When bad things happen to good people

Intentions for the Week

Mon 2/5
6:45 AM Aileen Wiesner (T)
8:15AM †Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P.

Tues 2/6
6:45 AM Abigail Talmadge (T)
8:15AM †Emiliano De Joya

Wed 2/7
6:45 AM Sarah Dulaney (B)
8:15AM †For all deceased parents & relatives of our Friars

Thurs 2/8
6:45AM John E. (B)
8:15AM †John Ruszel

Friday 2/9
6:45 AM †Apolonia De Joya
8:15AM Nym Bergerson (B)

Sat 2/10
8:15AM †Avelina Tuason
5:00PM †Sharon Larson

Sun 2/11
7:30AM †Joe & Sandy Fernandes
9:00AM †Harry Case
10:45AM †Bill Earp, Sr.
12:30PM For the People of the Parish
5:00PM †Elipido Rubio

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

This Week’s Flowers in Memory of John Ruszel

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 4th, 2018
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

All Mass readings can be found at http://www.usccb.com/bible/readings

Dominicans & Deacons
Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. Pastor
Fr. David Farrugia, O.P. (In Residence)
Fr. Vincent Serpa, O.P. (In Residence)
Rev. Br. Christopher Wetzel, O.P. (Deacon)
Deacon Errol Kissinger
Deacon John Flanagan (Retired)
Br. Matthew Heynen, O.P. (Residency Student)

Schedule of Masses
Weekdays: 6:45AM, 8:15AM
Saturday: 8:15AM Daily Mass
5PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:45AM,
12:30PM (English/Spanish),
5PM (Youth)

1st Sunday of Month: 3PM (Vietnamese)

Weekly Confession/Reconciliation:
Saturdays, 3:30PM-4:30PM In the Church

Parish Office Hours
Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM
Saturday: 9AM-12PM
Sunday: 8:30AM-1PM

In case of a priestly emergency after hours, call 707-747-7220 and press “1” to speak with a priest.

Mass Intention Schedule:
Mass Intentions for May 2018 open February 1st.
Please make requests in the Parish Office.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend on Feb 10th-11th, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ to others. How do we help a family that has suffered great loss? How do we help the homeless man or woman who is looking for a way out of poverty? How do we provide emotional support where it is needed most? As Catholics we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message to help our brothers and sisters. Last year 225 of our parishioners contributed $26,978.

Our parish received 25% to serve our local SVdP and St. Dominic School Tuition Assistance. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone’s life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gift is the Heart of Mercy in Northern California.

Our RCIA team is running monthly Inquiry Meetings the first Wednesday of each month, this Wednesday, February 7th at 7PM we invite anyone that has been coming to mass but not yet Catholic and wants to learn more about RCIA and/or becoming Catholic to please join us. No commitment, just answers to your questions about faith and the Church.

God Bless,
Fr. Jerome

Pastor’s Corner

Parish Events

Br. Matthew’s Bible Study: Exodus
Wednesdays, November 15th-February 28th, 7PM
In the Parish Hall or
Fridays, November 17th-February 23rd, 9AM
In the Mary Magdalene Room

Who am I to Judge? Lenten Series
Thursdays, February 1st–March 22nd, 9AM
In the Siena Room

Br. Christopher Faith & Science Talk
Galileo & Empiricism
Tuesday, February 6th, 7PM
In the Parish Hall

Want to become Catholic? RCIA Inquiry Meeting
Wednesday, February 7th, 7PM
In the Siena Room

(Children’s) First Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, February 10th, 10AM & 1PM
In the Church

End of Life Issues Workshop
Saturday, February 10th, 9:30AM—1PM
St. Paul Conference Room of the Monsignor O’Neill Building
St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Vallejo

Grief Support Series Begins
Saturdays, February 10th–March 17th, 11AM
In the Aquinas Room

St. Dominic School Crab Feed
Saturday, February 10th, 5:30PM
At the Portuguese Hall, Benicia
Buy tickets at Sdscrabfeed.com

World Marriage Day Mass & Dinner
Sunday, February 11th, 5PM
Dinner Reception following in Parish Hall with Tickets

Ash Wednesday Schedule
Wednesday, February 14th, 2018
Mass & Ashes:
6:45AM, 8:15AM, 9:15AM (School Mass) & 4PM
7PM (In the Church & In the Parish Hall)
Ashes Only: 12:30PM

Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers
Fridays, February 16-March 23rd, 6:30PM
In The Church with Soup Following in the Parish Hall

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Celebration Committee Meeting
Wednesdays, February 14th & March 7th, 7PM
In the Parish Office Conference Room

Presidents Day
Monday, February 19th, 2018
8:15AM Mass Only

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday, February 25th, 8AM-12PM

Find complete event details in Parish Bulletin or online.
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER GROUP (PTG) PRESENTS

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ST. DOMINIC'S crab feed

FEBRUARY 10, 2018
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PORTUGUESE HALL
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A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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Youth Ministry News

February ECHO Bible Series: There will be a teen Bible gathering on Tuesday, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Siena Room. All are welcome.

Fat Tuesday on a Saturday: There will be a youth gathering on Saturday, February 10th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Ministry Center. Let’s celebrate Fat Tuesday style with a pizza dinner and a slime activity. This gathering requires pre-registration and is limited to 20 teens.

40 Days for Life: There will be a teen Right to Life gathering on Friday, February 23rd, and March 9th & 23rd from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Siena Room. This focus group is led by Adriana Vree, a youth advisory council member. Join us for conversation and activities as we support 40 Days for Life.

Knots 4 Love: There is a Knots 4 Love gathering scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Siena Room. All are welcome to help make blankets for those in need.

Looking ahead....there will be a youth gathering – Nighttime Capture the Flag – on Saturday, March 3rd from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Please contact Lisa at ltoomey@stdombenicia.org to register for youth events.

Confirmation News

YR I Confirmation: There will be a small group gathering on Monday, February 12th & 26th from 7:00-8:00 PM at the small group locations.

YR II Confirmation: There will be a small group gathering on February 11th & 25th from 6:15-7:30 PM at the small group locations. Prayer Request: Please pray for the YR II Confirmation teens who will be attending their make-up Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, February 10th.

Faith & Science Series with Br. Christopher

Three-Part Lecture Series on Faith & Science

Br. Christopher Wetzel, O.P. Delivers Final Talk in the Series!

In this lecture series, Br. Christopher has been exploring the relationship between important scientific theories and the Catholic understanding of the truths revealed by God in scripture. This final talk is scheduled for:

Tuesday February, 6th.
Galileo and Empiricism
In the Parish Hall (7pm - 8pm)

*These sessions count toward SDS Stewardship.

Dear Parishioners,

Here at St. Dominic School, we are lucky to learn, pray and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you, the members of St. Dominic’s Parish.

When you support our school, you invest in the future of all of our students and the Catholic Church.

As we conclude National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We are grateful for your prayers and contributions, and we appreciate the time and talent you so generously share through your volunteer efforts and tuition assistance gifts.

We consider all of you an important part of our community of faith!

Because of you, the future is bright!

Gratefully,
The Students and Staff at St. Dominic School
**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS & DINNER**

**Sunday, February 11th at the 5:00 PM Mass Dinner Reception to follow in the Parish Hall**

St Dominic’s GIFT Ministry invites you to our **World Marriage Day Mass & Dinner Celebration** recognizing the love and friendship shared between married couples and the strength we find in God’s GIFT of the Sacrament of Marriage. Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries will be honored at the reception. The cost is $75.00 per couple and includes dinner, wine and dessert.

**Registration for the Dinner is required.** Complete a registration form and include payment with checks payable to “St. Dominic’s – World Marriage Day Dinner.” in the Parish Office.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Shawn & Shannon Carter or Marc & Gaye Rose at GIFT@stdombenicia.org or 707.803.3639.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

Eucharistic Ministers prayerfully serve the people of St. Dominic’s by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharistic celebrations.

Would you like to join this ministry this year? Training is less than one hour and we’d like you to serve at just one Mass per month!

**Qualifications:** A fully initiated Catholic, having celebrated the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and First Eucharist.

The EM retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church. Br. Matthew will begin with a talk followed by Fr. Jerome’s training.

Any parishioner who is interested is welcome to join us as we are in need of more ministers.

Email Jo Ann Talken, EM Coordinator at EMHC@stdombenicia.org

**Exodus: A Great Adventure Bible Study**

Join Br. Matthew in a Great Adventure Bible Study, *Exodus: Called to Freedom*

The Exodus is the defining moment in Israel’s history, when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as His people.

**Our Group Will:**
- Learn the keys to authentic freedom.
- Discover the divine purpose behind the plagues on Egypt as more than simply a demonstration of God's power.
- Understand the importance of the Sabbath to God's people.
- Learn how a proper understanding of the Exodus event can illuminate your understanding of the Christian Faith.

**Join us Wednesdays, 7-8PM in the Parish Hall,**
(November 15th– February 28th)

**No class Feb. 14th**

**Fridays 9-10AM, In the Mary Magdalene Room,**
(November 17th-February 23rd, 2018)

*These sessions count toward SDS Stewardship.*

**Consider joining our St. Patrick’s Day & Anniversary of the Church Celebration committee and help plan one of the Parish’s most celebrated events of the year!**

The committee is always looking for “short duration-high impact” parish volunteers for set up, decorations, and parents to supervise our student volunteers!

The annual St. Patrick’s Day and Anniversary of St. Dominic’s Parish Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 17th at the Clock Tower! That’s right, on St. Patrick’s Day this year!

**Committee Meets Wednesday, February 14th and Wednesday, March 7th at 7PM in the Parish Office/Rectory Conference Room!**

Contact Joe Thurin at jmt1687@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out with this fun event.
Join us for an Hour of Contemplation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays 8-9 PM in Church

CURRENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDS

MONDAY 12 PM  
(Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call James Werder @ 853-3107

WEDNESDAY 1 AM  
(Once every six-week rotation = 8x a year)  
Call Marie Earp @ 548-0899

THURSDAY 1 PM  
(Every 2nd week = 12x a year)  
Call Millie Resendes @ 246-9015

FRIDAY 10 AM  
(Every 2nd & 4th weeks)  
Call Colleen Haight @ 644-1337

SUNDAY 2 PM  
(Once every five-week rotation = 10x a year)  
Call Amy Collins @ 567-0808

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Hours:  
Daily Hours: Open to the public 7AM – 8PM in the Adoration Chapel  
Scheduled Adorer Hours Only: 8PM – 7AM in the Adoration Chapel

If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Shirley Cortez @ 707-206-2004 or Joji

“Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted” (MT 5:4)  
Grief is a normal human reaction; an emotional, spiritual and physical response to a great loss. Grief is a process, a journey, that takes the mourner from the initial shock to acceptance of the reality of the loss.

The grief journey varies in duration with each individual. There are ups and downs, but the journey is seldom short. To understand the complexities of the Grief process, please join us!

Grief Support Series  
Saturdays, February 10th—March 17th at 11AM in the Aquinas Room.

Email consolation@stdombenicia.org for more information.

Weekly Religious Education classes (Tue/Wed) are back in session for 2018 with the following breaks in observance of the Holy seasons:

Easter Break  
No Class Mar 27-28, 2018  
No Class Apr 03-04, 2018  
Classes end May 22-23, 2018

Children’s Sacrament/First Reconciliation Reminders!

First Reconciliation Retreat  
Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 2018  
10AM-12PM (Last Name A-L)  
2PM-4PM (Last Name M-Z)

First Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday, Feb. 10th, 10AM or 1PM in the Church  
(depending on signup time selected)

Any questions or concerns contact Deb Thurin at 335-4688 or dthurin@stdombenicia.org

New Lenten Series

Mark your calendars for a new Lenten series, “Who Am I to Judge?”

Led by Deacon Errol with video presentations featuring Edward Sri

Thursdays, February 1—March 22, 9AM-10:30AM, In the Siena Room

In this small group study, attend eight sessions featuring Edward Sri. We’ll explore the classical view of morality and find that it’s not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. Topics by session:

1. Don’t Impose Your Morality on me
2. Recovering the basics: virtue and friendship
3. Real freedom, real love
4. The lost “art” of living
5. Engaging moral relativism
6. “I disagree” doesn’t mean “I hate you”
7. Exposing the mask: What Relativism often covers up
8. What is truth? Answering common questions

*These sessions count toward SDS Catechism Hours
Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Kim McElhaney                      Mike Horne
Gladys Haddad                      J. Raymond Kim
Maria Bongco                       Teresa Madrigal
Andy Moelk                         Leo De Joya
Ricky Campbell                     Dorothy Szabo
Emilio Ermio                       Veronica Arkin
Gloria Peterson                    Suzy Allen

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

Diane Wassmann, Sr. Claire Herlihy, OP, Brian Ferrucci, William Gilbert, Timothy Smock, Maria Del Resugio, Augusto Duran, Beverly Bettencourt, Fr. Patrick LaBelle, OP, Ofelia Remigio, Daphnie Anies, Bernadette Lintao, Rogelio Cruz, Ian Brooks, Gail Krehlik, Lucille Medolari, Shirley Ribera, Andy Adao Lorico, Jr., Norman Gonsalves

Sick or remembrances will be listed for a period of 3 months

SVDP Needs

Please help us stock our pantry this winter. 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 know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul’s help, please have them call 707-746-1773.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the 5th Grade classroom. To learn more about our ministry and get involved contact svdp@stdombenicia.org

St. Vincent Ferrer Respect Life Ministry will host a workshop on End of Life Issues on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the St. Paul Conference Room at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish.

The workshop covers:
- The Church’s teachings on death and dying
- Various health care documents including the Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST), and Protective Medical Decisions Document (PMDD)
- Q&A

For more information contact Ana Jaime at 707-280-0717.
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