

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."



Meeting Pope Leo!

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

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/19	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. Mimiaga
		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.
Mon	09/21	6:45 a.m.	(T) Fr. Samuel Na Ra Lee
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Marsha Morse
Tues	09/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Eduart Diaz
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Alita Ocampo
Wed	09/23	6:45 a.m.	(P) Living Relatives, Friends & Benefactors of the Province
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Silvana Campanella
Thurs	09/24	6:45 a.m.	(B) Arlene Lucas
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Josefina and Rogelio Co
Fri	09/25	6:45 a.m.	(B) Sebastian Roviroso
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Joel Unabia
Sat	09/26	8:15 a.m.	(B) Robert & Vincent Lee
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Richard McGlinchey
Sun	09/27	7:30 a.m.	(R) Ruby Asis & Rowan Earls
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Bill Moore
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Elaine Quillin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(H) Rosary Group

(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:



Amar Lagrimas, 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, 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, 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:
Dee Case, 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



Last weekend a group of our teens attended *On Fire* at Six Flags. This event brings teens together across California for worship and fun. Not only were they filled with the Holy Spirit and moved by the presence of the Lord, they also were well fed and enjoyed the rides. This annual event is something we will definitely return to next year!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
frandy@stdombenicia.org



Upcoming Events

TODAY - Baking Sunday

Sunday - September 20

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

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays - 12:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Women's Bible Study

Mondays - September 14 - November 16

6:30 p.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

Estudio en Español de la Biblia

Jueves

6:30 p.m. - Sala Siena

Farmers Market

Thursdays - October 1, 15, & 29

4:00 p.m. - First Street

Men's Bible Study

New Series Began September 18

6:00 p.m. - Siena Room

Youth Ministry Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays - Starting - September 23

6:30 p.m. - Church

Rosary Sunday

Sunday - October 3/4

Special Envelopes for September

SEPT 20: Building Improvement

SEPT 27: Faith Formation

Special Envelopes for October

OCT 4 & 18: Building Improvement

OCT 11: SDS Tuition Assistance

OCT 25: Faith Formation

Second Collection for October

OCT 4: Dominican Students / Rosary Sunday

OCT 17: Diocese - World Mission

Giving Just Got Easier!

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.





TODAY!

BAKING SUNDAY

INTERNATIONAL

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



Flag football is in full swing! Good luck boys on a successful season!!



Interested in becoming Catholic?

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! Connect with Delvita Hoover for more information

OCIA@stdombenicia.org

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





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER VILARRASA COUNCIL 7268**

ITALIAN FESTIVAL DINNER & DANCE

**SATURDAY,
October 10, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

LIVE MUSIC WITH STEVE ALBINI - ACCORDION
BALLIAMO ITALIAN FOLK GROUP - DANCERS

Raffle - Food - Dancing - FUN!

Menu
Antipasti, Caesar Salad & Bread
Cheese Tortellini, Italian Sausage & Cannolis

EVENTBRITE
SCAN ME



NO HOST BAR
DANCING TILL 10:00
\$35 TICKETS - SALES LIMITED (125)
TICKET SALES AT MASS 9/26-27

Questions: beniciaknights@gmail.com
Sale benefits the St. Joseph's Day Table
Friday, March 19, 2027 - Free Dinner 6:00 p.m.

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**

 **ST. DOMINIC'S
YOUTH MINISTRY**

QUESTIONS?
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 **ST. DOMINIC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

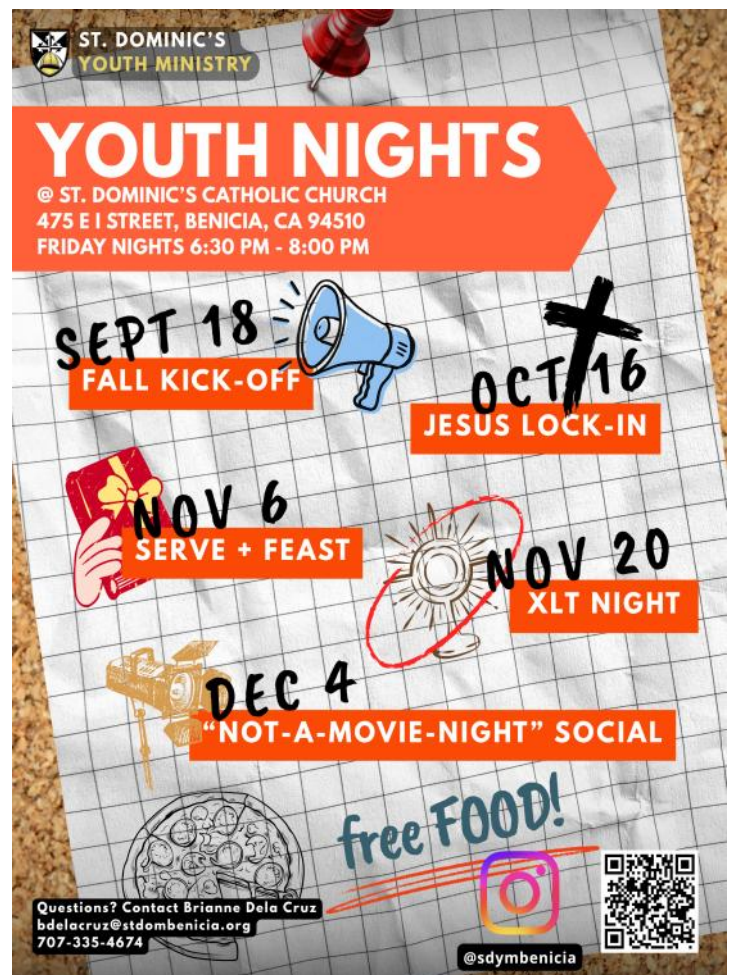
FALL WEEN AUCTION

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**A BOO-TIFUL NIGHT OF GIVING,
DANCING, AND DINING**

21+ EVENT: COSTUMES WELCOME



 **ST. DOMINIC'S
YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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Judy Dietlein, St. Dominic's Parishioner and Vincentian Leader, Meets Pope Leo XIV

Judy Dietlein, a longtime parishioner of St. Dominic's Parish and past president of the St. Dominic's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, currently serves as Vice President of the West Region of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA. On Friday, August 28, 2026, Judy was honored to be part of a delegation from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA that met with Pope Leo XIV in a private audience at the Vatican.

Welcoming the delegation to Rome, Pope Leo expressed his hope that their time in the Eternal City would strengthen their faith and deepen their desire to serve the Lord and the Church. He thanked the Vincentians for their dedication to the Society and to their brothers and sisters experiencing poverty throughout the United States.

In his message, Pope Leo spoke directly to the heart of the Vincentian vocation, encouraging the delegation to deepen the spiritual life that gives strength and meaning to our service of those in need. National President John Berry presented Pope Leo with a special book inspired by the Pope's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te*, featuring reflections and quotes from Vincentians and the neighbors we serve.

At the conclusion of the audience, Pope Leo assured the delegation of his prayers and asked them to carry his greetings back to Vincentians and those they serve throughout the United States. He entrusted them to Mary, Mother of the Church, and invoked St. Augustine, whose feast was celebrated that day. The audience concluded with a particularly meaningful moment: Pope Leo invited the delegation to pray the Our Father together, followed by his blessing.

For those who were privileged to be present, it was a beautiful reminder that our service to those in need flows from our communion with God—and that prayer and service are at the very heart of the Vincentian vocation.

For me (Judy) personally, this experience strengthened my belief that the Vincentian vocation is truly a calling. Meeting Pope Leo XIV was an extraordinary gift, and one I will never forget.



Cover: Judy meeting Pope Leo
Left: Judy talking with Pope Leo.

Right Top: Archbishop Andrew E. Bellisario & Pope Leo

Right Bottom: SVdP Board of Directors who were in attendance.

Friends 8th Annual
OF THE POOR®
WALK/RUN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
CITY PARK GAZEBO
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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/stdominicsbenicia5011c1131>
FID: 27-0031195

Scan to register/donate



"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

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.

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

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♦ Altar Servers

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♦ Music Ministry

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♦ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

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Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

♦ Gabriel Project

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♦ Guadalupana Association

Gloria Garcia - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

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♦ OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

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♦ 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.

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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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Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade) Principal



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**Flowers for the
Memorial Our
Lady of Seven
Sorrows
Sponsored By
Seven
Sorrows
Prayer Group
in
Thanksgiving
September 15**