**Intentions for the Week**

Mon 1/8  6:45 AM †David Gaul
8:15AM †Dolores Keleske

Tues 1/9  6:45 AM †Chester Hankosky
8:15AM †Antonia & Feliciano Artille

Wed 1/10  6:45 AM †Long Vo
8:15AM †Bob Stevely

Thurs 1/11  6:45AM †Patricia Moreira
8:15AM †Lois Carl

Friday 1/12  6:45 AM †Benjamin & Loly Alvarez
8:15AM †Valerie Quillin Miller

Sat 1/13  8:15AM Jolyn Curtola (H)
5:00PM †Norm Gonsalves

Sun 1/14  7:30AM †Bruno Slaviero
9:00AM †Kathleen Lacey
10:45AM †Henry Sandoval
12:30PM †Donna Rae Polk
5:00PM For the People of the Parish

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

This week’s Flowers in Memory of
Valerie Quillin Miller

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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

January, 7th, 2018

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

**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.

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

**Mass Intention Schedule:**
Mass Intentions for April 2018 opened January 1st.
**Gifts of New Birth**

The Season of Christmas includes a celebration that focuses on the adoration of magi from the East who had sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us.

The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. Their gift of gold honored Jesus as king. Their gift of incense honored Jesus as God. And their gift of myrrh honored the gift that Jesus would eventually give to us: his death. He was born to sacrifice his life for us. He took to the cross our sins, and then his resurrection destroyed the power of sin and the power of demons who tempt us to sin.

The gifts of the magi become gifts that we all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteousness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to God -- prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of his ongoing mission of transforming our world.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi have an epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins?

We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified. We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations?

Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and -- through our lives -- out into the world.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What's the gold you're giving to Jesus? What is your incense? What is your myrrh?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe an epiphany you have had during this past Advent.
"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, He is in our midst. He dwells with us, full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak."

~ Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei

Join us for an Hour of Contemplation in front of the Blessed Sacrament this Christmas Season
Tuesdays 8-9 PM

CURRENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDS

MONDAY 9 AM
(Weekly or alternating weeks)
Call @ Lydia Pasco @ 656-5109

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

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

SUNDAY 5 PM
(Once every five-week rotation)
Call Maria Lau @ 225-0839

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

Dominic Lazzaro
Rafael Gonzalez
Linda Willis
Christian Susi
Patricia Gomez
Mayra Villafuerte
Norma Lavilla

Natalie Bosso
Alicia Nazareno
Nicki Bruett
Br. Mathew Heynen, OP
Eileen Novoa
Geraldo & Amity Bayawa

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
Parish-wide Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays 8PM- 9PM in the Church

If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Shirley Cortez @ 707-208-2004 or Joji Holzwarth @ 707-704-8779.

RE Class Schedules

Weekly classes (Tue/Wed) are in session 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

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

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.

Email Jo Ann Talken, EM Coordinator at Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

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
YR I & YR II Confirmation:
The parent/teen gathering scheduled for today, Sunday, January 7th at 6:00 PM in the Church HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

YR I Confirmation: There is a small group gathering on Monday, January 22nd and 29th from 7:00-8:00 PM at the small group locations.

YR II Confirmation: There is a small group gathering on Sunday, January 21st and 28th from 6:15-7:30 PM at the small group locations. Sponsor/Teen service reflection forms are due by January 28th. This form can be found on the parish website under the Confirmation tab.

Youth Council:
There is a Youth Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM in the Siena Room.

Right to Life Teen Focus Group:
There is a Right to Life teen meeting on Wednesday, January 17th and 24th at 7:00 PM in the Siena Room. The Walk for Life West Coast will take place on Saturday, January 27th. All are welcome!

Please contact Lisa at ltouney@stdombenicia.org to

GIFT Series for Married Couples

"Growing in Faith Together"

A GIFT for Married Couples
♦ Would You Like to Grow Closer to Your Spouse?
♦ Would You Like to Strengthen Your Marriage and Family?
♦ Would You Like to Meet Other Couples in Our Parish?

St. Dominic’s GIFT Ministry will be hosting a six-week series to explore ways to strengthen our faith, marriages and families through couples prayer. Whether you’d like to begin praying together or already pray together often, this series is for you. Our evenings will include lots of hospitality, encouragement, and laughter.

The first of six gatherings will be on Friday, January 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. No registration is needed. Couples may attend one or as many of the sessions as they wish. For more information, please email GIFT@stdombenicia.org or call Gaye Rose at 707.803.3639.

Come join us and meet other couples in our parish as we joyfully seek to “grow in faith together.”

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018
January 28 – February 3

Join us after the 9AM Mass on January 28th to kick off Catholic Schools Week! Reception in the Parish Hall, tours & classroom visits will be available for parishioners, visitors, family and friends.
Crab Feed
Saturday, January 20, 2018
St. Dominic Parish Hall – 475 East “I” St. (just off East 5th), Benicia CA
Doors open at 6:00 PM  Dinner at 7:00 PM  Take-Out starts at 6:30 PM

Menu
Fresh cracked crab or tri-tip, pasta, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Pricing
DINE-IN = $50 per person (incl. 1 alcoholic or 2 non-alcoholic drinks).
TAKE-OUT = $45 per person (no drinks).
No-host bar - $20 corkage.
ENTRY or TAKE-OUT BY TICKET ONLY!

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Proceeds to benefit Knights’ services and charities.
SEATING LIMITED to 200. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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and turn it in with your money (CASH or CHECK) to the Knights at the PARISH OFFICE after Sunday Mass on Jan 7th
OR during the week following. (Closed Monday)

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**Year End Tax Statements**

Electronic Tax Statements will be available in My Own Church sometime in January.

Please look out for an email letting you know your statement is ready to view and/or print. Not registered for My Own Church? Go to our website, www.stdombenicia.org, and click the green Register Now button. You will be redirected to our Connect Now site. Click New User? and complete the registration page. Be sure to select St. Dominic’s Catholic Church, Benicia as the organization. Your registration will be matched to your account in our database, and within a day or two you will receive an email with a link and login information. Be sure to watch your spam folder.

Printed statements will be available on request.

**Wild Goose Series on the Holy Spirit**

The Wild Goose* is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating in God’s love and transforming power.

Deacon Errol facilitiates discussion groups on The Wild Goose, fourteen independent segments dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit.

**Thursdays, Oct 5, 2017-Jan 11, 2018, In the Siena Room, 9:00-10:30AM**

For further questions, please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org or call (707) 335-4674.

*These sessions count toward SDS Stewardship.

**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. *Exodus: Called to Freedom* looks through the lens of Christ to show that, more than just seeking to free His people from Pharaoh, God desired to free His people from the tyranny of sin, to live in authentic freedom. Because of this, the Exodus story is not just Israel's story, it is our story as well; it tells us who God is and what He calls us to be.

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)
For further questions, please contact Br. Matthew at mtheoff@stdombenicia.org or call (707) 335-4674.

**Friday, Jan 12th**

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

*These sessions count toward SDS Stewardship.

**Dominican Nuns**

GOD IS CALLING YOU! A vocation – marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you’re feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you’ve wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun?

If you’re a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-38 years, we invite you to spend a day of discernment with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA.

Catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since Saint Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsMenlo.org. or visit our website at http://nunsMenlo.org/discernment-days/ to learn more and to register for our upcoming Come and See Day:

Saturday January 20, 2018.
The event will be from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and is free to attend.

*These sessions count toward SDS Stewardship.*
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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:

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 Special Recognition

We would like to say a very special thank you to Bob Dietlein (our treasurer) and Bill Cambra (our spiritual advisor). These two men are available around the clock to help and service those in need. They will drop what they are doing to help others. We are so blessed to have these two Vincentians to take care of our finances and lead us spiritually. We could not do what we do without them. Thank you to two very special servants Kathy Campas & Kristine Passalacqua  
Co-Presidents

Thank you for a generous season of giving!

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

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 know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call 707-746-1773.
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