

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

*“Remember your mercies,
O Lord.”*



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

Mass Intentions

Sat	09/26	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
Mon	09/28	6:45 a.m.	(B) Bill Blake
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Genasyn Bantad
Tues	09/29	6:45 a.m.	(P) Fr. Gerard Timoner III, OP
			Master of the Order
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Maria Guerrero
Wed	09/30	6:45 a.m.	(P) Fr. Pius Youn, OP
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Caiden Hortinela
Thurs	10/01	6:45 a.m.	(R) Frank Lutap
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Jim Phelan
Fri	10/02	6:45 a.m.	(H) Grace Wildasin
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Ann Williams
Sat	10/03	8:15 a.m.	(T) Arlene Lucas
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Joseph Bettencourt
Sun	10/04	7:30 a.m.	(R) Pierre Bidou
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Jesusa Guzman
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Leila Surban
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 p.m.	(R) James Macalino

(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:**

Richard Montgomery, Sr., Nawal Fayad, Doug Johnson,
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:**
Liz Thurin, Dee Case, Patrick Creaven, Rudy Ramirez,
Barbara Davi, Jim Phelan, Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P., Pierre
Bidou, Javier Toruno, Sherry Holl, Gregory Pokladowski,
Jose Luis Barba, Chai Notarte, Yolanda Buitron, Julia
Haddad, Christopher Frank Graetsch, Paul Moran

~names will be listed as space allows~



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Pastor's Corner



Last Sunday, I spent some time with our parish youth leadership team as they had a daylong retreat in preparation for the ministry they will do this year. I gave them a talk on prayer. One point I made was that it was important to remember that prayer has different proper aims. To

keep them straight, I gave them the acronym of ACTS.

A – Stands for “adoration.” This is not just about Eucharistic adoration, but the various forms of prayer aimed at acknowledging God’s greatness and praising him. Adoration is important for many reasons, but one key purpose is that it reminds us whom to praise and adore most in life, rather than the worldly alternatives, like Sunday sports, that so easily take the Lord’s place if we let them.

C – Stands for “contrition.” Contrition is sorrow for sin with a view toward repentance. Sorrow of any sort may not be fun, per se, but I explained to the teens that with a right-minded understanding, the sadness of contrition comes with an encouraging, even happy note, because with contrition we are following an emotion that can lead us to the repentance and absolution from God that makes us better.

T -- Stands for “thanksgiving.” It is important for our prayers to aim toward gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings. This keeps us respectful of the Lord, especially during moments of disappointment.

S – Stands for “supplication,” which mostly tends to be what people think of pertaining to prayer. Supplication refers to asking God for things, either prayers of petition for ourselves or prayers of intercession for others. Some folks almost seem to feel guilty about prayers of supplication, as though they are selfish. However, our spiritual tradition encourages us to pray to God for the things we need and others need. There are multiple reasons for this, but an especially important one is that it reminds us to keep reliance on God at the forefront of our minds. Without this mindset, it is easy to slide into a mentality of relying mostly on worldly sources of support, which ultimately leave us empty-handed in what counts most for our flourishing. I reminded the teens that when they ask God for anything, it should always be with a view toward having a will that is more conformed to the will of the Father. Whenever we make a request to the Almighty, it should always include the qualification that we only ask for that thing if it be God’s will. This, of course, is frequently not an easy qualification to swallow, but the pursuit of having a will perfectly aligned with the Father’s will be an essential part of sharing in God’s everlasting happiness in Heaven, which is the greatest happiness that can be known.

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor 707-335-4668
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Upcoming Events

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

Youth Ministry Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. - Church

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

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 2
11:30 a.m. - Small Lot - Enter Behind the Church

Men's Bible Study

Fridays - New Format & Series
6:00 p.m. - Siena Room

Grief Ministry

Saturday - October 3
11:00 a.m. - Ministry Center Aquinas Room

Family Adoration & Potluck

Friday - October 9
6:00 p.m. - Church
Followed by Potluck in Ministry Center

Italian Dinner

Saturday - October 10
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

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.



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



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



Benicia Certified Farmers Market

Celebrating 34 Years!

THURSDAYS

**Final Month
of the Season!**
Find Fr. Andy and
our crew on
October 1, 15, & 29
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sessions on Sundays,
from 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
in the Siena Room

For more information, questions, and
inquiries, email Delvita Hoover at
OCIA@stdombenicia.org



Adoration Chapel Hourly Needs

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. wk. 3

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. wkly.

Thursday: 2:00 a.m. wk. 4, 6:00 a.m. wkly.,
8:00 a.m. wkly., 3:00 p.m. wkly. & 6:00 p.m. wks. 1,2,&3

Friday: 4:00 a.m. - wks. 1,2,3,&5, 5:00 a.m. wkly.,

Saturday: 2:00 p.m. - wks. 2,4,&5

3:00 p.m. co-adorer- wks. 1,3,5

Please Call Diane 925-963-5373 for any days/hours 12-5:00 a.m.

Adoration is Open to the Public

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Can you spare an hour for our Lord?

Contact: adoration@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
estudiobiblico@stdombenicia.org

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.

**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 18
"NOT-A-MOVIE-NIGHT" SOCIAL

free FOOD!

Questions? Contact Brianne Dela Cruz
bdelacruz@stdombenicia.org
707-335-4674

@sdymbenicia



**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





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.



DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

FALL OPEN HOUSE













October 15th, 2026
 2301 Vine St, Berkeley, CA 94708
 Check-in at 9:20 am
 We hope to see you there! For more info and RSVP, visit: dspt.edu/visit-us



DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

Rosary Sunday

DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

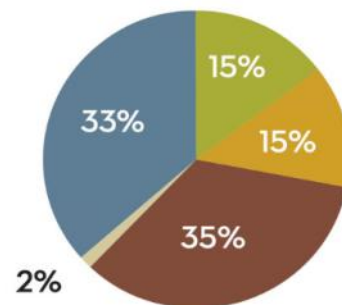


**One great preacher can change the world,
and you can help!**

In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about our annual **Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal**, which supports the 42 young men currently in formation to become your future Dominican priests and religious brothers. Even during these challenging times, God continues to raise up champions of the faith! If your means allow, your financial support is sincerely appreciated. Your generosity will help give the world great Dominicans to preach the Gospel!

Learn more and give securely online at
www.opwest.org/rs

Annual Formation Investment Per Student Brother: \$62,200



- Housing & Formation: \$20,500
- Food: \$9,500
- Healthcare: \$9,000
- Graduate Education: \$22,000
- Travel/Supplies: \$1,200

Sponsor a Day	Sponsor a Week	Sponsor a Month
\$170	\$1,196	\$5,183

*"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



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BENICIA, CA



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



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.



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

Luke Shalz - lshalz@stdombenicia.org

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Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

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Maria Padrones - gabriel@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

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♦ 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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Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Penelope Ogden (K-8th grade) Principal



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marriage
encounter.**

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CAN WE THRIVE TOGETHER?

Discover tools to listen, share, and connect more deeply.

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

H

= HONESTY

Honestly share our feelings, needs, hopes and dreams.

O

= OPEN

Open to listening, understanding, forgiveness and growth.

W

= WILLINGLY

Willing to choose each other through our words, attitudes, and actions.



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