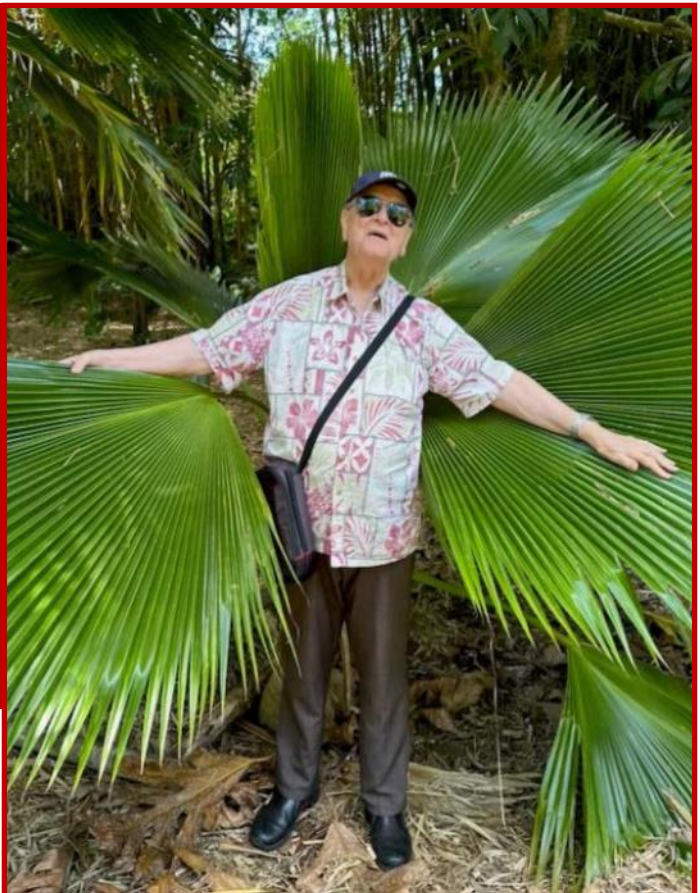


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025

Luke 19:28-40
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24.
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Luke 22:14—23:56

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”



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	04/12	5:00 p.m.	(R) Rowena Zamora
Sun	04/13	7:30 a.m.	(R) Juan & Sofia Aguirre
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Kristianna Lee
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Cezar Falconitin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	04/14	6:45 a.m.	(R) Ferdinand Vergara Mabunga
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Harris Ingle, Jr.
Tues	04/15	6:45 a.m.	(R) Gilbert & Fe Lagrimas
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Departed Residents of Windsor Care home of Vallejo
Wed	04/16	6:45 a.m.	(R) Elena T. Barreto
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Ethel Co Leonares
Thurs	04/17	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
Fri	04/18	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
Sat	04/19	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
Sun	04/20		



Legend:

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

June 2025 Intentions Open May 1

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



Joe Ogden, 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. Andraikin, 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:

June DeBrake, Fr. David Farrugia, O.P., Reynaldo Terrado, Dolores Lucas, 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
 ~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



Things sure have been a whirlwind around here since Father David's passing. His vigil and funeral turned out beautiful and very much in the overall spirit of Father David, which was our goal. Both events packed the church with a mix of Dominicans and many, many laypeople. Numerous parishioners expressed how much they enjoyed joining the Dominicans for the rosary and Office of the Dead, the latter being something they had never experienced before. The eulogy delivered by Father Peter Rogers captured Father David very well, although I did not know Father David was so notoriously frugal as a pastor. Wednesday morning's funeral was both healing and happy. The music captured precisely the vibe we were seeking, and what a delight it was to have Annabelle Cruz in the mix, providing vocals and her gorgeous violin-playing, along with Teri Hurlbut's



terrific piano-playing. I was amazed at how Annabelle and our music director Luke Shalz managed to change roles throughout the mass to maximize use of their varied talents. At some points, Luke was directing the singers while

Annabelle played the violin. At other points, Annabelle directed the vocalists while Luke played the organ, and sometimes, Luke even managed to direct the choir while playing the flute! Father Michael Hurley's homily featured everything one would want and expect from his preaching – theological richness delivered in an easily understandable way, plus all of that jovial humor that came through stories conveying what could be described fittingly as, "classic Father David." It was moving to have so many parishioners with us brothers at St. Dominic's Cemetery as we watched his coffin descend to the earth and then chanted the Salve Regina, which we do at every Dominican burial at that point. At the reception back at St. Dominic's, there was no shortage of joy, albeit with some tears, too. Father David would have applauded the Kinder's barbeque menu of beef and chicken. He was always happy to be served chicken, so long as he could have dark meat, which he would sometimes call "brown meat." From the vigil, to the funeral, burial, and then the reception, the whole thing went so well. And Father David deserved it. Well, on to Holy Week!



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Upcoming 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'

Holy Week

Schedule Below

Easter Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:30 & 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. (Church & Hall)

1:00 p.m. (Español/English)

Return - Fr. Gregory's Book Study

Mondays

9:30 a.m. - Ministry Center/Magdalene Room

Fridays

6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

May 12 - July 3

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)

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

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PALM SUNDAY

1) Meaning Behind The Palms: The palms symbolize peace and victory.

It was customary during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying palm branches—or even clothes—in front of people who were owed a great amount of respect.

Special Note: If you receive the blessed Palms at Mass on Sunday, do not throw them away or discard them! Instead, return unwanted palms to your parish to be used in making ashes for Ash Wednesday.

According to Canon Law (1171), blessed items are to be treated with reverence. If there is a need to dispose of such items, they must be buried or burned.

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy states: "Palms or olive branches should not be kept as amulets, or for therapeutic or magical reasons to dispel evil spirits or to prevent the damage these cause in the fields or in the homes, all of which can assume a certain superstitious guise." Palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory.

2) The Palm Sunday Procession: On Palm Sunday, the faithful receive palm branches at the beginning of Mass followed by a procession. Doing so invites us to reenact Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday has been commemorated in various ways throughout Church History. The Church standardized and simplified Palm Sunday traditions in 1955. With this came the option of an organized procession that begins somewhere outside the church, a solemn procession that begins outside the church, a solemn procession starting inside the church, or no procession at all.

3) Entering the Scene During Palm Sunday Mass: "Joyful acclamations at Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, followed by his humiliation. Festive cries followed by brutal torture. This twofold mystery accompanies our entrance into Holy Week each year, as reflected in the two characteristic moments of today's celebration: the initial procession with palm branches and the solemn reading of the Passion." – Pope Francis (April 14, 2019) On Palm Sunday, we dive deep into Saint Luke's account of Jesus' last days (and moments) of life on earth.

4) Christ's Entry to Jerusalem Was Foretold in the Old Testament: "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." – Zechariah 9:9

5) Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday and the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem: "How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!' How different the cries that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!' What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them."

Have a blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week!



Our Beloved Fr. David





ST. DOMINIC'S
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SUNDAY,
APRIL 27, 2025

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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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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.

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/24-3/31/25

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	+ / - <u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory			
<i>Online donations</i>	\$ 322,251		
<i>Sunday/Mail-in donations</i>	\$ 439,320		
	\$ 761,571	\$ 756,000	\$ 5,571
Second Collections:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 38,458	\$ 30,000	\$ 8,458
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 8,061	\$ 8,025	\$ 36
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,009,594	\$ 965,722	\$ 43,871
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,099,360	\$ 1,004,508	\$ 94,853
Net Income/Loss	\$ (89,767)	\$ (38,785)	\$ (50,981)

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April 18 (Good Friday) - Holy Lands
 April 26/27 - Catholic Missions Appeal
 May 31/June 1 - Catholic Communication Campaign

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