

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

Sirach 27:30—28:7

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.”



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/12	5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	09/13	7:30 a.m.	(R) Dolores Franko
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Leonore & Cesareo Cueto
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Ferdinand Cortez
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Fernando Soria
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	09/14	6:45 a.m.	(B) Marisa Lagrimas
		8:15 a.m.	(P) Mike & Sara Monahan & Family
Tues	09/15	6:45 a.m.	(A) Marvin & Nym Bergerson
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Janice Maher
Wed	09/16	6:45 a.m.	(B) Roger Bueno
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Brianne DeLaCruz
Thurs	09/17	6:45 a.m.	(P) Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Samuel Santos
Fri	09/18	6:45 a.m.	(B) Delena Montgomery
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Juan Carlos Carbonell
Sat	09/19	8:15 a.m.	(R) Alex Bess
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Harold Bodenheimer
Sun	09/20	7:30 a.m.	(R) Charles "Chuck" Luce
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Robert J. Mmiaga
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Aurora Masbad
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(T) Dcn Xavier Marie Wu, O.P.

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

November 2026 Mass Intentions Opened October 1



2026 - 2027 SDS Student Council

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



Arnold Yu, Quinn Larkin, Grace Wildasin, Mark DeMers, Camille Thoms, Connie Reyes, John Melo, Justin Fowler, Linda Holden, Sherri Silva, Mandy Clody, Thelma A. Bueg, Brandy Womack, Dee Case, Casin Oaks, Annette Alfaro, Colleen Walker, Dennis Kolkebeck, Anastasia Boomer, Steven Haigh, Kit Bulaon, Mike McDonald, Julien Sousa, Paul Sousa, James Baldwin, Jill Gaul, Carlos Chulli Sandoval, Joe Ogden, Albert Horvath, Greg & Liz Albright, 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

Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:
Barbara Davi, Jim Phelan, Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P., Pierre Bidou, Javier Toruno, Gregory Pokladowski, Jose Luis Barba, Chai Notarte, Yolanda Buitron, Julia Haddad, Christopher Frank Graetsch, Paul Moran, Deodato Cordero, Bruce Corbett, Marife Villanueva

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



Please welcome our new resident brother. Below is a little more about him!
Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
frandy@stdombenicia.org
707-335-4668

My name is Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik. I will be spending the next year with you as a part of my formation to the priesthood in the Western Dominican Province of the Order of Preachers. I am originally from Quebec, Canada, which means that my first language is French. Though baptized Catholic as a baby, I wasn't raised in the Catholic faith. My mother was Pentecostal, and thanks to her, I have sweet memories of praying to Jesus on my bedside as a kid. But by the age of twelve, I rejected her faith and adopted the materialistic worldview of my father, mainly because the Pentecostal faith seemed unreasonable to me.



As an adolescent and young adult, I lived a life of disorder, trying to find meaning and coping with the fact that I found none. It was only at 26 that I started to turn back to God. I was studying Philosophy at Laval University, and through my reading of the ancient philosophers, especially Plato and Aristotle, I came to realize not only that God exists but also that He is beautiful, since He contains within Himself all the perfections of created things and more. I found so much joy in contemplating God through His creatures. I finally found the meaning of my life: to contemplate God. Little did I know that God wanted to give those who love Him the grace to see Him face to face one day.

Then, I started a spiritual quest. Though I knew through philosophy *that* God is, I didn't know much about *Who* He is. Long story short, God led me to find Him in the Catholic Church, which I then (re-)entered. I received my first communion in November 2018 and was confirmed in May 2019.

As my love for God grew, I began to hear a call to religious life. This led me to enter the Western Dominican Province. After a year of novitiate, I made my first vows on August 31st, 2024. I am now in my third year of formation to become a priest of Jesus Christ.

I am looking forward to getting to know you better throughout this year. My hope this year is to know and love God better and to make Him known and loved; to penetrate more deeply His revelation through prayer, study, and service; to contemplate, worship, and serve Him with and in you; to bless, praise, and preach; all of this, for His greater glory. Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever!

Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik, O.P.
bralbertmary@stdombenicia.org

Upcoming Events

TODAY Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday - September 13

Following All Morning Masses - Parish Hall

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sunday - September 13

12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - September 14 - November 16

6:30 p.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

Potluck Dinner - Seven Sorrows

Tuesday - September 15

6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

Estudio en Español de la Biblia

Jueves

6:30 p.m. - Sala Siena

Farmers Market

Thursdays - September 17, October 1, 15, & 29

4:00 p.m. - First Street

Men's Bible Study

New Series Begins September 18

6:00 p.m. - Siena Room

Fall Kick – Off Youth Night

Friday - September 18

6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

Youth Ministry Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays starting - September 23

6:30 p.m. - Church

Rosary Sunday

Sunday - October 3/4

Special Envelopes for September

SEPT 06 & 20: Building Improvement

SEPT 13: SDS Tuition Assistance

SEPT 27: Faith Formation

Special 2nd Collection for September

SEPT 12/13: Priests Retirement

This week, there is a second collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the parish. Please consider making a donation. This collection does not go to the diocese, but stays here for the Dominicans.



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Vilarrasa Council #7268

Breakfast

TODAY!

Sunday
September 13
After All Morning
Masses - Parish Hall



POTLUCK DINNER
ON THE MEMORIAL
OF
OUR LADY OF
SORROWS

Bring your favorite dinner to share!

Tuesday - 15 September - 6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. - Parish Hall



BAKING
SUNDAY

INTERNATIONAL
Sunday
September 20, 2026
After 9 & 11 a.m.
Masses

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - 6:30 p.m.

September 14 - November 16

Lectio - Peter on Formed.org

Ministry Center Downstairs
Mary Magdalene Room



Join Us! Newcomers welcome!
If you would like to
pre-order your workbook,
contact Kelley:
wow@stdombenicia.org

St. Dominic's MEN'S BIBLE Study

12 Part Series

From Genesis to Jesus



STARTING FRIDAY:
18 September 2026



TIME
6:00 p.m.

433 East I Street - Benicia
Ministry Building - Siena Room

For More Information Contact Ysbrand:
mensbiblestudy@stdombenicia.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





After weeks of preparation, our nine new brothers have finally received the Dominican habit and their religious names!

We are pleased to introduce you to: (above)
Br. Damien Mary, Br. Bruno, Br. Lorenzo Maria, Br. Reginald Mary, Br. Patrick Henry, Br. Boethius, Br. Antoninus, Br. Augustine Michael, and Br. Thuan



Four of our brothers (above) professed first vows, completing their novitiate year and entering the next stage of their formation. Please continue to pray for: Br. Paul Mary Arnold, OP, Br. John Gabriel Carney, OP, Br. Edward Massicotte, OP, and Br. Jacob Mary Budd, OP.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers for these men as they discern God's plan for their lives!



YOUTH CHOIR

@ ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
475 E I STREET, BENICIA, CA 94510

Praise THE Lord

**JOIN THE 5:00 PM MASS
MUSIC MINISTRY!**

**CHOIR PRACTICE
WEDNESDAYS
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
In the Church
Beginning Sept 23**



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YOUTH MINISTRY

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: Brianne Dela Cruz
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YOUTH NIGHTS

@ ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
475 E I STREET, BENICIA, CA 94510
FRIDAY NIGHTS 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SEPT 18
FALL KICK-OFF

OCT 16
JESUS LOCK-IN

NOV 6
SERVE + FEAST

NOV 20
XLT NIGHT

DEC 4
"NOT-A-MOVIE-NIGHT" SOCIAL

free FOOD!

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*"Blessed are those who mourn:
they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

Grief Support

SUPPORT, REFLECTION, AND SHARED UNDERSTANDING

This gathering offers a safe, welcoming space for those navigating grief or loss. Through quiet conversation and shared presence, we come together in care and understanding.

3-WEEK SATURDAY SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- OCTOBER 3, 10, & 17, 2026
- DECEMBER 5, 12, & 19, 2026
- FEBRUARY 6, 13, & 20, 2027
- APRIL 3, 10, & 17, 2027
- JUNE 5, 12, & 19, 2027

11:00 a.m. - Ministry Center - Aquinas Room
Attendance is not required at all sessions in a series.

We are available please reach out to
Patti Erickson at grief@stdombenicia.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning September 23rd thru November 1st, 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 Wednesday's from 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil September 25th. 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 save 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 tonyh@ctpub.com
E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com**

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



Candlelight Rosary Procession

Wednesdays
in October
7, 14, 21, 28
6:30 p.m.

Processions begin in front of the church.
Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.



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.

Legacy & IRA Giving

You can remember St. Dominic's, Benicia in your estate plans through your will, retirement plan or other assets. Legacy gifts are used for capital projects that may otherwise not be possible and are never used for day to day expenses. For example the parish hall renovations! You can even designate your gift to a specific fund (i.e. building fund).

For more information or to explore your options please contact Teresa Stone at tstone@stdombenicia.org or 707-335-4672

Friends^{8th Annual} OF THE POOR[®] WALK/RUN

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
CITY PARK GAZEBO
FIRST ST, BENICIA**



100% of funds raised assist the poor and underserved in Benicia

Assistance includes:
grocery delivery, help with rent, PG&E and water bills

**Registration: 8:30 AM
Group Photo: 8:50 AM**

Program Start: 9:00 AM

1.5 miles

**[https://events.idonate.com/stdominicsbenicia501\(c\)\(3\)](https://events.idonate.com/stdominicsbenicia501(c)(3))
FIN: 27-0831195**

Scan to register/donate



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**



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Pushpay giving 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.



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 (livedreamed), 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

♦ 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

Gloria Garcia - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

♦ Hospitality

Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

♦ Knights of Columbus

Edward Murphy - beniciaknights@gmail.com

♦ MOM's Ministry - Magnificence of Motherhood

Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org

♦ Lectors Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lectors@stdombenicia.org

♦ Lazarus Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lazarus@stdombenicia.org

♦ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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♦ 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

Team - 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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In Residence / Retired

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Tanya Sanchez (Pre-K/TK)

Preschool Director

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Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Have you been baptized Catholic and desire to
complete your Sacraments?

Then you are invited to journey in the OCIA Process
where you will explore your faith and grow in your
relationship with Christ
and the Church!

First Session on Sunday, September 13, 2026
at 12:30 PM in the Siena Room

Connect with Delvita Hoover for more information
OCIA@stdombenicia.org

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Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

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FALL KICK-OFF YOUTH NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPT 18, 2026
PARISH HALL
6:30 PM - 8 PM



**ST. DOMINIC'S
YOUTH MINISTRY**
8TH - 12TH GRADE



SCAN QR CODE TO STAY UPDATED OR GO TO [BIT.LY/SDYMSIGNUP](https://bit.ly/sdymsignup)