

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

*“Justice shall flourish in his
time, and fullness of
peace for ever.”*



**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	12/06	5:00 p.m.	(R) Lourdes & Artur Cardoso
Sun	12/07	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Marion Klimczak
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Robert Samson
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Yolanda Montalvan
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Edward Hewitt
Mon	12/08	6:45 a.m.	(B) Joan Blake
		8:15 a.m.	(A) Michael & Morgan Donahue
		6:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Tues	12/09	6:45 a.m.	(B) Kit M. Gamboa
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Candis Zusin
Wed	12/10	6:45 a.m.	(B) Noel Capapas
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/11	6:45 a.m.	(T) Grace Hill
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Lau Family
Fri	12/12	6:45 a.m.	(B) Ardath Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Reyes & Ruiz Families
Sat	12/13	8:15 a.m.	(B) Ardath Kroner
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Don & Chris Larkin
Sun	12/14	7:30 a.m.	(B) Leslie Westbrook
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Brett Watson
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(A) Juan Carlos & Sonia Carbonell
		5:00 p.m.	(T) Luke Shalz

(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:**



Chai Notarte, 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:**

Pure Swington, Kim Ron, 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
~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



This past week's Advent Stations prayer service made for a truly contemplative evening of prayerful preparation for the coming of Jesus on Christmas. We had the lights low and the sanctuary filled with candles, and in front of the altar was a depiction of the Nativity with the

Christ child not yet placed in the manger, signifying that Christ has not yet arrived. Deacon Mike led prayers, and Father Dominic and I sang Dominican chant versions of the O Antiphons, which are seven scripturally based texts that anticipate the coming of the Messiah, each emphasizing a



different aspect of his Messianic identity. These chants were interspersed with prophetic readings from the Old Testament that foreshadowed the coming of Christ. We ended the evening with a



profound reflection on Advent from our residency student Brother Thomas Maria. We sure do get some gifted and faithful Dominican student brothers coming through Saint Dominic's, don't we? (I recommend checking out his talk scheduled for December 17th at both 9am and 6:30pm in the main church.) After the Advent Stations service, as we greeted attendees exiting the church, many expressed gratitude for the prayerful environment and were genuinely moved by the whole experience. Once everybody departed, a few of us got to work on a different project – that of perfecting the lighting we want to use for this year's candlelight ad orientem Midnight Mass. Last year's candlelight mass went very well, but for this year I wanted to try to better illuminate the high altar without washing out the surrounding area with light, killing the candlelight ambiance. Our church décor team was more than up to the challenge and succeeded splendidly with a few strategically placed spotlights. Another change we are making to that mass is that this year it will feature our spectacular Sunday 11am choir. God sure is doing good things here at St. Dominic's! Happy Advent, everyone!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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Upcoming Events

Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday - December 8
Masses: 6:45, 8:15 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 13
Meet at 9:30 a.m. Parade at 10:00 a.m.

Bread Into Body—Fr. Brad Elliott, O.P.

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

Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

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

Roots of the Redeemer

Br. Thomas Maria

Wednesday, December 17
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - Church

Ongoing Events

Women's Bible Study

Mondays—Skipping December 8th
Returning December 15th (Conclusion)
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

Spanish Bible Study

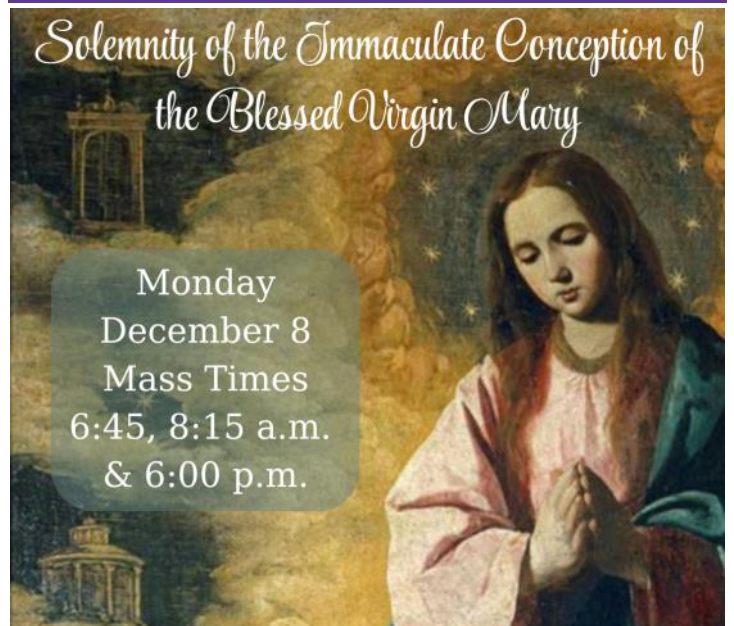
Thursdays
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Center Siena Room

Men's Bible Study

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

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday
December 8
Mass Times
6:45, 8:15 a.m.
& 6:00 p.m.



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

Second Collection December 13/14

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. To donate online, <https://www.scd.org/retiredreligious>

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)

SVdP's Holiday Giving Tree

Again this year SVdP will be providing our neighbors with food vouchers instead of Christmas dinner boxes.

Since we will not be asking our parishioners to prepare dinner boxes we hope you will consider an additional monetary donation to the SVdP to help with the food vouchers. Thank you for your continued support!



The Giving Tree is up in the church. Please consider taking an ornament and buying the requested gift. Return the ornaments with the wrapped gift to the church before the afternoon of **December 14th**. All parishioners are welcome to help with delivery of gifts

and food vouchers from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, **December 20th** in the 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

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve (Vigil) Masses
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
4:00 p.m. (Church & Hall)
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - Vietnamese Mass
12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses
Thursday, December 25, 2025
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Spanish/English



**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!

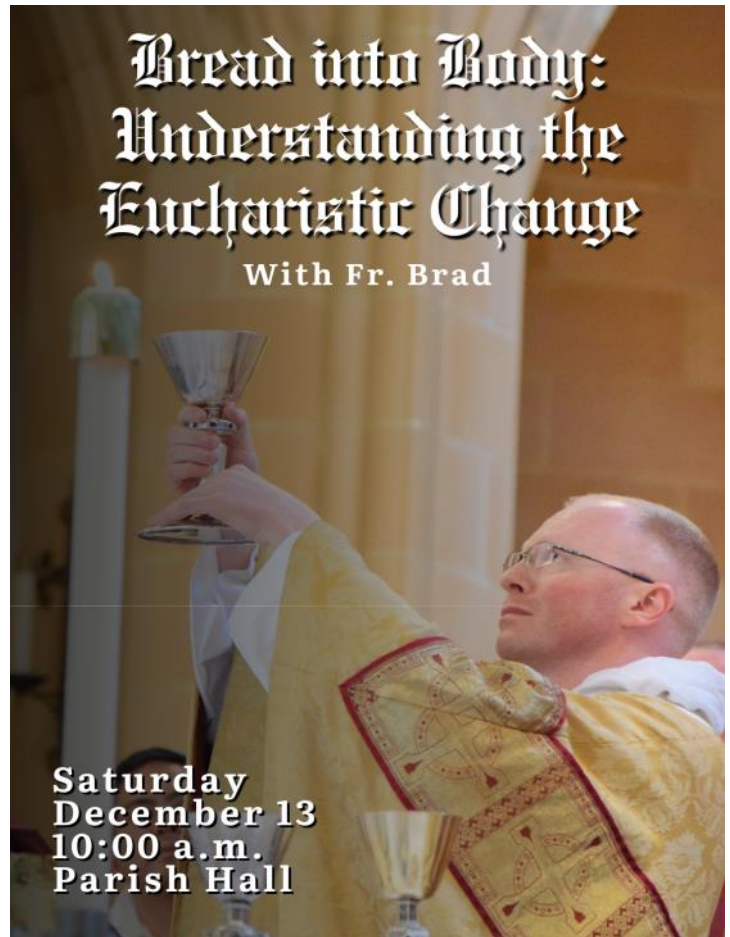
We are currently putting together a list of people willing to help with performing general maintenance/repair tasks



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



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 11

December 18

In the Church

Advent

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Light two purple candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Read from Scripture Luke 3:4-6. Reflect: God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God! How are we preparing to receive the Lord in our lives this season?

Prayer: Christ our Peace, Glow brightly in each moment. Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond the trappings of the holidays. Relieve us, if just for a moment, of our worries and stress. We await your coming with serenity. Amen.

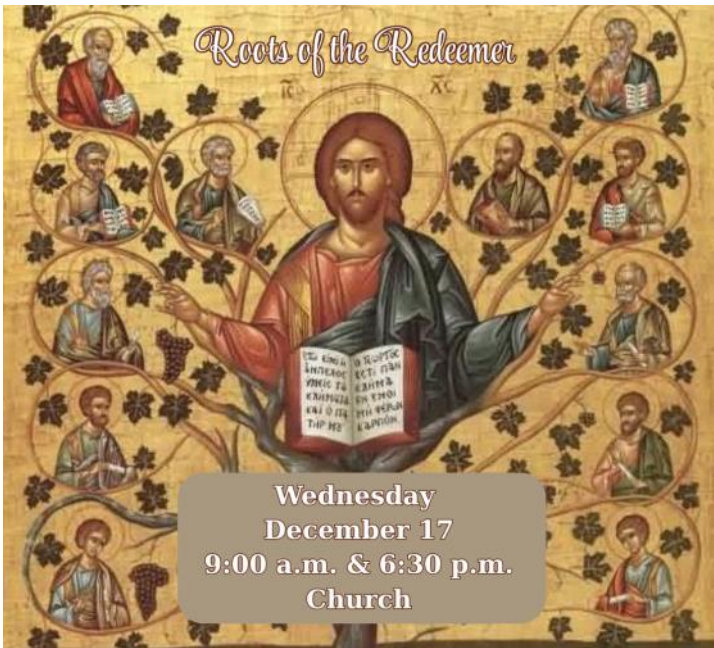
Mary on the Mantel Activity

"Mary on the Mantel" is an Advent tradition, similar to "Elf on the Shelf," where a Mary doll or statue is moved around the house daily to represent her journey to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Each day, Mary is found doing acts of kindness, and families and children are encouraged to perform a good deed or act of kindness themselves. The goal is to help families prepare their hearts for Christmas by focusing on love and service.

"In our home, Christmas is a time centered on faith, family, and the joy of celebrating the birth of Christ. On Christmas Eve, we gather with my husband's side of the family. The children open their gifts from their aunts and uncles, and we all come together later that evening for Christmas Eve Mass, which is one of the most meaningful parts of our celebration. Christmas Day begins quietly at home. We stay in our Christmas pajamas, open gifts, and share breakfast together as a family, enjoying the peace of the morning and giving thanks for the blessings God has given us. Later in the day, we visit my side of the family, where we continue celebrating, exchanging gifts, and spending time with loved ones. These traditions remind us of the true heart of Christmas: welcoming Christ into our homes, our families, and our lives." The Mendoza Family



The Mendoza Family
Gabriel Jr. (10), Samuel (3),
Destiny (17), and Nayeli (13)



Wednesday
December 17
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Church

Women's Bible Study
Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
No Meeting December 8 - This Series Concludes December 15
Ministry Center Siena Room

Series Available Online at
Formed.org

BAKING SUNDAY
CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Sunday
December 21, 2025
After 9 & 11 a.m.
Masses

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

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

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

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.

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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

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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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Hourly Needs
Tuesday: 1:00 a.m. - weekly
or shared, 10:00 a.m. - wks. 4&5,
& 2:00 p.m. - wks. 2&4
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 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

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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



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