

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**"Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!"**



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Parish Inspired by  
Dominican Spirituality  
Igniting the Faith for the  
Salvation of Souls**

## Mass Intentions

Sun	03/14	7:00 a.m.	(B) Fr. Finbarr John Hayes, O.P.
		9:00 a.m.	(D) Rodolf Diaz, Sr.
		11:00 a.m.	(D) Stephen Ngo
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Irina Ortiz
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of People
Mon	03/15	6:45 a.m.	(D) Celedonio Hernandez
		8:15 a.m.	(D) Iluminada M. Panganiban
Tues	03/16	6:45 a.m.	(B) Jose Ortiz
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Nina Aquino
Wed	03/17	6:45 a.m.	(D) Emma Delfin
		8:15 a.m.	(D) Arsenio Merrera
Thurs	03/18	6:45 a.m.	(D) Josefina Escala
		8:15 a.m.	(D) Janet Acconero
Fri	03/19	6:45 a.m.	(H) William J. Telepak
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Hampton Family
Sat	03/20	8:15 a.m.	(D) Juanito Garcia, Sr.
		5:00 p.m.	(T) Dr. Robert Madsen
Sun	03/21	7:00 a.m.	(D) Lydia Ruth Limjoco
		9:00 a.m.	(D) Rodolfo "Jojo" Diaz, Jr.
		11:00 a.m.	(H) Dan Foley
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Trujillo
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

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

**Mass Intentions available  
Contact Alisa aaquino@stdombenicia.org**



## Lenten Confessions Times

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Confession times will last approximately one hour,  
please arrive early, follow the signs, and do not gather  
in the vestibule at anytime.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.** - Live-streamed Only\*  
**Sunday: 7:00 a.m.** - In Church & Live-streamed\*  
**Sunday: 9:00 a.m.** - In Church & Live-streamed\*  
**Sunday: 11:00 a.m.** - Outside (Small Lot)  
**Sunday: 1:00 p.m.** - In Church & Live-streamed\*

### Daily Mass

**Monday - Saturday: 8:15 a.m.**  
In Church & Live-streamed\*

\*All live-streamed Masses will be followed by  
Holy Communion in front of church.



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## Pastor's Corner

### The Meaning of the Cross

Even we Catholics, who are notorious for not being able to quote Scripture chapter and verse, know John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." It is a beautiful thought expressing both the nature of God and the divine intention for humanity. With absolute freedom, God chose to create and to love creation. God chose to enter into a close, personal relationship with the human race through the Jewish people. And that saving relationship is meant for all humanity. As the Lord Jesus told the woman at the well, "Salvation [for all] is from the Jews." (Jn. 4:22)

(The first reading today is a short summary of sinful humanity's response to God's many and repeated overtures: infidelity, mockery, derision, and violence.) To say our response to God has been mixed is generous. This is true both on an individual level and on a community level. While sin does indeed alienate us from God, God is always ready to welcome back a penitent sinner, as for example shown by the life of King David and Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, or as it should be more properly called, the parable of the Prodigal Father. (Again, this goes back to God's nature and manifest choices for dealing with His wayward children.)

Jesus begins his lesson to Nicodemus and us today with a startling image: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." (Jn. 3:15) We should think of this verse every time we look at a crucifix, because when we do so, we are gazing on our salvation. God took our response and completely transformed it: the means of our downfall became the means of our salvation. Through the Cross, St. Paul says, "even when we were dead in our transgressions, [God] brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved—, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:5)

Rather than "rubbing our noses" in our sinfulness, hatefulness, and violence, the Cross is God's ultimate "I love you" to humanity. God takes all of it, and I mean ALL of our sinfulness and brokenness, upon Himself and transforms it. Only God could bring justification from condemnation, reconciliation from alienation, and ultimately life from death. It is the wonder of this transformation that we see when we look at a crucifix.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You; because by Your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world!

**Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.**  
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## Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Live-streamed weekly at 6:30 p.m.

[www.watchstddom.com](http://www.watchstddom.com)

March 19

Guadalupe Association

March 26

St. Vincent de Paul

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and protocols Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent will be live-streamed only.

We will publish the recipe for the soup of the week along with a video for those who would like to enjoy these yummy recipes. We hope you will gather together in fellowship virtually.

You can find the links and all of this information on our website at  
<https://www.stddombenicia.org/leat>

*Come Let Us Adore Him!*

**Available**  
**Adoration Hours**  
[adoration@stdombenicia.org](mailto:adoration@stdombenicia.org)  
 Monday 2 a.m. – Weekly  
 Thursday 8 a.m. – Weekly  
 Friday 7 a.m. – Weekly  
 Friday 8 a.m. – Weekly  
 Friday 6 p.m. – 2nd, 4th, 5th Weeks  
 Saturday 3 - 6 a.m. – Weekly\*

Parish Financial Report 7/1/2020-02/282021			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	+ / - Budget
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	\$ 617,791	\$ 666,667	\$ (48,876)
<b>Second Collections:</b>			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 24,197	\$ 33,333	\$ (9,136)
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 5,270	\$ 7,333	\$ (2,063)
<i>SDS Tuition Assistance</i>	\$ 5,904		
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 48,701		
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 735,939	\$ 848,994	\$ (113,055)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 724,374	\$ 848,523	\$ (124,148)
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	\$ 11,565	\$ 472	\$ (11,093)



## Church Banners



**The Mocking of Christ (cell 7) Convento di San Marco, Florence. By Fra Angelico circa 1437-1443**

To portray the mocking of Christ, Fra Angelico painted a regal, blindfolded Christ figure crowned with thorns; the throng of jeering soldiery appear only as a group of disembodied hands and a

loutish head, cap raised in sarcasm, spitting upon Christ. By abstracting all but the essential central image, Frangelico makes the eye travel through the curve of space to return endlessly to its starting point the perfect movement theologians ascribe to the contemplative soul. On a low step at the front of the picture sits the Virgin and Saint Dominic. Neither regard Christ but sit with their backs turned towards him in poses of intense meditation. This position is the 8th way of prayer; reflective reading as all of the frescoes in the convent of San Marco demonstrate the nine ways of Prayer of Saint Dominic.

**Crucifixion with the Virgin, Mary Magdalene and St. Dominic (cell 25) Convento di San Marco, Florence By Fra Angelico circa 1441**

Christ has died, as testified by the blood pouring from his side. The Virgin looks away, she has witnessed so much. She has a look of deep sorrow on her face and at the same time has a look of compilation, trying to understand all that has taken place in the last 24 hours. Mary Magdalene embraces the foot of the cross mirroring her act of washing Christ's feet with her tears and wiping them dry with her hair. St. Dominic stands in reflection modeling the 5th way of prayer, Recollective Meditation: Hands held out reverently or clasped as in liturgy, listening to receive from God.



## Grief Support

You are not alone. We are here for you.

Please contact **Patti Erickson**  
at [consolation@stdombenicia.org](mailto:consolation@stdombenicia.org)  
or leave a phone message at 707.745.3502.

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

# St. Dominic School

## 2021 Science Fair

### We Need Judges!

If you are interested in supporting the science fair and our future scientists, please contact Monica Lira at [wmlira@att.net](mailto:wmlira@att.net).

### The Life and Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins by Br. John Peter Anderson



**Sunday, February 21st  
at 3:00 p.m.**

Join Br. John Peter's Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564219503>

For questions or assistance email Br. John Peter at [jpanderson@stdombenicia.org](mailto:jpanderson@stdombenicia.org)

## THE PROVINCIAL Gala

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Each year, Bishop 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 is scheduled (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) May 22nd/23rd potentially at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.**

Candidates will be prepared at the parish level by completing a minimum of 8 sessions held over a series of **Sundays beginning March 21, 2021, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.** via video-conferencing. Sacrament preparation will include prayer, scripture and a review of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

*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 a Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic and at least 16 years of age.*

For questions or further information, please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at [ekissinger@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ekissinger@stdombenicia.org).



## ST. DOMINIC'S TEEN MINISTRIES

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

### YR I Confirmation

#### March 15

Teen Small Group Gathering with Catechist  
6:30-7:30 p.m. – The zoom link will arrive by March 15 at 5 p.m.

#### March 22

Parent/Teen Large Group Gathering with Fr. Gregory  
6:30-7:30 p.m. – The zoom link will arrive by March 22 at 5 p.m.

### YR II Confirmation

#### March 14

Teen Large Group Gathering with Catechist  
6:30-8:00 p.m. - The zoom link will arrive by 5 p.m. on March 14.

#### March 21

Teen Large Group Gathering with Catechist  
6:30-7:30 p.m. -The zoom link will arrive by 5 p.m. on March 21.

### Youth Ministry

#### Serve at the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano

Parent/Teen service opportunity. Sign up at <https://www.foodbankccs.org/>

#### Diocesan Youth Ministry Gathering – Navigate

The theme for this month's Navigate gathering is "Weathering the Storm." It will take place on Sunday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. via zoom or YouTube. All teens are welcome! Please go to [scd.org/navigate](http://scd.org/navigate) for the link.

#### Knots for Love Service Project

Make blankets for the newly baptized babies of our Parish. All supplies provided.

#### Camp Pendola Zoom Hangout

A diocesan opportunity for teens to gather on Monday, March 15th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Meet new friends and create a seasonal craft. RSVP at [www.pendola.org](http://www.pendola.org)

#### Cards for Caring

Make homemade Easter cards for various members of our community. All supplies provided. Many cards are needed!

#### Adoration

Join the youth of St. Dominic's for an evening of Adoration on Monday, March 22nd from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Please email Lisa at [ltoomey@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ltoomey@stdombenicia.org) to receive the link.

#### Podcast - Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Have you ever struggled to read the Bible? If so, this podcast is for you! Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as he takes listeners through the Bible in 365, daily episodes. To access this podcast, go to the *Bible 1 Yr* tab on the myParish App.

For more information please contact Lisa Toomey at [ltoomey@stdombenicia.org](mailto:ltoomey@stdombenicia.org) or 707.335.4697.



## Rosary for the Sick

Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m.

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## Lent 2021 - Dive Deeper

Using the St. Dominic's myParish app will allow you to dive deeper into your spiritual health and well being. Offering prayer reminders, rosary, Mass times, and much more! All in one app!

### Brand New Button Bible 1yr

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



Dan Wolke  
Damien Carlon  
Bob Dixon & Family  
Lisa Santini  
Daniel Foley  
Margaret Lobo  
Bill Telepak  
Ed Stone  
Tim & Michelle Wade  
Carl Viesti  
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Donna W.  
Peggy Burton  
Stan Gabel  
Joanne Flanagan  
Alma Johnson  
Bessie Sharp  
Jane Gasper

**Please remember** the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:  
Celedonio Hernandez, William Young Roberson I, Larry Fullington, Jr., John Rachal, Rhina Maria Ty, Manuel Lira, Marie Miller Smith, Sr. Mary Angela, OP, Robert Dubois, Tita Merino, Don McConlogue, Carmelita Diaz, Maria Caballero, Carlos Caballero, Jr., Patricia McShane, Michael Quiambao, Paul Canumay, Ruth McElhaney, Lucille Vitalie, Daniel C. Leary

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**Teen Ministry**

**Children's Sacraments**

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# Sunday Worship Aid

## 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

### A reading from the second Book of Chronicles:

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the Lord's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the Lord, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the Lord against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!

The word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God

## Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

### Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land? If I forget you,

Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

## Ephesians 2:4-10

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ by grace you have been saved-raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

## John 3:14-21

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities; protect and strengthen also we pray, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
St. Joseph  
St. Patrick  
Holy Father St. Dominic

Pray for us!  
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# Sunday Worship Aid for 11:00 a.m.

**1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**A reading from the first book of Samuel:**

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There-anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table for me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:**

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 9:1-41**

**+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who

sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"-which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw

him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic**

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities; protect and strengthen also we pray, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe	Pray for us!
St. Joseph	Pray for us!
St. Patrick	Pray for us!
Holy Father St. Dominic	Pray for us!

## **2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23**

### **Lectura del segundo libro de las Crónicas:**

En aquellos días, todos los sumos sacerdotes y el pueblo multiplicaron sus infidelidades, practicando todas las abominables costumbres de los paganos, y mancharon la casa del Señor, que él se había consagrado en Jerusalén. El Señor, Dios de sus padres, los exhortó continuamente por medio de sus mensajeros, porque sentía compasión de su pueblo y quería preservar su santuario. Pero ellos se burlaron de los mensajeros de Dios, despreciaron sus advertencias y se mofaron de sus profetas, hasta que la ira del señor contra su pueblo llegó a tal grado, que ya no hubo remedio. Envío entonces contra ellos al rey de los caldeos. Incendiaron la casa de Dios y derribaron las murallas de Jerusalén, pegaron fuego a todos los palacios y destruyeron todos sus objetos preciosos. A los que escaparon de la espada, los llevaron cautivos a Babilonia, donde fueron esclavos del rey y de sus hijos, hasta que el reino pasó al dominio de los persas, para que se cumpliera lo que dijo Dios por boca del profeta Jeremías: Hasta que el país haya pagado sus sábados perdidos, descansará de la desolación, hasta que se cumplan setenta años. En el año primero de Ciro, rey de Persia, en cumplimiento de las palabras que habló el Señor por boca de Jeremías, el Señor inspiró a Ciro, rey de los persas, el cual mandó proclamar de palabra y por escrito en todo su reino, lo siguiente: "Así habla Ciro, rey de Persia: El Señor, Dios de los cielos, me ha dado todos los reinos de la tierra y me ha mandado que le edifique una casa en Jerusalén de Judá. En consecuencia, todo aquel que pertenezca a este pueblo, que parta hacia allá, y que su Dios lo acompañe". Palabra de Dios.

**Te alabamos, Señor.**

## **Salmo 136:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

### **Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti.**

Junto a los canales de Babilonia no sentamos a llorar con nostalgia de Sion; en los sauces de sus orillas colgábamos nuestras cítaras.

Allí los que nos deportaron nos invitaban a cantar, nuestros opresores, a divertirlos: "Cántennos un cantar de Sion."

¡Como cantar un cantico del Señor en tierra extranjera! Si me olvido de ti, Jerusalén, que se me paralice la mano derecha.

Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti, si no pongo a Jerusalén en la cumbre de mis alegrías.

## **Efesios 2:4-10**

### **Lectura de la carta del apóstol san Pablo a los efesios:**

Hermanos y hermanas, La misericordia y el amor de Dios son muy grandes; porque nosotros estábamos muertos por nuestros pecados, y él nos dio la vida con Cristo y en Cristo. Por pura generosidad suya, hemos sido salvados. Con Cristo y en Cristo nos ha resucitado y con él nos ha reservado un sitio en el cielo. Así, en todos los tiempos, Dios muestra, por medio de Jesús, la incomparable riqueza de su gracia y de su bondad para nosotros. En efecto, ustedes han sido salvados por la gracia, mediante la fe; y esto nos se debe a ustedes mismos, sino que es un don de Dios. Tampoco se debe a los obras, para que nadie pueda presumir, porque somos hechura de Dios, creados por medio de Cristo Jesús, para hacer el bien que Dios ha dispuesto que hagamos. Palabra de Dios.

**Te alabamos, Señor.**

## **Juan 3:14-21**

### **+ Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan:**

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Así como levantó Moisés la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna. Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él. El que cree en él no será condenado; pero el que no cree ya está condenado, por no haber creído en el Hijo único de Dios. La causa de la condenación es ésta: habiendo venido la luz del mundo, los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas. Todo aquél que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios".

Palabra del Señor.

**Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.**

## **Profesión de Fe**

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro.

**Amén.**

## **Oración para los Enfermos durante la Pandemia**

O Dios, refugio nuestro en dificultades, nuestra fortaleza en la enfermedad, nuestro consuelo en la congoja, protege a tu pueblo, te lo pedimos, y escucha nuestras oraciones por todos los que están enfermos: Concédeles, te imploramos, tu misericordiosa ayuda, para que, con su salud restaurada, ellos puedan darte gracias en tu Iglesia.

Tu Hijo Unigénito tomó nuestra naturaleza humana y cargó con nuestras debilidades; protege y fortalece, también te lo rogamos, a enfermeros, doctores, a aquellos respondiendo en primeros auxilios, y a los que están en la primera línea de esta pandemia, quienes se ponen en peligro al servir a otros en sus necesidades.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Santa Virgen de Guadalupe  
¡Ruega por nosotros!

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

**Peaceful, prayerful, effective 40 Days for Life campaign to build on successes in Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, CA**



**Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Dear brothers and sisters,**

Beginning on February 17th through April 28th, 2021, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. I wanted to invite everyone to please prayerfully consider joining us by taking a one hour time slot on Wednesdays between 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 17, 2021 and all the following Wednesday's in the month of March 2021 ending on Wednesday March 24, 2021.

If you are willing to come out and pray one hour on Wednesday's, please make sure you are healthy, wear a mask, and maintain a 6' social distance from other prayer partners. The prayer vigil will take place in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 303 Sacramento St., Vallejo, CA. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times. For information about 40 Days for Life in Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/Vallejo/Benicia/Am.Cyn.](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Vallejo/Benicia/Am.Cyn.)



Please contact Tony Hensley at [tonyh@ctpub.com](mailto:tonyh@ctpub.com) to sign up for one hour per week. If you are not comfortable praying publically in front of PP, please consider giving one hour of your time any day of the week to pray for the cause of life in front of the Tabernacle of our Church at St. Dominic's. Thanks so much for your consideration.





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