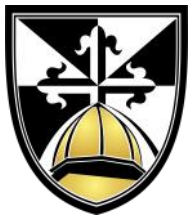


5th SUNDAY OF LENT March 29, 2020

Ezakiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

**“With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of
redemption.”**

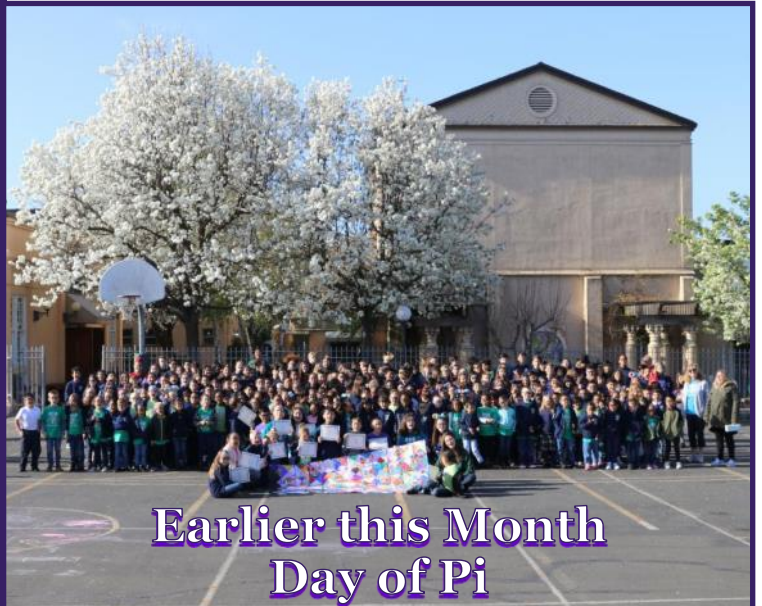


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Mass Intentions

Sun	03/29	7:30 am	(D) Ventura Lustan
		9:00 am	(D) Barbara Piepho
		10:45 am	(B) Shawn Quillin
		12:30 pm	(D) Adeline Turajski
		5:00 pm	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	03/30	6:45 am	(D) Tony Donato
		8:15 am	(D) Antonio Aganon
Tues	03/31	6:45 am	(D) Dolores Magnelli
		8:15 am	(B) Vergil Rodriguez
Wed	04/01	6:45 am	(B) Rose Harris
		8:15 am	(H) Arlene McDaniel
Thurs	04/02	6:45 am	(H) Arlene McDaniel
		8:15 am	(A) Fr. David Farrugia, O.P.
Fri	04/03	6:45 am	(B) Rose Harris
		8:15 am	(D) Elpidio Masbad, Sr.
Sat	04/04	8:15 am	(H) Lydia Leveriza
		5:00 pm	(T) The Lobo Family
Sun	04/05	7:30 am	(D) Larry Watson
		9:00 am	(D) Lorraine Frits
		10:45 am	(T) People of the Parish
		12:30 pm	(D) Ken Plant
		5:00 pm	(D) Beau Faw

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



**Earlier this Month
Day of Pi**



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Pastor's Corner

Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

This past Wednesday was the solemnity of the Annunciation. As we learned from a Br. Athanasius Report around Christmas time, there is a sound argument to be made that Jesus' birth really was around the end December. And if this is the case, then of course his conception would be nine months before, namely at the end of March. Jesus' conception happened after the archangel Gabriel asked Mary's consent to be the Mother of God, or in Greek, the Theotokos, or God-Bearer. It is the giving of her consent, her being overshadowed by the power of God, and the conception of the Word-made-flesh the feast of the Annunciation celebrates.

There are a number of things I love about the scene. First and foremost is that Mary is not afraid until **after** the angel speaks. In every other apparition in both the Old and New Testaments, the person to whom the angel appears is frightened by the angel's presence, even before it speaks. Mary, being "full of grace," that is without sin, is not frightened by the appearance of the divine messenger. To me this is an image of heaven: when a person is without sin, that person is perfectly comfortable in the presence of the divine, even here on Earth. How much more will it be the case in heaven!

Another thing that gets my attention is that the Blessed Mother, unlike many others and especially St. Peter, reflects and ponders before making a response. In our modern world, so many of us are like Peter and blurt out the first thing that comes to mind, rather than taking a moment. That is part of the dark side of social media: once an ill-advised statement is out there, there is no taking it back, ever. More people need to ask themselves: Is what I'm thinking of saying true? Is it useful? Can this person hear it from me? To put it another way, we have two ears and one mouth: they should be used in that proportion.

Finally, I have always loved Mary's Fiat: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." It is a beautiful expression of her faith and trust in God. Like all of the patriarchs, prophets, and so many others, she had no idea what the implications of her "yes" to God would be. And like all of her Jewish forbears, the implications were huge! Her "yes" began God's crowning act of salvation history.

We all know that we are living in an unprecedented moment in human history. That is precisely why I brought up the Annunciation. Salvation history is full of examples of God acting in unexpected ways, at unexpected times, and through unexpected people. The Annunciation is the "sine plus none" example. And my point is this: God can, and does, and will act in ways we are not expecting in these days. Let us take a moment (or many!) and reflect. Let us turn our spiritual senses outward and look, really look to see God's fingerprints. They are there, I assure you.

Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.

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All Public Events Paused

St. Dominic School will be distance learning until April 20th

Masses Live Stream
Monday-Saturday 8:15 am
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am
& 12:30 pm
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SVdP Giving

As a Community of Faith, we are being tested by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite these challenges, **we remain committed to serving the poor** and needy neighbors in our Community. We want you to know that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will never waiver in our common fellowship with you, and with our neighbors in the Benicia community.

This Sunday is our 5th Sunday collection.

Until Masses resume:

Please Donate Online at stdombenicia.org to SVdP Fund.

Mail a Check to SVdP c/o St. Dominic's at 475 East I Street, Benicia, CA 94510

If you know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call 707-746-1773.

Lenten Baby Bottle Drive

The Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home is an awesome resource for mothers who wish to choose life, but are struggling financially or in some other significant way and need help. They provide temporary shelter, counseling services, food and clothing, financial support, as well as assistance with adoption services if they so choose. This is an excellent opportunity to do almsgiving to support pro-life activities during the Lenten season.



Please save your baby bottle money and we will collect it when we are back to the office. We are grateful for our wonderful generous community.

~ Ministries ~

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Let's Celebrate!

POSTPONED

Fr. David's 60th Anniversary
10:45 am Mass
& Reception

Knights' Scholarships

For ANY 8th Grade Student of the Parish

- public, parochial, charter or home-school
- who will continue at a Catholic High School
- who meets the requirements
- **\$500 each** to the TOP 2 Applicants



For ANY 6th-12th Grade Student of a Fr. Vilarrasa Council Knight of Columbus

- public, parochial, charter or home-school
- who meets the requirements
- **\$500 each** to the TOP 6th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade Applicants

Applications available by contacting the Knights at BeniciaKnights@gmail.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – APRIL 3, 2020

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



Sister Mary Angela, OP	Gladys Haddad
Margaret Lobo	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:

Jacobo Uy, Anthony Sylvester, Robin Quandt,
 Judy Ann Hall, 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

Scholarship Opportunity for Nursing Students



To honor their loving wife and mother, the Carl Family has established the Lois Anne Carl Memorial Nursing Scholarship for students who attended St. Dominic School and are currently in an accredited RN program, or in the last two years of their BSN program.

If you or someone you know is interested, scholarship packets can e mailed by contacting Teresa Stone at tstone@stdombenicia.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2020.

Questions regarding the scholarship can be directed to Kristin Schiber at kac9470@sbcglobal.net.

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