

Rosary Sunday for the Dominican Student Appeal

October 5, 2025

ZEC 2:14-17
LK 1:46-55
ACTS 1:12-14
LK 1:39-47

*“O Blessed Virgin Mary, you
carried the Son of the
eternal Father.”*



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

**Altar Flowers Offered by
Hanh Van in Thanksgiving**

Mass Intentions

Sat	10/04	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
Mon	10/06	6:45 a.m.	(P) O.P.'s Newly Ordained to the Diaconate
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Mary Jean Kotch
Tues	10/07	6:45 a.m.	(R) Sally Callahan
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Chato B. Angeles
Wed	10/08	6:45 a.m.	(R) William Francis Cousins
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Josefina Raymundo Co
Thurs	10/09	6:45 a.m.	(R) Eugenio Flores, Jr.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Eugenio Caldo
Fri	10/10	6:45 a.m.	(B) Lori Telepak
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Ramon Espinosa
Sat	10/11	8:15 a.m.	(R) Siu Ming Lau
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Sun	10/12	7:30 a.m.	(B) Dolores Franko
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Kathleen Robinson
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Gianfranco Marocchino
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Gomez Family
		5:00 p.m.	(P) Darlene Alexander & Family

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

October 2025 Intentions Opened September 2



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

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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Pastor's Corner



Thank you for all your friendship, prayers and generosity. I'd like to share some insights into how your connection to this Dominican ministry is making a difference in the Order of Preachers and our mission to proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

Our culture is increasingly ridding itself of its Christian roots. This is deeply troubling and requires a strong intellectual response. It makes evangelization difficult and something that will require more gifted preachers to proclaim the truth with charity.

I'm writing today because, during all these challenges, the Dominicans are prepared to respond, but we need your help to fund the formation of those friars who will come after me. God is still working miracles! **Vocations to the Dominicans continue to increase! We now have 42 men in formation, continuing the growth in vocations we've experienced the last 10 years. That's why, if your means allow, I humbly ask for your financial support of the Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal.**

This is our effort to support the formation of Dominican student brothers and novices in our province – your future priests. These are the men who will be responding to the evangelization needs of our generation and the next, but they need your help.

The annual investment for one student brother's room, board, graduate education, formation and healthcare is ~\$59,500. That's about \$163 a day. And we stretch every dollar as far as possible. You may know already, but the Dominicans don't receive support from the diocese for the formation of our brothers. We rely entirely on friends like you, which is why your help is so important.

It's never easy to choose a radical life in Christ. I'm sure you have examples from your own life where following Christ meant making sacrifices. Similarly, many of our brothers in formation have given up promising careers to serve you and God.

In that spirit, I ask you to please support them and prayerfully consider a gift to this year's *Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal*. On behalf of our brothers in formation, thank you!

P.S. If your economic situation is stable, a gift to support the growing number of Dominican vocations would be sincerely appreciated! **Please give securely online at www.opwest.org/rs.**

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
frandy@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4668

Upcoming Events

Grief Series

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

TODAY! - Italian Dinner Ticket Sales
After All Masses

TODAY! Donuts & Coffee

Following the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

TODAY! - Tamale Pick-Up

Sunday - October 5 - Pick Up! (Pre-orders Only)

TODAY! Religious Education Classes Start **Kindergarten - 7th Grade**

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

OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation **of Adults Inquiry**

Sundays
12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Italian Dinner

Saturday - October 11 - Parish Hall
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Gabriel Project 3rd Anniversary & Hospitality

Sunday - October 12 - Parish Hall
Following the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses

Candlelight Rosary Processions

Wednesdays - October 15, 22, & 29
6:30 p.m. - Front of Church & Courtyard

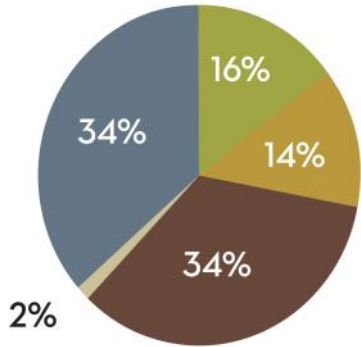
Farmers Market

Thursdays - October 16 & 30
Supported by Various Ministries



HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

**Annual Formation Investment
Per Student Brother: \$59,500**



- Housing & Formation: \$20,500
- Food: \$9,500
- Healthcare: \$8,200
- Graduate Education: \$20,150
- Travel/Supplies: \$1,200

Jubilee Sponsor	St. Dominic Sponsor	Holy Name Sponsor
\$175	\$1,216	\$5,000

Rosary Sunday

DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



Please help the Dominican Student Brothers and Novices today! Praise God, vocations to the Dominicans in the West have grown 35% over the past decade! This week is our annual Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal, which supports the formation of the 42 young men currently preparing to be your future Dominican priests and religious brothers. As the Dominicans do not receive any funding from the diocese for the formation of their brothers, your support of the appeal is critical and deeply appreciated. Without God's grace and your help, their formation would not be possible. Formation takes about eight years, and costs approximately \$59,500/year per student brother—or \$163/day. That investment includes a graduate education, housing, food, travel expenses, as well as their healthcare. Your gifts are stretched far! If your situation is stable, please prayerfully consider supporting Rosary Sunday and help give the world great Dominicans to preach the Gospel! Please give online at www.opwest.org/rs, use a Rosary Sunday envelope from the pew, or mail a gift to: Western Dominican Province, 5877 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618. Thank you



Brs. Antonio Maria, Ignatius Jerome, & Hyacinth Marie



DOMINICAN FRIARS
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus



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.

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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 5:00 - Free Dinner 6:00

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

GRIEF SERIES

SATURDAYS

OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8 AT 11:00 A.M.

MINISTRY CENTER - AQUINAS ROOM

FINDING



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



*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!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We need you!

**Would you like to serve the Lord?
New to serving? We will train you!**

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

Candlelight Rosary Procession



October 15
October 22
October 29

6:30 p.m.

Processions begin in front of the church. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.



Flowers Offered on the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul

In Thanksgiving by St. Vincent de Paul - Benicia

Feast Day September 27

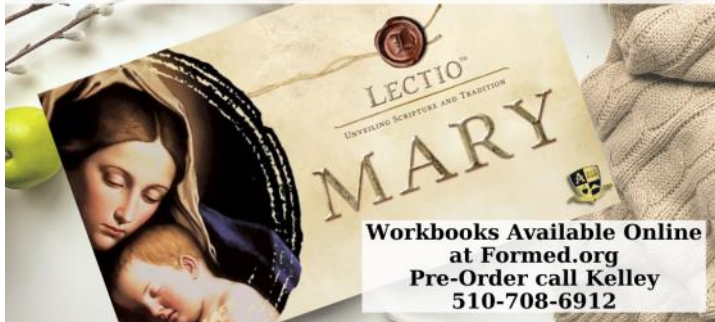
Flowers Offered for the Shrine of Saint Therese of Lisieux

Offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Feast Day October 1

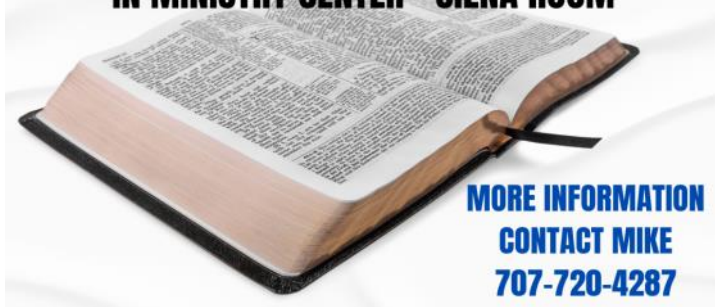


Women's Bible Study
Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
Starting October 20
 Ministry Center Siena Room



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 | 5:45 PM
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM



MORE INFORMATION
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707-720-4287



Another Wonderful Friends of the Poor Walk!
 Thank you to everyone who joined us for a glorious day to support our Benicia neighbors struggling to make ends meet! Preliminary estimates indicate we raised approximately \$24,488 and when you include our benefactor's 100% match that equates to \$48,975! We can't thank you enough for providing the financial resources necessary to help prevent our fellow Benicians from becoming homeless. Our annual financial assistance averages \$145,000, so your donations represent 34% of our total annual budget. That's Huge!
 Approximately 100 people attended and enjoyed a delightful walk from the City Park Gazebo down First Street to the water and back to the Gazebo carrying signs that said, "Preventing Homelessness", wearing white Friends of the Poor T-shirts and passing out fliers to onlookers which helped them understand who we are and what we do.
 A very special thanks to Fr. Andy for our opening prayer, Fr. Dominic for his support, Penny Ogden our Master of Ceremonies and Principal of St. Dominic School, City Council member Lionel Largaespada, past City Council member Christina Strawbridge and Benicia Community Services Director Anne Dunleavy. We also want to thank our extremely generous sponsors: Valero Refining, The Inn at Benicia Bay, The Café at the Inn, Alonzo & Small Insurance, The Vineyardist, Underground Construction, Cor-O-Data, Cullen-Sherry & Associates, Team Jones Cross Country Mortgage, TM industries and Hamann Real Estate.
 Teamwork really did make the dream work for our Benicia neighbors! Thank You So Much!





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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

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◆ Altar Servers

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◆ Choirs

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◆ St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

◆ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org

◆ Ushers

Tom Sarnicola & Manny Roldan – usher@stdombenicia.org

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

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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Parochial Vicar

Deacon

Resident Student Br.

Business Manager

Music Director

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Dir. of Faith Formation

Coor. of Religious Ed.

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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