

# The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21  
 Psalm 117:1, 2  
 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
 Luke 13:22-30

*“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”*



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

**Altar Flowers Offered In Loving Memory of Christopher Larkin**

## Mass Intentions

Sat	08/23	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
Mon	08/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Norbert Kaiser
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Dean Castro
Tues	08/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Crecenciano & Felicitas Pahingalo
		8:15 a.m.	(P) William Elges
Wed	08/27	6:45 a.m.	(B) Desmond Short
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Joe Ilagan
Thurs	08/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joseph Gobednik
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Victoria Montgomery
Fri	08/29	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joseph Gobednik
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Juan & Carmen Espinosa
Sat	08/30	8:15 a.m.	(R) Joseph Gobednik
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Reina Saulog
Sun	08/31	7:30 a.m.	(R) Emilio Ermio
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Maylea Bernabe
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Jose Deapera
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Robert Victor Lee

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

**October 2025 Intentions Open September 2**

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



Kit Bulaon, 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:**

Johnny Napier, Andrew Siri, Antonio Rapolla, Diane Stevens, Sheryl Calalang, 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  
 ~names will be listed as space allows~



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## Pastor's Corner



This past week, we had a daily mass reading from the Gospel of Matthew in which Jesus tells the parable about the vineyard owner and the day laborers who worked for different amounts of hours but all got the same wage. At the end of the day, even the workers who had worked just one hour got the same wage as those who labored the entire day. When those who worked all day object to this as unfair, the vineyard owner contends there was nothing unfair about his choice to pay the same money to those who had worked fewer hours. "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" The laborers had agreed to work for the standard rate in that part of the world at that point in time for a day's vineyard-work. And the vineyard-owner justly paid them that amount. If that owner wants to be extra generous with those other workers, he is certainly allowed to show them that generosity. I imagine they were quite grateful for the generosity, especially the laborers who only worked one hour! What a relief it must have been, after having struggled to find employment most of the day, when the sun was going down to know they would have money to feed themselves, their spouses, and their children if they had any. There would certainly have been nothing unjust about the vineyard-owner being concerned about such matters on their behalf and choosing to use his wealth to make sure those laborers would have their needs met. Unsurprisingly, the vineyard-owner in the parable represents God, and I would suggest that we should all identify with those laborers who were the recipients of the vineyard-owners gratuitous generosity. None of us was entitled to the salvation Our Lord won for us through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Internalizing that truth makes it easier to be grateful toward God rather than indifferent or even entitled toward him. Being more grateful toward God enables us to be more like him, including in matters of generosity. Imagine how magnanimous it would have been for one of the laborers who worked all day, upon hearing of the good fortune of the shorter-term workers, to respond with something like, "Wow, I'm glad those workers will have their needs met this evening. That must have been very stressful for them to be unemployed most of the day, perhaps worried they would have nothing to bring home to their families by nightfall. I know how relieved I would be to get that vineyard-owner's generosity if I had been in that situation." A worker with an attitude like that may not be loaded with earthly riches, but it's likely he or she would banking all kinds coin in Heaven.

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor  
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## Upcoming Events

### 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

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

### Farmers Market

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

### The Well

Thursday - September 11  
6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

### Parish Festival

Sunday - September 14  
9:00 a.m. Mass (No Later Masses)  
Followed by Festival & Lunch  
Small Parking Lot

### Special Envelopes for August

AUG 24: Faith Formation AUG 31: St. Vincent de Paul

### Special Envelopes for September

SEPT 07: Priests Retirement (not 9/14)

SEPT 07 & 21: Building Improvement

SEPT 14:SDS Tuition Assistance SEPT 28: Faith Formation

## September Second Collection September 6/7—Priests Retirement All Donations Stay in the Parish

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT


07/1/21-7/31/25

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>			
Online donations	\$ 36,794		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 43,899		
	\$ 80,693	\$ 92,333	\$ (11,641)
<b>Second Collections:</b>			
Building Improvement	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,333	\$ (838)
Faith Formation	\$ 1,016	\$ 892	\$ 124
Total Operating Income	\$ 96,338	\$ 114,417	\$ (18,079)
Operating Expenses	\$ 95,343	\$ 119,251	\$ (23,909)
Net Income/Loss	\$ 995	\$ (4,835)	\$ 5,830

SAINT DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
475 E. 1st BENICIA, CA 94510

SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30 p.m.


# THE WELL



CATHOLIC WORSHIP NIGHT  
YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

NEVER THIRST AGAIN  
JOHN 4:14

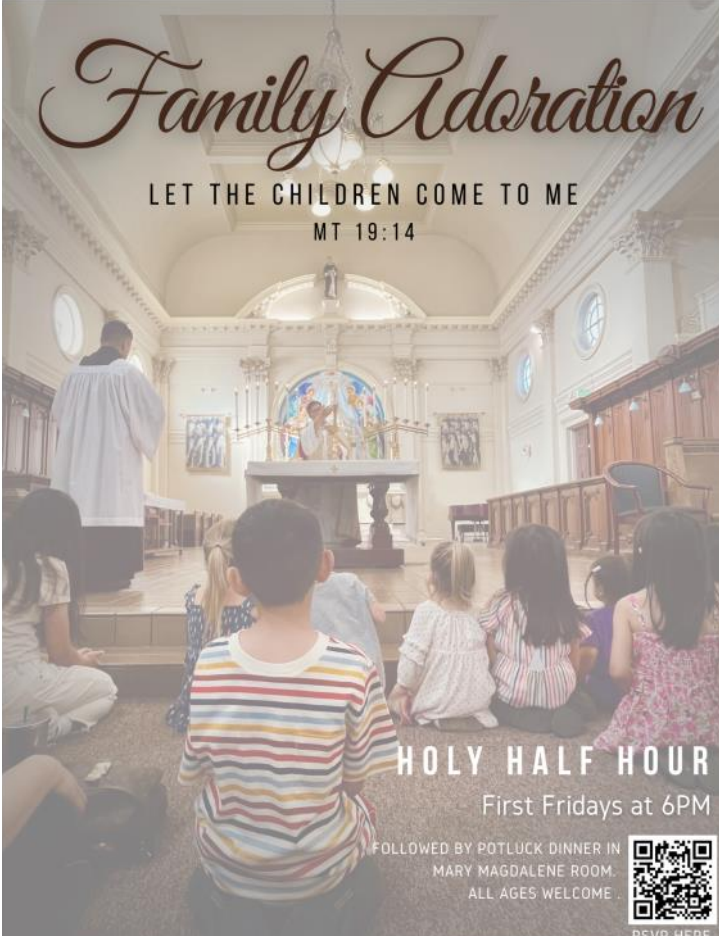
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# Family Adoration

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.



RSVP HERE

We're excited to invite you to the kickoff of  
— **The Well** —  
**Thursday, September 11**  
**6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall**

**The Well** is a space for young adults **ages 18 to 35**, designed to spark revival and deep encounters with Jesus through Eucharistic adoration, worship, and confession. These are Catholic worship nights that are open to everyone, but especially crafted for young adults — whether you're actively practicing or have been away from the Church for a while. If you're searching, curious, or just hungry for something more, come and be filled at The Well. Mark your calendars — Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. We can't wait to worship with you!



Thank you to all  
our parishioners!


**1ST PLACE**  
BEST PLACE OF  
WORSHIP

**2025**  
Best of Benicia

## ALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY | 5:30 PM

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



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN US!**

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

back to school



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**SDS 2025/26 Kindergarten Class**



**SDS  
Student  
Council  
President**





**ST. DOMINIC**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**We are so  
excited to  
welcome back  
all of our  
students and  
teachers!**



**SDS  
2025/26  
8th Grade  
Class**



# Community News

## Friends 7th Annual OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
CITY PARK GAZEBO  
FIRST ST, BENICIA



100% of funds raised assist the poor and underserved in Benicia

Assistance includes: grocery delivery, help with rent, PG&E and water bills

Day of Registration: 8:00 AM  
Pre-Registrations: 8:30 AM

Program Start: 9:00 AM

1.5 miles

<https://events.idonate.com/st-dominicbenicia>  
501(c)(3)  
EIN: 27-0831195

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ST. DOMINIC  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WE ARE HIRING!

EXTENSION AIDE

Do you have a passion for working with children and would like to work at St. Dominic School? Apply today for our Extension Aide position!

Send Your Resume To Us!

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This unsolicited note came from a Benicia neighbor we helped today. His electricity had been turned off for 6 days because he had a large past due balance. He works fulltime and his wife works too, but they got behind. His wife and two young children were distraught and he had no means to resolve the issue. St. Vincent de Paul teamed up with Families in Transition to get his power turned back on along with a new PG&E monthly payment plan.

Dear St. Vincent de Paul and the Families in Transition Team,

*In the darkest and most difficult moment of my life, your support and assistance brought me warmth and gratitude beyond words. Your generosity and kindness not only helped restore the electricity in my home but also acted as a beam of light guiding me forward.*

**Your kindness is beyond words — and I carry it like a mountain in my heart.**

Best,  
SVdP Neighbor



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. MASS**  
**& FESTIVAL**

### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## 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](mailto:adoration@stdombenicia.org)

### ◆ Altar Servers

Theodore Diepenbrock - [altarservers@stdombenicia.org](mailto:altarservers@stdombenicia.org)

### ◆ Choirs

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### ◆ Consolation/Grief

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### ◆ Dominican Laity

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### ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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### ◆ Guadalupana Association

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### ◆ Hospitality

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### ◆ Knights of Columbus

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### ◆ MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood

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### ◆ Lectors Ministry

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### ◆ Lazarus Ministry

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### ◆ Parish Pastoral Council

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### ◆ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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### ◆ St. Vincent de Paul

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### ◆ St. Dominic's Cemetery

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### ◆ Ushers

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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.

## 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.

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For more information: Visit our website at [www.stdombenicia.org/give/](http://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!

*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**