

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

*“Let us go rejoicing to the
house of the Lord.”*



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

Altar Flowers in Memory of Don & Chris Larkin

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/22	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
Mon	11/24	6:45 a.m.	(B) Egon Frank Hampton
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Apolonia De Joya
Tues	11/25	6:45 a.m.	(T) Grace Hill
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Grace & Kathryn Wildasin
Wed	11/26	6:45 a.m.	(R) Sr. Rosemary Sullivan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Norman Shopay
Thurs	11/27	No 6:45 a.m.	Mass - Happy Thanksgiving!
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Salud Paderna
Fri	11/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Wilfredo Bernabe
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lily Oliveros
Sat	11/29	8:15 a.m.	(R) Mark Anthony Meagher
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Dolores C. Belo
Sun	11/30	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Margaret McClune
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Tom Gavin
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Salud Paderna
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Ronald Ditter

(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:



Patrick Droszcz, 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, 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:

Fr. Walter Mayer, Leslie McDevitt, Rose Marie
Watterson, 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



Last weekend on Saturday at 9am, just beyond East I Street where our Saint Vincent de Paul ministry houses food, the sun was shining on a long line of cars that was already lined up to receive

Thanksgiving boxes for delivery. I loved seeing the vehicles full of our parish and school kids. I hope having delivered those boxes will help form their Thanksgiving memories and be the sort of thing they teach their own children to do one day.

Perhaps the exercise in charity will help our kids to cultivate more gratitude for their own blessings and greater generosity. If we are living our faith authentically, we will see the families who received those boxes as brothers and sisters with whom we have solidarity, each of us sharing



in the most fundamental equality there is of having been made in God's image and likeness. Let us all spend this week being grateful for our many blessings, the greatest being a share in God's very life through the sacraments, which draw their power from the merits of Jesus Christ. In that

sense, we are all holding on to 'Thanksgiving boxes' handed to us for free out of love from the one who is love itself. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Thursday - Thanksgiving Day - November 27
Friday - November 28

Advent Stations

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

Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays - December 4, 11, 18
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

Main Street Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting

Friday - December 5
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

We will be singing Christmas carols
in front of Hamann RE!

Celebration of Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 6
6:00 a.m. - Church

Followed by hot chocolate in the hall
1:30 p.m. - Procession
2:00 p.m. - Mass
Followed by Dinner in Hall (Ticketed)

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 (No Meeting on November 28)
5:45 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

Fr. Andy's Award Winning
Pumpkin Pie Raffle

RAFFLE \$5/Ticket RAFFLE

Tickets available at all Masses
Drawing on Monday November 24
Proceeds go to Hospitality Ministry
Two Lucky Winners!!
Just in time for Thanksgiving!

Second Collection for December

DEC 13/14 Retirement Fund for Religious

Special Envelopes for December

DEC 07 & 21: Building Improvement

DEC 08: Immaculate Conception

DEC 14: SDS Tuition Assistance

DEC 25: Christmas

JAN 01: Solemnity of Mary

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)



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 this special day!

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.

Walk with us!

Christmas Parade

December 13
10:00 a.m.
First Street

Meet up near the Yacht Club at 9:30 a.m.

Bread into Body: Understanding the Eucharistic Change

With Fr. Brad

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

Advent Reconciliation

Weekly

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

With Visiting Priests:
Monday, December 15
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Here at 
St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Women's Bible Study
Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Center Siena Room



Series Available Online at
Formed.org

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
CONTACT MIKE
707-720-4287



Christmas Children's Choir

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!

Rehearsals

Thursdays

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

December 4

December 11

December 18

In the Church

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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.

**A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY. . .
A LIFETIME OF LOVE.**

Rediscover the one you love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Scan the QR code for schedule of coming weekends.

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.

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Parish Community



The St. Dominic Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends its sincere appreciation for your compassion and generosity towards Benicia residents in need. Following our recent collection after each Mass for community members not receiving SNAP benefits, your contributions totaled nearly \$4,000, enabling us to purchase additional groceries to accommodate increased requests for food deliveries. During the first week of November, your

support allowed us to deliver groceries to 39 families, assisting 114 individuals. This was double our normal weekly deliveries.

Our annual Dennis Garvey Thanksgiving Dinner Box program saw remarkable participation this month. Parishioners took home 200 boxes to fill with listed items; some proactively assembled additional boxes and others contributed shopping bags containing the requested goods. These efforts allowed us to deliver 175 dinner boxes on Saturday, with an additional 15-20 scheduled for delivery before Thanksgiving.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dominic, the parish staff, and all parishioners. Wishing you a joyful Thanksgiving surrounded by loved ones. Thank you for your continued spirit of giving, which provides hope and comfort to our neighbors in challenging times.

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**

Join Us - Helping Mothers in Need

Contribute diapers, wipes or baby supplies. Join us and become an Angel. Lots of ways you can make a difference! Email us at gabriel@stdombenicia.org

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

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

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

◆ Gabriel Project

Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

◆ Guadalupana Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

◆ Hospitality

Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

◆ Knights of Columbus

Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

◆ MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood

Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org

◆ Lectors Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org

◆ Lazarus Ministry

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Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

◆ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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◆ St. Joseph's Ministry

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◆ St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

◆ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.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

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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Media & Ministry Coor.
Dir. of Faith Formation

Coor. of Religious Ed.

Children's Sacraments

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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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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: 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