# Catechetical Sunday September 16, 2018

Isaiah 50: 5-9A Psalm 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35

"Who do people say that I am?"





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#### **Mass Intentions**

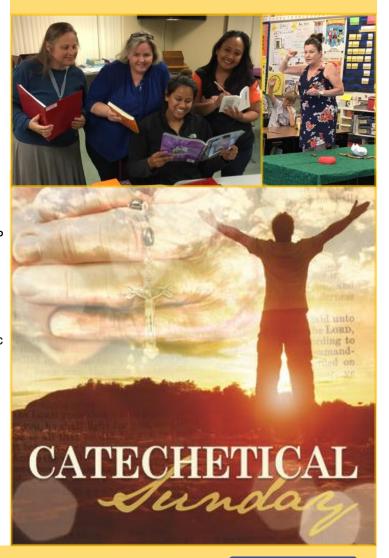
Sun	9/16	7:30 am (T) Emil Mariast 9:00 am (T) Barbara Piepho 10:45 am (D) Diane Rieschick 12:30 pm (B) Roger Bueno 5:00 pm (T) People of the Parish
Mon	9/17	
Tues	9/18	
Wed	9/19	` '
Thurs	9/20	6:45 am (T) Fr. Brad Elliott, O.P. 8:15 am (D) Aurora Masbad
Fri	9/21	` ,
Sat	9/22	
Sun	9/23	7:30 am (T) Jack Kelly 9:00 am (D) Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P. 10:45 am (D) Danny Nazareno 12:30 pm (T) People of the Parish 5:00 pm (T) Suzanne Dennis

Legend: (D) Deceased (H) Health (A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

Mass and Flower Intentions

For January 2019 will Open October 1st

# Our Catechists teach from the heart!













# Catechist Corner With Deacon Errol

St. Dominic's Religious Education Program (K-7) began last week and our Confirmation is set to begin soon. As your Director of Religious Education, I am often distracted with the many pieces that make our program go, but I can honestly say my faith is inspired by the dedication of our catechists whom we recognize on this Catechetical Sunday. Our catechists are people who, like all of us, lead busy lives but they all share the conviction that inspiring faith into the hearts of your children is a worthy endeavor of their time and talent. These good people are the Good News! Please keep them in your prayers. I would like to introduce them to you: Julie Kissinger, Beck Kukkola, Debi Thurin, Dee Rodriguez, Maria Padrones, Krista Carr, Mary Levine, Dawn Giddens, Kelley Curtis, Susan McCain Annabelle Prasad, Yvonne von Innes, Susan Hall, Aouie Rubio, Grace Quinto, Dee Rodriguez, Eva Roth, Br. Patrick Rooney, Diane Naratil, Mark Peters.

Our Religious Education Program continues to grow in its use of technology to bring the experience of learning our faith into the home. However, regardless the novelty of technology, we promise to teach your children the time-honored practices of our faith in its prayer and ritual. In the classrooms, your children show-up to class each year with an everincreasing rigor of curiosity that sends us teachers back to the books for answers. Teachers love a curious student! Last year, one of our favorite questions from a 1<sup>st</sup> grader came out of a lesson plan on the colors of the liturgical year. Being a fashionforward thinking individual, the student asked, "Who got to decide on the colors?" Questions like that send us back to the books. I leave it to you to do a little research for the correct answer.

I ask for your prayers as we kick-off this new school year! It is our prayer and profound hope that we come to understand that religious education is not something that gets us through the sacraments, but our life-long education in the salvific work of the Church in the world.

Deacon Errol Kissinger, Director of Religious Education



A special thank you to all our school faculty and staff who catechize the students at SDS everyday; teaching faith to the students from their hearts in all aspects of their day and not just during religion class.

#### **Schedule of Masses**

Monday - Friday

6:45 am and 8:15 am Daily

#### Saturday

8:15 am Daily 5:00 pm Vigil

#### Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am 12:30 pm Spanish / English 5:00 pm Youth

**1st Sunday of Month** 3:00 pm Vietnamese

### **Weekly Confession**

Saturday

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm In the Church

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Open to the public

7:00 am - 8:00 pm daily In the Adoration Chapel

**Tuesday** 

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm In the Church

# <u>California Area</u> <u>Fire Victims</u> <u>in Ne</u>ed



As we all know, our State has been hit hard with ongoing large wild fires, and the need for help is just as large. We are blessed here at St. Dominic's to be able to send help, so again SVdP will be sending 100% of our 5th Sunday Collection (September) to the fire victims. No amount is too small. Every penny will be sent to the fire victims for much needed immediate supplies as well as help for "down the road". Please help us to help those in need.

Thank you, St. Vincent de Paul

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Grief Series**

Saturday, September 22nd at 11:00 am In the Ministry Center's Aquinas Room

#### **Latin Dance**

Saturday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm In the Parish Hall Limited Tickets Available in the Parish Office

#### **Catholics Returning Home**

Tuesdays, September 25th-October 30th at 7:00 pm In the Ministry Center's Siena Room

#### **BINGO!** (Hosted by Knights of Columbus)

Friday, September, 28th at 6:00 pm In the Parish Hall

#### **RCIA Inquiry**

Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm In the Ministry Center's Siena Room



# Your help is needed!

Throughout this year, the youth of our parish will be supporting an organization called Operation Gratitude. This organization sends care packages filled with a variety of items and personal letters of appreciation to U.S. Troops, First Responders, Veterans, Military Families, and Wounded Heroes & their Care Givers.

The following items will graciously be accepted from parishioners:

All purpose wipes (30 count pack or less), AA or AAA batteries, playing cards, paracord survival bracelets, gum, lip balm, and knit or crocheted scarves and hats. Also needed in small, travel sizes: sewing kits, deodorant, sunscreen lotion, and foot powder.

Donations can be placed in the lobby of the Ministry Center in the box labeled, "OPERATION GRATITUDE."

Thank you!





# KNIGHT



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Fr. Vilarrasa Council #7268

### Friday, September 28th

Doors Open: 6:00 pm Game Starts: 7:00 pm In the Parish Hall

#### Seating is limited! (RSVP buy in required) Minimum Buy-in \$25 (10 games & dauber)

- Additional packets available \$20
  - ♦ 3-side games \$1/ea
  - ♦ Heads or Tails \$10
  - Jackpot Bingo \$5 or 5 for \$20
    - Food & Drink tickets \$1

(All extras available in advance and at event)

RSVP Buy-In Starting September 9th See RSVP forms in the back of church for details Online: EventBrite.com (fees apply)

Cash, check, credit or debit cards accepted

- Must be 21 or over to participate -





This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

#### Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

#### What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

# Why do we have a special day set aside to celebrate our catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why it is fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

# How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.

# ST. DOMINIC'S TEEN MINISTRIES FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

#### **Youth Ministry**

This fall, the Youth Advisory Council will begin hosting "Hot Topic" gatherings. The first get together will take place in the Ministry Center on Sunday, October 28th from 3:30 - 4:45 pm. All are welcome ~ bring a friend.

**Save the Date:** #Countyourbeads - Teen Rosary Walk & Dessert at Sunset, downtown Benicia. Tuesday, October 16th at 5:30 pm. Register at Itoomey@stdombenicia.org.

Let us give thanks! As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday - "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ" -let us give thanks for the confirmation catechists who share their faith so generously with the youth of our parish. Thank you for being witnesses of the Gospel.



#### Confirmation starts soon!

**YR II Confirmation** begins this week. There will be a parent/teen/sponsor gathering on the following dates:

Monday, September 17th 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall for Last Names A-H Tuesday, September 18th 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall for Last Names I-S Wednesday, September 19th 7:00-8:30 PM in the

YR I Confirmation begins next week with a parent/teen orientation meeting:

Monday, September 24th 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall for Last Names A-L Tuesday, September 25th 7:00-8:00 PM in the

Parish Hall for Last Names M-Z

Parish Hall for Last Names T-Z

If your teen is not yet registered for YR I Confirmation, please visit the Church website at: www.stdombenicia.org. Select Faith Formation, Confirmation, then the online YR I registration tab.

For any questions or concerns contact Lisa Toomey email: Itoomey@stdombenicia.org



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPT. 26th – NOV. 4th

We days away from the beginning of the Fall 2018 40 Days For Life Campaign. You have all been very generous with your time in our past campaigns, and so I wanted to reach out again to see if you might be able and willing to participate again this time around.

Privately, you can commit to a program of fasting during the campaign, and/or prayer, meditation and reflection. There is a link to the 40 Day's for Life website <a href="https://40daysforlife.com/">https://40daysforlife.com/</a> that contains information about what is going on all over our country and world with regard to the campaign in helping to save babies' lives and promote a Culture of Life.

Publicly, St. Dominic's is once again joining other local parishes in our area in prayer vigils outside the Planned Parenthood office located at 303 Sacramento St., Vallejo, CA. Our goal is to have a minimum of two people praying at each hour. St. Dominic's parish will be responsible for Wednesdays from 6am to 6pm.

We do these activities as the Body of Christ - witnessing to the beauty, sanctity and dignity of the human person. We pray for mothers and fathers, for their babies and for God's will to be done in their lives.

Please prayerfully consider joining your brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Dominic's and encourage a friend or family member to join you in whatever activity, private and/or public, you choose to do for the building up of a Culture of Life.

You are welcome to e-mail me-tonyh@ctpub.com with an hour that works for your schedule, and I will begin filling out our schedule. God Bless you all and thanks for your prayerful consideration.

SK Tony Hensley, #7268 Campaign Co-Chair

# Pathways to Family Faith Formation

Faith formation at St. Dominic's happens in many places within our community. St. Dominic's School, our Parish Religious Education (RE). Program, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Adult Scripture Study, Sacrament Preparation, and our Home School families are all examples of where continuous learning is happening within our community. The following is an update of what is happening within our Parish RE Program which provides faith formation to our local (K-7) public school community.

#### For Family



St. Dominic's Office of Faith Formation uses the phrase *flipping the classroom* to affirm the undisputed fact that religious education can only

thrive if conversations of faith begin FIRST in the home.

The home is the *crucible* where religious identity is experienced, witnessed and made *real* in the midst of the family. The classroom is flipped in the sense that the home is the primary classroom and parents are the primary teachers. Parishes, clergy, and religious professionals are resources for the family.

#### For Students

Students now have eBooks, providing unlimited web-based access to their classroom textbook electronically through a multitude of electronic devices anytime, anywhere.

Students, with the supervision of their parents, are to set-aside at least one hour weekly at home to discuss chapter themes, primarily through story telling.

#### **For Parents**

New this Fall, parents will receive a weekly email with a link to a fun-based quiz (with answers) about what their child is learning in the classroom that week.

With eAssessments, parents find it fulfilling to reexperience the joy of our faith through the wonder



and awe of their children. Moreover, eAssessments provide parents a wonderful confidence to not only share their faith but also teach by example that faith is truly a life-long journey.



Catholics Returning Home will begin another sixweek series on Tuesday, September 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Siena Room of the Ministry Center. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics or anyone seeking answers to questions and/or doubts about their faith and the Catholic Church. The sessions are structured in a supportgroup format and participants are free to attend as many or as few as they wish. So if you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to join us--or better yet, we invite YOU to journey with them.

Registration is not required. For more information, please call Gaye Rose at (707) 803-3639 or email comehome@stdombenicia.org.

# 6-Week Grief Support Series

### Meets Saturdays, Starting September 22nd at 11:00 am **Ministry Center-Aquinas**

Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted. (MT 5:4)

For more information Joanne Flanagan (707) 747-9416 email: consolation@stdombenicia.org www.stdombenicia.org/grief-support/

#### **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? Training is less than an hour and we'd like you to serve once a month.

Qualifications: A fully initiated Catholic, having celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. 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

### **Together We Do More**



God bless the generous donations of our parishioners. St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the needs of our Benicia community during the month of August.

81 calls assisting 232 individuals Food: 54 deliveries, 185 individuals served Rent Assistance: 9 Individuals Utility Assistance: 23 individuals Lodging Assistance: 0 individuals Backpack & Supplies Assistance: 15 SDS students

Totals for those served: \$5,230

# VOCATIONS

Is the Lord calling you to explore a religious or priestly vocation?

Single, Catholic men ages 20-35 are invited to attend a Come and See Discernment Weekend on October 19-21 or November 9-11 at St. Albert the Great Priory, our Dominican house of studies in Oakland, California. Don't miss this great opportunity to pray, learn about Dominican life, and meet our student brothers, novices, and other friars. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited!

To register, contact Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, O.P., Director of Vocations, at vocations@opwest.org or (510) 658-8722.



#### Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This journey of inquiring, learning and becoming Catholic will lead you to full communion in the Catholic Church.

> Join us for Inquiry Meetings First Wednesday of the month **Next meeting** October 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm In the Ministry Center Siena Room

For more information please contact **Shannon Carter** email: RCIA@stdombenicia.org

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday Tuesday-Friday Closed for lunch (T-F)

Saturday Sunday

Closed 9:00 am-4:00 pm 12:00 pm-1:00 pm 9:00 am-12:00 pm 8:30 am-1:00 pm

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St. Dominic Cemetery: lew6@comcast.net St. Vincent de Paul: SVDP@stdombenicia.org SDYG Youth Choir: joelucero@prodigy.net

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



Don Larkin Maria Bongco Rosendo Lara Gladys Haddad Colleen Morillo Pilar Garcia Kate Papke Tommy Thompson Frances Taglang Gregg Albright Colleen Walker Dorothy Szabo

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

Eutropia Cayabyab, Zoila Lara, Greg Kohrt, Larry Pietrie, Irene Louie, Brian Hughes, Betty Lou Veien, Barbara Mazzitelli, Leo Dejoya, Audrey Hirth, Bishop Richard Garcia, John Jacobs, Beatrice Bernal, Joseph Moffat, Rosalinda Marble

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

## **Eucharistic Adoration** Tuesdays 8:00-9:00pm

In the Church

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours:** Daily Hours: Open to the public 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM Scheduled Adorer Hours Only: 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM

#### **CURRENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NEEDS**

**TUESDAY 11:00 pm** (Weekly or Alternating weeks) Call Dee Case (707) 746-6731

**WEDNESDAY 11:00 am** (Alternating weeks) Call Diane Dawes (925) 963-5373

WEDNESDAY 12:00 pm (2nd and 4th weeks) Call James Werder (707) 853-3107

FRIDAY 1:00 am (Weekly) Call Ed Miller (707) 853-5910

**SATURDAY 1:00 pm** (Every 5th week of the month) Call Millie Resendes (707) 246-9015

**SATURDAY 2:00 pm** (Weekly or alternating weeks) Call Maggie Ruszel (707) 747-0734

**SATURDAY 5:00 pm** (Once every six-week rotation) Call Marie Earp (707) 548-0899

**SUNDAY 11:00 am** (Weekly or alternating weeks) Call Diane Dawes (925) 963-5373

**SUNDAY 2:00 pm** (Once every six-weeks rotation) Call Amy Collins (707) 567-0808

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

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