Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 **Revelation 7:9. 14b-17** John 10:27-30

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."



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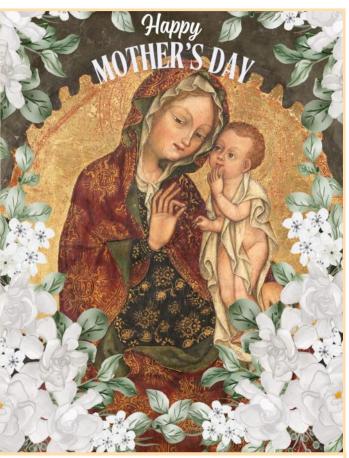
Altar Flowers for the Anniversary of Harris & Consuelo Ingle **Mass Intentions**

Sat Sun	05/10 05/11	5:00 p.m. (T) 7:30 a.m. (T) 9:00 a.m. (T) 11:00 a.m. (T) 1:00 p.m. (T)
Mon	05/12	6:45 a.m. (R) Betty & Clete Willihnganz 8:15 a.m. (T) Rex & Maria Sevilla & Family
Tues	05/13	6:45 a.m. (H) Oscar Placio 8:15 a.m. (R) May Llanes
Wed	05/14	6:45 a.m. (T) Brothers Newly Professed 8:15 a.m. (R) Jackie Klare
Thurs	05/15	6:45 a.m. (R) Mrs. Leonora Cruel, OPL 8:15 a.m. (R) Barbara Piepho
Fri	05/16	6:45 a.m. (R) Pope Francis 8:15 a.m. (R) Helen & Roy Sapp
Sat	05/17	8:15 a.m. (R) Mike Garton 5:00 p.m. (B) Eduardo Cabral
Sun	05/18	7:30 a.m. (R) Betty & Clete Willhnganz 9:00 a.m. (B) Scott Schilz 11:00 a.m. (R) Ana Velasquez 1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish

Legend:

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

July 2025 Intentions Open June 3



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



Carlos Chulli Sandoval, 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. Andrakin, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Rose Marie Watterson, Emilio Ermio, 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. 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



Habemus papam! We have a pope! He is the first pope from the United States, which is pretty cool. It is interesting that our new pontiff, Pope Leo XIV, took the name of a past pope widely seen as an important figure in the development of Catholic social teaching, Pope Leo XIII who wrote the encyclical Rerum Novarum —

"On Capital and Labor." In that encyclical, the pontiff talked about the mutual duties of capital and labor in the united goal of enabling people at all levels of society to have a just share in the world's resources. The document supported the rights of labor to form unions, rejected socialism but also unrestricted capitalism, and affirmed the right to private property. Those are all very relevant subject matter in regard to many of the debates happening around the world, especially in the U.S., so it will be interesting to see what Pope Leo XIV ends up contributing to that discussion. Let us all strive to greet him with open ears and a charitable heart.

It sure is fun seeing our kids running around in their First Holy Communion cloths this weekend. They have begun an essential step in their journey as Christians. When they enter the communion line, they no longer always have to cross their arms when they approach the sacrament but can now partake of the supper of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus tells us in John 6 that eating his flesh and drinking his blood, which we understand in sacramental terms, provides us a share in his everlasting life. He also tells us in John 6 that reception of his body and blood plays a role in our friendship with him, enabling him to be in us and us in him in a very special way. Through the Eucharist, Jesus shares a kind of one-flesh union with us, which speaks to a very intimate friendship with him to which he is calling us. Jesus is not meant to be the sort of friend we keep at a distance and check in with only a few times a year. Rather, we are being invited to share our entire lives with him, drawing our life from his life, which is a life that cannot die and knows the greatest happiness that can possibly be known. The Eucharist is meant both to give us this life and strengthen us is allowing it progressively to empower every aspect of our souls. Congratulations, kids! Also, to our mothers: Happy Mother's Day! Hope you can join us for one of our 6:30pm Wednesday rosary processions in this month dedicated to our heavenly mother!

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

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market

Thursdays - May 15, 29 Supported by Various Ministries 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays 5:30 p.m. - Siena Room

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

Maytime Rosary Processions

Wednesdays - May 14, 21, & 28 6:30 p.m. - Starting at Church Entrance

Spring Baking Sunday

Sunday - May 25
Following the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
Parish Hall





"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" -St. Bernard

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and spiritual mother of all. In the plan of salvation, the Blessed Virgin Mary holds a special place. By virtue of her role to be the mother of the Son of God by divine election, she was conceived immaculately — i.e., without the stain of original sin — and by fidelity to her son has been crowned queen of heaven and earth. Everything Mary said and did leads to Christ. Who knows a child better than a mother? And what good and loving child does not know his or her mother and love her with all of his or her heart? Mary knew and loved Jesus like no one else on earth — and she loves each of her children, human beings, with similar affection and tenderness. The Church, in its wisdom, asks its children to be especially devoted to Mother Mary during the month of May and to be particularly grateful for all of her care. -ACI Prensa Staff

Featured Marian Devotion

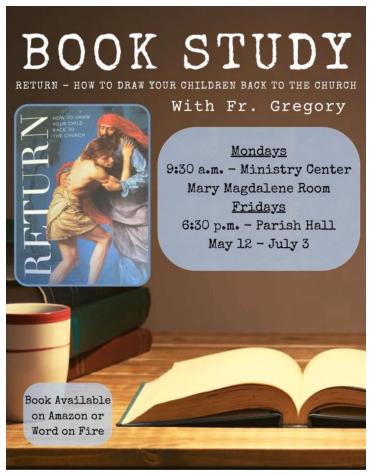
Our Lady of Fatima - May 13

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto, at the Cova da Iria outside the village of Aljustrel, near Fatima, Portugal. In the months that followed, the children would see Mary five more times. On the sixth and last appearance, the Virgin told the children her name: The Lady of the Rosary. Throughout these appearances, the children received prophetic messages of prayer, penance and peace called the "Secret," and residents of Fatima witnessed a stunning atmospheric event that would become known as the Miracle of the Sun. The full meaning of the miracles of Fatima would not be understood until decades beyond – and now, a century later, they continue to inspire the faithful across the globe.

(Source: Rohling, Geraldine M., PhD, MAEd. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: Guide and Tour Book. Washington, D.C.: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 2018.)

Prayer taught by Our Lady of Fatima to the Shepherd

Children O Jesus, it is for love of You, and for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary!





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.





Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV

With the election of Pope Leo XIV—Robert Francis Prevost, the first American to ascend to the papacy—the Catholic Church turns a new page, guided by a name rich in historical resonance. The choice of "Leo" aligns him with a lineage of pontiffs who have shaped the Church's doctrine, diplomacy, and social mission.

The legacy of the Leos

The name "Leo" has been borne by thirteen previous popes, each leaving a distinct mark on the Church's history. The first, Pope Leo I (440–461), known as Leo the Great, was pivotal in defining Christological doctrine and strengthening the authority of the papacy. His persuasive encounter with Attila the Hun, urging the invader to spare Rome, remains a testament to his diplomatic acumen. Centuries later, Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) emerged as a champion of social justice. His encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the rights and conditions of laborers, laying the groundwork for modern Catholic social teaching. By choosing the name Leo XIV, the new pope signals a continuity with these predecessors' commitment to doctrinal clarity and social responsibility.

A new chapter with Pope Leo XIV

Born in Chicago in 1955, Robert Prevost brings a wealth of pastoral and administrative experience to the papacy. His missionary work in Peru and leadership within the Augustinian order reflect a deep commitment to service and evangelization. As head of the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops, he played a crucial role in shaping the global episcopate. In his inaugural address, Pope Leo XIV emphasized themes of peace, dialogue, and unity, echoing the pastoral priorities of his namesakes. "Peace be with you," he greeted the faithful, underscoring a vision of the Church as a reconciliatory presence in a divided world.

Anticipating the path ahead

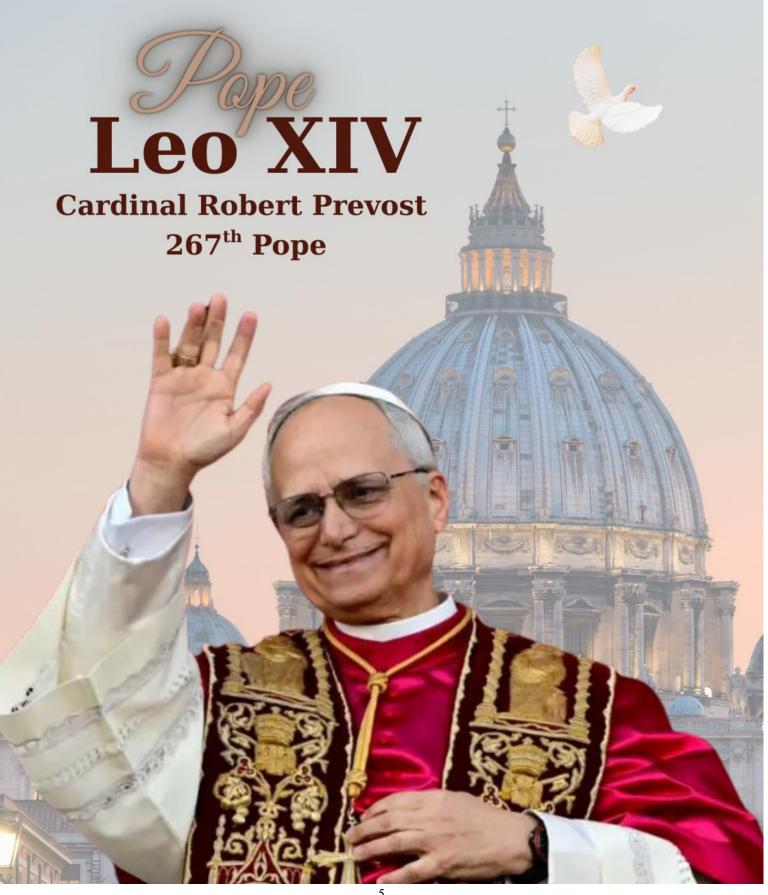
Pope Leo XIV inherits a Church (and a world) facing numerous challenges. Drawing inspiration from the legacy of the Leos, he is poised to navigate these complexities with a blend of doctrinal fidelity and compassionate outreach. As the Church embarks on this new chapter, the historical weight of the name "Leo" offers both a foundation and a beacon, guiding Pope Leo XIV in his mission to shepherd a global and diverse flock.

A Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Daniel Esparza - published on 05/08/25 Aleteia

HABEMUS PAPAM!



It All Starts With Your Generous Hearts! Thank You for Being so Kind!



2024-2025 Mid FY Report

October 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Thank You For Making A Difference!



Preventing Homelessness

Rental/Housing Assistance

o 30 Families Helped (\$20,782) PG&E/Water Assistance

973 Assistance Calls Recieved 2,438 Neighbors Helped

69 Families Helped (\$28,086) Home Visits

· 80 in person visits to assess, support, pray and refer as needed

Grocery Deliveries and Personal Encounters

Procery Delivery Monday - Friday (\$12,613)

- 1.333 Individuals helped
- oliday Dinner Box Program (\$18,525)

 373 total dinner boxes and grocery certificates delivered for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- ided to 91 children and 80 low inc



Special Projects

Prison Ministry - Solano County
Sweatsuits provided for 40 newly released returning citizens (who are often released in paper clothes)



Disaster Relief

\$2,325 to stock Emergency Preparedness Shed for Benicia residents \$4,900 to St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles for fire Disaster Relief (5th Sunday Dedicated Special Collection)



Financials

ncome: \$80,478 Expenses: \$91,77

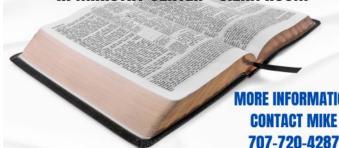
- Operating Expenses: \$5,059 (6.3% of revenue) Those We Serve in Benicia: \$80,572

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM



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St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic School is Hiring!

One of our Solano Catholic schools is currently seeking dedicated and faith-filled educators to join our team for the 2025-2026 school year. St. Vincent Ferrer in Vallejo has open teaching positions for 1st Grade and 5th Grade.

Ideal candidates will be passionate about Catholic education and committed to supporting both the academic and spiritual development of our students. We are looking for independent, self-starting teachers who bring joy, flexibility, and a spirit of inclusion to the classroom.

Our new teachers will cultivate a positive and engaging environment that encourages student growth, learning, and most importantly a love for Christ.

To learn more or apply, please contact the school office at (707) 642-4311 or email jaime.ignacio@svfsvallejo.org.

Join us in forming Saints—one student at a time!



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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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♦ Altar Servers

Theodore Diepenbrock - altarservers@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

Luke Shalz - Ishalz@stdombenicia.org

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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

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Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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♦ 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)

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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.

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Preschool Director

Principal

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

	YTD Actual		YTD Budget		+/- Budget	
Sunday Offertory		, totali		Juaget_	-	Juaget
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)

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2025	MAY 04: Building Improvement MAY 11: SDS Tuition Assistance MAY 18: Building Improvement	MAY 25:St. Vincent de Paul MAY 25: Faith Formation			

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