

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT March 1, 2020

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

**“Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.”**



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

Mass Intentions

Sun	03/01	7:30 am	(B) Michi Aman Sanderson
		9:00 am	(D) Jim Lemos
		10:45 am	(T) John & Josephine McAfee
		12:30 pm	(T) Nancy & Gavin McAllister
		5:00 pm	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	03/02	6:45 am	(H) Lydia Leveriza
		8:15 am	(B) Consuelo Ingle
Tues	03/03	6:45 am	(T) Rose Ursua
		8:15 am	(H) Frank Franning
Wed	03/04	6:45 am	(T) Allan & Analyn Mendoza
		8:15 am	(H) Hildegard Melander
Thurs	03/05	6:45 am	(D) Jim Guinasso
		8:15 am	(D) Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P.
Fri	03/06	6:45 am	(D) Leila Rilloraza Garcia
		8:15 am	(H) Ulrich Von Innes
Sat	03/07	8:15 am	(D) Teodora Rodriguez
		5:00 pm	(D) Adeline Turajski
Sun	03/08	7:30 am	(D) Epifanio Sunpayco
		9:00 am	(D) Maria Alves
		10:45 am	(T) Lobo Family
		12:30 pm	(T) Antonio & Antonia Gomez
		5:00 pm	(T) People of the Parish

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



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Pastor's Corner

What, me? Penance?

Truth be told, we have some bizarre images of penance. They run the gamut from the childishly insipid to a sort of spiritual masochism. In the latter extreme, God becomes the ultimate voyeur-sadist: enjoying human suffering, particularly if it is self-inflicted. Consequently, Lent becomes a whole season of ecclesiastically endorsed, self-inflicted misery to make God happy. (As if there is not enough suffering in the world to make any sadist squeal with delight.) I think not.

Properly understood, penance is a response to a frustrating reality in human life. St. Paul puts it simply: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7:19) Everyone suffers from this to one degree or another. "In everyone, the weeds of sin will still be mixed with the good wheat of the Gospel until the end of time." (CCC #827) This is not pessimistic; it is simply a statement of the reality of our broken human nature.

Anyone with a green thumb (like Fr. David) will tell you that weeding is hard, constant, often frustrating work. However, it is necessary for a garden to thrive. It is easy to spot the difference between someone who takes care of a patch of ground and someone who does not. But weeds pop up even in the most highly manicured garden. Weeds have a mind-boggling ability to survive our best efforts to eradicate them. Doesn't that sound like sin in our life?

So like any garden, we need to be weeded. We need to remove those things in our lives that prevent us from thriving. It may be painful at the moment, but the results are more than worth it. Some sins/weeds are easy: we pull them up and they are gone. Others have highly developed "root systems" that make them particularly pernicious, addictions being the most extreme systemic evil. These are the ones that need penance.

The experience of Christians (and others) throughout history recommends three preeminent penitential tools to help us in our weeding task: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They work closely together to help us recognize and break the hold of sin in our life and the life of the community.

Prayer is more than coming to Mass on Sunday, saying an occasional rosary and reciting prayers by rote. Prayer is meant to be, in short, the foretaste of heaven, of the Beatific Vision! If our prayer life is more like a checklist to avoid Hell than an ever-deepening relationship with the One inviting us to Heaven, we are missing the point! The source of true prayer is love, not fear. Authentic prayer moves us away from fear into love. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love." (1 John 4:18) Again, it is God's initiative and we respond: "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Fasting is another powerful tool in our arsenal. It quickly strips us of the illusion that we do not need anyone or anything outside of ourselves. (Maybe that is why it is so unpopular as a spiritual practice these days.) It reminds us of our radical dependence on God's grace not only for our spiritual lives, but for our existence as well. On the purely physical level, it reminds us what it feels like to be hungry, if only for a few hours. We can choose this, others cannot. Fasting also helps us recognize and purify our desires.

Almsgiving is a synonym for what we call "charity" in our day. "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1 Cor. 4:7) As we acknowledge how much we have received, how good God and others have been to us, it is much easier to be generous to others. The practice of almsgiving helps meet the real needs of others; we are invited to imitate God who freely and generously gave to us.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three powerful ways of practicing penance. Penance is not meant to punish us, but to help us thrive, even if it is painful at the moment. By doing penance, by weeding our garden as it were, we prepare ourselves to experience eternal life. The best reward any gardener receives is seeing the garden in a glorious full bloom and bearing fruit. It is what makes all the hard work worthwhile. Let's "do" Lent in this spirit!

Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Fridays, February 28th - April 3rd

6:30 pm In the Church

Soup Supper following in the Parish Hall

Consolation Ministry Training Workshop

Saturday, February 29th, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Ministry Center Mary Magdalene Room

Exodus Bible Study

Wednesday's, March 4th-April 8th

at 9:15 am & 7:00 pm

Ministry Center

St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 am

St. Dominic's Cemetery Hayes Pavilion

Grief Support Series

Saturdays, March 7th - April 4th at 11:00 am

Ministry Center Aquinas Room

Visit Vina with Fr. David

Monday, March 9th leaving 9:00 am

Carpooling, meet in front of Church

166th Parish Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, March 14th at 6:30 pm

Benicia City Clocktower

~ Ministries ~

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Altar Servers: altarservers@stdombenicia.org
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St. Dominic Cemetery: lew6@comcast.net
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Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:



Sister Mary Angela, OP	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
Gladys Haddad	

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

Joseph Hurst, Teresa "Tess" Porter,
 Leroy Howell, Jim Guinasso, Eileen Novoa,
 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

166th Parish Anniversary & St. Patrick's Dinner

March 14th
Get tickets today!

Tickets on sale at all Masses!
 Looking for volunteers for this one day event
 please contact Joe Thurin at jmt1687@yahoo.com

6-Week Grief Support Series

Meets Saturday's,
 March 7th - April 4th
 at 11:00 am

In the Ministry Center Aquinas Room

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

For more information contact Joanne Flanagan
 Email: consolation@stdombenicia.org

<http://www.stdombenicia.org/grief-support/>

Visit Vina with Fr. David



Monday,
 March 9th
 Carpooling
 9:00 am sharp
 Bring a bag lunch



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A Journey in Faith

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and what the Catholic Church offers us? St. Dominic Catholic Church in Benicia has a great and welcoming faith community.

Inquirers Meeting
Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm
Ministry Center Aquinas Room

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Sunday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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Call Siane Peters @ (707) 771-0549

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Call Diane Dawes @ (925) 963-5373

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(1st, 2nd, 5th weeks)

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SUNDAY 10:00 am

(2nd & 4th weeks)

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SUNDAY 7:00 pm

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Antonia Gomez @ (707) 567-0658

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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

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