First Sunday In Lent

March 9, 2025

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

"Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."



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

In Observation of Lent No Flowers Mass Intentions

Sat Sun	03/08 03/09	 5:00 p.m. (P) Brianne & Bianca Dela Cruz 7:30 a.m. (T) People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. (B) Ralph Montgomery, Sr. 11:00 a.m. (R) Crecenciano & Felicitas 		
		Pahingalo 1,00 p.m. (B) Marta laabal Fagliata		
Mon	03/10	1:00 p.m. (R) Marta Isabel Fogliata 6:45 a.m. (R) Vanni & Belen Saturav		
WOT	03/10	6:45 a.m. (R) Vanni & Belen Saturay 8:15 a.m. (H) Fr. David Farrugia, OP		
Tues	03/11	6:45 a.m. (R) Dennis Toomey		
Tues	03/11	8:15 a.m. (R) Josefina Co		
Wed	03/12	6:45 a.m. (R) Norine Stemmler		
mou	00/12	8:15 a.m. (R) Wilfredo Mojica		
Thurs	03/13	6:45 a.m. (P) Brianne & Bianca Dela Cruz		
		8:15 a.m. (B) Theresa Hong Ja Lee		
Fri	03/14	6:45 a.m. (B) Christina David		
		8:15 a.m. (R) Robert Decena		
Sat	03/15	8:15 a.m. (R) Iluminada M. Panganiban		
		5:00 p.m. (H) Donna Ernst		
Sun	03/16	7:30 a.m. (R) Vanni & Belen Saturay		
		9:00 a.m. (R) Pam Shook		
		11:00 a.m. (B) Erlinda Querubin		
		1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish		
Legend:				
(R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health (P) Prayerful Intention				

(Å) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

April 2025 Intentions Opened March 4



40 Days Reflection Prayer Renewal

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, 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, 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



This Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Luke features the tempting of Jesus in the desert by the Devil. In this passage of scripture, Jesus faces temptation in three different matters, and I wanted to reflect today a bit on the second one. In that temptation, the devil gives Jesus a vision of all of the

kingdoms of the world in an instant. "The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." It might seem strange for the devil to offer Jesus dominion over all of the kingdoms of the world, given that he is the Son of God and ultimately has dominion over them anyway. However, the devil's offer to Jesus is one that, implicitly, offers Jesus that worldly dominion without him having to do the Father's will, including the Father's will that Jesus offer up his life for the sins of the world - sins that had kept the world enslaved to Satan's power. Satan is tempting Jesus with an easy path to dominion. If Jesus were to succumb to that temptation, however, worldliness would be the limit of his dominion. Basically, the devil is offering Jesus a cheap, dime store version of the power and glory he could and ultimately would have by obeying the Father's will and undergoing his Passion, death, and Resurrection to explate the sins of humanity and restore it to the Father. In fulfilling that, Jesus ultimately claims his much more exalted rank of King of both Heaven and Earth. And he offers us a share in that reign as members of his body. We should always remember this second temptation of Jesus in the desert when people tempt us with worldly prestige in exchange for abandoning our faith in any way. The offer from such tempters may seem dazzling at first blush, but behind that dazzle is a rotten deal. A share in Christ's eternal reign of both Heaven and Earth is much more desirable. Worldly power and glory, by comparison, is temporary and passes by quickly. It is also often very fraught as others strive to swipe away that worldly power and glory for themselves. On the other hand, a share of the power and glory that comes from being a member of Christ's body is the securest thing there is! Let's reject the cheap, dime store substitute offered to us by the forces of this world!

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Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner Ticket Sales

Weekends March 8/9 After ALL Masses

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

<u>St. Patrick's/Anniversary Dinner Meeting</u> Monday, 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

<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

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



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.







Please pray for our OCIA Catechumens & Candidates as they see Bishop Jaime Soto at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament this weekend for the Rite of Election! They will be entering the next phase of their journey towards full communion with us.



is a symbolic "thank you" and renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to St. Joseph.
It's a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor: Traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table.

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

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🔶 WHY ASHES? 🔶

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves were made from some of the blessed palms (from Palm Sunday last year) our parishioners provided and we burned the week before Ash Wednesday after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Ashes are distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't day, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggest to make public demonstrations of piety even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.



SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday, March 24 6:30 p.m. - Church

Please join us for Meditation and prayer on the Seven Sorrows

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.

School News

St. Dominic School history was made this weekend at the Diocese of Sacramento Academic Decathlon! Congratulations to our ACADECA Team!



3rd in Team Logic Test 5th in Current Events 6th in Team Super Quiz 3rd in Math Individuals - Katie Yeap (8th Gr) 4th in Language Arts Individuals - Savannah Trujillo (7th Gr) 5th in Social Studies Individuals - Angelina Candela (8th Gr) 5th in Current Events Individuals - Luke Elges (6th Gr) This was our 3rd year, competing against 25 other schools. Well done, ACADECA Team!

Solano County Spelling Bee WINNER!

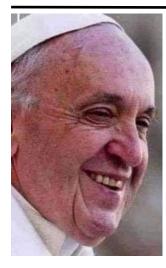
Alyssa Wong (7th gr) Congratulations Alyssa, pictured right with her trophy and certificate! She will now advance on to the state level Spelling Bee in April.



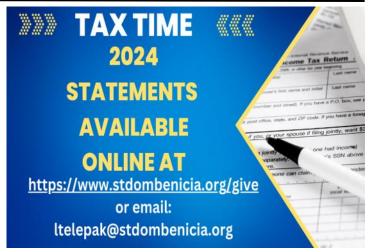


Where will our 8th graders go next?

So far 9 of our students have been accepted to Justin-Siena High School. Please keep all of our 8th graders in your thoughts and prayers as they choose the high school to continue their journeys in education during the next few months.



"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and the flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves, Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when other are happy because of you."





*All proceeds used for emergency supplies to support Benicians in a natural disaster.

WIN A TRIP TO MAUI - THANK YOU!

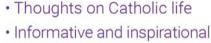
Many, Many Mahalos to all our ohana at St. Dominic's Parish. You are so kind and generous. This year was our best year ever for raising funds on our Maui Raffle Ticket sales. Combined, you all purchased **550 tickets** for a total of \$5,500! **SVdP keeps 95% or \$5,225**. 100% will help purchase groceries and pay rent, PG&E and water bills to help our Benicia neighbors stay housed. The drawing is April 25th and we will be sure to let you know who won. We are most grateful for your compassion and support.

God Bless and Mahalos!



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week





• Simple insight for living a deeper faith everyday

Learn more or download our parish app at **myparishapp.com**

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



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.

CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707-246-9076 E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com

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 - <u>altarservers@stdombenicia.org</u>

Choirs

Luke Shalz - Ishalz@stdombenicia.org

Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

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Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

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Gabriel Project

Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - <u>guadalupana@stdombenicia.org</u> Hospitality

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• Knights of Columbus Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

 MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org

Lectors Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org

♦ Lazarus Ministry

- Amar Lagrimas lazarus@stdombenicia.org
- Parish Pastoral Council
 Kaitlin Demers ppc@stdombenicia.org
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• St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

• St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - Isarnicola@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

475 East I Street, Benicia <u>Current Office Hours</u> Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 707.747.7220 <u>Religious Education Office Hours</u> Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. **Parish Staff**

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 07/1/24-12/31/24 +/-YTD YTD Actual Budget Budget Sunday Offertory Online donations \$ 224,436 Sunday/Mail-in donations \$ 291,816 \$ 516,252 \$ 504,000 12,252 \$ 700 Christmas \$ 25,700 S 25,000 \$ Second Collections: 2.256 Building Improvement \$ 22,256 \$ 20,000 \$ Faith Formation \$ 5,201 \$ 5,350 (149) \$ Total Operating Income \$ 690,624 \$ 644,315 \$ 46,309

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Operating Expenses

Net Income/Loss

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 2025	MAR 02: Building Improvement MAR 05: Ash Wednesday FEB 09: SDS Tuition Assistance	MAR 16: Building Improvement MAR 23: Faith Formation MAR 30: St. Vincent de Paul

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