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.”

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

Mass Intentions

Sun 03/29 7:30 am (D) Ventura Lustan
9:00 am (D) Barbara Piepho
10:45 am (B) Shawn Quilllin
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

475 East I Street, Benicia, CA, 94510
(707) 747-7220  www.stdombenicia.org
@stdombenicia #stdominicsbenicia
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.
frcarl@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4668

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
Watch online at www.stdombenicia.org

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel
St. Dominic’s’ Catholic Church, Benicia
Where you can watch it even if you missed it!

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 1 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.
Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Sister Mary Angela, OP
Margaret Lobo
Alma Johnson
Jean Greer
Sara Smith
Joe Bosso
Dana Joy
Lydia Leveriza
Gladys Haddad
Max Capurro
Alice Louie
George Louie
Albert Horvath
Tim Wade
Bessie Sharp
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 be emailed by contacting Teresa Stone at tstone@stdombenencia.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2020.

Questions regarding the scholarship can be directed to Kristin Schriber at kac9470@sbcglobal.net.
Please support the following businesses owned by members of our parish community.
Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Phone Numbers</th>
<th>Services</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A &amp; S Chem Dry, Anthony &amp; Shelly Trevino</td>
<td>(707) 748-7729</td>
<td>Serving St. Dominic’s Parish for over 20 years!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Healthy Options Vending</td>
<td>(707) 750-3835, Tery or Shane Carnahan</td>
<td>Break room services, coffee &amp; vending.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Passalacqua Funeral Chapel</td>
<td>(707) 745-3130</td>
<td>John Passalacqua/Greg Silva, Directors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All Souls Cemetery &amp; Funeral Center</td>
<td>(707) 744-5209</td>
<td>FD2286 Funeral, Mortuary, Cremation &amp; Burial.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist</td>
<td>(707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.</td>
<td>Exams, Glasses, Contacts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RCS Transports, LLC</td>
<td>(707) 557-3781 / (707) 315-4652</td>
<td>Non-Emergency Medical Transport</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amso Healthy Chiropractic</td>
<td>(707) 752-2990</td>
<td>310 Military West</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kindred Spirits Pet/House Sitting</td>
<td>(707) 334-3776</td>
<td>Dorothy Doscher</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reyes Electric Co. &amp; Design</td>
<td>(707) 747-6818</td>
<td>LIC#32877 Residential/ Commercial</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATS Tax &amp; Financial Solutions Tax</td>
<td>(707) 745-1040</td>
<td>Angels to your rescue! Returns/ QB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Offices of Randal M. Barnum</td>
<td>(707) 745-3747 Se Habla Español</td>
<td>Employment, Personal Injury Litigation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sac’s Tasty Hot Dogs</td>
<td>(707) 642-2442, 2445 Springs Rd, Vallejo</td>
<td>George &amp; Karolyn Maichel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BarocciMotorGroup.com</td>
<td>(510) 235-1500</td>
<td>Luxury Lease Returns, Tony &amp; Rita Nino</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Offices of Thomas R. Healy</td>
<td>(707) 553-7360</td>
<td>Willis/Trusts/Estate Planning/General Practice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Schandelmier Landscaping</td>
<td>(707) 554-2722</td>
<td>georgeschandelmierjrlandscaping.com</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Buddahful Salon</td>
<td>(707) 745-4409, 814 First St.</td>
<td>Amy Pappas, Owner/Stylist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vincent R. Maher, The Maher Law Group</td>
<td>(707) 427-2800, 724 Texas St, Fairfield</td>
<td>Certified Specialist Criminal Law</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shuttors and More</td>
<td>(707) 746-8187</td>
<td>Bill Simpson, Parishioner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Care Network, LLC</td>
<td>(707) 747-2720, Carmen Haban</td>
<td>Home Care Services/Placement Referral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James M. McVeigh</td>
<td>(707) 746-5604</td>
<td>Certified Public Accountant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teresa Stone- Notary Services</td>
<td>(707) 739-0773</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tstone@stdombenicia.org">tstone@stdombenicia.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crane Station, Inc.</td>
<td>(800) 891-3888</td>
<td>Rex Sevilla–Crane and Electrical Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minuteman Press</td>
<td>(707) 647-1000, 812 Tennessee St, Vallejo</td>
<td>Copy, Print, Posters &amp; Banners</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Touch of Faith Catholic Gift Shop</td>
<td>(707) 425-3393, M-F 10-4</td>
<td>725 Jefferson St. Fairfield, CA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eagle Vines Realty-American Canyon</td>
<td>(707) 373-3139, Ron Banasik Broker/Owner</td>
<td>(707) 745-3656</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mr. Lawn Landscape Service</td>
<td>(707) 747-5273</td>
<td>Landscaping, Maintenance &amp; Installation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuolumne Street Auto Repair</td>
<td>(707) 648-3434</td>
<td>John McLaughlin, Parishioner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Furniture Service &amp; Repair</td>
<td>(707) 746-0169</td>
<td>Charlie H. White, Design/Shopworking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water Heaters Express- Robert Gurulé</td>
<td>(707) 334-6567</td>
<td>Robert Gurulé</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Galligan, REALTOR</td>
<td>(707) 319-5397 Call/Text DRE00847290</td>
<td>Berkshire Hathaway HS Drysdale Properties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Old Capital Lockshop</td>
<td>(707) 745-5244</td>
<td>Automotive Lock Specialist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warring &amp; Assoc. Realtors</td>
<td>(707) 746-6990</td>
<td>Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street</td>
<td>(707) 246-6567 DRE01348061</td>
<td>Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Olson Realty, Inc.</td>
<td>(707) 745-3602</td>
<td>Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water Heaters Express</td>
<td>(707) 739-0773</td>
<td>Robert Gurulé</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Parish Office Hours
Monday & Saturday: Closed
Tuesday–Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 am (Closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm for Lunch)
Sunday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Bulletin Advertising, Ministry Events, Scheduling & Promotion please email: ltelepak@stdombenicia.org
TWO FREE SERVICES FOR YOU
You can use these tools to help the Dominicans or St. Dominic’s!

Don’t have a Will?
Visit FreeWill.com/opwest to create one.
Protect your loved ones and assets by using this secure online tool to easily create a last will and testament. Most people finish in about 20 minutes.

Age 70 1/2?
Visit FreeWill.com/qcd/opwest to make a gift from your IRA.
This simple online tool will help you complete the right form for a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Dominicans or your parish, which can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution.

FREEWILL
FreeWill.com/opwest

DOMINICAN FRIARS
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

WE’RE PLEASED TO OFFER THESE TOOLS FOR FREE, NO GIFTS TO THE FRIARS ARE REQUIRED.