

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 9, 2020

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

**“I am the light of the
world, says the Lord”**



**St. Dominic's is a Catholic
Parish Inspired by
Dominican Spirituality
Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Mass Intentions

Sun	02/09	7:30 am	(T) Joseph Peter Lobo
		9:00 am	(T) Shelly & Anthony Trevino
		10:45 am	(B) Diane Dawes
		12:30 pm	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 pm	(D) Engelbert Villanueva
Mon	02/10	6:45 am	(D) Long Vo
		8:15 am	(D) Diane Dawes
Tues	02/11	6:45 am	(D) Corrine Basilio
		8:15 am	(D) Barbara Piepho
Wed	02/12	6:45 am	(H) Aurora Basilio
		8:15 am	(D) Valerie Quillin Miller
Thurs	02/13	6:45 am	(D) Pam Morin
		8:15 am	(D) Norma Cumay-Ao
Fri	02/14	6:45 am	(T) Jack Curran
		8:15 am	(T) Michael & Natasha Lobo
Sat	02/15	8:15 am	(T) Rolly Tayag
		5:00 pm	(D) Michelina Bosso
Sun	02/16	7:30 am	(D) Teodulo P. Panganiban
		9:00 am	(D) Fr. Finbarr Hayes, O.P.
		10:45 am	(D) Luz Navarro
		12:30 pm	(T) People of the Parish
		5:00 pm	(D) Fe & Gilbert Lagrimas

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

**Altar Flowers in Thanksgiving
Of Kurt & Rexelle Marasigan**



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Pastor's Corner

When pain is overwhelming

Like many people on Facebook, I learned the next day of the suicide of Fr. Evan Harkins of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph on January 28, 2020. Fr. Harkins was only 34 and ordained for seven years. The thought that such a young priest took his own life deeply saddened me and was never far from my consciousness for days. I assumed, incorrectly it turns out, that he suffered from depression. I know what it is like to be "in the pit" (as I've named my experiences of acute depression), and it hurt my heart to think this young man was so deep in that hell-hole that the only way he saw to get out was to end his life. (I count myself fortunate that in my experience of depression I have never been suicidal.)

"Fr. Evan Harkins was consistent as a joyful, faith-filled, hopeful, dedicated priest. He never experienced depression or despair," [Bishop Vann] Johnston said. Harkins "walked on the 'sunny side' of life," the bishop added.

He had been experiencing horrible side-effects (including terrible nightmares) of medication he was prescribed for another medical condition he was being treated for, both of which in turn provoked severe anxiety. It seems Fr. Harkins had been suffering greatly from both disease and the side-effects of medications for about a month prior to his death. It was some combination of these that led to his tragic death.

Here are my takeaways:

1. If your doctor or pharmacist tells you there may be side effects to ANY medication you take or you experience side effects: take them seriously and don't ignore them;
2. If you have a personal or family history of depression, anxiety or bipolar disorder: get familiar with the disease and make sure you have resources easily available to you before you have an acute episode;
3. If you are thinking of taking your own life, talk to someone: a loved one, a mentor, a therapist, your priest, anyone who can share your burden and remind you of the reality that you are not alone in this life. You can also use the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (800) 273-8255;
4. Mental illness has the double whammy of often being invisible to non-suffers and stigmatized when it is known. They are real, medical issues. So if someone you love seems "off," don't be satisfied with "I'm fine" when you first ask. I can tell you from my own experience: it can almost be as scary as the pain itself to admit to someone else, even someone you love and trust, that you're not yourself and to begin to accept another's love and assistance;
5. Offer a prayer, right now, for someone who is considering taking their own life and for the relief of their extreme pain and suffering.

Eternal rest, grant to Fr. Evan, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him and upon all who died by suicide. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Upcoming Events

World Marriage Day Mass & Dinner

Sunday, February 9th

Mass at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, February 23rd at 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Parish Hall

Parish Mardi Gras Pot Luck

Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 pm

Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 26th

6:45 am, 8:15 am

9:15 am (School Mass)

12:30 pm (Ashes Only)

4:00 pm

7:00 pm (Also in the Parish Hall)

All In the Church

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Fridays, February 28th - April 3rd

6:30 pm In the Church

Soup Supper following in the Parish Hall



Each year, Bishop Jaime Soto extends an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing, adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento, who have received religious instruction, but for various reasons were never confirmed.

The next celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.**

This opportunity is presented for those informed, adult Catholics, who practice their faith in the parish community. Because it is appropriate that each parish offer formation for those who wish to be confirmed. Please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at (707) 335-4674 or ekissinger@stdombenicia.org.

To participate the candidate must be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion), be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate issued within the past 6 months, and have Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Classes begin

Sunday, March 15th

2:00 - 3:30 pm

In the Ministry Center Siena Room

~ 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

~ Ministries ~

Adoration Ministry: adoration@stdombenicia.org
Altar Servers: altarservers@stdombenicia.org
American Heritage Girls: AHG@stdombenicia.org
Catholics Returning Home: comehome@stdombenicia.org
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GIFT (Growing In Faith Together): gift@stdombenicia.org
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Knights of Columbus: beniciaknights@gmail.com
Lazarus Ministry: lazarus@stdombenicia.org
Lectors: lectors@stdombenicia.org
Men's Faith & Fellowship: mensfaith@stdombenicia.org
Music Ministry: fortiz@stdombenicia.org
Prayer Line: prayers@stdombenicia.org
RCIA: RCIA@stdombenicia.org
Respect Life: respectlife@stdombenicia.org
Seven Sorrows Rosary: 7sorrows@stdombenicia.org
St. Dominic Cemetery: lew6@comcast.net
St. Vincent de Paul: SVDP@stdombenicia.org



**Parish
Pot Luck!**

**Tuesday, February 25th
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Parish Hall**

**Rosary of Life For Those
with Cancer**



If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with cancer whether recently, ongoing or even in remission and would like prayerful support, come and join us in praying an intentional rosary for dealing with the effects of cancer.

**3rd Tuesday of the Month
February 18th
at 7:00 pm
In the Church**

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



Sister Mary Angela, OP	Gladys Haddad
Jim Guinasso	Max Capurro
Alma Johnson	Alice Louie
Jean Greer	George Louie
Sara Smith	Albert Horvath
Joe Bosso	Tim Wade
Dana Joy	Bessie Sharp
Lydia Leveriza	Jane Gasper

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

James Lemos, Maria Alves, Connie Cavalieri,
Shirley Go, Tony Donato, Barbara Piepho,
Jin Chul Kim, Jose Maria Miramontes,
Michael Powell, Andrew Koper

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

**It is good to give.
It is much better to
give & be smart!**

Those of you who are generous with your financial blessings may have noticed that the 2017 changes to the US tax law resulted in a significant increase to the federal standard deduction. For most folks this makes little or no difference. For some of you it may mean that charitable giving does not offer you the same tax advantage as it did before 2018.

If you are a moderate donor, armed with some information and some planning, you may be able to take advantage of a DONOR ADVISED (charitable) FUND (DAF) to increase your tax benefit while you maintain your current level of giving to St. Dominic's Church and all other 501(c)(3) charities that you help financially.

If you are interested in more information contact Teresa Stone (tstone@stdombenicia.org) at the parish business office. She can put you in touch with a fellow parishioner (not a salesperson) who will be happy to answer your questions about his recent, positive experience with this financial tool for smarter giving.

RCIA Alumni

Looking for any of the RCIA Alumni readers to participate in the Lenten Stations & Soup Supper on Friday, March 13th
Please contact Shannon Carter
RCIA@stdombenicia.org

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Buddahful Salon Amy Pappas, Owner/Stylist (707) 745-4409, 814 First St.	Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy Wills/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice (707) 553-7360	George Schandelmier Landscaping georgeschandelmierjrlandscaping.com (707) 554-2722
Care Network, LLC Home Care Services/Placement Referral (707) 747-2720, Carmen Haban	Vincent R. Maher, The Maher Law Group Certified Specialist Criminal Law (707) 427-2800, 724 Texas St, Fairfield	Shutters and More Bill Simpson, Parishioner (707) 746-8187
Crane Station, Inc. Rex Sevilla—Crane and Electrical Services (800) 891-3888	James M. McVeigh Certified Public Accountant (707) 746-5604	Teresa Stone- Notary Services tstone@stdombenicia.org (707) 330-0773
Eagle Vines Realty-American Canyon (707) 373-3139, Ron Banasik Broker/Owner (707) 333-9656, Lisa Guerrero Agent	Minuteman Press Copy, Print, Posters & Banners (707) 647- 1000, 812 Tennessee St, Vallejo	Touch of Faith Catholic Gift Shop 725 Jefferson St. Fairfield, CA (707) 425-3393, M-F 10-4
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David Galligan, REALTOR Berkshire Hathaway HS Drysdale Properties (707) 319-5397 Call/Text DRE00847290	Napoli Pizza and Pasta Chris & Lisa Guerrero- Owners (707) 746-8906, www.napolibenicia.com	Up2Code Plumbing Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714
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	Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602	Water Heaters Express- Robert Gurulé Water Heater Repair and Installation (707) 334-6567

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WEDNESDAY 5:00 am

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Dennis Hirth @ (707) 747-9609

WEDNESDAY 9:00 am

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Lydia Pasco @ (707) 656-5109

WEDNESDAY 10:00 am

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Siane Peters @ (707) 771-0549

WEDNESDAY 11:00 am

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Diane Dawes @ (925) 963-5373

SUNDAY 6:00 am or 7:00 am

(1st, 2nd, 5th weeks)

Call John Elizalde @ (707) 567-5515

SUNDAY 10:00 am

(2nd & 4th weeks)

Call Siane Peters @ (707) 771-0549

SUNDAY 7:00 pm

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Antonia Gomez @ (707) 567-0658

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Hours:

Daily Hours: Open to the public 7:00 am – 8:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel

Scheduled Adorer Hours Only: 8:00 pm – 7:00 am in the Adoration Chapel

Parish-wide Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 pm in the Church

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

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