Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."



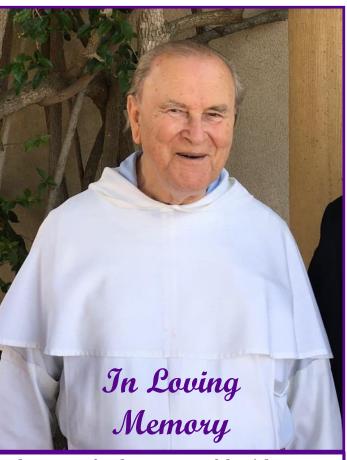
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No Flowers, in Observance of Lent Mass Intentions

Sat	04/05	5:00 p.m. (F	R) Pat Butler
Sun	04/06) People of the Parish
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			B) Marta Soria
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Tues	04/08		3) Josefina Lamug
		8:15 a.m. (F	R) John Potter
Wed	04/09	6:45 a.m. (F	R) Rae Bertellotti
		8:15 a.m. (F	R) Patricio & Dolores Macaraeg
Thurs	04/10		R) Patricia Butler
		8:15 a.m. (T	
Fri	04/11		x) Belen & Socorro Buenaventura
			R) Leonides De Joya
Sat	04/12) Roger Villamil
			R) Rowena Zamora
Sun	04/13	7:30 a.m. (F	ᠺĺ Juan & Sofia Aguirre
		9:00 a.m. (T) Kristianna Lee
		11:00 a.m. (F	R) Cezar Falconitin
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(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:

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, Gladyne Mitchell ~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows~











Pastor's Corner



This past week has certainly been one of grief as we absorb the loss of our beloved Father David Farrugia. Father David left an imprint on the hearts of several generations in our parish, including those of our young school children who are very much aware of his passing. Most of you

knew Father David much longer than I. My first encounter with him happened briefly at St. Mary Magdalene's in Berkeley when I was a layman looking to enter the Dominicans, and I did not meet him again until I came to Benicia as pastor. One quality of Father David's that especially struck me was the delight he took in spending time with parishioners. Before his string of hospital visits began last fall, he was reliably onsite to greet parishioners before and after the Sunday masses. And before his sharp health decline, he was always willing to take masses or confessions impromptu if a need suddenly arose. During my first months at St. Dominic's, as Father David introduced me to families, I would marvel at the level of detailed information he had retained about each family. His room in the rectory was right across from mine, and I would hear him frequently calling folks, one after another, just to say hello and ask if they were doing okay. As Father David's health worsened, the loss of his ability to do much in ministry anymore was a real sadness for him. Our plan, however, was for him to preach at the 11am mass this Sunday to celebrate his sixty-fifth anniversary of priesthood, which Father David was eagerly looking forward to doing. His actual anniversary date was last Tuesday, April 2nd, which meant he died just one day shy of that special occasion. As much as we will all miss Father David, in a deeper sense, I view this as a time to be happy and grateful because Father David had a very holy and blessed death. He prayed consistently throughout the process, and as much as the loss of his energy annoyed him near the end, he kept reiterating that he was having no pain. Right up to his last evening, he was making Fathers Gregory, Vincent, and me laugh. Near the end of that night, when I stopped in to see him, something in his eyes gave me the intuition that he was near the end. I retrieved my holy oil stock and anointed him before going to bed. The next morning, I stopped in to check on him and found that he had gone peacefully in his sleep. St. Dominic's sure was blessed to have so many years with Father David. What a good and holy priest.

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor frandy@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4668

Upcoming Events

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'

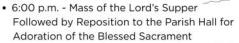
Men's Bible Study

Returning May 2 - Fridays

HOLY TRIDUUM LITURGIES

Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025





• 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)



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

WHY DO WE VEIL THE STATUES AND IMAGES?

Tradition of the "Hungertuch" or Hunger Cloth

Covering crosses, statues and images or "veiling" with unadorned violet opaque cloths begins on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday of Lent. It is an older custom of the Church that remains an option even to this day. In some places images and statues are actually removed from the church and not simply veiled, but in most places this is not practical. The exact era it began no one is sure, but the origins seem to come from a medieval tradition of the "hunger cloth" which was a huge violet cloth hung in front of the altar to keep the congregation from viewing the altar. Originally Lent was a time that public sinners were "banished" from the church and had to do a public display of penance. Over time the understanding that everyone is a sinner prevailed and sinners were no longer restricted from the liturgy in church, but the hunger cloth gave all attending a "fast of the eyes." The cloths over time changed to smaller sizes and with more decorations. The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of "fasting of the eyes." According to Adolf Adam's The Liturgical Year, At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion. Durandus saw this explanation as implied in this Sunday's gospel (from pre-Vatican II), the concluding sentence of which read: "But Jesus hid himself and left the temple" (John 8:59). Prior to Vatican II the editors of the Schott Missal saw the veiling of crosses and so on as intended "to remind us of the Redeemer's humiliation and thus

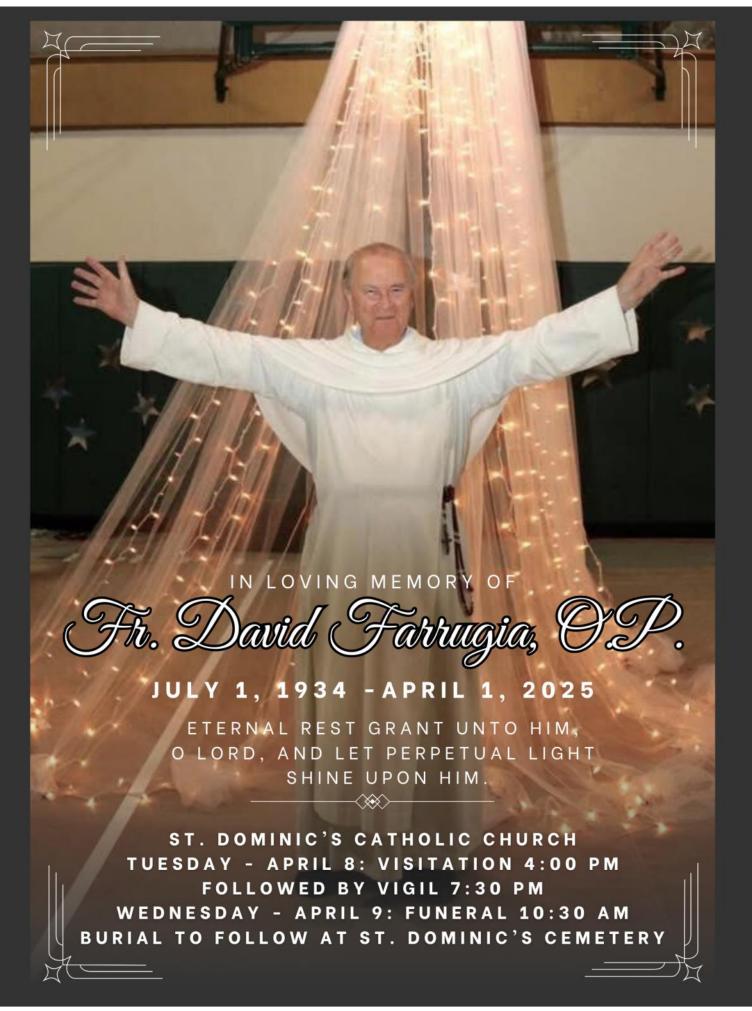
to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply on our hearts." -excerpt from *Passiontide and Veiling of Images*, Jennifer Gregory Miller

MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

If you haven't gone to confession in a while, Lent is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God and the Church. Most parishes have communal penance services with prayers and Scripture readings, followed by the opportunity for individual confession (a necessity for absolution of mortal sins). Or you can also make a private appointment with a priest. Preparation for confession should include an examination of conscience, which means you think back on sins you have committed since your last confession. What happens during confession depends on the priest and the person. Most people still start with the formula: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the number of months or years) since my last confession." If you can't remember the words or you don't recall how long it's been, don't worry. Just tell the priest it's been a long time, and he will guide you through the process.

What you will experience is the healing gift of God's love, the chance to start over with a clean conscience, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

How to Make a Good Confession By Simply Catholic Staff





Congratulations to our teens who were recently confirmed!





Michael Gabriel Bernabe Altera, Jr. Nicholas Amso Morgan Jane Anderson Carlos Alexander Keolalani Arriaza Arianna Elyse Becerra Giovanni Manuel Becerra Javier Nicholas Becker Cayden Daniel Bohacek Sofia Isabela Brooks Chloe Chanel Bustamante Jared Marc-Jose Cacao-Cruz Jaysa-James Madden Cacao-Cruz Isabella Mia Calvo Abbigale Aria Caro Sibely Linneth Castaneda Joaquin Iñigo Rivera Castejon Abigail Chavarria Nadia Rose Chavez Dominic Frank Coppa Julian Giovanni Cordova Leonardo Damian Correa Lily Alana Cowley Arielle Mei Domingo Der Mackenzie Michelle Donnelly Siena Hope Enriquez Anya Felicity Fernandes



Vivienne Lorraine Fritz Lyla Ann Gamboa Chloe Aryanna Arciaga Gatapia Penelope Jane Goff Chelsea Marie Villanueva Gumban Maya Gutierrez Arriaga Parker Haeni Jaylah Leizel Hernandez Sonia Jimenez Emma Simone Lopez Donovan Louro Ella Lum Elisabella Magana Noah McCue Rudy Mejia Nicholas Meric Tristan Nguyen Audrey Nieuwenhuis Joshlyne Pearson Ryder Perfecto Quiambao Anabel Quiroz Gonzalez Xabi Reyes **Annabel Theis** Kailani Valencia Jacob Vigil Madison White

School News

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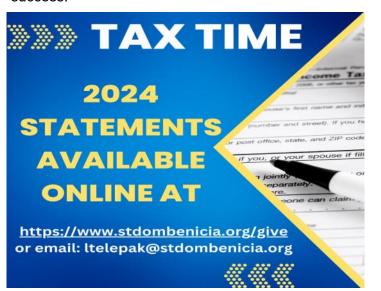








Congratulations to all of our junior high theater students who performed in our spring musical, *Annie!* Our students put on amazing performances this past weekend in front of sold out crowds. A special thank you to our theater director, Amberly Palmer-Bailey, our show and rehearsal assistant Shauna Portuguez, our costume designer Sally Palmer, and our front of house manager Loryn Amso; so many of our incredible teachers were involved behind the scenes as well and our dedicated parent volunteers all worked together to help make this production a success.



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.

CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707-246-9076

E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com

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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 MassMonday – 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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♦ Altar Servers

Theodore Diepenbrock - altarservers@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

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♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

♦ Gabriel Project

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♦ Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

♦ Hospitality

Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

♦ Knights of Columbus

Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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

Amar Lagrimas - lazarus@stdombenicia.org

♦ Parish Pastoral Council

Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

- ♦ RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Brianne Dela Cruz—bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

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♦ Ushers

Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – usher@stdombenicia.org

Diocese of Sacramento Special Collections

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

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Current Office Hours
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Religious Education Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade) pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK) tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org

Principal

Preschool Director

PARIS		FINANCIAL 7/1/24-2/28/2		PORT		
	YTD Actual		YTD Budget		+/- Budget	
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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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