

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

Malachi 3:19-20a
 Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 Luke 21:5-19

“The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.”



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

Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 11/15 | 5:00 p.m. | (R) William Gilbert |
| Sun | 11/16 | 7:30 a.m. | (R) Cappas & Zorilla Families |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (B) Zenaida Hernandez |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (R) Yolanda Montalvan |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Rebecca Effie Dolstra |
| Mon | 11/17 | 6:45 a.m. | (B) Dorothy Doshcer |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) James Capoot |
| Tues | 11/18 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Mary Pokladowski |
| Wed | 11/19 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Escala Family |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Carmelita Basa Diaz |
| Thurs | 11/20 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Kathleen D. Snider |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Cecilia Tyrcha |
| Fri | 11/21 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Paul Arsen Paguirigan |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Lily Oliveros |
| Sat | 11/22 | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Orveline Frisbie |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Aaron Hoover |
| Sun | 11/23 | 7:30 a.m. | (B) Julie A. Lai |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (B) Francis Lagrimas |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (R) Celedonio Hernandez |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Daphne Anies |

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

December 2025 Intentions Opened November 4



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

Dennis Kolkebeck, 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, 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:

John Dodd, Edward Hewitt, Robert Samson, Charlie White, Maria Kim, Salud Paderna, Renato Lumaban, Benjamin Santos, Charles Bettencourt, Nathan Manzanares, Melita Domingo, Felipe Llanes, Jr., Kenneth Hagar, Michelle Medeiros, Johnny Napier, Andrew Siri, Antonio Rapolla, Diane Stevens~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



Part of the reason I came up with the Holiday Tryouts baking Sunday theme is that I love this time of year with all of the fun holidays on the horizon. Keeping our faith incorporated into those festivities can root the fun in something deeper. I hope our families who helped deliver the Saint Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving boxes finished with a deeper sense of love of neighbor, not to mention gratitude for their own blessings. Perhaps they will also add a new menu item to their dinner, thanks to this weekend's baking Sunday! During the first week of Advent, hopefully our Advent Stations service on the evening of December 3rd will help us all cultivate a more sacred sense of anticipation of Christ's arrival on Christmas. During that evening, which will begin at 6:30pm, a few of the other brothers and I will sing Dominican chants of the O Antiphons. The O Antiphons are traditional prayers sung during the days leading up to Christmas. Each antiphon begins with the word "O," which is then connected to some poetic title for Jesus Christ, such as "O Wisdom" and "O Key of David," and so forth. The purpose of the antiphons is to tie Isaiah's prophesies to the coming of the Messiah in the New Testament. We always darken the church and light it with candles for a more contemplative environment. A few days after that we will be out at the Benicia Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and will sing carols in front of the real estate office of Jeanie Hamann. For this year, Jeanie generously purchased some special lights to illuminate the carolers. When we caroled out there last year, many people seemed to find our public references to Christ in connection with the season very reassuring. The following Saturday, it will be great to be back in the Benicia Christmas parade, although I am hoping for better weather than last year's rainstorm. Although, that having been stated, marching in the rain at last year's Christmas parade was fun and memorable in its own way. I sure hope we are able to recruit a larger group of youngsters for the children's Christmas choir for the Christmas Eve 4pm family mass. As I mentioned at the ambo last Sunday, we changed the rehearsal time to 4pm to 5pm in hopes that more kids would be able to attend the music prep. I am always so impressed by the way Christmas choir director Maddie Burman is able to get such musical excellence out of the kids. Another change we're making with music this year is that our incredible 11am mass choir will provide the music at the midnight mass, which will again be a candlelight mass done ad orientem. There is so much to look forward to on the horizon for us as a parish as these holidays approach!

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Upcoming Events

TODAY! Baking Sunday Holiday Try-Outs

Sunday - November 16
After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses—Parish Hall

Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Starts - Thursday - November 20
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

The Well—Young Adults

Friday - November 21
7:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

Thanksgiving Week - Office Closed

Thursday - Thanksgiving Day - November 27
Friday - November 28

Advent Stations

Wednesday - December 3
6:30 p.m. - Church

Ongoing Events

Women's Bible Study

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

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

Men's Bible Study

Fridays
5:45 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

07/1/25-10/31/25

| | YTD <u>Actual</u> | YTD <u>Budget</u> | + / - <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday Offertory | | | |
| Online donations | \$ 163,313 | | |
| Sunday/Mail-in donations | \$ 174,403 | | |
| | \$ 337,717 | \$ 369,333 | \$ (31,617) |
| Second Collections: | | | |
| Building Improvement | \$ 11,812 | \$ 13,333 | \$ (1,521) |
| Faith Formation | \$ 9,055 | \$ 3,567 | \$ 5,488 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 423,405 | \$ 457,667 | \$ (34,262) |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 484,746 | \$ 480,506 | \$ 4,241 |
| Net Income/Loss | \$ (61,342) | \$ (22,839) | \$ (38,503) |

Second Collection for November

NOV 08/09: Military Services
NOV 15/16: CC for Human Development

Special Envelopes for November

NOV 02 & 16: Building Improvement
NOV 09: SDS Tuition Assistance
NOV 23: Faith Formation

Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty.

With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd. To donate online, <https://www.scd.org/cchd>

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

No meeting November 17

Ministry Center Siena Room



Series Available Online at
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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

Christmas Children's Choir

Join the Christmas Youth Choir at St. Dominic's! Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, and for our church musicians, it's also a time to prepare special music for the Christmas season. St. Dominic's is inviting children ages 6 and up to join a special Christmas Youth Choir to sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass!

Led by Maddie Burmann and accompanied by our parish music director, Luke Shalz, the choir will perform familiar carols, learn new music selections, and discover the joy of singing God's praise as part of an ensemble.

Rehearsals

Start November 20
Thursdays
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Excluding
Thanksgiving Day
In the Church

**ALL MEN'S
BIBLE STUDY**
EVERY FRIDAY | 5:45 PM

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St. Joseph Ministry Building & Maintenance



NEW! St. Joseph's Ministry
We need your help!

In an effort to continue to reduce parish expenses, we are starting a St. Joseph's Ministry to help with maintenance and repairs and light building projects around the parish. If you are a plumber, electrician, carpenter or just an all-around handyman (or woman), this is the ministry for you! We are currently putting together a list of people willing to help with performing general maintenance/repair tasks individually, or as a group one Saturday morning a month.

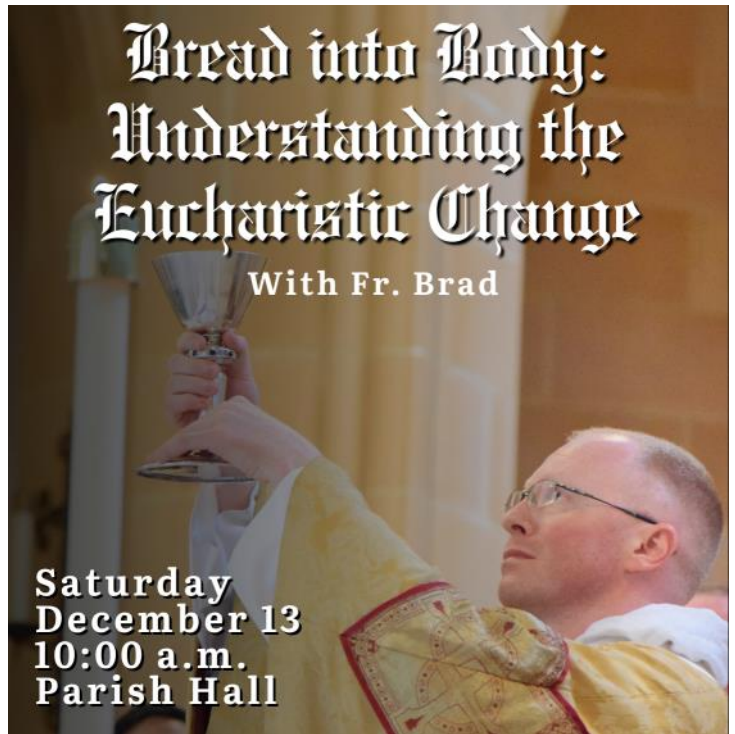


If you'd like to lend a hand, please email Stjosephministry@stdombenicia.org.

Bread into Body: Understanding the Eucharistic Change

With Fr. Brad

Saturday
December 13
10:00 a.m.
Parish Hall



Join Us - Helping Mothers in Need

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St. Dominic's /
Benicia
Young Adults
ages 18-39

UNDONE

The Well Bay Area

**Friday
Nov 21
2025 // 7pm**

Advent Stations

Wednesday - December 3 - 6:30 p.m.

The Advent Stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Like the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross, these seven Advent "stations" or "stopping points" provide a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive his Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfillment in Christ, and then a prayer.

Celebration of Virgen de Guadalupe

Come celebrate with La Asociación Guadalupana De Benicia on December 6th in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Morning:
Our celebration starts early in the morning on Saturday, December 6 at 6:00 a.m. in the church for the Mañanitas to our Senora De Guadalupe. We follow the singing with a gathering at the parish hall for Mexican hot chocolate and Mexican sweet bread. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Afternoon:
In the afternoon we gather at the hall for the procession around 1:30 p.m. accompanied with the mariachi band with a Mass in the Church at 2:00 p.m. Afterwards we serve a meal in the hall, tickets are \$5/per person. We have a limited amount of tickets. Tickets can be purchased through the Guadalupana Ministry Contact: guadalupana@stdombenicia.org Mariachi Band will continue to play in the hall during our reception. We hope you can join us for the this special day!



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
BENICIA, CA

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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Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) offers a weekend experience for married couples to learn the keys to loving communications that they can use for the rest of their lives. The weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience between husband and wife, which revitalizes marriage by helping a couple start with the love they have for each other and to build and deepen the relationship.



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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

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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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Current Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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For more information or to explore your options please contact Teresa Stone at tstone@stdombenicia.org or 707-335-4672

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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!

Come Let Us Adore Him!

Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs
Tuesday: 1:00 a.m. weekly
& 10:00 a.m. - wks. 2,3,4,5
Thursday: 6:00 a.m. weekly
& 5:00 p.m. weekly
Saturday: 12:00 a.m. wk. 4
& 1:00 p.m. - wks. 1&3
Sunday: 12:00 a.m. - wk. 4
& 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