

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

“God, in your goodness,
 you have made a home
 for the poor.”



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
 Don Larkin

Mass Intentions

Sat	08/30	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
Mon	09/01	6:45 a.m.	(R) Norbert Kaiser
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Santiago & Luiza Carbonell
Tues	09/02	6:45 a.m.	(T) Benefactors, Friends, & Relatives of the Province
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Daniel Foley
Wed	09/03	6:45 a.m.	(H) Marvin Bernabe
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Mary Jean Kotch
Thurs	09/04	6:45 a.m.	(B) Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Elpidio Masbad, Sr.
Fri	09/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Benefactors & Families of the Order
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Teresita Mendoza
Sat	09/06	8:15 a.m.	(R) Cesar De Joya, Sr.
		5:00 p.m.	(H) Quinn Larkin
Sun	09/07	7:30 a.m.	(R) Dolores Franko
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Rowaldo Saulog
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Emilio Ermio
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Raul Aquino

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

October 2025 Intentions Open September 2

These 10 new novices started their journey as Dominican Friars!



Back Row (L to R): Br. Moses Paul, Br. Edward, Br. Bede
 Middle Row: (L to R): Br. Clement, Br. Paul Mary, Br. Charbel Ambrose, Br. John Gabriel
 Front Row (L to R): Br. Jacob Mary, Br. Isaac Maria, Br. Joshua Matthew

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 celebrated the Memorial of Saint Monica and the Feast of Saint Augustine. Considered as a pair, they remind us of the importance of praying for the conversion or reversion of family members and friends who are outside the faith. Saint Monica

was the mother of Saint Augustine, and she certainly had her work cut out for her praying for his conversion. Her husband, a pagan and hostile to Christianity – did not allow her to have Augustine baptized when he was a child. As an adult, Augustine would go on to live a sinful life for many years, including fathering his own youngster out of wedlock. He also embraced a major heresy of the day called Manicheism. Initially, Saint Monica's response to Augustine's wayward path was to forbid him from sleeping or eating in her house as a means of tough love. After a mystical experience, however, Saint Monica shifted tactics and opted instead to pray and fast on a regular basis for his conversion. By age 33, Saint Augustine would convert, be baptized, and go on to become one of the Church's foundational theologians. When it comes to praying for the conversion or reversion of friends and family members, one insight we can draw from Saint Monica's life is that we need patience and commitment to growing in our own walks with the Lord. We need to be persistent and unapologetic about our identities as Christians while rejecting the unhealthy anxiety that can make us obnoxious in this matter. Praying for the intercession of Saint Monica is a great way to pursue this goal. And as a Christian mother whose prayers have proved quite powerful, we should also ask for her intercession for the two children who lost their lives in that horrific shooting at a Minnesota Catholic school mass last Wednesday, as well as the numerous individuals injured. Later after the tragedy happened, a representative of the school wisely quoted an African proverb that says, "When you pray, move your feet." He seemed to want to make sure that calls for prayer were not offered as empty platitudes. Our prayer should change our behavior from the inside out. There is so much we could unpack about what "move your feet" should mean for each of us, but what it's meaning should always include is a commitment to becoming more authentic Christians in everything we do. During this life, we often do not know the ways in which we are affecting others. Most people do not reveal all that much of their interior lives to those around them. You may have an encounter with someone tomorrow that ends up making all of the difference in the world for them. Let us ask the Lord to help us to be a better means by which He is able to shine his light in the darkness.

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

Men's Bible Study

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

OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry

Sundays - September 7, 14, 21, 28
 12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Farmers Market

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

Family Adoration

Friday - September 5
 6:00 p.m. - Church
 Followed by Potluck in the Ministry Center

The Well

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

Anchored in Hope 2025 Festival

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

Special Envelopes for August

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
Sunday Offertory			
Online donations	\$ 36,794		
Sunday/Mail-in donations	\$ 43,899		
	\$ 80,693	\$ 92,333	\$ (11,641)
Second Collections:			
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

2025 FESTIVAL



Games
Prizes
Free Lunch
Cookie Walk

Dunk Tank
Jumpy House
Snow Cones
Family Fun!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. MASS

Followed by FESTIVAL until 2:00p.m.

Friends ^{7th Annual} OF THE POOR[®] WALK/RUN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
CITY PARK GAZEBO
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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

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501(c)(3)
EIN: 27-0831195

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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

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

Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Magdalene Room, which is located on the first floor of the ministry center. Everyone is welcome. To learn more about our ministry or to help with one of our projects, please contact us at svdp@stdombenicia.org or speak with a Vincentian at one of our events. We are a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Please help us stock our pantry. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, etc.

If you or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with food, then please call us at (707) 746-1773 and leave a message. One of our volunteers will call you back on a weekday. We deliver groceries 5 days/week Monday-Friday.

If you or someone you know, who lives in Benicia, and needs help with rent, water or PG&E bills, then please call us at (707) 200-4940. If we don't answer, then please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours.



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Adult Confirmation Preparation

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

Adults who are baptized Catholic and have received First Holy Communion, but have never been confirmed, are invited to begin the preparation for **the Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Walk-ins welcome!

Wed, Sept 3, 2025
7:30 p.m.
Ministries Center
2nd Floor



Inquire Today

Scan below to complete Pre-Registration Intake Form

For more information and questions, contact
Brianna Dela Cruz
bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
707-335-4674



<http://bit.ly/4oWvyGA>

RE Registration Closes September 15

Online Registrations for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year are now LIVE!



Family of Faith Formation (K-7th Grade)

Go to <https://www.stdombenicia.org/religious-education/> to register & for more information.



REGISTER & PAY ONLINE
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OR



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For questions, contact Teresita Dumanig
tdumanig@stdombenicia.org || 707-335-4697



Confirmation Preparation 1 & 2 (8th Grade & up)

Go to <https://www.stdombenicia.org/confirmation/> to register & for more information.

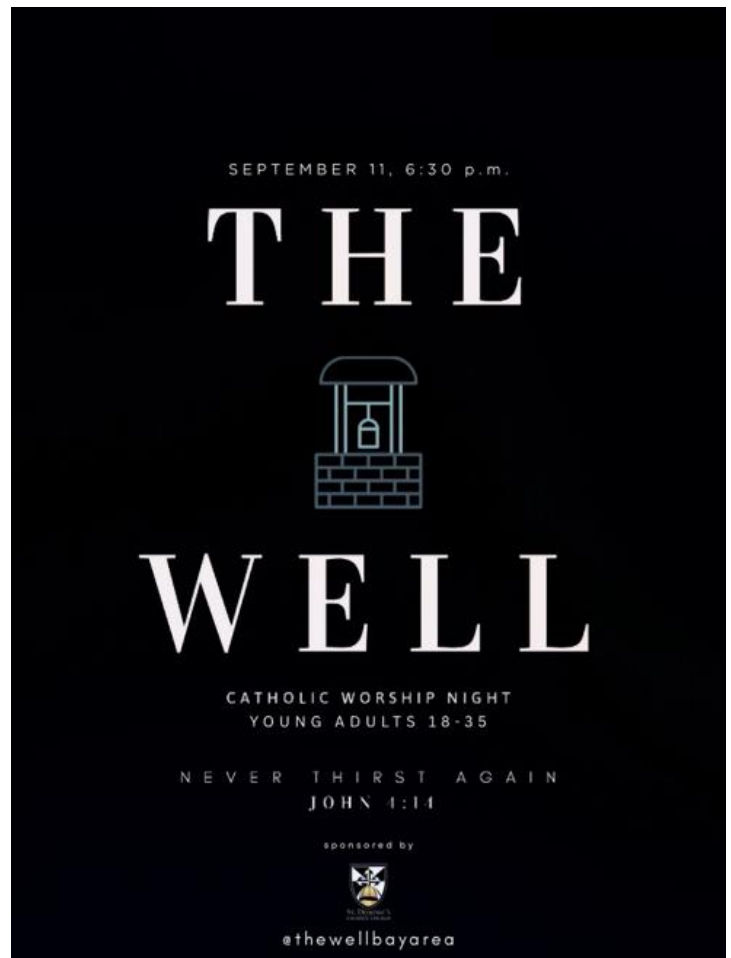


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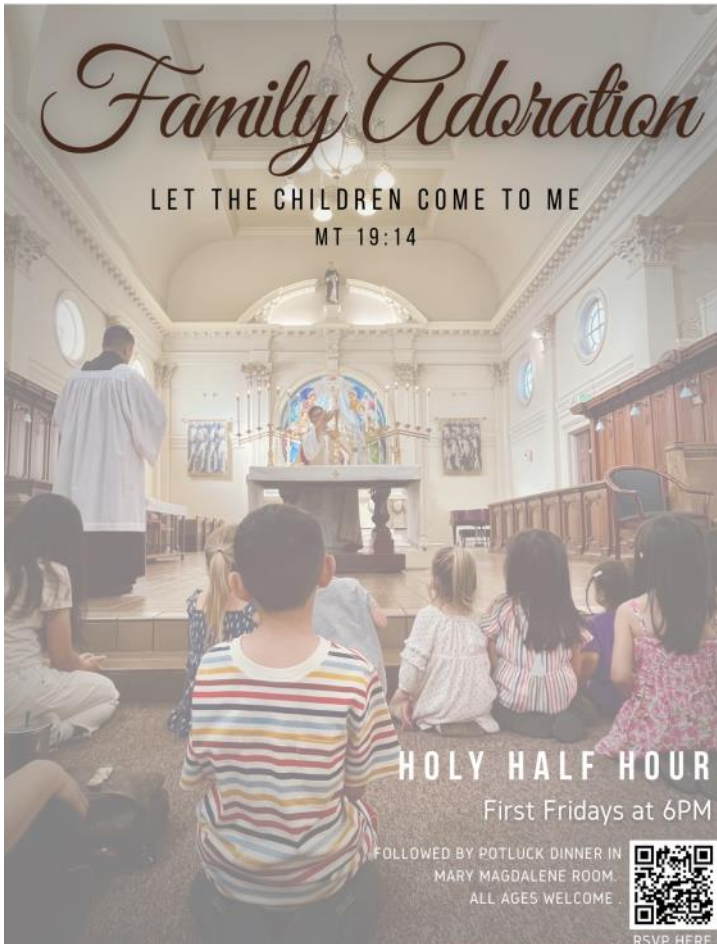


We're excited to invite you to the kickoff of
— *The Well* —
Thursday, September 11
6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

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!





40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning September 24 thru November 2, 2025, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic’s Parish will be responsible for filling all Wednesday’s from 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil September 25th. Please consider giving 1 hour per week praying in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood located at 303 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo>. You can set up your own login credentials and sign up for any hour of any day during the vigil. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We know 40 Days for Life has made a difference in Vallejo/Benicia & American Canyon. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion.” Here are just a few of the positive results of the previous Vallejo campaign(s).

- Nine lives save from abortion that we know of
- Five Catholic Churches are working together
- Approximately 50 volunteers dedicated themselves as prayer warriors & few of them pray at the clinic every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday all year round, rain or shine.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.
CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707-246-9076
E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com

IRA Giving

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

Flowers Offered on the Feast Day of Rose of Lima by Consuelo Ingle in Thanksgiving



Pregnant? Worried and confused?

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gabriel@stdombenicia.org



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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◆ Choirs

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Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

◆ Dominican Laity

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◆ Gabriel Project

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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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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/ 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!

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All Sales are by Pre-order
Order TODAY!

\$30/doz. Chicken with green tomatillo sauce only

Pick-Up: Sunday, October 5, 2025
In the Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Deadline to order is September 28th)
Patricia Chavez at 707 333-7677
guadalupana@stdombenicia.org




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