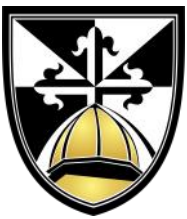


Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

Zephaniah 3:14-18A
Psalm Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

***"Whoever has two cloaks should
share with the person
who has none"***



**St. Dominic's is a Catholic
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Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Mass Intentions

Sun	12/16	7:30 am	(D) Catherine Eugenie Bemish
		9:00 am	(D) Tsui Ping Sai & Lo Foon Yun
		10:45 am	(D) Augusto Duran
		12:30 pm	(T) The People of the Parish
		5:00 pm	(D) Neil Huettenhain
Mon	12/17	6:45 am	(T) Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, OP
		8:15 am	(D) Apolonia de Joya
Tues	12/18	6:45 am	(D) Christopher Guilas
		8:15 am	(D) William Gilbert
Wed	12/19	6:45 am	(T) Santiago & Daniela Martinez
		8:15 am	(D) Nancy Quillin
Thurs	12/20	6:45 am	(D) Elba Folquer
		8:15 am	(D) Valerie Quillin Miller
Fri	12/21	6:45 am	(T) Eddy & Jennifer Ma
		8:15 am	(T) David & Theresa Lee & Family
Sat	12/22	8:15 am	(D) Teresita Ledesma
		5:00 pm	(D) William Woods
Sun	12/23	7:30 am	(A) Peter & Gigi Lee
		9:00 am	(T) Peter Lee
		10:45 am	(D) William Gilbert
		12:30 pm	(T) The People of the Parish
		5:00 pm	(A) Peter & Gigi Lee

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

**Mass & Flower Intentions
Are Open for 2019**



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Sister Elizabeth Marie of the Holy Family was such a beautiful bride last weekend. The vows Mass was celebrated by her brother, Fr. Michael, and, as such, he blessed her "wedding" ring and put it on her. Yes, there were lots of tears of joy in the Church. The entire Hurley clan and about 20 Dominican priests and brothers were in attendance. God is good! If you would like to drop her a card or letter the address is Sister Elizabeth Marie of the Holy Family, St. Dominic's Monastery, 2636 Monastery Road, Linden, VA, 22642.

Holy Advent,
Fr. Jerome

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 November.

56 calls assisting 171 individuals
Food: 46 deliveries & Safeway Certificates
Rent Assistance: \$1,086
Utility Assistance: \$887
Lodging Assistance: \$586
Misc. Assistance: \$326 Storage fees paid
Totals for those served: \$5,727
Delivered 103 Thanksgiving boxes

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

Or by Appointment

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

New Year's Eve Reception & Ball Drop

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2019

Following the New Year's Eve
Vigil Mass at 11:00 pm
In the Parish Hall at 11:55 pm

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to
share along with your special drinks.



Tuesday, December 18th

9:00 am & 7:00 pm

In the Church

Upcoming Events

Church Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 18th at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
In the Church

St. Dominic School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 pm
In the Church

Parish Office CLOSED

Friday, December 21st at noon
Monday, December 24th
Tuesday, December 25th
Monday, December 31st
Tuesday, January 1st

Christmas Mass Schedule Christmas Eve (Vigil) Mass Times

Monday, December 24th
4:00 pm In the Church and Parish Hall
7:00 pm In the Church
9:00 pm In the Church (Vietnamese)

Midnight Mass

12:00 am Preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm
In the Church

Christmas Day Mass Times

Tuesday, December 25th
8:00 am In the Church
10:00 am In the Church
12:00 pm In the Church (Bilingual)

New Year's Eve (Vigil) Mass

Monday, December 31st
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm
In the Church

New Year's Eve Reception

Following the 11:00 pm Mass
In the Parish Hall

New Year's Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1st
8:15 am and 11:00 am
In the Church

St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

Saturday, January 5th at 9:30 am
At the St. Dominic's Cemetery

Catholics Returning Home

Tuesdays, Starting January 8th at 7:00 pm
In the Ministry Center Siena Room

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Series

Fridays, Starting SOON at 7:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

Come Home For Christmas

There's a Place For You Here At St. Dominic's
stdombenicia.org/comehome

Invite Someone Home For Christmas Catholics Returning Home

- ♥ Do you have a family member or friend who is no longer practicing their faith?
- ♥ Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- ♥ Our Catholic faith is a very precious gift, so this Christmas Season we encourage you to share it by extending an invitation to others!

Six week series beginning
Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm
In the Ministry Center Siena Room

Question or for more information please email
comehome@stdombenicia.org

Maybe it's
time to
belong

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

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
January 2nd at 7:00 pm
In the Ministry Center
Siena Room

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

ST. DOMINIC'S TEEN MINISTRIES

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

Youth Ministry

There will be a teen service project on Sunday, 12/16 from 3:00-4:30 pm in the Siena Room. Help is needed assembling 750 Epiphany Kits for parishioners. All are welcome!

Church Environment: Set up for the Christmas liturgies will take place on Saturday, 12/22 at 9:00 am in the Church and 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

A big thank you to Leo Sanchez and the Youth Council for leading the Hot Topic gathering last Sunday and many thanks to all the teens who came together to make blankets last Wednesday.

For more information or to register for youth ministry gatherings, please email Lisa at ltoomey@stdombenicia.org

Confirmation

YR I & YR II Confirmation

Confirmation will resume in January with a parent/teen gathering on Tuesday, 1/8 from 7:00-7:45 pm in the Church. Good luck and many blessings to all teens who will be taking finals this coming week.

For any questions or concerns contact Lisa Toomey at: ltoomey@stdombenicia.org

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OF THE KING



VERITAS

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Have you seen our new website? www.stdombenicia.org



Religious Education

Important Dates

Religious Education Classes (K-7th)

Christmas/New Year's Break No Classes

December 18th & 19th, 25th & 26th
January 1st & 2nd

Classes Resume
January 8th & 9th

Sacrament Preparation

**First Eucharist &
First Reconciliation Sign-ups**
December 3rd - 8th
In the Ministry Center Hallway

First Reconciliation Retreat
February 2nd
10:00 am - 12:00 pm (A-L)
or 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (M-Z)
In the Parish Hall

First Reconciliation Rite
February 9th
10:00 am & 1:00 pm
In the Church

First Eucharist Parent Orientation Meeting
February 18th or 19th
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

First Eucharist Retreat
April 13th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm (A-L)
or 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (M-Z)
In the Parish Hall

First Eucharist Rehearsals (TBA)
April 30th & May 2nd
In the Church

First Eucharist Rite
May 4th
10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Bilingual) & 5:00 pm
May 5th
9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm (Bilingual) & 5:00 pm
All in the Church



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

respectlife@stdombenicia.org



Last year's Walk for Life was the first for me, after several years of my wife badgering me to come along with her. We took the ferry over, bundled up for dank weather, but it turned out to be a gorgeous day in San Francisco, and we were soon peeling layers. I was worried about confrontations with protesters, particularly since it was scheduled the same day as the Women's March. However, the two events did not intersect, and the protesters were few and mild. As we walked the route, enjoying the sunshine and the people around us, it was impossible not to notice that everyone was happy – a sea of humanity, young and old, all shapes, sizes and colors, with an incomparable zest for life and an unshakeable determination to preserve it. Then it dawned on me – I was happy too!

Michael Cavanagh, St. Dominic's Parishioner



Gifts of Stock

To the Church or School

If you would like to donate some "stock"-ing stuffers to St. Dominic's before the end of the tax year please contact Teresa Stone or Ms. Perata, SDS Principal.

Mandatory Retirement Distribution

Did you know you can direct that distribution to St. Dominic's and not have to pay tax on it?

If you have your retirement account pay you directly, you will have to pay federal and state income tax on that money. However, if you have your retirement account direct it to St. Dominic's Church, you will not have to claim it as income and, therefore, you won't have to pay federal and state taxes on that money. If you already take a mandatory retirement distribution and pay income tax on the amount, consider directing the distribution amount, plus the income tax you would pay, to St. Dominic's Church. Please contact Teresa Stone for more information.

We here at St. Dominic's Church and school are not tax or financial advisors and can only give information on how to direct these payments.

LITURGY NOTES GAUDETE SUNDAY


*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!
The Lord is near."*

This weekend, as we continue our journey through the Advent season, we come to the third Sunday of Advent known as "Gaudete" Sunday. The weekend took on a special name that comes from the first Latin word of the entrance antiphon for the Mass, "Gaudete" (Rejoice, Be glad). I would like to share with you some of the interesting facts about this Sunday in Advent.

Gaudete Sunday has its origins in the Gregorian Sacramentary written by Saint Gregory the Great in the tenth century. By the tenth century, the Advent season was reduced from five Sundays to the four that we are familiar with today. In the past, Advent took on the same penitential nature of the Lenten Season. But unlike Lent, the subdued nature of the Advent season is more one of preparation to help us ready ourselves for the birth of Christ. "Gaudete Sunday," as well as "Laetare Sunday" in the Lenten season, offers people the reminder of the goal for the season. In the midst of the solemn nature of the Advent Season, we are offered a time of joy and brightness in anticipation of the joyful occasion of the birth of Christ. We see signs of this joy in the environment; we light the rose colored candle of the Advent wreath, the lighter rose colors are also used to adorn the Altar and sanctuary. The music can take on a more joyful sound with larger use of the instruments as compared to the more subdued nature of the rest of the season. Finally, our prayers in the liturgy changed from looking forward toward the return of Christ to remembering his coming 2018 years ago. At the end of the Collect, for example, we hear, "... see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity." Before the change to the Roman Missal in 2011, the dismissal for the day was "The Lord's coming is close at hand. Go forth in peace to prepare the way of the Lord." All are reminders of the nearness of the Lord's coming.

As we rejoice this day and continue our preparations for the Birth of Christ, it is sometimes difficult in the midst of all the activities to stay focused. Echoing our message, "The Lord's coming is close at hand," I offer you this prayer I ran across from Henry Nouwen: Lord Jesus, Master of both the Light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Francisco Ortiz, Music Director



**MEN'S
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**
JOIN US FOR READINGS & DISCUSSION!

Wednesday, December 19th
7:00 pm In the Parish Office



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 6:00 am (Weekly or alternating)

Call Valerie Bechelli (707) 319-5993

FRIDAY 1:00 am (2nd & 4th weeks)

Call Ed Miller (707) 853-5911

SATURDAY 1:00 pm (2nd & 4th weeks)

Call Millie Resendes (707) 246-9015

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

**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

Mandatory Training Meeting for ALL Ministers

Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 am
In the Church



**Pilgrimage to
Turkey & Greece**

September 16-27, 2019
With Fr. Jerome

Join us as we visit some of the cities of St. Paul's letters and travels: Ephesus, Corinth, and Troas. We will also visit Patmos, where St John was taken up to heaven, and six of the seven churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation chapter 2-3: Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea, and Philadelphia. On our pilgrimage we will visit the Church of the Virgin Mary, the House of Mary, and the Tomb of St. Luke. We will also visit the Hagia Sophia, which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World, in Constantinople. Other cities we will visit include Athens, Delphi, and Troy.

Complete details available online at stdombenicia.org

Missing Parishioners?

Are there people you haven't seen at Sunday Mass lately? There can be lots of reasons, but maybe it's simply they are ill or are unable to drive to Mass any longer.

If you know of these "missing" parishioners, we would like to reach out to them, visit them and bring them Communion if they wish. We need your help by making us aware of these parishioners, and we will do the rest.

Sometimes those who are "shut-in" are very lonely, and don't realize we offer this service. You can really make their lives more enjoyable by giving us their names, and if you know them, their phone numbers and addresses.

It would be a real act of charity on your part if you would call the parish office and provide us with the names of those you haven't seen in a while.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed for lunch (T-F)	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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



Mary Anne Fiori	Monica Pangalanan
Peter Szabo, Sr.	Dave Murphy
Alfonso Corral	Don Larkin
Patricia Butler	Rosendo Lara
Malcolm Duvall	Dorothy Szabo
Linda Webb	

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

William "Bill" Francis,
 Jeanne Jeannette Claudia Susada,
 Bienvenido "Bobby" Anacta, Thomas Gigliotti,
 Pilar Garcia, John Haas, Willie Vallejos,
 Ofelia T. Bitanga, Cynthia Lewis,
 Virginia Lugatiman, Soledad B. Santos,
 Elizabeth "Betty" Hughes, Maria E. Harrington,
 Larry Trusty, Seb Juri, Henry Sandoval

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

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

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