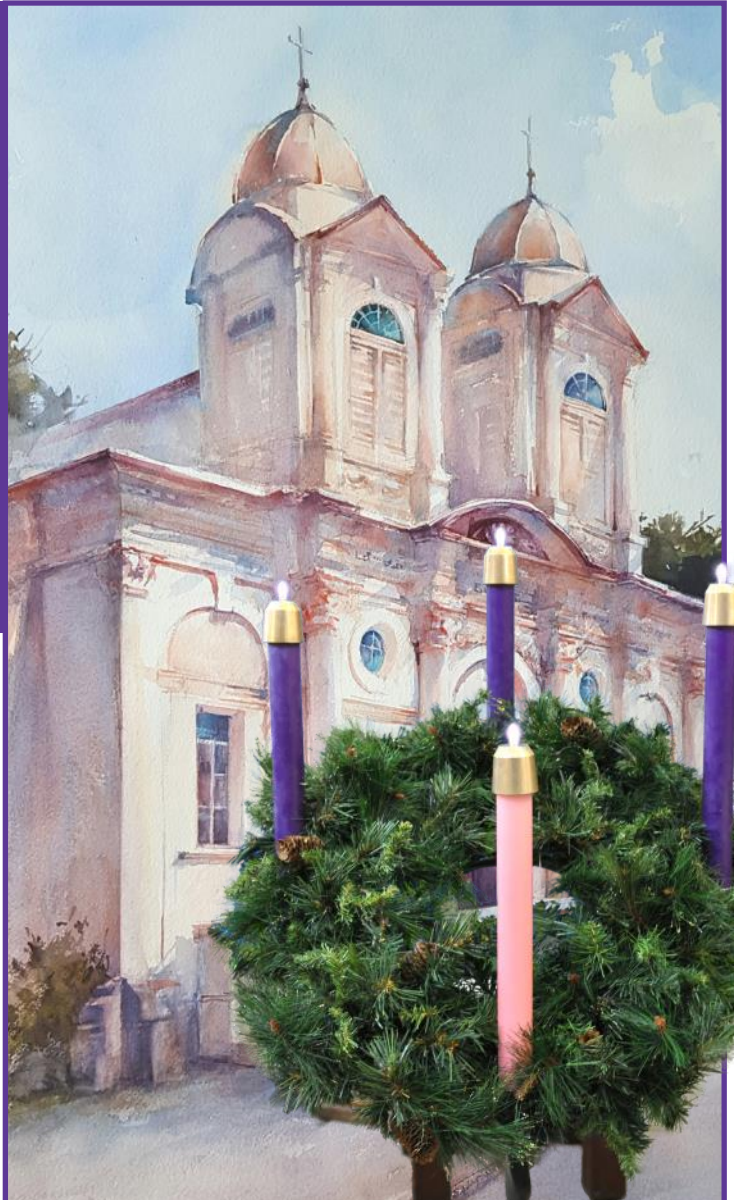


Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

**“Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we
shall be saved.”**



**St. Dominic's is a Catholic
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Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Altar Flowers for the Birthday of Lootsee Lustan

Sun	12/19	7:00 a.m.	(R) Wilfredo Bernabe
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Members of the Callao Family
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Nancy Quillin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	12/20	6:45 a.m.	(R) Norman Turley
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Silverio Souza
Tues	12/21	6:45 a.m.	(R) Juan Espinosa, Jr.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Maria de Lourdes Cardoso
Wed	12/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Members of the Aquino/Limjoco Families
		8:15 a.m.	(R) William Woods
Thurs	12/23	6:45 a.m.	(B) Fares Morr
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Lootsee Lustan

Fri

Sat

Sun	12/26	7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Octavia Castro & Miguel Archangel Gonzalez Morel
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend: (R) Rest in Peace (H) Health
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

Mass & Flower Intentions

ONE Mass Intention per family, please visit the office.



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

Gregory Quillin, Eric Gramlow, Marsha Morse,
Albert Tan Co, Russell Ho, Ron Pearman,
Merlynne Lucero, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure,
Margaret Haddad, Mary McCurry, Michele and Binns
Melander, Tom Gavin, Donna W., Gladys Haddad,
Julia Haddad, Sadie Shama, Pete & Dorothy Szabo,
Carol Bacher, Lisa Santini, Bessie Sharp, Jane Gasper

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

Eduardo G. Padilla, William Emes, Jr., Jeri Lange, Michael
Hayes, Michael Lopretta, Ed Borkowski, Aguisella
Cartagena, Eric Turner, Dale Demaray, Martha Anderson,
Jesus Ramos, Ricky Rojas, Dr. Robert Madsen,
Benny Lira, Josie Apilado Banez, Carol Wharton,
Peter Cech, Penny Basso, Rob Perez, John Henry,
Francisco Sison, Quartney Lassalle, Georgette Zeidan

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Brother's Corner

ADVENT STATIONS

While I was in studies for my undergraduate degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC, I had the pleasure of experiencing the young adult Catholic sub-culture that thrived in the nation's capital. My vocation to the Dominicans grew out of these moments where I discovered hidden jewels not found on any DC bus tour. The Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph administer a parish (St. Dominic's) in southwest DC, in addition to their house of studies (their St. Albert's equivalent) where initial formation of their student brothers takes place. Each Advent, St Dominic's Church hosted an event known as "Advent Stations."

In addition to the Masses and traditions in Advent, *Advent Stations* is a unique evening event that can help people more deeply enter into and appreciate the Advent Season and prepare for the coming of Christ at His Nativity and at the end of time. It is doing something special outside of simply attending Mass and lighting the Advent Wreath. It is an invitation for people to take time apart from the busyness of life and pre-Christmas shopping and devote themselves to Advent, and in this time to be enriched through prayer, Dominican chant, the Scriptures, and preaching. We will begin Advent Stations this year by hearing the chant, the *Rorate Caeli*, "Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Savior," thus joining our prayers to the longing of Isaiah the prophet. After this, there are seven Advent Stations, corresponding to the seven "O Antiphons." The seven verses of O Come, O Come Emmanuel are poetic translations of the seven O Antiphons. From December 17th to December 23rd, there is an O Antiphon assigned to each day and chanted at Evening Prayer (Vespers). Each O Antiphon begins with the proclamation of Christ as the fulfillment of some aspect of the Old Testament. It ends with a prayer for Him to come and save us in that particular way. The traditional Latin O Antiphons will be chanted in the Dominican tone before each station. The corresponding verse from O Come, O Come Emmanuel will also be sung by all. During the seven stations there is also an Old Testament reading, about hope this year, followed by a short reflection. Once the seven stations conclude, Mary's *Magnificat* will be chanted. We will then end the event with Night Prayer, traditionally called Compline. It is all done in the dark, candle-lit church as we wait in anticipation for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is being held today, Friday, December 17th, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. here at St. Dominic's in Benicia. This is an opportunity to enter deeper into the Advent season and thus desire a greater intimacy with Jesus, who is the Messiah, the Savior of the world.

Br. José María Barrero, O.P.
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Christmas & New Year Masses

Christmas Eve (Vigil) Masses
Friday, December 24, 2021
4:00 p.m. Outside - Small Lot
7:00 p.m. Church & Live-stream
Midnight Mass
12:00 a.m. Church

Christmas Day Masses
Saturday, December 25, 2021
8:00 a.m. Church & Live-stream
10:00 a.m. Church
12:00 p.m. Church (Spanish/English)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Eve (Vigil) Mass
Friday, December 31, 2021
11:00 p.m. Church
Saturday, January 1, 2022
8:15 a.m. Church & Live-stream

Live-stream Mass will be available at watchstdom.com.
All information can also be found at www.stdombenicia.org

Advent Confession Times

"Prepare Him Room"
Confession is a wonderful way to open yourself wide to Jesus' healing and empowering presence.

Monday, December 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

A small illustration of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and several animals.

Come Let Us Adore Him!

The Blessed Sacrament
Chapel is now OPEN
Seven days a week
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Tuesday - 4:00 a.m. - 2nd week
Wednesday - 9:00 p.m. - weekly
Thursday - 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 2:00 p.m. - weekly
Friday - 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 a.m., & 4:00 p.m. - weekly
Saturday - 2:00 p.m. - 2nd & 4th weeks
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - rotating every 5 weeks
Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - rotating every 6 weeks

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If you have questions or need assistance,
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. – In Church
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – In Church & Live-streamed*
9:00 a.m. – Outside (Small Lot)
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – In Church
First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m.
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
In Church & Live-streamed*

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**Special Christmas and New Years
Schedule for Mass Times on Page 2**

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AFTER CHRISTMAS**

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Dec 5: Building Improvement
Dec 8: Immaculate Conception
Dec 12: Retired Religious

Dec 12: St. Dominic School Tuition
Dec 19: Building Improvement
Dec 25: Christmas

Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah:

Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hearken; from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Once again, O Lord or hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we

have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:39-45

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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, 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!