

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

*“With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.”*



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Mass Intentions

Sat	03/21	5:00 p.m.	(R) Stanley Pokladowski
Sun	03/22	7:30 a.m.	(R) Teodulo & Iluminada Panganiban
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Mary Bettencourt
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Nilda Turley
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Aurora Fabian Bareng
Mon	03/23	6:45 a.m.	(R) Han Sung Tae
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Marah Monroe
Tues	03/24	6:45 a.m.	(R) Wilfredo Delizo
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Roger & Shirley Bueno
Wed	03/25	6:45 a.m.	(B) Rexelle Marasigan
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Theresa Hong Ja Lee
Thurs	03/26	6:45 a.m.	(B) Lyla Ann Gamboa
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Minda Navarro
Fri	03/27	6:45 a.m.	(B) Joyce Soriano Gamboa
		8:15 a.m.	(T) OLMC Lay Carmelites
Sat	03/28	8:15 a.m.	(B) Joseph Kang Lee
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Steve Velez
Sun	03/29	7:30 a.m.	(R) Juan & Sofia Aguirre
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Zenaida Oriel
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Shawn Quillin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Aurora Fabian Bareng

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

May 2026 Mass Intentions Open April 1

Confirmation Retreat



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



Brandy Womack, Dee Case, Casin Oaks, Annette Alfaro, Colleen Walker, Chai Notarte, 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 & Liz Albright, Bill Telepak, Fred Ayala, Adrienne Varin, Hau Thi Vu Nguyen, Elaine Paschal, Maria Bongco, Ramon Dela Cruz, Francisco Gan, Dino Tan, Donna Wade, Michael Raymundo Co, Christian Salcedo, Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel, Maria de Fatima Pereira, Eileen Hayes, Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan, Sherry Thomas, Barbara Helms, Colin Larkin, Alma Johnson, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin, Rosie & Don Klatt, Aurora Basilio, Mark Nees, Albert Tan Co, Ron Pearman, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad, Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad

**Please remember the following recently
deceased (and their families) in your prayers:**

Kevin Lyle Wagoner, Barbara Mathews, Felix Armando Montengro, Domingo Calustre, Marsha Morse, Aurora Bareng, Damián Piper, Monika Pangelinan, John Paul Hayes, Ana Perez

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



Our celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary was not only a great occasion for gathering food for the poor, but it was also a fitting occasion for highlighting Saint Joseph as a good male role model. Such role models are always needed, but these days especially there is a whole cottage industry of online male influencers offering advice to help men become their best, most masculine selves. Some of the content seems helpful while other videos are pretty cringe. It strikes me that Saint Joseph's example of a man in the Gospel of Matthew contains some potentially helpful insights for today's men. One point I always have fun making is that Saint Joseph clearly was not a 'drama queen,' as evidenced by the measured way he responded initially to the strange news of Mary's pregnancy. A weaker, more short-fused guy of that era might have flipped out and trashed her name all over Nazareth. "Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly." Notice the reason to divorce is attributed to his "righteousness," indicating his faithfulness to the Law. "Righteousness" is basically Bible-speak for striving to have a will that is aligned with God's will. To strive to align one's will with God's will has the benefit of helping a person become more virtuously outward looking, which can make him or her stronger, spiritually. The general mindset of being more outward looking like Saint Joseph seems especially helpful for any man, whether he is pursuing a religious or priestly vocation or one wishing to become a more appealing catch for some woman. Many of the online male gurus, by contrast, seem to me a little too fixated on their own betterment – their weight-lifting, ice baths, breathing exercises, diet plans, self-help books, and so forth. Saint Joseph, by comparison, with his righteous obedience to God shows how being a more spiritually outward-looking man enables him to be truly great, a means by which God ends up bringing about the salvation of the world. The scriptures do not record any words spoken by Saint Joseph. However, Deacon Mike points out that the saint's example indicates that actions speak louder than words. What an important truism for all of our young boys to internalize! And on the topic of impressive action, the men of our St. Joseph ministry here at St. Dominic's sure have been doing a fantastic job with various projects around the parish! Changing out the lightbulbs way up high in the church is taking a bit longer than we anticipated, but those guys are more than half done. While I am grateful for the money this ministry is saving our parish by keeping us from having to pay for that labor, my favorite benefit of the St. Joseph ministry is that it is attracting interest from guys I have never seen volunteer at St. Dominic's before. Thank you, Saint Joseph!

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Upcoming Events

St. Dominic's Anniversary Breakfast

Sunday - March 22

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

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Center - Mary Magdalene

Br. Thomas Maria Q & A

Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Center - Mary Magdalene

Light of the World

Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Fridays - 6:00 p.m. - Church

Followed by Soup Supper in the Hall

Weekly Ministry Hosts:

March 27 - Dominican Laity/Adoration

Holy Week & Easter Sunday

March 30 - April 5

See Holy Week & Easter Column for details

SVdP Shredding for Shelter

Saturday - April 11

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Large Parking Lot

Special Envelopes for April

APR 05: Easter

APR 05 & 19: Building Improvement

APR 12: SDS Tuition Assistance

APR 26: Faith Formation

Second Collection For April

APR 25/26: Catholic Home Missions

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/25-1/31/26

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
Sunday Offertory	\$ 607,057.52	\$ 646,333.31	\$ (39,275.79)
Total Operating Income	\$ 794,663	\$ 830,917	\$ (36,254)
Operating Expenses	\$ 840,223	\$ 838,260	\$ 1,964
Net Income/Loss	\$ (45,561)	\$ (7,343)	\$ (38,218)



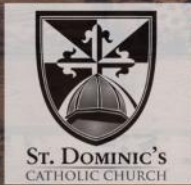
ST. DOMINIC'S

Anniversary Breakfast

Join us for breakfast!
Sunday, March 22, 2026
After the 9am and 11am masses
Hosted by the Hospitality Ministry

\$10 per person

Menu:
Breakfast Sandwich
Tater Tots
Fruit
Coffee & Juice



St. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy Week & Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday - April 2, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae **
- 6:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Reposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall
- 11:30 p.m. - Farewell Discourses of Jesus Christ

Good Friday - April 3, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae **
- 12:00 p.m. - Seven Last Words of Christ **
- 2:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross & Communion **
- 4:00 p.m. - Veneración de la Cruz y Comunión
- 7:00 p.m. - Veneration of the Cross & Communion with Procession of Corpus

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - April 4, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. - Tenebrae **
 - 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil **
- Beginning in the Courtyard with the Service of Light

Easter Sunday Mass Times - April 5, 2026

- 6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Mass at St. Dominic's Cemetery
- If it rains Mass will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m. **
 - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Church & Parish Hall)
 - 1:00 p.m. (English/Español)
 - No 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass (this month only)
 - No 5:00 p.m. Mass (this week only)

** Event will be in the Church and livestreamed

*Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
A place to belong? Deepen your Catholic faith?
We invite you to drop in at the O.C.I.A. Inquiries
(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Inquiries meeting
Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
Ministry Center - Aquinas Room*



ST. DOMINIC'S
YOUTH MINISTRY
8th - 12th GRADE

sunday night social

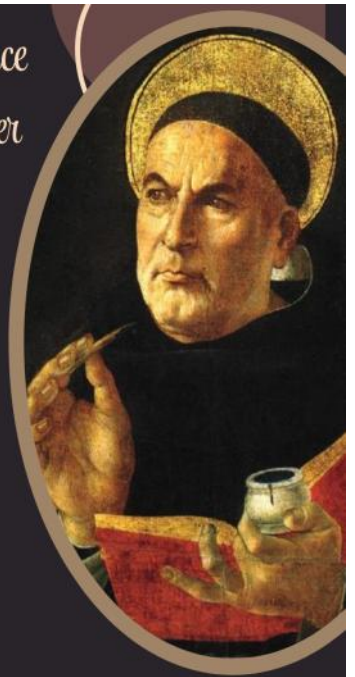
MAR 22 || 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.
AFTER THE 5:00 p.m. MASS
DINNER PROVIDED

COMING UP:

MAR 25 - YOUTH NIGHT (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)
APR 1 - YOUTH NIGHT (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)
QUESTIONS? bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org

Catechism 102: Science Questions That Linger

How do we reconcile our faith with science? Are they two entirely different fields of study, each with its own set of truths, or do they overlap? And if science gives us the power to do something, does that mean we should do it? With the rapid advances of modern science, these questions are becoming increasingly relevant and deserve careful attention. Join us to discuss these topics and more!



WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25
6:30 p.m.

Mary Magdalene Room

WITH
BR. THOMAS MARIA



Write your questions and topics you are interested using the QR code. Br. Thomas Maria will bring these answers with him.

Confirmation Retreat

A glimpse into the amazing Confirmation Retreat last weekend.



Thank you all for your prayers!



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

St. Vincent de Paul, Dennis Garvey Easter Holiday Dinner Program

Thank you to the parishioners for providing an Easter dinner to families in need in Benicia!

Boxes need to be filled and returned at all Masses
March 21/22

Boxes will be delivered to homes from the food locker. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in the alley to help!
Saturday - March 28



Society of
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April 11

Protect Your Identity



JUNK 180°



Shredding for Shelter

Suggested donation \$15 per banker's box or equivalent

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: St. Dominic's Catholic Church
475 East I Street/Main Parking Lot

Questions
707-200-4940 or svdp@stdombenicia.org

St. Vincent de Paul is a 501(c)3
EIN: 27-0831195

Cash, checks, credit cards accepted

**All proceeds used for emergency supplies to support Benicians in a natural disaster.*



LENT

40 DAYS OF RENEWAL

Pray ~ Fast ~ Give

Creating a Resurrection Garden

Suggested Supplies:

- Large, round pot (we used one without too much depth)
- Smaller pot to be used as the tomb
- Large rock to act as the tomb door
- Tree sticks to form a cross, string or wire to tie together
- Flowers, pebbles, soil, grass, etc... to use a filler so the kids can have fun with it!



Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.)

March 22nd – 3rd Scrutiny

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

The Third Scrutiny focuses on the theme of resurrection and life. The catechumens reflect on Jesus as the resurrection and the life, calling them beyond the tombs of sin into new life in Him.

Movie Night

We are so excited to present the showing of **Light of the World**

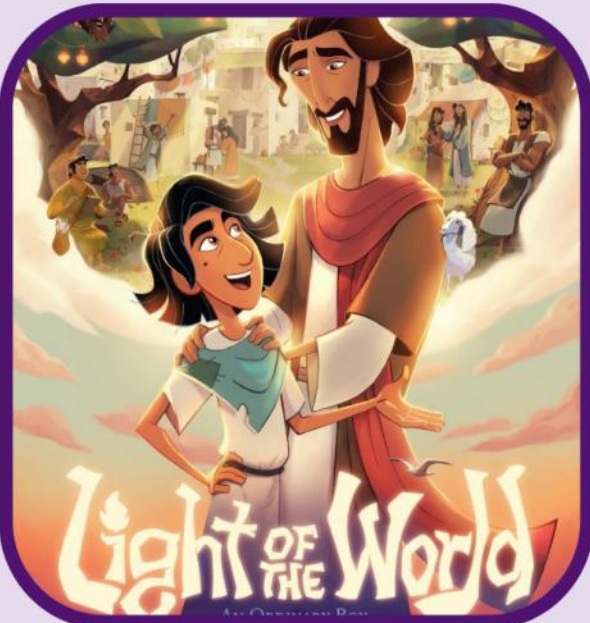
An Ordinary Boy, An Extraordinary Faith.

Recently named Best Movie for Children at the 2026 Movieguide® Awards!

This is an animated film retelling the life of Jesus through the stories of John the disciple.

Fun Fact: Our very own Benicia girl, *Perla Nino*, St. Dominic's parishioner & St. Dominic School alumna, worked on this film!

**Thursday - March 26
6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall**



JOIN US FOR ST. DOMINIC'S ANNUAL

Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 12 APRIL
2026

Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
LIBERTY FIELD - EAST J STREET

Free - All are Welcome




MASS FOR THE UNBORN

JOIN US IN A GENTLE TIME OF PRAYER,
REMEMBERING UNBORN LIVES HELD
FOREVER IN GOD'S LOVE

MARCH 25TH

MASS AT 6:30 PM
ALL LOCATIONS



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& CEMETERY SERVICES
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Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning February 18th thru March 29th, 2026, 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 Wednesdays from 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 18th. 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).

- Several lives saved 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



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

◆ Music Ministry

Luke Shalz - lshalz@stdombenicia.org

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◆ Dominican Laity

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

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◆ Gabriel Project

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◆ Guadalupana Association

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◆ Hospitality

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◆ Knights of Columbus

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◆ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Brianne Dela Cruz - bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org

◆ St. Joseph's Ministry

Ed Stone - Stjosephministry@stdombenicia.org

◆ St. Vincent de Paul

Michael Munn - svdp@stdombenicia.org

◆ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org

◆ Ushers

Tom Sarnicola - 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.

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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Resident Student Br.

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Dir. of Faith Formation

Coor. of Religious Ed.

Children's Sacraments

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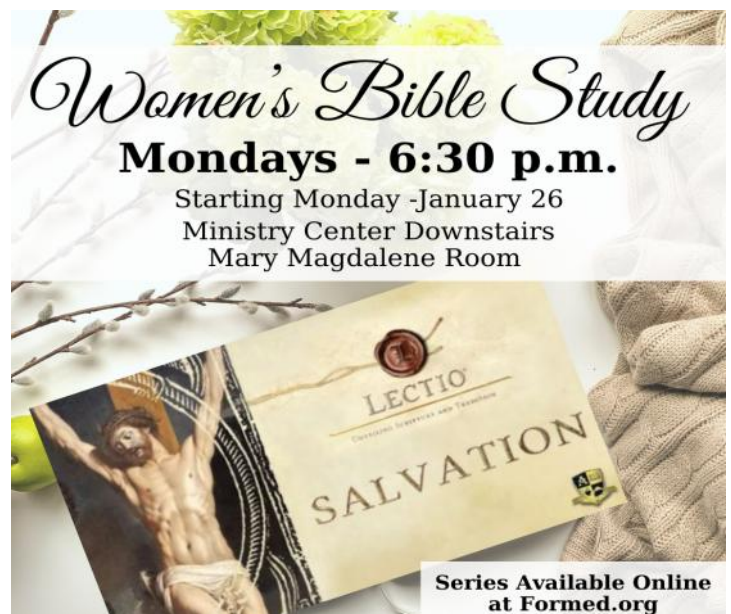
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Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.-4&5
Thursday: 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 4:00 p.m. weeks 2&4 Co-adorer
Saturday: 2:00 p.m. co- adorer wks 2,4,5,
 3:00 p.m. co-adorer- wks 1,3,5 & 4:00 p.m. co-adorer
Sunday: 12 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

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