

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 29, 2026

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”



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Mass Intentions

Sat	03/28	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
Mon	03/30	6:45 a.m.	(R) Tom Quinn
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Myrna Bernabe
Tues	03/31	6:45 a.m.	(B) Raquel Ngo
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Medy Beltran
Wed	04/01	6:45 a.m.	(R) Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Ann Williams
Thurs	04/02	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
		6:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Fri	04/03	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
		No Masses	
Sat	04/04	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
		8:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Sun	04/05	Easter Sunday All Masses for People of the Parish	



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

May 2026 Mass Intentions Open April 1

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



Thelma A. Bueg, 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



Holy Week has arrived. Triduum begins this Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, a commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood. At the end of the liturgy, notice that there will be no final blessing and dismissal. The same is true of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday. This is because the services of the Triduum constitute one continuous liturgy, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and culminating in the Easter Vigil. The purpose of this is to draw us into the drama of the Paschal Mystery, which is the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection. With Holy Thursday, in a sense, we join the twelve apostles as they have their feet washed by Jesus, witnessing his striking example that we are to follow of humble service offered in love. After the Last Supper in which Jesus instructs the apostles, the future founding bishops of Christ's church, to continue the offering of his body and blood in unbloody sacrifice, we will follow Jesus in the monstration in procession to a proverbial Garden of Gethsemane in the parish hall where he will be placed at an altar of repose. There we will 'watch and pray' with him, anticipating his Passion on Good Friday. When that day arrives, the liturgy will present to us his sacrifice for sinful humanity through a reading of his Passion according to the Gospel of John. It is a story of anguish and yet something of mystical beauty, given the astounding goodness Our Lord will bring from it, something signified by our adoration of the crucifix and procession toward it with humble reverencing of it. The sadness of his Passion is also given liturgical expression through the morning prayers of Tenebrae we will celebrate on each of the mornings of the Triduum. In Tenebrae, we chant the psalms in the dark and watch candles snuffed out, symbolizing the abandonment of Jesus at his Passion and the darkness that resulted in the world. Then at the Easter Vigil, we will be brought to the resplendent joy of his Resurrection as the lights go from dark to light, and we recount in the Gospel Christ's empty tomb seen by the Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the message of the angel, and their encounter of Christ in his resurrected state. Let us all strive to be truly present in our minds and hearts to the mysteries of the Triduum this week. It will make the arrival of Easter all the more jubilant!

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

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
Ministry Center - Mary Magdalene

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday - April 12
Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday - April 12
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses - Donuts & Coffee

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

Good Friday

Donation Basket - April 3

Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday To donate online, <https://myfranciscan.org/donation-page-pontifical-good-friday-collection/>



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*

Easter Scone Raffle



\$5 Tickets



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Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026

Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
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Free - All are Welcome



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ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
BENICIA, CA

April 11

Shredding For Shelter






Shredded on Site **DIABLO PAPER SHREDDING**

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

Cash, checks, credit cards accepted



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

St. Vincent de Paul is a 501(c)3
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Thank you to everyone for all of your generosity and help with Easter food boxes!



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,



HOLY WEEK

Pray ~ Fast ~ Give

Did you know?

The statue of the dead Christ (or the corpus) enshrined here at St. Dominic's beneath the altar of St. Joseph has been brought out for solemn procession on Good Friday for over 100 years! This tradition was brought here by the Portuguese immigrants who at one point comprised a majority of the parish community. Please join us after the 7:00p.m. Veneration of the Cross this Good Friday if you would like to witness this most beloved St. Dominic's tradition!



Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. (From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:59-61)

Family Fun Recipe ~ Resurrection Rolls

These fun-to-make rolls represent the empty tomb!

Ingredients:

- 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar

Steps:

- Preheat oven to 375°F
- Have your child dip a marshmallow in butter then roll in cinnamon sugar
- Wrap the marshmallow completely in a crescent roll triangle
- Bake for 10-12 minutes according to the package
- When you break them open, the marshmallow has melted away—just like Jesus' tomb was empty!



L.I.G.H.T. ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Love others by making cards for neighbors or family
Invite friends to hear about Jesus' love
Give thanks daily for God's blessings
Help someone in need this week
Tell others about Jesus' resurrection story

Thank you all who joined us for
Light of the World!
These activities were included in
our promotional kit.



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

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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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

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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

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Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
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Women's Bible Study
Mondays - 6:30 p.m.
Last meeting for this session is Holy Monday - March 30
Ministry Center Downstairs
Mary Magdalene Room

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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

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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

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