

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

***“O God, let all the nations
praise you!”***



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

Altar Flowers for the Anniversary of Rob & Lootsee Lustan

Mass Intentions

Sat	05/24	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
Mon	05/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Lauren Teodoro
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Claire Smiley
Tues	05/27	6:45 a.m.	(A) Rob & Lootsee Lustan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Bob Gochangco
Wed	05/28	6:45 a.m.	(T) Beatriz Perera
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Odon Pascual
Thurs	05/29	6:45 a.m.	(B) Nandy Garcia
		8:15 a.m.	(B) James Marshall
Fri	05/30	6:45 a.m.	(B) Glenn Bliss
		8:15 a.m.	(A) Walt & Elaine Quillin
Sat	05/31	8:15 a.m.	(T) Br. John Peter Anderson, O.P.
		5:00 p.m.	(A) Burt & Gwen Strickley
Sun	06/01	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Dominican Brothers Newly Professed
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Virginia N. Snider
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Rose Lee Aki

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 Loric, 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



Our eighth-grade graduation mass for Saint Dominic's School this past Friday was such a joy! Eighth-grade graduation probably isn't much of a big deal for a typical public school kid, but for our students, many of whom have

attended here since preschool, graduation from Saint Dominic's is a major milestone. I encouraged them to remember that milestones are meant to just be points on a journey. These kids would likely have many more



milestones, and none of those points should be treated as an end-all-be-all. This life is meant to be a pilgrimage on which Jesus leads us home to the Father. That is the end-all-be-all. This journey should be spent actualizing their God-given potential and learning to love others as Christ loved them.

Most importantly, I urged them to stay close to their faith throughout life's various twists and turns. Life is so full of changes, but the one thing that does not change is God. They should keep him as their guiding star. I hope they never stray from their faith, but prayer is that if they ever do, Saint Dominic's will have given them what they need to find their way back home to Jesus. Congratulations, graduates!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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I am looking forward to serving all of you at St. Dominic's. Some of you will remember I was here last century, 1996-99, right after my good friend and Dominican classmate Fr. Daniel Rolland, famous for his parade floats and magic. This century, I've been doing filmmaking ministry and college campus ministry, spending the last seven years at Stanford University. I have a special interest in contemplative prayer. Perhaps, some of you will be interested in doing this way of prayer with me. I also like to explore the story dimension of the gospels. In recent years, I've traveled a handful of times with a choir organization called Village Harmony. We've gone to Bosnia, Cuba, Georgia (the country), and South Africa. I love Benicia. Not only do I know how many of the locals pronounce Benicia, but also I plan to have my "final assignment" at St. Dominic cemetery up the hill, where all of us friars from the Western Dominican Province are buried. My father is buried there as well, and my mother, who died more recently, will soon be buried with him. I look forward to getting to know you and walking with you on your faith journey.

Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P. - Parochial Vicar
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Upcoming Events

TODAY! Spring Baking Sunday

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

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 Procession

Wednesday - May 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.

Last Day of School for Grades K-7

Friday - May 30

Men's Bible Study

Fridays
5:30 p.m. - Siena Room

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

Flowers for the Feast of
St. Rita of Cascia, May 22
for the Birthday of

Veronica Sevilla

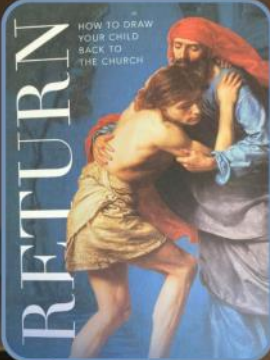


& for the
**Holy
Souls in
Purgatory**

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 (WME)

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!




Cemetery Mass

Saturday, June 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Dominic's Cemetery
5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia

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

You Saved A Family!

When we asked one of our neighbors if we could share her story about how your support enabled us to help her and her family after her husband and major breadwinner abandoned them, here's what this single mom of three teenage children wrote.

"St. Vincent de Paul has helped me in more than just a couple ways. Getting assistance with certain much needed groceries that my family needs twice a month has been a major stress reliever. They also come through for me in higher demand times such as holidays when the kids are home from school and expense is a bit higher than usual. The grocery drop off delivery is an unbelievable gift to receive from them as well. Utilities, move in costs and their listening ears during hard times is great to have. All of the ways that they help is life saving. Every person associated with St. Vincent is very caring, great listeners and very professional. They call back immediately and genuinely love to help. They've been a big part in helping me raise my children to the adult age they are now. I'm very grateful and lucky to be on the list of families that obtain their amazing help! Honestly, I felt myself falling into a deep depression and giving up until they came to my rescue multiple times. Now I'm a stronger, more confident person, ready to take on single mom situations better than before. Thank you so much St. Vincent de Paul ♥"

Celebrate the Month of Mary

Ad Jesum per Mariam

"The Blessed Virgin, by becoming the mother of God, received a kind of infinite dignity because God is infinite; this dignity therefore is such a reality that a better one is not possible, just as nothing can be better than God."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

Featured Marian Devotion: The Black Madonna Our Lady of Częstochowa



This feast of the 'Queen of Poland' is a national holiday in that great nation, with thousands of pilgrims flocking to her shrine at Jazna Gora, where the precious image of Our Lady of Częstochowa is kept and held most dear. There are untold icons and paintings of the Mother of God, just as there are of her Son, but amongst the most ancient and venerable is the one venerated at Poland's most famous and most visited shrine. I had the privilege of praying before this very image, on my own pilgrimage there, with my own local (Polish) parish of Saint Hedwig's, in 2015.

It is said that the icon was painted - or 'written', in the Eastern terminology - by Saint Luke himself, on a cedar table - a living portrait of the Mother of God. We know for certain that it came eventually from Constantinople in the 15th century, and brought to Poland, where the miraculous intercession of the image - or, more properly, of the one represented therein - was responsible for a miraculous victory during the Second Northern War in 1655, when 70 monks and 180 volunteers held off a force of 4000 invading Swedes for 40 days. And this was when said Swedes were still primarily renowned for their military prowess, rather than for ABBA, IKEA and soft socialism. Thus was saved the image and the shrine against all earthly odds.

The scars on the image derive from 1430, when a band of Hussites - early Czech Protestants - tried to steal the icon, but once it was in the wagon, the horses refused to move. In frustration, one of the Hussites drew his sword, and slashed the image, once, twice, and, before he got a third one in, he fell to the ground and perished in agony. Through the centuries, untold numbers of pilgrims have made their way to Jazna Gora, including a young Karol Wojtyla, who went there secretly as a seminarian during Nazi occupation, and the Virgin helped guide his own vocation. The Black Madonna continues to intercede mightily for Poland, for the world, for all of us, against all the errors of this age, not least those of socialism and communism in their various insidious guises. So pray, trust and hope - the world may strike once, twice, but the third time, it will be Our Lady who wins.

By John Paul Meenan, Editor of Catholic Insight



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THE CLASS OF 2025



ALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM

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



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CONTACT MIKE
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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.
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OUR MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

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

- EVERY OTHER WEEK -



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



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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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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

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Current Office Hours
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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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)

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