# Solemnity of the **Ascension of** the Lord June 1, 2025

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 **Ephesians 1:17-23** Luke 24:46-53

"God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."



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

### Mass Intentions

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Sat Sun	05/31 06/01	7:30 a.m.	\
			(T) Newly Professed Dominicans
			(R) Virginia N. Snider
		•	(R) Rose Lee Aki
Mon	06/02	6:45 a.m.	` '
			(T) Br. John Paul Puschautz, OP
Tues	06/03		(R) Jo Ann Zendan
			(R) Dan Gamoras
Wed	06/04		(T) Br. Michael Thomas Cain, OP
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Leonor Cruel
Thurs	06/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Leonor Cruel
		8:15 a.m.	
Fri	06/06	6:45 a.m.	(R) Ethel Leonares
		8:15 a.m.	\ / -
Sat	06/07	8:15 a.m.	(R) Manrique & Natividad Lingad
		5:00 p.m.	(B) William Gilbert
Sun	06/08	7:30 a.m.	
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Teresa & David Lee
		11:00 a.m.	(T) Luke Shalz
			(R) Eutilia Perez
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Legend:

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

July 2025 Intentions Opens June 3



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



Jill Gaul, Carlos Chulli Sandoval, Joe Ogden, Albert Horvath, Estela Kanade, Greg Albright, Bill Telepak, Donna Ernst, Jocelyn Holzwarth, Fred Ayala, Rachel McDonald, Neil Black, Maria Kim, Dennis Kolkebeck, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Rose Marie Watterson, Emilio Ermio, Elaine Paschal, Maria Bongco, Ramon Dela Cruz, 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:

Grace Engels, Fr. Reginald Martin, OP, Fr. Brian Mullady, OP, Jerry Ahlering, Leonor Cruel OPL, Christopher Wright, Dolores C. Bello. 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 ~names will be listed as space allows~















## **Pastor's Corner**



And just like that another school year is in the books! The students sure did have a busy week! Wednesday was filled with a barbeque lunch, visit from the USAF Band of the Golden West, and talent show! Last day of school Mass was celebrated by Fr. Gregory while I am in Montana this weekend celebrating a wedding.

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

As I conclude my ministries at St. Dominic's, my heart is filled with gratitude. I am eternally grateful to the almighty God for calling me to become a priest to minister to His people, despite my unworthiness. I am also deeply grateful to both the parish and the



school communities that took me in with open arms. It has been so wonderful being a part of this community that is filled with warmth and love, as well as many colorful events (as you can see in the pictures). Of



course, I must not forget to thank the parishioners, students, teachers, and friends who have prayed for me and supported me with their encouragements. On a personal level, I am thankful for having learned and grown so much over the last five years, often through my mistakes, and therefore, thank you very much for your patience and forgiveness. As a Dominican, I am called to be

itinerant, meaning frequently moving from one place to another, to where the Holy Spirit leads me. However, saying goodbye is never easy. Nevertheless, I take comfort in the powerful love of God, trusting that no one and nothing that we treasure is gone forever and knowing that one day He will gather us all together once

again. As I shared with some of you, I have wanted to go back to school for quite a while. My earnest desire is that after I complete my studies, I may be able to share with you the richness of the Gospel of our Lord in greater depths. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any plans to come to



Rome for pilgrimage or vacation, and we will go out for some carbonara or gelato!

Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P. - Parochial Vicar gliu@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4695

# **Upcoming Events**

#### Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, June 1 After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

#### Return - Fr. Gregory's Book Study

Mondays

9:30 a.m. - Ministry Center/Magdalene Room Fridays 6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

#### Family Adoration

First Friday of the Month - June 6 6:00 p.m. - Church Followed by Potluck in the Ministry Center

#### **Farmers Market**

Thursdays - June 12 & 26 (Every other Thursday) Supported by Various Ministries 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### Men's Bible Study

Fridays 5:30 p.m. - Siena Room

#### Juneteenth Holiday

Thursday - June 19 Office Closed

#### **Summertime Fruit Baking Sunday**

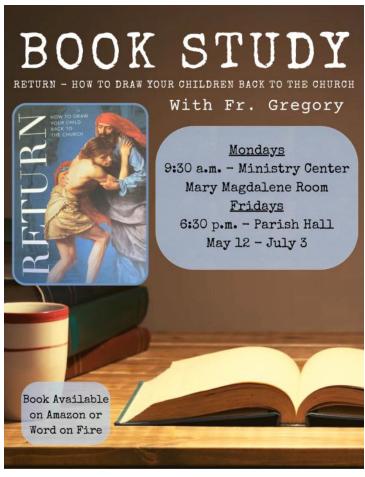
Sunday - June 22 After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

#### Fr. Gregory's Farewell Weekend

Saturday - July 5
After the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday - July 6
After the 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Masses
Parish Hall



Maytime Rosary Processions





### A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY... A LIFETIME OF LOVE.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** 

Rediscover the one you love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Scan the QR code for schedule of coming weekends.

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together!





#### Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Magdalene Room, which is located on the first floor of the ministry center. Everyone is welcome. To learn more about our ministry or to help with one of our projects, please contact us t svdp@stdombenicia.org or speak with a Vincentian at one of our events. We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Please help us stock our pantry. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, etc.

If you or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with food, then please call us at (707) 746-1773 and leave a message. One of our volunteers will call you back on a weekday. We deliver groceries 5 days/week Monday-Friday.

If you or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with rent, water or PG&E bills, then please call us at (707) 200-4940. If we don't answer, then please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours.









Throughout the school year, 1,000 school-age children in Benicia are eligible for free/reduced meals at school. During the summer months, these same students are in . need of meals at home, which can put a strain on families' food budgets.

In addition to our regular pantry needs, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting kid-friendly food and snacks from now until the end of August. You may drop food off in the vestibule of St. Dominic's where they will be added to daily deliveries for families in need. Please donate:

- Fruit Snacks
- Individual fruit cups
- · Cereal/granola bars · Nutri-grain bars · Canned pastas
- Jelly/Jam
- · Crackers/pretzels
- · Easy Mac n' Cheese · Fruit drinks
- · Peanut butter · Sun Chips
- Pancake mix
- Snack Packs
- Cash

Shop our Amazon Wishlist by scanning the QR code with your phone. Items will ship directly to the program coordinator.









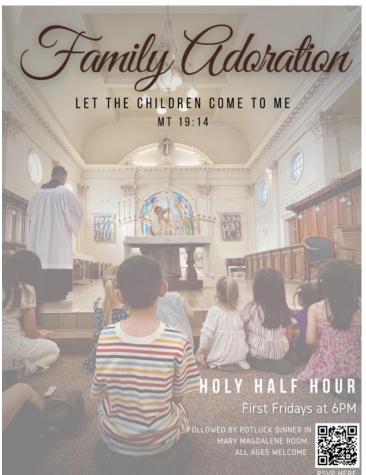


## **Legacy & IRA Giving**

You can remember St. Dominic's, Benicia in your estate plans through your will, retirement plan or other assets. Legacy gifts are used for capital projects that may otherwise not be possible and are never used for day to day expenses. For example the parish hall renovations! You can even designate your gift to a specific fund (i.e. building fund).

If you own a traditional IRA and are over the age of 70 1/2, the IRS requires that you take yearly distributions (MRD's). But did you know you can designate the MRD to St. Dominic's Church and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution? For more information, visit the IRS website or contact your tax or financial consultant.

For more information or to explore your options please contact Teresa Stone at tstone@stdombenicia.org or





# **Community News**



# 2025-2026 STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025-2026 STUDENT COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: VICTORIA AMSO VICE PRESIDENT: DEVIN TADEMY

SECRETARY: SOFIA MERINO TREASURER: JOSEPH MILLER

**ECOLOGY: LUKE ELGES** 

**RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: CHRISTI DEL CASTILLO** 

**ATHLETICS: NICO RAMOS** 

PUBLIC RELATIONS: AVIANA GOTELLI STUDENT AFFAIRS: KYLIE ARNESON K-4 ACTIVITIES: CHRISTOPHER BASTIAO

YEARBOOK: RAYN CALVO







### **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

Team - adoration@stdombenicia.org

♦ Altar Servers

Theodore Diepenbrock - altarservers@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

Luke Shalz - Ishalz@stdombenicia.org

♦ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

**♦** Dominican Laity

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

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

♦ Gabriel Project

Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

♦ 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
- Lectors Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org

♦ 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

Lisa Sarnicola - Isarnicola@opwest.org

♦ Ushers

Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – usher@stdombenicia.org

#### **Diocese of Sacramento Special Collections**

May 31/June 1 - Catholic Communication Campaign

(50% will remain in our Diocese to help our local community efforts.)

June 28/29 - Peter's Pence Collection (Holy Father)

### **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

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

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. **Pastor** frandy@stdombenicia.org Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P. **Parochial Vicar** gliu@stdombenicia.org Mike Scafani Deacon mscafani@stdombenicia.org **Teresa Stone Business Manager** tstone@stdombenicia.org Luke Shalz **Music Director** Ishalz@stdombenicia.org Lori Telepak Comm. Relations/ Itelepak@stdombenicia.org **Ministry Coordinator Brianne Dela Cruz** Dir. of Religious Ed. bdelacruz@stdombenicia,org **Debi Thurin** Children's Sacraments dthurin@stdombenicia.org **Justin Reves Liturgy Coordinator** ireyes@stdombenicia.org Weddings & Quince's **Scott Schilz** sschilz@stdombenicia.org Maintenance Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P. In Residence / Retired Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P. In Residence / Retired

### St. Dominic School

935 East 5th Street, Benicia

www.sdschoolbenicia.org 707.745.1266

Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade)

pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org
Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)

tsanchez@sdschoolbenicia.org

Preschool Director

Principal

#### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 07/1/24-4/30/25

	YTD Actual		YTD Budget		+/- Budget	
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	_					
Online donations	\$	366,321				
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$	474,551				
	\$	840,872	\$	672,000	\$	168,872
Easter	\$	29,464	\$	35,000	\$	(5,536)
Second Collections:						
Building Improvement	\$	41,354	\$	33,333	\$	8,021
Faith Formation	\$	8,917	\$	8,917	\$	3=3
Total Operating Income	\$	1,139,023	\$	1,103,358	\$	35,665
Operating Expenses		1,194,016	\$	1,114,453	\$	79,563
Net Income/Loss	\$	(54,993)	\$	(11,095)	\$	(43,898)

# Please support the following businesses owned by members of our parish community. Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!

A & S Chem Dry, Anthony & Shelly Trevino Serving St. Dominic's Parish for over 25 years! (707) 748-7726	Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.	Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva/Joe Talken (707) 745-3130		
A & S Chem Dry - Drier. Cleaner. Healthier. Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning (707) 748-7726 Tile & Stone Clean & Seal	Kindred Spirits Pet/House Sitting Dorothy Doscher (707) 334-3776	Reyes Electric Co. & Design LIC#32877 Residential/ Commercial (707) 747-6818		
All Souls Cemetery & Funeral Center FD2286 Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation & Burial. (707)-644-5209 cfcsSacramento.org	Law Offices of Barnum & Avila Employment Law (707) 745-3747, www.rmblaw.com	Sarita's Garden Consulting www.saritasdrygardenconsulting.com (707) 347-9411 First step in gardening!		
Amso Healthy Chiropractic 310 Military West (707) 752-2990	Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice (707) 553-7360	Shutters and More Bill Simpson, Parishioner (707) 746-8187		
ATS Tax & Financial Solutions Tax Angels to your rescue! Returns/ QB (707) 745-1040	Minuteman Press Copy, Print, Posters & Banners (707) 647- 1000, 812 Tennessee St,Vallejo	St. Dominic's Cemetery Lisa Sarnicola, Sales Manager (707) 751-0527		
Crane Station, Inc. Rex Sevilla–Crane and Electrical Services (707)333-6287	Mr. Lawn Landscape Service Landscaping, Maintenance & Installation (707) 747-5273	Teresa Stone - Notary Services tstone@stdombenicia.org (707) 330-0773		
Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061	Napoli Pizza and Pasta Chris & Lisa Guerrera- Owners (707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com	Tuolumne Street Auto Repair John McLaughlin, Parishioner (707) 648-3434		
Tim & Jeannie Hamann Foundation fightcancer@hamannfoundation.org Tax ID#47-2189766 hamannfoundation.org	North Point Pest Solutions Inc. Pest Control Services BENICIA (707) 621-0003	<b>Up2Code Plumbing</b> Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714		
	Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602	Warring & Assoc. Realtors Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990		
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 2025	JUNE 01: Ascension JUNE 08: SDS Tuition Assistance JUNE 15: Building Improvement JUNE 22: Faith Formation			

Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.