

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Luke 16:19-31

“Praise the Lord, my soul!”



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



Altar Flowers Offered for the Wedding of Landon & Alicia Polterock

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/27	5:00 p.m.	(R) Daniel Riblon
Sun	09/28	7:30 a.m.	(R) Donna Abruzzo
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Ann Espinosa
		11:00 a.m.	(P) Lucas Family
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Eutilia Perez
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	09/29	6:45 a.m.	(H) Barbara Donley
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Maria Guerro
Tues	09/30	6:45 a.m.	(R) Michael Dacanay
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Gregory Quillin
Wed	10/01	6:45 a.m.	(H) Michael Raymundo Co
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Newly Ordained O.P. & Diaconate
Thurs	10/02	6:45 a.m.	(R) Stacy Hewitt
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Emilio Ermio
Fri	10/03	6:45 a.m.	(P) Holy Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Gabriel Michaela Lee
Sat	10/04	8:15 a.m.	(B) Pierre Bidou
		5:00 p.m.	(R) John & Eleanor Saunders
Sun	10/05	7:30 a.m.	(R) Chiro C. Go
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Robert Mimiaga
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Gloria Caleja
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Ana Velasquez
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Marie Lilibeth Navarro

(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, Greg Albright, Bill Telepak, Fred Ayala, Maria Kim, Adrienne Varin, 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, 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:

Melita Domingo, 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

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Brother's Corner



I would like to start off this "Brother's Corner" with an expression of gratitude for your warm welcome here to St. Dominic's—not only because St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that ingratitude is a sin—but because I really have felt welcomed.

Many of you might be wondering what my ministry this year at St. Dominic's will look like. My main roles will include helping teach OCIA and Confirmation, visiting the 8th, 6th, and 4th grade classrooms at the school, and manning our St. Dominic's booth every other Thursday at the Benicia Farmer's Market. I am still very much getting my feet wet serving in all these capacities. Some highlights at the school so far include visiting classrooms for the first time this week and going to recess. The kids are very hungry to learn, and it is a blessing to provide as best as I am able. By these visits, I am reminded of our Lord's teaching: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 18:3-4). Children are truly remarkable and have much to teach us if we only have the ears to hear. At the Farmer's Market I have had the chance to evangelize by handing out rosaries and offering to pray with people; if you are ever there, please come and stop by! It is incredible how touched people are by the love of Christ when you offer to pray with them, not just for them at some future time, but then and there. People are looking to know Jesus, whether they know it or not, we are His humble instruments. So, be bold and witness His love to others; however that looks like in your life—live out your faith as Confirmed Catholics! I have also really enjoyed getting the chance to meet many of you. However, please forgive me if I forget your name, there is only one of me and many of you! I hope to get the chance to really get to know you as the year progresses. During the week you will find me serving at the 8:15 a.m. Mass and you can also find me after all the Sunday Masses. May the Lord bless you all abundantly!

Br. Thomas Maria Johns, O.P.
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Upcoming Events

TODAY! - Baking Sunday

Sunday - September 28
Following the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses

TODAY! - Italian Dinner Ticket Sales

After All Masses

TODAY! - Tamale Sales Deadline!

Sunday - September 28 - Ordering Deadline
Sunday - October 5 - Pick Up! (Pre-orders Only)

Farmers Market

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

Rosary Sunday

All Masses October 4/5

OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry

Sundays
12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Religious Education Classes Start Kindergarten - 7th Grade

Sunday - October 5
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Special Envelopes for September

SEPT 28: Faith Formation

Second Collections for October

OCT 05: Rosary Sunday—Dominican Students
OCT 19: World Missions Sunday

Special Envelopes for October

OCT 05: Rosary Sunday—Dominican Students
OCT 05 & 19: Building Improvement
OCT 12: SDS Tuition Assistance OCT 26: Faith Formation




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER VILARRASA COUNCIL 7268
ITALIAN FESTIVAL
DINNER & DANCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
 Live Music with Ron Borelli & The Two Tenors
 Accordion & Opera
Door Prize & Raffle
Menu
 Antipasto, Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread
 Cheese Tortellini, Italian Sausage & Tiramisu
No Host Bar
Dancing till 10:00
 \$30.00 Tickets are limited to 125
 Ticket On Sale 9/27-28
 Dan - 707.205.6251 Tom - 510.685.5146
 Sales Benefit the St. Joseph's Day Table
 Thursday, March 19, 2026 - Mass 3:00 - Free Dinner 6:00


Tamale Sales

All Sales are by Pre-order
Order TODAY!
 (Deadline is September 28th)

\$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.
Patricia Chavez at 707 333-7677
guadalupana@stdombenicia.org
This fundraiser benefits St. Dominic's Church, Guadalupe Ministry and our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Thank you for your support!

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, Oct 1, 2025
 7:30 p.m.
 Ministries Center
 2nd Floor



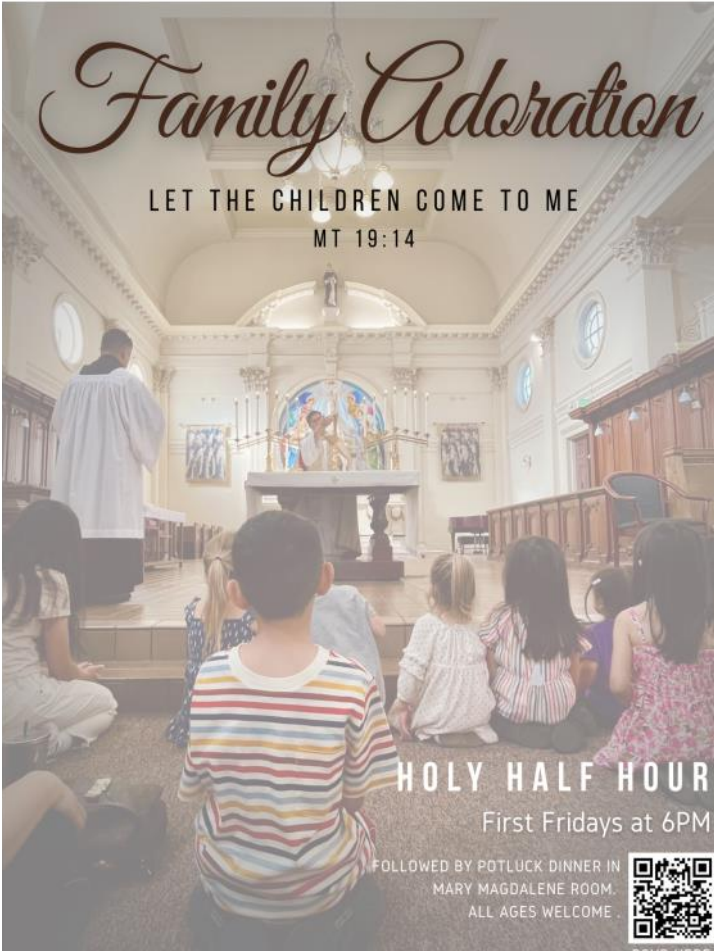

Inquire Today

Scan below to complete
 Pre-Registration
 Intake Form

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




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

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

GRIEF SERIES

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

FINDING HOPE



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

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
Starting October 20
Ministry Center Siena Room



Workbooks Available Online at Formed.org
Pre-Order call Kelley 510-708-6912

AS WE WIND DOWN THE SEASON THESE ARE THE LAST DATES FOR OUR BOOTH AT THE MARKET.

THURSDAYS

OCTOBER 2, 16, & 30

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



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

Pregnant? Worried and confused? We're here to help you.

The Gabriel Project® offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need.

gabriel@stdombenicia.org





Please join us for our 3rd Anniversary Celebration

The St. Dominic's Gabriel Project Ministry
is celebrating our 3rd Anniversary on
Sunday, October 12th.

Join us after the 9 & 11 am Masses
in the Parish Hall for
hospitality, refreshments and snacks.

Enjoy pictures and stories from some of the families we've
helped as they welcomed their new little ones.

RAFFLE PRIZES and much more!

Please feel free to bring ANY sized package of diapers
and/or wipes as a donation to our ministry.

We are grateful for all of your support!

It was a TIE!

We had two winners in our
Gabriel Project Candy Jar
Guessing Game at the
Parish Festival.

CONGRATULATIONS

Naya Melara

(SDS Preschool) &

Elena Griffin

(SDS 3rd Grade)

Way to go, girls!

Thank you for your support
for the Gabriel Project.

HELP SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY!



Religious Education

and

Confirmation Preparation



HOW IT WORKS

1. Enjoy your sweet M&M treat after any Sunday Mass.
2. Fill it with any donation amount!
3. Bring it back next weekend: 10/4 - 10/5 to any Mass!



Or "Give
One Time"
to Faith
Formation
Collection

St. Dominic School

ART & WINE

Festival

JOIN US FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE EVENING
CELEBRATING ART, WINE, AND
COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
935 EAST 5TH STREET

BENICIA, CA

21+ EVENT



All donations directly
benefit the students in
our RE and Confirmation
Prep Programs. Thank
you for your generosity!

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

Rosary Sunday

DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



One great preacher can change the world, and you can help! In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about our annual Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal, which supports the 42 young men currently in formation to become your future Dominican priests and religious brothers. Even during these challenging times, God continues to raise up champions of the faith! If your means allow, your financial support is sincerely appreciated. Your generosity will help give the world great Dominicans to preach the Gospel! Learn more and give securely online at www.opwest.org/rs.



Cemetery Mass

Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!


St. Dominic's Cemetery
5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia

ALL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY FRIDAY | 5:45 PM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM



MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MIKE
707-720-4287



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WE ARE HIRING!

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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

Theodore Diepenbrock - altarservers@stdombenicia.org

◆ Choirs

Luke Shalz - lshalz@stdombenicia.org

◆ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

◆ Dominican Laity

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◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

◆ Gabriel Project

Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

◆ Guadalupana Association

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◆ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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◆ Ushers

Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – usher@stdombenicia.org

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

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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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Parochial Vicar

Deacon

Resident Student Br.

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Music Director

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Media & Ministry Coor.
Dir. of Faith Formation

Coor. of Religious Ed.

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Liturgy Coordinator /
Weddings & Quinces

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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

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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!

Come Let Us Adore Him!

Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - wks. 2,3,4,5
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?
Contact: adoration@stdombenicia.org