson, Peter Szabo Jr.

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



This past Monday, our Seven Sorrows of Mary devotional evening was beautiful and moving. The lights were turned off, and numerous candles were placed in order to draw attention to images of Jesus and the Blessed Mother positioned in front of the altar.

The image of Jesus was a sculpted work of art depicting Jesus after he had died and was taken down from the cross. The sculpture goes back many, many decades of our parish's history, possibly to the early 1900s. Back when our parish was blessed to have a huge population of very active Portuguese parishioners, it was an annual Portuguese custom to process this image of the dead



Jesus around the church on Good Friday at the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. St. Dominic's still does this on Good Fridays at the evening liturgy. It is a painted sculpture, and every time I look at its depiction of Jesus' face, I think, "Boy, they sure don't make them like that anymore." It's beautiful work with a vivid intensity. It was wonderful that our Seven Sorrow of Mary evening provided another occasion on which our parishioners' prayer could be aided by this heirloom of St. Dominic's. Before the prayer service began, our talented and faithful Confirmation volunteer Shaina Manalo gently played some reflective worship songs from the piano. Then, Father Gregory and I started things off by chanting the Dominican version of Ave Regina Caelorum, translated "Hail, Queen of Heaven." After that, we had scripture readings for all of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, reflection time for each, and then special guided prayers. At the end, I preached a homily on the value of striving to have sorrow that emulates the sorrow of Mary, which is a sorrow containing hope and healing. The service lasted a little under forty-five minutes, which was a fitting length. I say this because Shaina continued playing worship songs, and the attendees were welcome to stay, reflect, and pray up close to the images of Blessed Mother and Jesus, and still get home at an early hour. We are definitely going to bring this event back next year. The devotion's emphasis on Mary's sorrow is not meant to make us feel like 'sad sacks,' but rather to purify our sorrow, to help us have sorrow rooted in appreciation of what the Father is offering us in Jesus and hope that more will obtain the salvific rewards of his Passion.

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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Upcoming Events

Teen Confirmation
Tuesday, April 1

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

Coffee & Doughnuts
Sunday, April 6
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Lenten Reconciliation
Monday, April 7
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Church
Including Visiting Priests

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
Returning May 2 - Fridays
5:30 p.m. - Ministry Center/Siena Rom



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SACRAMENTO

Catholic Relief Fund

This week, we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection at the end of Mass to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

To Donate Online: <https://www.scd.org/crs>

LENT



YEAR OF HOPE

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

LAETARE OR FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The word laetare means “rejoice” in Latin.

Though many Catholics may associate the liturgical season of Lent more with the practice of fasting and abstaining from food, many families around the world use the 40-day season to prepare specific homemade delicacies to remind them of the life of Jesus Christ as he made his way to the cross.

Mexico

Capirotada, which is similar to a bread pudding, is a treat served by many Mexican families on the Fridays of Lent. Though recipes may vary from one family to the next, the traditional sweet and savory ingredients carry rich religious symbolism linked to Jesus’ crucifixion.

Bread rolls used in the dish represent the body of Christ; honey or piloncillo syrup, made from cane sugar, is meant to symbolize the blood of Christ; whole cloves are used to represent the nails of the crucifixion; cinnamon sticks are used to symbolize the wooden cross of Christ; and the melted cheese coating the pudding represents the shroud used for Jesus’ burial.

Ecuador

Fanesca, a soup eaten during Lent and Holy Week made with cod and 12 kinds of beans and legumes, is said to represent Jesus Christ and the Twelve Apostles at the Last Supper.

The dish’s religious significance dates back to the 16th century and is believed to be connected to a monastery in Quito, Ecuador, during the Spanish colonization of the Americas.

Some families take advantage to make this lunch dish together – preparing the fish and shelling the many beans and legumes – with a spirit of prayer, contemplating the Last Supper in the upper room just hours before Jesus began his passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Malta

Kwareżimal, which derives its name from the Latin word “Quadragesima,” meaning the “40 days of Lent,” are sweet cakes made with almond paste, honey, and orange rind.

This Lenten sweet treat is also given to children who want to embark upon a one-day, 14-church pilgrimage to remember Jesus’ 14 Stations of the Cross.

-Kristina Millare

Rome Newsroom, Mar 2, 2025 Catholic News Agency

FASTING AND FEASTING PRAYER

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ within in them.
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on our bonds.
Fast from fear of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on God’s light.
Fast from words that cut down; feast on speech that uplifts.
Fast from gossip; feast on affirmations.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from negatives; feast on encouragement.
Fast from resentment; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from self-centeredness; feast on compassion.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from giving up; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from the shadows of sorrow; feast on trust in God.
Fast from focusing on problems; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from anxiety; feast on faith.

Happy Anniversary!

April 2, 1960 Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.
was ordained to the priesthood.
Thank you for 65 years of service to us all!



HOLY TRIDUUM LITURGIES

Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae
- 6:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Reposition to the Parish Hall for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:30 p.m. - Farewell Discourses of Jesus Christ



Good Friday - April 18, 2025

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae
- 12:00 p.m. - Seven Last Words of Christ
- 2:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross & Communion
- 4:00 p.m. - Veneración de la Cruz y Comunión
- 6:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross & Communion
With Procession of Corpus

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - April 19, 2025

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae
- 8:00 p.m. - Service of Light (Courtyard)
Followed by Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Mass Times - April 20, 2025

- 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Mass at St. Dominic's Cemetery
If inclement weather Mass will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. - Mass (Church)
- 11:00 a.m. (Church & Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. (English/Español)



Jubilee 2025 Young Adult Pilgrimage Young Adults 18 and older

July 12 - 21, 2025

Rome - Lanciano - Assisi -
Turin

Includes:
Flights, Private
Transportation,
Breakfast, Lunch
and 2 dinners,
entrance to
museums.
Cost \$4,300/person
Deposit needed

We will visit:
Major Beasilicas in
Rome, walk through the
Jubilee Door, the Sistine
Chapel, St. Francis
Basilica, Blessed Carlo,
Venerate the First
Eucharistic Miracle,
Venerate the Shroud of
Turin.

Information:
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TAX TIME

2024 STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

<https://www.stdombenicia.org/give>
or email: ltelepak@stdombenicia.org



School News

The students took part in Torch's Fun Run this past week and raised nearly \$40,000 through donations! A memorable event for all! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event special for the St. Dominic School Community.




Torch, the school mascot joined in the fun. He truly is a friend to everyone!



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

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



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



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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**
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- ◆ **Choirs**
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- ◆ **Consolation/Grief**
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Diocese of Sacramento Special Collections

March 29/30 - Catholic Relief Fund
 April 18 (Good Friday) - Holy Lands
 April 26/27 - Catholic Missions Appeal

Parish Office

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT			
07/1/24-2/28/25			
	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory			
<i>Online donations</i>	\$ 294,083		
<i>Sunday/Mail-in donations</i>	\$ 388,167		
	\$ 682,250	\$ 672,000	\$ 10,250
Second Collections:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 35,829	\$ 26,667	\$ 9,162
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 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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<p>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2025</p>	<p>APR 06: Building Improvement APR 13: Palm Sunday APR 13: SDS Tuition Assistance</p>	<p>APR 20: Easter APR 27: Faith Formation</p>

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