Intentions for the Week

Mon 4/30
6:45AM Amy Collins (T)
8:15AM Lily Quillin (B)

Tues 5/1
6:45AM Sue Ellen McNally (H)
8:15AM †Dan Macariola

Wed 5/2
6:45AM †For all deceased brothers & sisters of the Dominican Laity of the Province
8:15AM Tommy Thompson (T)

Thur 5/3
6:45AM Margaret Lobo (T)
8:15AM †Theresa Carmel Perrone

Fri 5/4
6:45AM †Barbara “Bobbi” O’Bosky
8:15AM †Menandro Nazareno

Sat 5/5
8:15AM Gino Bulso & Family (T)
5:00PM Mary Olmes (B)

Sun 5/6
7:30AM Arlene McDaniel (H)
9:00AM †Hilaria Sanchez
10:45AM For the People of the Parish
12:30PM Radley Alvarez (T)
5:00PM Wendi Glaser (T)

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

This Week's Flowers Are In Honor of Clint & Joji Holzwarth

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 August 2018 open May 1st. Please make requests in the Parish Office.
**How God Stops Evil**

As we see in this Sunday's Gospel reading, all of us who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to him, we share the same calling: to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

However, most of us underestimate how important this is! You are more valuable than you know. God wants you to produce Christ's fruit – and more of it. Today too many Christians are settling for mediocrity. As long as we get some personal satisfaction from being Christian, we feel all too easily satisfied. As long as we're helping some people with our kindness or generosity or love, we think God is satisfied with the good fruits we're producing.

Have you ever asked why there's so much evil in the world? Why doesn't God raise his almighty hand against war, against corruption in government, against the greed of high-salaried managers who lay off their employees while giving themselves huge bonuses, against the perpetrators of physical and emotional abuse, against legislation that discriminates against Christian faith, against rising crime rates, or against any evil that's corrupting our world?

Why doesn't God do something?

Actually, he does! However, he does it the same way he grows grapes. The life-force of the vine (Jesus) travels through the vine to the little twigs (you and me and all Christians) that hold the grapes. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Christ, the more fruit Jesus produces through us. But the grapes are not supposed to stay there!

We're nourished by Christ in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world. We must grow strong and healthy, branch out, and use everything we've received from Christ for the sake of others.

Evil is stopped to the extent that we Christians continue Christ's earthly ministry. Victory over evil comes from Christ, that is, through us from Christ. Holiness in the world comes from Christ's Holy Spirit actively transforming it through our holiness.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Are you doing everything you can to grow the best grapes on your branch of Christ's vine? How healthy is your connection to Christ? What in your life needs to be pruned off because it's not producing full, abundant fruit?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Name some of the things we do that fertilize the vineyard. What has helped your branch grow stronger and bear more fruit? How does ignoring the need to prune ourselves hinder the growth of good fruit -- evil-defeating good fruit?

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St. Dominic School sincerely thanks all of you for supporting our school Bingo Night! Thank you for attending and donating to such a fun event. Much needed funds were raised for school improvement projects occurring this summer.

Stay tuned for updates on our school beautification project! We are incredibly blessed to be part of such a giving community!

Save the Date!
St. Dominic’s International Dinner
Saturday, May 19th 2018
After the 5pm Pentecost Vigil Mass
In the Parish Hall

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Everyone is invited to celebrate Pentecost with International Dinner Night!

This is a coordinated potluck event that celebrates many different heritages from around the world. This year’s event is in memory of Diane Thomas who started the International Dinner event many years ago. Come bring a main dish or dessert that celebrates your family heritage.

Let’s celebrate the Catholic Church’s diversity and have every nation represented.

Please contact one of the Regional Coordinators to participate in this fun, family event! Regional Coordinators:

- North America – Joe and Jo Ann Talken
  jojotalks@aol.com
- Latin America – Coordinator needed
- Asia / Pacific Rim – Ed and Maria Padrones,
  epadrones@gmail.com
- Europe – Dede Case dedecase@att.net / Mike &
  Sandi Scafani scafani@att.net
- Middle East/Africa – Siane Peters
  sianekwee@gmail.com

Event Coordinators:
Shawn Carter shawnanthonycarter@gmail.com &
Andy Gutierrez agutz59@gmail.com

St. Dominic School is still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year in grades kindergarten, second grade, fourth grade, and sixth grade. Please call our office to set up a tour! (707) 745-1266.
**Small Group Study**

**“Who Am I to Judge?”**

Led by Deacon Errol with video presentations featuring Edward Sri

Tuesday evenings, April 10th-May 29th, 7-8PM, In the Mary Magdalene 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

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**Marriage Encounter Weekends**

**Married Couples!**

Open your hearts and let your spouse in.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you that chance. It is the greatest gift you can give each other. The weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekends are:

- August 24-26 in Sacramento, CA.
- October 5-7 in Reno, NV.
- November 9-11 in Sacramento, CA.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER, CALL NOW! For more information visit our website at:

[https://www.sacramentowwme.org](https://www.sacramentowwme.org)

Or contact Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or 916-489-3464.

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**Tamale Sale**

Pre-Order Now!

Asociación Guadalupana is taking orders now through May 1st, 2018 for the Annual Tamale Sale!

All sales are by pre-order and will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 6th after Mass in the Parish Hall.

To place your order please call:
Patricia Chavez 707-642-4513 or Maria Luisa Reyes 707-290-4497.

This fundraiser benefits St. Dominic’s Catholic Church, Asociación Guadalupana ministry and our celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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**RE & First Eucharist**

**First Eucharist Rehearsals**

May 1st and 3rd, in the Church (rehearsal times were posted at retreat).

**First Eucharist Rite Mass Schedule**

May 5th, 10:00AM, 12:30PM (Bilingual), 5:00PM

May 6th, 9:00AM, 10:45PM, 12:30PM, 5:30PM

Last Day of Class May 22nd/23rd!
Send your K-5th Graders to a week of fun at Vacation Bible Camp this Summer.

At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, and devour yummy treats.

June 11-15th.

The adventure starts each day at 8:45AM and ends at 12PM in the Parish Hall.

Registration Open!

www.stdombenicia.org/vbs

Cost per child is $75 for the week and includes a camp T-shirt and snacks!

Register by May 12th. Late Registration after May 12th increases to $80/per Camper.

Volunteer Opportunities for middle & high school students, and adults.

Questions? Email daliavbs@gmail.com

Welcome to the Life Corner!

This is Catlin’s story and how Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home gave her hope and a new life:
At 13 years of age, I started using drugs and alcohol and became addicted. By the time I was 20, I had been in abusive relationships, in jail, had two children, and became homeless. Consequently, I lost custody of my children. In spite of all my efforts to stop using, I was not successful for any period of time. Guilt, hopelessness, and shame became part of my daily life. Finally, on April 5, 2015, I decided I had to change my life. That is the DAY I stopped using. One month after that day, I found out I was pregnant. So, I decided to do things differently and checked myself into a 90 day drug rehabilitation center. While in rehabilitation, I was able to get a sponsor and began to work the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. While in rehab, they told me about Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. I called them and was able to get on the waiting list. On January 25, 2015, BGHM called and said they had a room for me. While at BGHM, I continued to work on myself by attending counseling groups provided by BGHM, such as NA, AA, a class on Ready-to-Rent and group counseling. On March 28, 2016, I gave birth to my beautiful son. When we came home from the hospital, the BGHM staff answered any questions I had, helped me care for my son, and find future housing. When my son became three months old I was accepted into Mather housing. While I was at Mather, I continued to go to BGHM and volunteer as often as I could. BGHM gave me and my son so much love and support, that I wanted to give back what had been so freely given to me. While volunteering, BGHM offered me a job as one of the live-in staff. I accepted the job and started working on August 8, 2017. BGHM has done so much for me and my children as well. Today, I am a part of my children’s lives, and I wake up every morning grateful and proud of myself. BGHM has given me the opportunity to help women who went through similar challenges and show them that they too can change their life.

Interested in learning more about this important ministry? Contact Barbara Cavanagh at respectlife@stdombenicia.org for more information.

Look out for upcoming events, stories and ways to help each week in the new St. Dominic’s Life Corner!
"O Jesus! On this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, and like a Seraphim, Lord, I shall love You." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Join us for an Hour of Contemplation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays 8-9 PM In the Church

CURRENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDS

MONDAY 12 PM (Alternating weeks - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)  
Call James Werder @ 853-3107

TUESDAY 11 PM (Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call Dee Case @ 746-6731

THURSDAY 12 PM (Alternating weeks – 2nd, 4th)  
Call James Werder @ 853-3107

FRIDAY 11 PM – 3rd Week  
Call Dee Case @ 746-6731

SATURDAY 11 AM – 2nd Week  
Call Bernadette Cambra @ 745-6868

SATURDAY 2 PM (Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call Maggie Ruszel @ 747-0734

SATURDAY 5 PM (Once every six-week rotation = 9x a year)  
Call Marie Earp @ 548-0899

SATURDAY 9 PM (Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call Marie Earp @ 548-0899

SUNDAY 7 PM (Alternating weeks – 3rd, 5th)  
Call Rose Gallagher @ 746-6312

SUNDAY 11 AM (Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call Bernadette Cambra @ 745-6868

SUNDAY 10 PM (Weekly or alternating weeks)  
Call Ted or Irma Perez @ 685-6258 Perpetual Eucharistic

St. Matthew's Gospel was considered the most influential and popular book among the early Christian community. For the early Jewish Christians, in particular, St. Matthew clearly makes the case for how the long-awaited hopes of the Jewish people are being fulfilled in Jesus.

If you've ever wanted to learn more about how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament then this study is for you!

Schedule of Classes

Thursdays at 7PM in the Siena Room:  
March 15th, 22nd, April, 19th, 26th, May 3rd, and 17th.

Fridays at 9AM in the Mary Magdalene Room:  
March 16th, 23rd, April 20th, 27th, May 4th, 18th.

These classes count toward SDS Stewardship Catechism hours.

St. Vincent de Paul & You!

During the month of March, SVdP responded to 55 calls for assistance serving 165 of our neighbors. We made 38 food deliveries providing nourishment to 130 family members in addition to the 120 Easter boxes you filled. Your ongoing support and generosity enabled us to pay 13 utility bills, 2 rent bills, and provide motel stays for 2 of our homeless neighbors, serving an additional 35 individuals. God bless you and thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul. Please consider a 5th Sunday donation this Sunday, April 29th.

Pantry Needs

Please help us stock our pantry this spring. 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.

Gospel of St. Matthew

Join Br. Matthew’s New Bible Study Series on the Gospel of St. Matthew!

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Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

- Kate Papke
- Jackie Ho
- Derek Daniel Guerrero
- Kim McElhaney
- Elaine Novoa
- Maria Bongco
- Gregg Albright
- Andy Moelk
- Carol Smith
- Ricky Campbell
- Lazlo Egeto
- Diane Rieschick
- Charles Harrison Stewart
- J. Raymond Kim
- Angelo Miozza
- Leo De Joya
- Tim Wade
- Dorothy Szabo
- Veronica Arkin

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

- Andre Davis, Diane Rieschick,
- Fr. Thomas Paul Chrysostom Raftery, O.P., Louise Lambro,
- Dolores Lundin, Barbara Perez, Larry Booth, Luzil Whalen,
- Mary Ebright, Ann Hansen, Epifanio Sunpayco, Jose Paulino,
- Laverne Marie Willits, Mila Lawrence, Gloria Peterson,
- Miguel Toruno, Richard Belcher, Chris Cariño,
- Mildred Dubas, Diane Wassmann

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

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