



# Third Sunday of Advent

## December 13th, 2015

*Rejoice in the Lord  
always.  
I shall say it again:  
rejoice!  
Your kindness should be  
known to all.  
The Lord is near.*

### Intentions for the Week

Mon 12/14 7:00AM Juan Carlos & Sonia Carbonell (A)  
8:15AM †Michelle Andrada  
Tues 12/15 7:00AM †John & Loreta Lacuesta  
8:15AM †Eileen Brennan  
Wed 12/16 7:00AM †Ruby Marie Lydon  
8:15AM †Roberto Scherillo  
Thur 12/17 7:00AM †Elvira Castro Cespedes & Eliecer  
Jimenez Castro  
8:15AM †Daniel Boudro  
Fri 12/18 7:00AM †Rose Lomholdt  
8:15AM †John Wiser  
Sat 12/19 8:15AM Darlene Abbott (B)

### Intentions for next Sunday

December 20th, 2015

Sat 12/19 5:30PM †Mary Pedemonte  
Sun 12/20 7:30AM For the People of the Parish  
9:00AM †Gino Martinucci  
10:45AM †Richard Kendell  
12:30PM Terrence Reilly (B)  
5:30PM †Eileen Brennan

Legend: (†) Memorial (H) Health  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

### Dominicans & Deacons

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. Pastor  
Fr. Corwin Low, O.P. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P. (In Residence)  
Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. (In Residence)  
Br. Gregory Liu, O.P. (Residency Student)  
Deacon Errol Kissinger  
Deacon John Flanagan (Retired)

### Schedule of Masses

Weekdays: 7:00AM, 8:15AM  
Saturday: 8:15AM only  
Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30PM  
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM,  
12:30PM (English/Spanish),  
5:30PM (Youth)

1st Sunday of Month:  
3PM (Vietnamese Mass)  
Last Saturday of the Month:  
8:15AM (Special Needs Family Mass) with  
fellowship in the parish hall to follow.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00PM in the church or  
by appointment.



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# Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

To find the Papal Bull I referenced in my homily, simply do a search on "Misericordiae Vultus" and the first search result should take you to the Vatican's website.

I am pleased to announce that after months of searching we have found and hired a new full-time Music Director. Francisco Ortiz will be joining our community in the middle of January. Here is a little bit about Francisco and the talents he will be bringing to our community.

Francisco Ortiz was born and raised in Vallejo, attending St. Vincent's Elementary and St. Patrick-St. Vincent's High School. He went on to earn his B.A. in Music from Dominican University in 2006, studying percussion with Ken Crawford as well as choral / orchestral conducting and voice with Dr. Craig Singleton. In 2008 Francisco received his Master of Music in Music Education degree from Holy Names University where he studied conducting with Judit Hartányi, Professor at the Liszt Academy in Budapest.

Francisco began working at St. Raphael Church and Mission in San Rafael as Music Director in 2005. There he developed and grew the music ministry including working with choirs in Spanish, English, Vietnamese and Brazilian Portuguese. Francisco selected and rehearsed music for Sunday liturgies in English and Spanish and accompanied these groups on piano and organ.



In addition, I would like to address some of the concerns that have been expressed about hiring a full time Music Director. First, all of our current music ministers have been encouraged to continue to offer their musical talents here at St. Dominic's Church. Second, we will continue to celebrate the musical diversity we currently have at the different Masses here at St. Dominic's. Francisco's main objective is to oversee and expand our music program while honoring what we currently have in place. I would like to thank all our of music ministers for all they do and look forward to us continuing to give God the beautiful worship for which He is worthy. As always, I am more than willing to speak about any concerns you have about this issue, or any other issue, in our worshipping community. Please join me in welcoming Francisco to our community.

Two weeks ago I was asked to give a blessing to a couple celebrating 40 years of matrimony. After a reading from the Gospel, homily and the nuptial blessing, the couple addressed each other. It was obvious to all that after 40 years of marriage they are more in love with each other today then the day they were first married. I have to confess my eyes did water a little, but we were outside and maybe some dust got in them.

I would like to offer a big thank you to all who cleaned the church last weekend. As we prepare the way of the Lord spiritually to welcome Jesus Christ on Christmas, we now have a much cleaner church to welcome Him.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our St. Vincent de Paul Society for the front page coverage they received this past week in the Benicia Herald. The story featured the great work they do in our community and included a beautiful testimony from Bill Cambra who is often the first contact for those in need.

Holy Advent,

Fr. Jerome





# Advent

December 13, 2015 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14–18a ♦ Phil 4:4–7 ♦ Lk 3:10–18

I love waterfalls. When I am out hiking, I will take any side path that leads to a waterfall. The first time I swam in a waterfall pool was memorable. I am not sure where this love came from, but there is something about the motion and sound of the water as it is falling that soothes my mind and enlivens my soul. I also know that waterfalls can be dangerous: The force of the water can sweep everything over the edge. Still, when Jesus refers to his living water in the encounter with the woman at the well (John 4), I immediately think of water falling into a pool and the abundant life that grows around the area.

For Christians, water signifies both life and death. At creation, God said, “Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures” (Genesis 1:20). God then used the waters of a flood to destroy wickedness on earth (while saving Noah and others). Water washes us clean and keeps us alive. On a recent trip to Israel, I had an opportunity to stand in the Jordan River and renew my own baptismal vows. I was struck by the power of the words and the coolness of the water. It also occurred to me that simply renewing my vows was not enough. Our promise, inherent in the Creed, is that we will live a life transformed by grace with the help of the Holy Spirit. That is both comforting and challenging. But Jesus, who is living water, whose Spirit brings us life and whose fire is ready to purify and make us ready, is with us now and forever.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*“In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son’s manner and mode of conduct in salvation history.”*

—2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe



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## Knitting Angels for Hospice

If you would like to knit and/or crochet a scarf, hat or blanket for Hospice and/or a Homeless shelter, please have your beautiful donations to the church office the second week of January 2016.



Any questions, please call Carol at 707-207-5785.

## St. Vincent de Paul



For those families that missed out on the dinner boxes, a **donation to St. Vincent de Paul** will help us offer assistance all season long.

The wrapped Giving Tree gifts need to be returned this **Sunday, December 13th**. Thank you and God bless. We will be delivering the gifts and our **Christmas Dinner boxes on Saturday, December 19th beginning at 9am in the Parish Hall.**



*If you are personally in need of food or assistance with rent, temporary living arrangements and/or utilities, please call the SVdP Food Pantry at 707-746-1773 and leave a message. God Bless You.*

## Upcoming Parish Events & Christmas Mass Times

### SDS Christmas Program (K-5)

Dec. 16th, 7PM  
In the Church

### Birth of our Lord, Christmas Eve Masses

Dec. 24th

4:00PM (Church & Hall), 7:00PM (Church),  
9:00PM (Vietnamese)

Midnight Mass 12AM (Preceded by Carols at 11:30PM)

### Birth of our Lord, Christmas Day Masses

Dec 25th

8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:30PM (Bilingual)

### New Year's Mass Times

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

7:00AM, 8:15AM, 7PM Vigil, 11:00PM Vigil

Thursday, January 1, 2015

9AM, 11AM

### Catholics Returning Home Series Begins

Jan, 4th, 7PM

In the Siena Room

### Walk for Life West Coast

Jan 23rd, 2016

San Francisco

### Knights of Columbus Crab Fee

Jan 30th, 2016 7PM

In the Parish Hall

See articles in this bulletin for more details

## St. Catherine's Auxiliary

St. Catherine's Auxiliary of Benicia wishes to thank the St. Dominic community for their support in the success of our Fall Luncheon which took place on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our next luncheon is scheduled for April 1, 2016. Hope to see you there!



## Walk for Life West Coast

### Walk for Life West Coast 2015

Join Fr. Jerome, our Dominican Brothers, fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 11th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2016.



The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk for Life, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 55,000+ people, 16 Catholic bishops, and "affectionate greetings" from Pope Francis!

A group from St. Dominic's will meet in the church parking lot and commute by BART, from North Concord, where we will travel into San Francisco together. Wear black and white (Dominican Colors) and show your support for life on this historic anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade.

For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

For information about the St. Dominic's group traveling to the Walk, contact Jude Potter at [john.potter@1958.usna.com](mailto:john.potter@1958.usna.com) or call at 745-4914.

# Deacon Errol: Understanding the Year of Mercy

*Pope Francis has announced a special Year of Mercy beginning December 8, 2015, and continuing through November 20, 2016. The Year of Mercy is a special time for prayer, pilgrimage, and works of mercy, a graced opportunity to encounter the mercy of God.*

**WHY A YEAR OF MERCY?** “At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.” (Pope Francis)

**WHAT IS A JUBILEE?** For centuries, the Church has observed Jubilees – times of special grace and forgiveness of sins – at significant anniversaries, as in the 800 Jubilee that commemorates the founding of the Dominican Order in 1216, started November 8, 2015. The Year of Mercy is an “Extraordinary Jubilee” because it does not mark a particular anniversary. As in other Jubilee Years, the Jubilee Doors at the Major Basilicas in Rome will be opened and the faithful will have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves and for their deceased loved ones. What a magnificent sign of God’s mercy to obtain a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy as well as the Dominican Jubilee!

**WHERE ARE THE DOORS OF MERCY?** This Jubilee observance is unique in that Pope Francis has instructed that Doors of Mercy be designated not only in the Major Basilicas in Rome, but in every diocese around the world, in all cathedrals, churches and major shrines. Pope Francis opened the first Doors of Mercy on November 29, when he visited the Cathedral of Bangui in the Central African Republic. Bishop Soto will open the Doors of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, December 13. It is with great joy that the diocese has named St. Dominic’s a pilgrim Church for the Year of Mercy, so that the main doors inside our church will be, like those doors at the Major Basilicas in Rome, major shrines, and cathedrals across the world, holy Doors of Mercy.

**HOW SHOULD WE MARK THE YEAR OF MERCY?** Pope Francis has written: “It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty....Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.” In addition, the Year of Mercy is an opportune time to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, to pray, to reflect on the Scriptures (particularly the Gospel of Luke, which we will read throughout the year at Sunday Mass), and to make a pilgrimage and pass through the Doors of Mercy in Rome, as well as through our own local cathedral or designated pilgrim parishes.

## Prayer for the Year of Mercy

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the  
heavenly Father,*

*and have told us that whoever sees  
you sees Him.*

*Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and  
Matthew*

*from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from  
seeking happiness*

*only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant  
thief.*

*Let us hear, as if addressed to each one  
of us,*

*the words that you spoke to the  
Samaritan woman:*

*“If you knew the gift of God!”*

*You are the visible face of the invisible  
Father,*

*of the God who manifests his power  
above all*

*by forgiveness and mercy:*

*Let the Church be your visible face in the  
world,*

*its Lord risen and glorified.*

*You willed that your ministers would also  
be clothed in weakness*

*in order that they may feel compassion  
for those in ignorance and error:*

*let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after,*

*loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every  
one of us*

*with its anointing,*

*so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a  
year of grace*

*from the Lord,*

*and your Church, with renewed  
enthusiasm,*

*may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the*

*oppressed,*

*and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of  
Mary, Mother of Mercy,*

*you who live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## Perpetual Adoration

**Spend a Specific Hour Each Week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."*

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



### HOLIDAY COVERAGE:

We are looking for substitute adorers who can be on call for Christmas eve and Christmas day and New Year's eve and New Year's day. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Chapel. You can also call Shirley Cortez at 208-2004.

### Current Chapel adoration needs:

**Thursday 10 A.M.** Call Laura Batts @ 649-0603

**Tuesday 6 P.M.** (Alternate Adorer)  
Call Colleen Haight @ 644-1337

A warm welcome to our new and substitute adorers who have answered the call to spend a Holy Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Fred Castro, Leigh Ann Hadick, Margie Daly,  
Estrellita Posadas, Roxanne Walkowiak

## Advent Penance All Around

### Let every heart prepare!

**In case you missed St. Dominic's Reconciliation Service last week, there are several more happening in other parishes in our area.**



Check the schedule below and find one that works for you.

Dec. 14: Holy Spirit, Fairfield 7PM  
Dec. 14: St. Vincent Ferrer's, Vallejo 7PM  
Dec. 15: St. Mary's, Sacramento 7PM  
Dec. 15: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fairfield 7PM  
Dec. 21: St. Joseph's, Vacaville, 7PM

## RE Student Greeters at Advent

On the Sundays of Advent this year, students from various religious education classes (Kinder-7th grades) will greet you at various Masses to offer you an Advent prayer card they created in class – just for you!



The simplicity of this activity promises to teach our children that giving is better than receiving and that their act of generosity introduces them to the liturgical ministry of hospitality. God bless, Deacon Errol.

It is not too late to register your children if you have not done so already.



Please contact Joy Urbina by email at [jurbina@stdombenicia.org](mailto:jurbina@stdombenicia.org) or call 707-747-7240.

*We catechize our kids so they know how to defend their faith, both to the world and to their own hearts.*

## Sacrament Prep



**Reconciliation:** Sat. 4-5PM or by appointment.

**Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Communion Calls:** Please call the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Please call 12 months in advance; family must be registered parishioners.

**Children's Sacraments:** We encourage parents to inquire about Baptism and attend two classes (offered monthly) before the birth of a child.

For Baptism & First Eucharist scheduling contact Debi Thurin at 707-335-4688 or [dthurin@stdombenicia.org](mailto:dthurin@stdombenicia.org).



## Catechist Spotlight

Periodically, the Office of Faith Formation will feature one of its volunteer catechists to share their joy of teaching religious education so that you may consider sharing in their joy.

*The catechist is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others. ~ Pope Francis: homily at Mass for Catechists, September 9, 2013*

### Spotlight on Linda McHugh – Confirmation Catechist

My name is Linda McHugh and I serve as a Year II Confirmation Catechist. Myself, along with my husband Scott Snitker, and our two boys, Cole and Nate have been parishioners of St. Dominic's since we moved to Benicia in 2008. As a family, we enjoy helping out St. Vincent de Paul with their Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food drives and deliveries. Seeing the coordination of what it takes to make these deliveries a reality (especially the Christmas one) is truly eye-opening!

Never in a million years did I ever think I would be involved in a religious education program. I grew up attending a Catholic grade school, a Catholic High School and a Catholic College. By the time I graduated, I remember feeling I had had enough of religious education! However, I knew I wanted to be more involved with St. Dominic's because I feel that if you can help out in some way, then why wouldn't you? Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation meant something really special to me. I thought maybe I can help bring the Sacrament to life for the teens preparing for this Sacrament by sharing my Confirmation experience. (I was really afraid to look the Bishop in the eye!) This is my second year as a Confirmation small group leader and even after years of religious education, I am learning so much, not only about the Sacrament of Confirmation, but also about our Catholic faith- I appreciate it so much more. I enjoy the opportunity of getting to know my small group teens, their views and their unique personalities! I am glad to be on this journey with them, they each have so much to offer the world and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for them.



For those who are discerning a call to become a catechist volunteer as a religious education teacher, please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at (707) 335-4674 or Joy Urbina at (707) 747-7240.

## Teen Confirmation

**With Gratitude.....** Many thanks to the YR II Confirmation teens, Catechists, and parent volunteers who delivered Christmas cards and poinsettia plants to residents in our surrounding communities. Thank you for sharing your lovely voices and singing Christmas carols to the residents. Your kindness was appreciated by many.



### Upcoming Service Opportunities:

St. Vincent de Paul will be sorting Christmas gifts this Sunday, 12/13 after the 5:30PM Mass. Teens who are interested in assisting should meet in the Church immediately after Mass. St. Vincent de Paul food box/present deliveries will take place on Saturday, 12/19 at 9:00AM. Teens who are interested in assisting should report to the Parish Hall (with a parent) at 9:00AM.

**Set up for the Christmas** Liturgies will take place on Wednesday, 12/23 in the Church and Parish Hall. Teens who wish to assist should report to the Parish Hall at 10AM.

### Looking ahead.....Walk for Life:

All teens are encouraged to attend the annual Walk for Life that will take place in San Francisco on Saturday, 1/23/16. Teens are invited to be a vocal and visual message that human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception.

For more information, please go to:  
**[www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)**

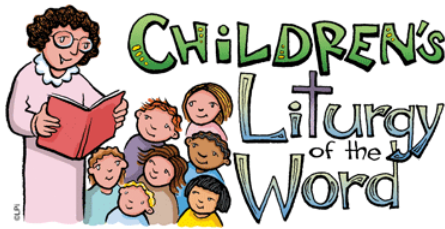
Questions: Please email Lisa at [ltoomey@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ltoomey@stdombenicia.org) or call her at 335-4697.

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a Highly Valued Ministry at St. Dominic's!

Last week we had a record 60+ children participate!

Children at St. Dominic's are enjoying the Liturgy of the Word for Children; so much so, we are in need of more adult volunteers. All leaders are volunteers from our parish and we are always looking to expand our team. If you are interested in teaching, assisting, or ushering please contact Debi Thurin at [dthurin@stdombenicia.org](mailto:dthurin@stdombenicia.org) or (707) 335-4688.



### What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) is a wonderful celebration of the Mass for children, where the Readings and Gospel are proclaimed in a way they can understand. Our sessions are held each Sunday during the Sunday 9:00AM Mass. C.L.O.W. is geared toward children between the ages of 4 and 7. Children in this age bracket are invited up to the altar after the Opening Prayer. They receive a blessing by the celebrant and then process into the church sacristy, or a nearby classroom, which has been prepared with a small altar and the Lectionary for Masses with Children. The children are provided an age-appropriate discussion of these readings and related activity and invited to share their own ideas and thoughts about the readings. The activity of the day consists of craft, a take home coloring page or prayer, or a song. After this, the children return to the church and their families with the Presentation of the Gifts.

## Knights of Columbus

**Save the Date!**

**The Knights of Columbus Crab Feed is set for  
Saturday, January 30th, 2016  
In St. Dominic's Parish Hall at 7:00PM**

Fresh cracked crab or tri-tip, pasta, garlic bread, salad and dessert. \$40 per person - - - (\$35 take-out)

Tickets Are Required  
SEATING IS LIMITED TO 200 – GET THEM EARLY.  
THIS EVENT SOLD-OUT IN 4  
DAYS LAST YEAR!!!  
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT  
THE DOOR.



**Ticket Sales Begin After  
Masses the Weekend of  
January 9th/10th.**

## RE Advent Greeters

**A big thank you to our RE Students for greeting all  
of our parishioners at Mass with their "made-with-  
love" Advent Cards. Keep up the great work.**







December 13, 2015

# dear Padre

## Monday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,  
Priest and  
Doctor of the Church  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Mt 21:23-27

## Tuesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

## Wednesday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

## Thursday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17

## Friday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

## Saturday

DECEMBER 19

Advent Weekday  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Lk 1:5-25

## Sunday

DECEMBER 20

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
Mi 5:1-4a  
Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45

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## Why do we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?



I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

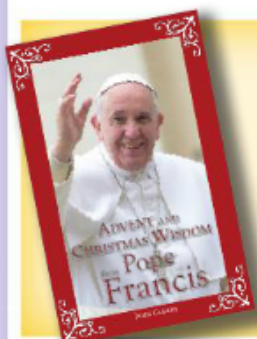
In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation.

Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the **Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas**. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular.

In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church.



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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

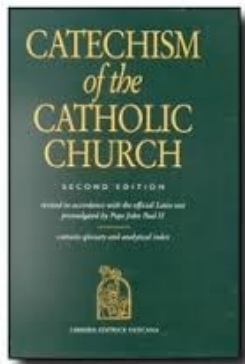
—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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# Adult Faith Formation

## A Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Part Two

For those who completed their coursework on the Catechism of the Catholic Church taken October 13—November 10, 2014, the Office of Faith Formation will sponsor the completion of the catechism coursework in the months of January and April 2016. The schedules of classes are presented below.



To be admitted to the remaining sessions, please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger, Director of Religious Education at St. Dominic's Church, Benicia (707) 335-4674 or by email at [ekissinger@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ekissinger@stdombenicia.org).

### Catechism Pillar: Life in Christ

- Session 1 Dignity of the Human Person  
01-11-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Siena Room  
01-13-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room
- Session 2 Virtues, Sin, Grace and Justification  
01-18-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Siena Room  
01-20-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room
- Session 3 Morality and Social Doctrine  
01-25-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Siena Room  
01-27-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room
- Session 4 The Ten Commandments  
02-01-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Siena Room  
02-03-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room

### Catechism Pillar: Christian Prayer

- Session 1 Called to Prayer  
04-11-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Parish Hall  
04-13-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room
- Session 2 Styles of Prayer and Prayer Guides  
04-18-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Parish Hall  
04-20-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room
- Session 3 The Lord's Prayer  
04-25-16 Mon Evening 7-9 PM, Parish Hall  
04-27-16 Wed Morning 9-11 AM, Siena Room

\*These classes meet the requirements for SDS parent Catechism hours.

# Catholics Returning Home Series

**Only one third of Catholics attend Mass on a regular basis, let's invite them to come back!**

Do you know someone who has been hurt by the Church, is angry at God, or simply has been away from the Church for any reason?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that longs to be shared. First, we need to pray for them. Second, invite them to attend our informal sessions for returning Catholics and get answers to their questions about the Church and our faith as it is today.



Helping someone to come home to the Church now, could lead them to a deeper experience during Advent and Christmas this holiday season, which could carry them into a new year and new life. Invite someone to come to Mass this Advent and share with them information about our next series for Catholics that simply to want to know more.

### Catholic's Returning Home Series Begins

Monday, January 4th  
7PM in the Siena Room of  
St. Dominic's Ministry Center

For more information contact Gaye Rose at 747-7220

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/15-11/30/15

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
Sunday Offertory			
Envelopes & Loose	\$ 259,758	N/A	N/A
Electronic Giving	\$ 130,380	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 390,138</b>	<b>\$ 414,583</b>	<b>\$ (24,445)</b>
Restricted Donations:			
Building Improvement	\$ 16,966	\$ 20,834	\$ (3,868)
St. Dominic School	\$ 7,536	\$ 8,541	\$ (1,005)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 18,282	\$ 20,000	\$ (1,718)
Faith Formation	\$ 4,814	\$ 5,000	\$ (186)
Campaign Totals a/o 9/30/15	<b>Collected</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Diocese ONE Campaign	\$ 491,532	\$ 909,794	\$ (418,262)



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Closed Mondays

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<b>Directors</b>	Janet Casarino & Tanya Sanchez
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***Please pray for the recovery of the sick  
listed in our Book of Intentions and the  
following:***

Glenys Hewitt	Lisa Montgomery
Nellie Morgado	Mark Silva
Ramond Davena	Branson David King
Richard Miller	Jack Curran
Dawn Altobell	Michelle Christle
Dorothy Szabo	Matthew Bidou
Daniel Cooper	Monica Jaime
Charlie Gallagher	Tom Mitchell
Amy Smith	Gladys Haddad
Ann Hansen	Al Rohleder
Cyndi and Dan Wolke	Jeff Mues
Jennifer Figueira	Mili McDermott
Carolyn McKay	Scott Dziuban,
Susan Furey	Mary Carbullido-Anderson
Henderson Family	Charlie White
Leroy Howell	Pete Raine
Bernice Clark	Scott Reeder
Marie Tscheekar	James Werder
Aurora Bareng	Lana Lagunera
Brian Smith	
Fr. Kenneth Brown	
Cristina O'Brien	

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



Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P.,  
Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P.,  
Charlie DeGrange, Patricia Vogelpohl, Ray Chelone,  
Peter Stewart, Pura Sison, Teodorico Trias, Judy Unger,  
Eunice Tavares, Francis Tortosa,  
Bob Lerner, Concepcion Gutierrez,  
Beverly Ramblas, Eileen Brennan,  
Frances Fiore Wieber, Rolito Iglesias, Patti Lewis,  
Christine Block, Gino Martinucci, James Wallace,  
Neil D'Ambrosi, Javier Quiroz, John Galvan,  
Millicent Duvall, Maria Elena Perez, Emilia Sanchez  
Aguillera, Rickey Henderson,  
Michael Kennedy, Max Henry Schwarz, Tia Lorica,  
Karen DeNatale, Cathy Lerner, John "Jack" Hayes,  
Aurora Atinaja, Ricardo Santos, David Allen,  
Antonio Quejado, Jr., and Dr. Rodger Petrie.

\*sick and remembrances will be listed for a period of 3  
months respectfully

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

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<b>Affordable Quality Cabinets</b> Allan Lemone, Sales and Installation 707-745-2100	<b>Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy</b> Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/ General Practice 707-553-7360	<b>George Schandelmier Landscaping</b> 707-554-2722 georgeschandelmierjrlandscaping.com
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<b>Care Network, LLC</b> Home Care Services/Placement Referral 707-747-2720 / Carmen Haban	<b>Napoli Pizza and Pasta</b> Chris & Lisa Guerrero- Owners 707-746-8906 www.napolibenicia.com	<b>T&amp;T Electric – Tim Wade</b> Residential & Commercial 707-315-8285
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<b>Hamann Real Estate 513 First Street</b> Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners 707-747-9300	<b>For advertising opportunities here e-mail <a href="mailto:tstone@stdombenicia.org">tstone@stdombenicia.org</a></b>  <b>BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES</b>  If you are a ministry leader or organization that would like to promote a church event or catholic charity in the bulletin please submit your request online at...  <a href="http://www.stdombenicia.org/BULLETIN-SUBMISSIONS/">HTTP://WWW.STDOMBENICIA.ORG/BULLETIN-SUBMISSIONS/</a>  Deadlines for submission are the Friday, one full week, before the Sunday you would like a promotion to run. All submissions are pending Pastor Approval. For questions email <a href="mailto:Ejacobs@stdombenicia.org">Ejacobs@stdombenicia.org</a>	
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