

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

November 9, 2025

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

*“The waters of the river
gladden the city of God, the
holy dwelling of the
Most High!”*



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	11/08	5:00 p.m.	(R) All Deceased Dominicans
Sun	11/09	7:30 a.m.	(R) Panganiban/Maranan Families
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Makaila Benabe
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Timoteo Rubio
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Zenaida Dizon
Mon	11/10	6:45 a.m.	(R) Salud Paderna
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Artur Cardoso
Tues	11/11	6:45 a.m.	(R) Salud Paderna
		8:15 a.m.	(R) John Montgomery
Wed	11/12	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jeffrey Jenkins
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Jason Hickey
Thurs	11/13	6:45 a.m.	(R) Salud Paderna
		8:15 a.m.	(H) John Walker
Fri	11/14	6:45 a.m.	(R) Cappas & Zorilla Families
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Paul Dold
Sat	11/15	8:15 a.m.	(R) Marty Garrett
		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

(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:**

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, Sheryl Calalang, Emilio Ermio

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



This past Friday, we celebrated the Feast of All the Saints of the Order of Preachers. It is the Dominican version of the Feast of All Saints, meaning we celebrate all of the Dominicans in Heaven. The occasion got me thinking about the influence of the Dominican saints on my life and the adage many of our parents give us that says, "You are who your friends are." Who our friends are matters because they influence us, often in ways we do not notice. In light of this reality, it is a good idea to make friends with the saints in Heaven, asking for their intercession as a form of influence on our own growth in holiness. A Dominican saint in Heaven who has been among the most influential on Dominicans in general would be Saint Thomas Aquinas. You will not be able to miss this fact if you spend much time around the student brothers at Saint Albert's Priory in Oakland where the brothers of the Western Dominican Province are all formed. Saint Thomas's synthesis of philosophy and theology is at the heart of the intellectual ecosystem there, as it is in Dominican houses of formation around the world. I remember when I started out as a student brother, I was not sure I liked this fact, because I did not relate to it very well to all of that Thomas Aquinas-talk. But now as a Dominican priest, I am someone who reads Saint Thomas most days, even on my days off! Those eight years of formation, being surrounded by brothers who had been influenced by Saint Thomas Aquinas, influenced me and changed me, thankfully for the better. On the other hand, people we allow to influence us can also change us for the worse in ways that similarly escape our notice. I believe I am seeing this happen with some influencers online, including ones who identify as Catholic or as friendly to Catholicism. We should stay mindful of who is influencing us and strive to make better friends with the saints in Heaven, and first and foremost with Jesus. The more fellowship with him influences us, the less susceptible we will be to the 'false friends.' On the topic of good friends, I had a blast with the Portuguese family at the concluding game of the regular season for parishioner Lucas Portugez who was both a wide receiver and defensive back for the De Lasalle High School freshman football team. Lucas, along with his sister Emily, brothers Peter and Paul, and his parents Shauna and Chris have definitely been good influencers at Saint Dominic's through all of their dedicated volunteering in our community!



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Upcoming Events

SVdP Thanksgiving Boxes

TODAY! - Return Filled Boxes - November 8/9
Deliver to Neighbors - Saturday, November 15

TODAY! - Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday - November 9
After All Morning Masses—Parish Hall

Office Closed - Veteran's Day

Tuesday - November 11

Baking Sunday Holiday Try-Outs

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

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

Memorial Mass

Dennis Schlosser

Wednesday - November 12 - 4:00 p.m.



**BAKING
SUNDAY**

HOLIDAY TRY-OUTS

Sunday
November 16, 2025
After 9 & 11 a.m.
Masses

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 Archdiocese for the Military Services

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Second Collection Next Week for CC Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd. To donate online: <https://www.scd.org/cchd>



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 start November 20
Thursdays - 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
(Excluding Thanksgiving Day)
In the Church

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

No meeting November 17

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

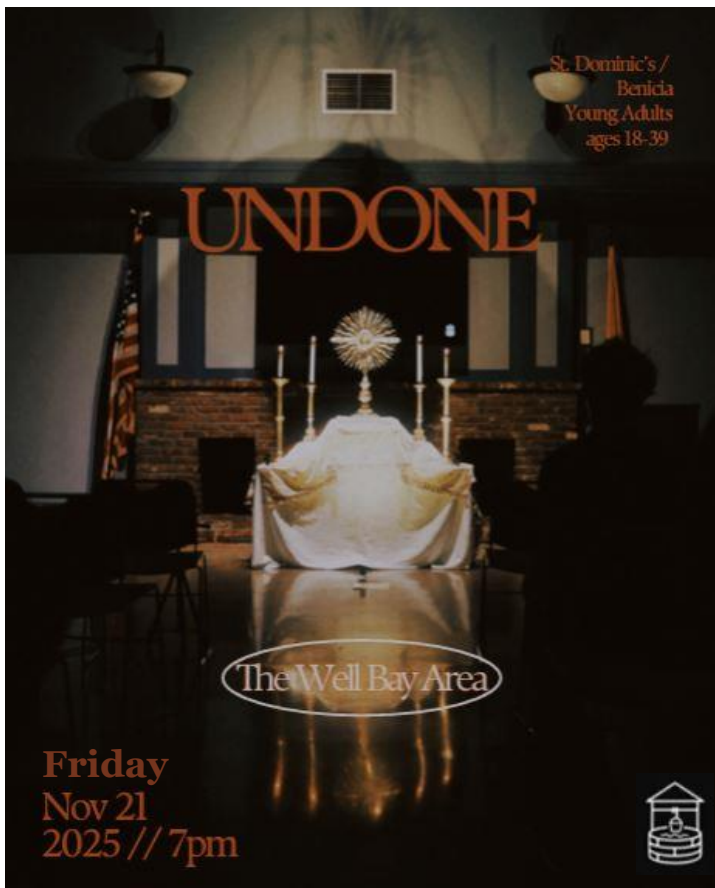
Material Necesitado: Biblia en Español

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

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
IN MINISTRY CENTER - SIENA ROOM**



**MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MIKE
707-720-4287**



DENNIS GARVEY MEMORIAL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DINNER BOX PROGRAM

Important Dates

Boxes Go Out - November 1/2

Return Filled Boxes - November 8/9

Deliver to Neighbors

Saturday, November 15 - 9:00 a.m.
(From the SVdP Food Locker in Alley)



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.

2024-2025 Annual Report
October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

We are a 100% volunteer organization.

1 Preventing Homelessness

Rental/Housing Assistance

- 73 Families helped (\$60,638)

PG&E/Water

- 106 Families helped (\$44,622)

Home Visits

- 155 in person visits

2 Grocery Deliveries

- 863 Grocery Deliveries (\$54,370)
- 2,676 Individuals helped
- 555 Dinner boxes, with gift certificates, delivered for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas (\$27,750)
- Christmas gifts provided to 91 children and 80 low income seniors

3 Special Projects

Backpack Project

- Provided 11 backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need

Summer Snack Program

- Provided kid friendly snacks and Safeway food gift cards

Prison Ministry

- 80 sweatsuits provided for newly released citizens who are often issued paper clothes

4 Disaster Relief

- \$2,325 to stock the Emergency Preparedness Shed to assist Benicia residents
- \$4,900 to St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles for Fire Disaster Relief (5th Sunday dedicated special collection)

5 Financials

Income

- \$175,500

Expenses

- \$176,200

6 Contact Us

✉ svdp@stdombenicia.org

📞 707-746-1773 Grocery Delivery

📞 707-200-4940 Financial Assistance

🌐 SVDPBenicia.org

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All Saints Day Mass



Third grade dressed for the part!

SDS gathered this week with hearts full of gratitude and reverence for All Saints Day. May the saints continue to be lights on our path to holiness, and may we follow their examples with faith, courage, and kindness each day.

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CHRISTMAS WREATHS!

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Garland Swag Crosses Also Available

Thank you

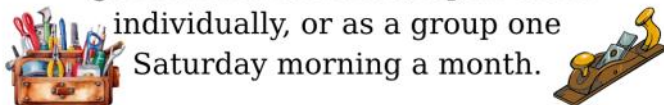
SCAN ME!

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



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

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!



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emhc@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

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◆ Knights of Columbus

Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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◆ Lazarus Ministry

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Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

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◆ St. Dominic's Cemetery

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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.

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475 East I Street, Benicia

Current Office Hours

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

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Deacon

Resident Student Br.

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Dir. of Faith Formation

Coor. of Religious Ed.

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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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Teresa Stone at 707-335-4672 or tstone@stdombenicia.org
Thank you for your continued generosity!

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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