

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

***"I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God."***



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

Altar Flowers in Memory of Eutimio Oregel Mass Intentions

Sat	05/17	5:00 p.m.	(B) Eduardo Cabral
Sun	05/18	7:30 a.m.	(R) Betty & Clete Willihganz
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Scott Schilz
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Ana Velasquez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	05/19	6:45 a.m.	(R) Fr. David Farrugia, OP
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Eutimio Oregel
Tues	05/20	6:45 a.m.	(B) Terry Segelke
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Bob Haight
Wed	05/21	6:45 a.m.	(B) Dcn Mike Scafani
		8:15 a.m.	(A) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Thurs	05/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Rowaldo Saulog
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Veronica Sevilla
Fri	05/23	6:45 a.m.	(H) Capapas & Zorilla Families
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Arianna Lagrimas
Sat	05/24	8:15 a.m.	(R) Reginald Saulsbury
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Regina Tejano Opon
Sun	05/25	7:30 a.m.	(R) Dolores Bettencourt Bello
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Michael Mimiaga
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Fausto Folquer
		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:**



Jill Gaul, 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~



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Pastor's Corner



This past week certainly was a good one for us to kick off our Wednesday Marian processions! Last Tuesday was the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, which is a very important day for our parish, given that the six 1917 Fatima apparitions happened in

Portugal, and the Portuguese play such an important role in the history of Saint Dominic's. Next time you are in the church, take a look at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima along the right wall of the church next to the statue of Queen Saint Isabel of Portugal. The Marian statue, which is carried through the streets of Benicia every year for the Mass of the Holy Ghost, was given to



Saint Dominic's by the local Portuguese community members many, many decades ago. It truly is one of our treasures.



My hope for our Wednesday rosary processions is that we will get more young families. At each procession of the month, people are invited to

make floral offerings to Our Lady, which can be fun for the kids as well. These sorts of communal devotional experiences are important for our children's spiritual development because the rituals help to form one's Catholic imagination. Hope you can join us before the Month of May concludes!



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

Upcoming Events

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

Farmers Market

Thursdays - May 29, June 12 & 26
Supported by Various Ministries
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays
5:30 p.m. - Siena Room

SDS 8th Grade Graduation

Friday - May 23

Last Day of School for Grades K-7

Friday - May 30

Spring Baking Sunday

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

Fr. Gregory's Farewell Weekend

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

Flowers for the shrine of Our
Lady of Fatima, May 13

Sponsored by

The Sevilla Family

in Thanksgiving
& for the
Intentions of
The Holy Souls
in Purgatory



Celebrate the Month of Mary

Ad Jesum per Mariam

"I Wanted So Much to Come Here"

Pope Leo Visits Marian Shrine Outside of Rome

Pope Leo XIV on Saturday visited and prayed at the Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel in Genazzano, greeting the community there and urging them to *'be faithful to the Mother.'* Leo on Saturday also visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed in front of the tomb of Pope Francis.

The sanctuary, located about an hour east of Rome, is run by the religious of the Order of St. Augustine and "houses an ancient image of the Virgin, dear to the Order and to the memory of Leo XIII," according to the Vatican. The Pope greeted the religious at the shrine before praying at both the altar and the Marian image there, according to the Vatican. The Holy Father also prayed St. John Paul II's prayer to the Mother of Good Counsel with the assembly.

"I wanted so much to come here in these first days of the new ministry that the Church has entrusted to me, to carry out this mission as the Successor of Peter," Leo told those present.

The Pope told the community that the shrine was *"such a great gift"* to them. *"As the Mother never abandons her children, you must also be faithful to the Mother,"* he said. The Holy Father also offered a blessing to those present.

Leo on Saturday also visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he prayed in front of the tomb of Pope Francis, his immediate predecessor. Francis is one of eight popes buried in the papal basilica.

Featured Marian Devotion

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, is celebrated on June 27 by the universal Church.



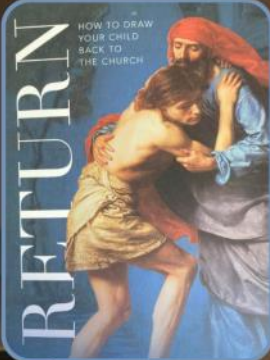
The tradition of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is traced back to 1495. Stolen from a Cretan monastery by a wine merchant a few years after its creation, it was brought to the church of St. Matthew in Rome. For 300 years, it resided at the church, and even survived the church's destruction by Napoleon's army in 1798.

88 years later, Pope Pius IX gave the icon to the Redemptorist congregation at the Church of Saint Alphonsus, where it remains today. Many miracles have been attributed to the image.

BOOK STUDY

RETURN - HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILDREN BACK TO THE CHURCH

With Fr. Gregory



Mondays
9:30 a.m. - Ministry Center
Mary Magdalene Room

Fridays
6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall
May 12 - July 3

Book Available on Amazon or Word on Fire





SUMMER SNACK PROGRAM

Please help Svdp support families with school-age children this summer

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
- Canned pastas
- Popcorn
- Jelly/Jam
- Crackers/pretzels
- Nutri-grain bars
- 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.



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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWE)

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



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

- 30 Families Helped (\$20,782)

PG&E/Water Assistance

- 69 Families Helped (\$28,086)

Home Visits

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

*973 Assistance Calls Received
2,438 Neighbors Helped*

Grocery Deliveries and Personal Encounters

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

- 428 Deliveries
- 1,333 Individuals helped

Holiday Dinner Box Program (\$18,525)

- 373 total dinner boxes and grocery certificates delivered for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Christmas gifts provided to 91 children and 80 low income seniors

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

Income: \$80,478

Expenses: \$91,771

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

svdp@stdombenicia.org 707-746-1773 Grocery Delivery 707-200-4940 Financial Assistance svdpbenicia.org

ALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM**



**MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MIKE
707-720-4287**

ESTUDIO EN ESPAÑOL DE LA BIBLIA
Evangelio De San Juan

Los Jueves

Hora: 6:30 p.m.

En el: Salón 'Siena'

Edificio Del Centro Ministerial

Material Necesitado: Biblia en Español

Maytime Rosary Processions

**Wednesday
Evenings**

6:30 p.m.

May 14, 21, & 28

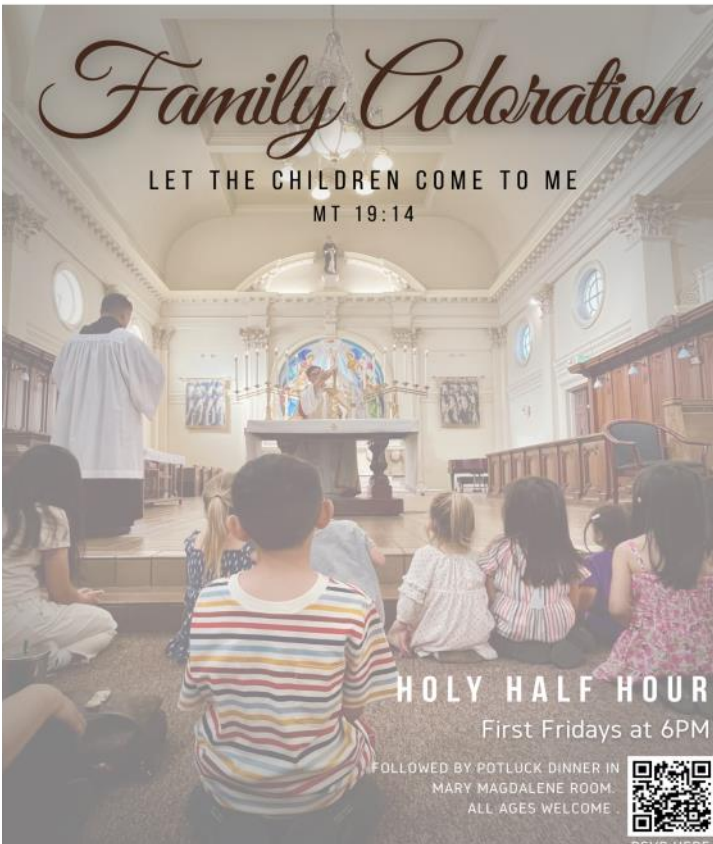
Front of Church



Please bring flowers for
the floral offering to
the Blessed Mother
after each procession.

Family Adoration

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME
MT 19:14



HOLY HALF HOUR

First Fridays at 6PM

FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK DINNER IN
MARY MAGDALENE ROOM.
ALL AGES WELCOME.



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**SO EXCITED TO
SEE YOU THERE!**

OUR BOOTH IS SUPPORTED BY
OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**THURSDAYS
MAY 29, JUNE 12 & 26**

- EVERY OTHER WEEK -

May 1 - October 30, 2025
4-8pm (Sept/Oct 4-7pm)



First Street
Between B and D Streets



Community News



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!



The Benefits of Natural Family Planning



Andriya Arevalo
Certified FertilityCare
Practitioner

Natural Family Planning vs. Contraception, IVF, & Sterilization

Sunday, June 8, 2025

**3:30 PM: Showing of Documentary –
“Unprotected”
followed by**

Talk by Andriya Arevalo

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH - DOME

Free Entry - Refreshments Provided!
2700 Dover Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533

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 707-335-4672

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 - altarservers@stdombenicia.org
- ♦ **Choirs**
 Luke Shalz - lshalz@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
- ♦ **Guadalupe Association**
 Patricia Chavez - guadalupe@stdombenicia.org
- ♦ **Hospitality**
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- ♦ **Knights of Columbus**
 Dan Swinton - beniciaknights@gmail.com
- ♦ **MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood**
 Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org
- ♦ **Lectors Ministry**
 Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org
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- ♦ **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**
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- ♦ **St. Vincent de Paul**
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- ♦ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**
 Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@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
Current Office Hours
 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

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Scott Schilz sschilz@stdombenicia.org	Weddings & Quince's
Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P.	Maintenance
Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P.	In Residence / Retired
	In Residence / Retired

St. Dominic School

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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/24-4/30/25

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
Sunday Offertory			
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	\$ -
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!**

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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	Up2Code Plumbing 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 MAY 2025	JUNE 01: Ascension JUNE 08: SDS Tuition Assistance JUNE 15: Building Improvement JUNE 22: Faith Formation	

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