

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
 Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Luke 12:49-53

“Lord, come to my aid!”



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

Altar Flowers Offered In Thanksgiving Camille & David Brockman

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 08/16 | 5:00 p.m. | (T) Wolfgang & Cubby Goorchengko |
| Sun | 08/17 | 7:30 a.m. | (R) Amancio & Patricio Ergina, Jr. |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (R) Reginald Saulsbury |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (A) Joe & Esther Ilagan |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Alfonso Pancheco Fernandez |
| Mon | 08/18 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (B) Christopher Saulog |
| Tues | 08/19 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Pia Lopezbanos Carrion |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (T) Joseph & Veronica Rhee |
| Wed | 08/20 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Remedios Katigbak Imperial |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Rodolfo Yumul |
| Thurs | 08/21 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Dory Santayana |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Mayette Espiritu |
| Fri | 08/22 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Norman Vincent Banaban |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Rod Yumul |
| Sat | 08/23 | 8:15 a.m. | (B) Michael Altera, Sr. |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (B) Emilene Panares |
| Sun | 08/24 | 7:30 a.m. | (R) Desmond Short |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (R) Luis Alberto Mendez |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (B) Esther Silva |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Candis Zusin |

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

October 2025 Intentions Open September 2

Missionary Appeal Weekend



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

Quinn Larkin, Mike McDonald, 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, Adrienne Varin, Sandra K. Andrakin, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Rose Marie Watterson, 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:

Emilio Ermio, 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



Our first Sunday 5pm mass last weekend was such a joy. That did not mean, however, it was snag-free. We got off to a late start because I was busy training one of the servers on how to handle the incense thurible. He ended up doing a great job, as did everyone else who helped make the mass happen. We had a full set of servers, complete with thurifer, crucifer, and two candle-bearers, thanks to the high-school-bound Lizzie DeMers, Gabby Dolter, Kayla Ruble, and Lucas Portuguez. Their serving was smooth and reverent. All four of them graduated from St. Dominic's School last May, which felt bittersweet at the time, so I am grateful I will continue seeing them frequently on Sunday evenings. Additionally, we got some topnotch vocal support from fifteen-year-old Chloe Bustamante. It was fun getting to know her a little better in the farmers market last week. The music overall was contemporary, worshipful, and beautiful. To encourage participation from the congregation, we supplied song sheets, and it gave me a burst of joy to hear how quickly some of the attendees picked up on the opening hymn as the servers and I processed down the aisle. I know several people who want to make the Sunday 5pm their new regular mass time, and our hope is that they and others we will begin singing more and more as they get to know the music better. As the processional hymn concluded, I smiled in my mind when I spotted in the congregation a nice couple we had met in the farmers market the previous Thursday. Turnout overall was good. We were not sure how many people to expect, but one of our ministers counted at least 175 people. Overall, the mass went well, although it ran much longer than anticipated, due to factors that are being addressed. One of those factors, of course, was my longer-than-normal homily! I figured our parish feast day warranted a bit more preaching than usual. Several people told me they appreciated learning more about Saint Dominic and the doctrinal challenges the original Dominicans were called to help resolve. Standing out in front of the church waiting to greet folks after the mass, I wondered if the congregants would be irked about the liturgy's unexpected extra length. However, as people exited the church, they seemed full of smiles and numerous people expressed enthusiastic gratitude. Actually, a number of them were still out socializing in front of the church quite a bit later as I zipped across the street to join the other priests in the rectory for dinner. Please do spread the word about our new Sunday 5pm mass!

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Upcoming Events

Baking Sunday - This Weekend!

Sunday - August 17
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - Until August 25
6:30 p.m.—Siena Room

Men's Bible Study

Fridays - 5:30 p.m. - Siena Room

OCIA— Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry

Sunday - August 17, 24, & 31
12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

First Day of School

Tuesday - August 19

Farmers Market

Thursdays - August 21, September 4 & 18
Supported by Various Ministries
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August Second Collection August 16/17 - Missionary Appeal

Missionary Appeal Next Week

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program designed to increase awareness of missionary work and raise funds to support ongoing evangelization efforts. This year the Diocese of Sacramento selected 50 different missions to participate in the Appeal.

Our parish is being visited next weekend by **Fr. Joshua Gatus, O.P. who is working with the Dominican Mission Foundation.** He will share with us the evangelization efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church and give us the opportunity to support their work. A second collection will be taken up at the end of Mass. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. **Donations made by check should be made payable to the parish. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be divided among the 50 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Special Envelopes for August

AUG 03 & 17: Building Improvement
AUG 10: SDS Tuition Assistance AUG 15: Assumption
AUG 24: Faith Formation AUG 31: St. Vincent de Paul

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 (livestreamed), 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
1:00 (Spanish/English) & 5:00 p.m.
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**
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Luke Shalz - lshalz@stdombenicia.org
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Join a Ministry Today!

Are you feeling called to serve your church community in new ways? Reach out to one or more of our ministry leaders above and explore all the blessings these ministries have to offer! We look forward to hearing from you.

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

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs
 Wednesday: 2:00 p.m.
 Friday: 3:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 1:00 p.m. wks. 1 & 3
 Sunday: 12:00 a.m. wk. 4

Adoration is Open to the Public
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Can you spare an hour for our Lord?
Contact: adoration@stdombenicia.org