

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15, 2025

Numbers 21:4b-9
 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

“Do not forget the works of the Lord!”



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

Altar Flowers Offered in Memory of Eutimio Oregel

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/13	5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	09/14	7:30 a.m.	(R) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Ofelia Remigio
PARISH FESTIVAL			
Mon	09/15	6:45 a.m.	(R) Lyle Snider
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Patricia Zaccaro
Tues	09/16	6:45 a.m.	(B) Roger Bueno
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Brianne Dela Cruz
Wed	09/17	6:45 a.m.	(R) Samuel Santos
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Chris Larkin
Thurs	09/18	6:45 a.m.	(R) Andy Lising
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Delena Montgomery
Fri	09/19	6:45 a.m.	(B) Harold Bodenhiemer
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Alex Bess
Sat	09/20	8:15 a.m.	(R) Carlos Carbonell
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Aurora Masbad
Sun	09/21	7:30 a.m.	(B) Mel E. Maranan
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Leonardo C. Viril
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Joyce Hernandez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Emilio Ermio

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

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

Anastasia Boomer, Steven Haigh, 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. Andraikin, 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, 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:

Felipe Llanes, Jr., Kenneth Hagar, Michelle Medeiros, 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,
 ~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



This past week, we had a daily mass Gospel reading featuring Luke's account of Jesus' preaching about the beatitudes. When Jesus says blessed are those who now are poor, hungry, weeping, and persecuted, what he means is "happy" are those who are in such interior states of soul. The

beatitude connected to poverty is one that applies both to those who are materially poor and those with more ample earthly resources. The beatitude concerns being mindful of the reality that regardless of one's worldly wealth, when it comes to the spiritual riches necessary for Salvation and authentic happiness, each of us is like a beggar outside of God's almshouse. Next, the beatitude about hunger no doubt resonated with many of Jesus' hearers who lacked adequate earthly sustenance but drew deeper strength from the nourishment of the Gospel. Matthew's account adds the detail that blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. In Gospel terms, righteousness is about having a will that is aligned with the Lord's will. One who hungers and thirsts for righteousness is one who desires whose hunger can actually be filled in a deeper way. Earthly hunger, by contrast, is a bottomless pit. The beatitude that pertains to weeping is about being sad about the right things – things that truly are sad from the vantage point of Heaven. Being sad about the right things helps to enable us to be happy about the right things. To weep in a blessed way is to have tears with hope, not despair. Lastly, the beatitude connected to persecution is a happiness that comes from union with God and the knowledge that anti-Christian persecutors cannot take that happiness away from us if we do not let them. The persecutors are the ones who will have quite a bit of weeping ahead of them – eternal weeping – if they persist in their malice toward God and his people. These beatitudes are commonly seen by scripture scholars as a fulfillment of the Ten Commandments. One key difference is that while the Decalogue emphasizes obedience to commands, the beatitudes concern stable qualities of soul. This should indicate that our righteousness should not come from merely following rules, but from renewed interior ways of being that result from grace's transformation of the human soul. The beatitudes come from minds and hearts that have been changed by the Holy Spirit. This means that if we wish to grow in the beatitudes, to grow in authentic happiness, we had better be open to being transformed in terms of how we think and how we love.

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

TODAY! - Anchored in Hope 2025 Festival
Sunday - September 14

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

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 18, October 2, 16, & 30
Supported by Various Ministries
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast Retreat

FREE - No Registration Required
Saturday - September 20
8:15 a.m. Mass
Followed by Breakfast & 1/2 Day Retreat
Parish Hall

Tamale Sales Deadline!

Saturday - September 28—See Back of Bulletin

Grief Series

Saturdays - October 4 to November 8
11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

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



Join Us Today!

2025 FESTIVAL



DJ
Games
Prizes
Free Lunch
Cookie Walk

Dunk Tank
Photo Booth
Jumpy House
Snow Cones
Family Fun!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. MASS

Followed by FESTIVAL until 2:00p.m.

Small Parking Lot



MEN'S BREAKFAST RETREAT

OPEN TO ALL MEN (18YRS +) OF THE PARISH.

Free - No RSVP

Saturday September 20

8:15 a.m.

Mass

Followed by
Breakfast &
1/2 Day Retreat in
the Parish Hall

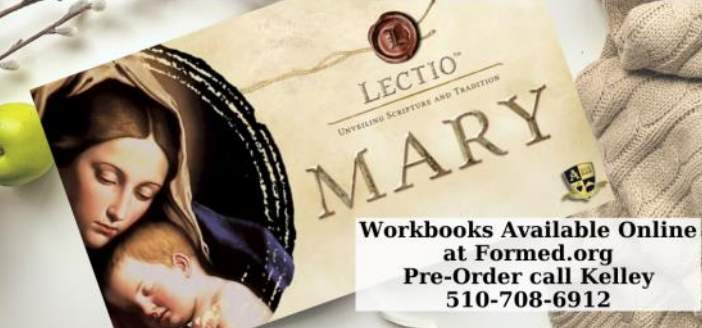



Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

Starting October 15

Ministry Center Siena Room



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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



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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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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/stdombenicia501c13>
EIN: 27-0831195

Scan to register, donate or sponsor.



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 tsvdp@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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We need you!

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**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion email: Mike & Sara
emhc@stdombenicia.org**

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
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gabriel@stdombenicia.org



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SATURDAYS
OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8 AT 11:00 A.M.
MINISTRY CENTER - AQUINAS ROOM

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In this Jubilee year of Hope, offering hope to those suffering heartbreaking loss. Join us in our small group setting to share your grief, while receiving resources to help you through it.
grief@stdombenicia.org

SEE YOU DOWNTOWN!
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 18

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

DOWNTOWN BENICIA FARMERS MARKET

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

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◆ Altar Servers

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◆ Choirs

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◆ Dominican Laity

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◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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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

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Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Coor. of Religious Ed.

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Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs
Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - wks. 1&3
Sunday: 12:00 a.m. - wk. 4,
10:00 a.m. - wk. 1, & 12:00 p.m. - noon
Adoration is Open to the Public
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Can you spare an hour for our Lord?
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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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\$30/doz. Chicken with green tomatillo sauce only
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In the Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Deadline to order is September 28th)
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This fundraiser benefits St. Dominic's Church, Guadalupe Ministry and our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you for your support!