

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a
 Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
 Colossians 1:24-28
 Luke 10:38-42

“He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.”



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	07/19	5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Sun	07/20	7:30 a.m.	(B) Bill Westbrook
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Michael Gabriel Altera
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Magno & Francisca Pasadilla
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Javier Quiroz & Jose Trinidad Gomez
Mon	07/21	6:45 a.m.	(T) Grace Gil
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Melody NcCloskey
Tues	07/22	6:45 a.m.	(T) Godfrey Family
		8:15 a.m.	(P) V. Vicente
Wed	07/23	6:45 a.m.	(P) Br. Raphael Akita Knox, OP
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Cort Rounds
Thurs	07/24	6:45 a.m.	(T) Will & Elena Deering
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Abigail George
Fri	07/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Julita Torres
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Katherine Ross & John Sorce
Sat	07/26	8:15 a.m.	(T) Devotees of St. Jude Shrine - Feast of St. Anne
		5:00 p.m.	(P) Grace & Catherine Wildasin
Sun	07/27	7:30 a.m.	(R) Lolito S. Abad
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Amar Lagrimas
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Dolores Bettencourt-Bello
		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

September 2025 Intentions Opens August 1



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



Julien Sousa, Paul Sousa, James Baldwin, 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, Margaret Haddad, Monika Pangelinan, Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad, Peter Szabo, Sr.

Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

Fr. David O'Rourke, OP, Dennis Schlosser, Aurora Marchino, Marcia Toruno, Chris Larkin, 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

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



It is my pleasure to introduce you to Teresita Dumanig, our new coordinator of religious education! Teresita will oversee sacramental preparation and religious education for grade-levels of kindergarten through seventh-grade, while faith formation director Brianne Del Cruz will focus on our Confirmation, Youth Group, OCIA, and adult formation. Teresita is deeply-faithful, well-organized, and super-kind. Having earned a degree in catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville and gained professional experience in religious education coordination at her previous parish in San Jose, Teresita will be a fantastic mentor both for our volunteer catechists and children in formation. Please make sure to introduce yourself to her if you see her around the parish. You are going to love her!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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Hello St. Dominic Families! My name is Teresita Dumanig and I am so excited to be serving here at St. Dominic's as the Coordinator of Religious Education. I grew up on the East Coast in Upstate New York and then went to school at Franciscan University in Steubenville Ohio, where I studied Theology and Catechetics. That is where I really began to grow in my love for sharing the beauty of our Catholic faith with others, especially children and families. I have been living in California since 2021, and have been very blessed to have worked at a Catholic School as a teacher for 2 years, and then at a parish as a Director of Religious Education. I love bringing the Catholic Faith into everything I do, and I am looking forward to continuing to serve families in Christ as I get to know you all. My hope for our Religious Education Program here at St. Dominic's is to help create an environment where our children and families can encounter Christ in their day to day lives. Jesus is present everywhere and at all times, but it is through prayer, spending time with Him, receiving the Sacraments, reading His Word in Scripture, and serving others, that we start to become aware of God's presence in our life. I pray that through our program, our children, teens, and parents are all able to grow closer to God and learn more about their Catholic Faith as something they can truly live out. Please know of my prayers for all of you, and I hope to meet you all soon through our Religious Education Program!



Teresita Dumanig, RE Coordinator
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Upcoming Events

TODAY - Baking Sunday

Sunday - July 20
Following 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
Parish Hall

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - July 14 - Aug 25
6:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Farmers Market

Thursdays - July 24, Aug 6 & 20
Supported by Various Ministries
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NFP Class

Friday - July 25
7:00 p.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

Holy Ghost Mass

Sunday, July 27 - 11:00 a.m.
Followed by Festa & Sopas at B.D.E.S. Hall

ADORE - Family Adoration

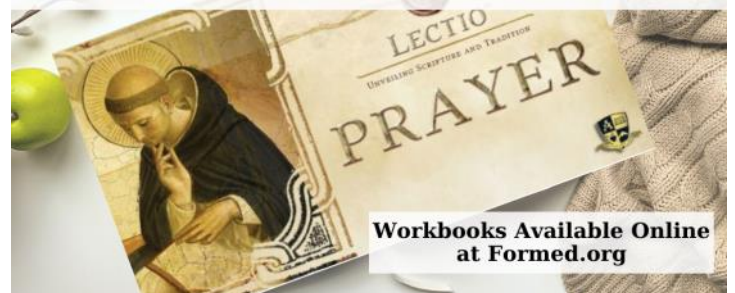
Friday - August 1
6:00 p.m. - Church

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

July 14- August 25
(No Class Aug 8)

Ministry Center Siena Room



ALL MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:30 (livesreamed), 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.

Giving Just Got Easier...

We are pleased with the launch of our new giving platform, Pushpay, and want to share other ways that this new platform makes it easy to give a one-time gift (i.e.: candles, Sacramento Diocesan campaign) or recurring gifts. Giving can be from your smartphone anywhere and anytime! For more information: Visit our website at www.stdombenicia.org/give/ or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, be sure to contact

Teresa Stone at 707-335-4672 or tstone@stdombenicia.org
 Thank you for your continued generosity!



Special Envelopes for July

No Second Collection in July
 JULY 06 & 20: Building Improvement
 JULY 13: SDS Tuition Assistance JULY 27: Faith Formation

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/24-5/31/25

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	+ / - <u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 395,662		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 515,979		
	\$ 911,641	\$ 924,000	\$ (12,359)
Second Collections:			
Building Improvement	\$ 44,090	\$ 36,667	\$ 7,423
Faith Formation	\$ 9,872	\$ 9,808	\$ 64
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,236,495	\$ 1,205,994	\$ 30,501
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,337,175	\$ 1,224,398	\$ 112,777
Net Income/Loss	\$ (100,680)	\$ (18,404)	\$ (82,276)



Vote for St. Dominic's Church as Best Place to Worship!
 Vote for St. Vincent de Paul as Best Civic or Service Club!

Link: <https://bestofbenicia.voterfly.com/>

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE! JULY 24

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475 East I Street, Benicia

Current Office Hours

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 707.747.7220

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Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
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Coor. of Religious Ed.
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WANT AN ALTERNATIVE?

TRY A NATURAL METHOD

From puberty to perimenopause, Fertility Awareness-Based Methods, such as the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, are just as effective, if not more effective, than other family planning methods.¹

Contact Kristen Loricca at NFP@STDOMBENICIA.ORG to reserve your spot for an Introductory Session on **JULY 25, 2025 @ 7 PM** to learn more!

1. Higgins, T.H. Stanford, J.D. (2008). "Creighton Model NFP/Education: Technology for avoiding pregnancy: Use effectiveness." The Journal of Reproductive Medicine, 43 (6), 498-502.

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SAVE THE DATE!

2025 FESTIVAL

WATCH FOR T-SHIRT PRESALES!

HOPE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. MASS & FESTIVAL

EXCITING NEWS

5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

Returns Weekly

Starting August 10th

(No Mass September 14th - due to festival)



THE HISTORY OF SAINT ISABEL, THE HOLY GHOST FESTA & BENICIA B.D.E.S

AUGUST 27, 2025
11:00AM MASS

The Holy Ghost celebration of Portugal dates back to the 13th Century. The celebration honors the miracle of Saint Isabel, the Peacemaker. Queen Isabel was a kind-hearted queen who was known and admired for her faith, humility, and compassion for the poor.

Queen Isabel made it her mission to serve those in need. Knowing her people were hungry, the queen carried bread from the castle to feed the poor. Her husband, King Dinis, stopped her and demanded to know what she was hiding in her mantle. Knowing her husband would be angered if he found her giving alms, she answered "roses." He demanded she drop her mantle and show him. When the queen dropped her mantle, roses spilled to the ground despite it being winter. Awed by the miracle, the king allowed her to continue her charitable work without interference.

During times of great famine, Queen Isabel prayed for deliverance for her people. One day, three ships appeared in the harbor filled with grain in answer to her prayers. She processed through the streets with her people and as she entered the church to show her deep gratitude and humility, placed her crown on the head of a young peasant girl. The crowing of our Queens during Mass symbolizes her actions long ago under her reign as Queen of Portugal.

Benicia first celebrated the Feast of the Holy Ghost on May 21, 1907 and May 17, 1915 marked the first Holy Ghost Feast to be celebrated in the B.D.E.S Hall at 140 West J Street. This celebration continues to be an annual event with traditions being handed down to sixth and seventh generations of the original founders.

In tribute to the miracles of Saint Isabel, the Benicia Holy Ghost Committee continues to host the Feast of the Holy Ghost in which three young girls serve as the queens and one young girl represents Saint Isabel. We celebrate the Miracle of the Roses with mass and the crowing of our queens. Following Mass we march back to the B.D.E.S Hall. There will be public servings of sopas, a silent auction, and live music to continue the celebrations of the day.

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima was gifted to St. Dominics Church by the Bettencourt Family in the late 1940s. The family immigrated to Benicia from the Azores, Portugal and made a promise to the Holy Spirit that they would continue their devotion to our Lady in America and that she would be gifted to the church and processed in the annual Holy Ghost Festa for generations to come. She continues to be carried by third, fourth, fifth and sixth generations of the Bettencourt family.

The statue of Saint Isabel, which is placed on the side-altar of the church next to Our Lady of Fatima depicts the humble Queen. She is depicted with her mantle overflowing with roses to represent the Miracle of Roses.



2025-2026
Queens

Saint Isabel:
Cienna DeCleau

Main Queen:
Kendall Demers

Junior Queen:
Emily Portuguez

Little Queen:
Brooke Masters

Please Join Us!



B.D.E.S.

Benicia Holy Ghost Society

Holy Ghost Festa

July 27, 2025



Festa Schedule

- Parade Lineup - 10:15a.m.
- Parade Leaves Hall - 10:30 a.m.
- Mass (St. Dominic's) - 11:00 a.m.
- 1st Public Serving - 11:00 a.m.
- Parade Serving - 1:00 p.m. *
- 2nd Public Serving - 2:30 p.m.
- Silent Auction - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Live Music - 2:00-6:00 p.m.



*Parade Serving is limited to parade participants and immediate family

B.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall

140 West J Street

Benicia, CA 94510

