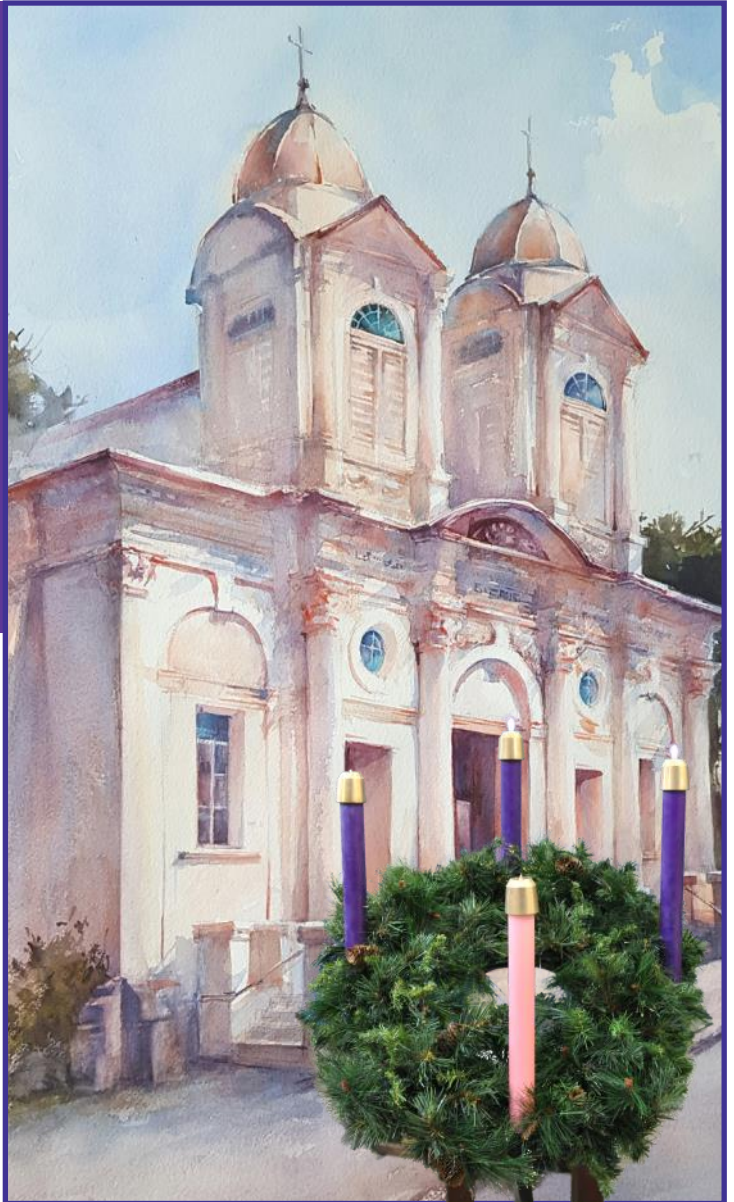


Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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Altar Flowers for the Birthday of Harris Ingle

Sun	12/05	7:00 a.m.	(H) Alice Bennett – Moran
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Maria Lau
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Florentino Ibabao
Mon	12/06	1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		6:45 a.m.	(B) Noel Capapas
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Rolando de Joya
Tues	12/07	6:45 a.m.	(B) Lennie E. Aguirre
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Mike Monahan
Wed	12/08	6:45 a.m.	(R) Richard Arminino
		8:15 a.m.	(R) All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/09	6:45 a.m.	(R) Laure Morr
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Bernabe Family
Fri	12/10	6:45 a.m.	(B) Nancy Morr
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
Sat	12/11	8:15 a.m.	(R) Cesareo Cueto, Sr.
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Maria de Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	12/12	7:00 a.m.	(R) Nida T. Bolfango
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Valerie Quillin Miller
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Eduardo Omana
		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
December 1st - January Intentions Opened
ONE Mass Intention per family,
please visit the parish office.**

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

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:

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, Don Larkin

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner

Dear St. Dominic's Parishioners:

I am happy to with you this week to offer reflections of the meaning of Bethlehem in our religious traditions. Today, Bethlehem is a "suburb" of Jerusalem, separated from its larger sister city by a security wall. The inhabitants of Bethlehem are largely Palestinians, both Muslims and Christians. Of course, the primary focus of Bethlehem is as a Christian Pilgrimage site. The Birthplace of Jesus and associated shrines in the surrounding area bring millions of pilgrims each year. This village immortalized in scripture, poetry, song, drama, and film is one of the most recognizable locations on the planet. One need only hear the name "Bethlehem" to imagine all that it is and means in the Christian era.

But Bethlehem's importance predates Christianity by at least a millennium. For many years I have reflected on the Bethlehem as it the prophet Micah spoke of it: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, least among the clans of Judah..." The fact is, the importance of this insignificant village far outshines its size! Of all the places I have visited in the world, Bethlehem is among my favorites. I have now journeyed to Bethlehem more than a dozen times. During those visits, I have become very aware that Bethlehem is an important destination for many travelers through the centuries. In one way or another all of these Journeys are connected to that one journey 2000 years ago, when Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem to take part in a government enrollment. In true Dominican fashion, I am happy to be able to share the fruits of my reflections about Bethlehem with the people of St. Dominic's during a Parish Mission entitled "Journeys to Bethlehem." The mission will consist of 3 talks focused on various journeys from Scripture and the history of the Church. Each talk will be approximately ½ hour long and will be presented twice each day: after the 8:15 am Mass and at 6:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Dec 6-8).

Also during these days, we are happy to host a **"Bethlehem Christmas Market."** Mr. Hussam Musleh, a representative of the Nissan Brothers' Bethlehem Store will be here with fine hand-made religious items. Palestinian Christians depend on religious pilgrims for their financial well-being, and the COVID-19 closure of Israel has been devastating for them. Mr. Musleh, who is my dear friend and the guide that I work with for my Holy Land Pilgrimages, is traveling throughout the US bringing a taste of Bethlehem to us. At a time that we cannot get to Bethlehem.

I hope to see many of you during the Parish Mission and I thank you for your support of our Dominican students and for your support this week of our friends in Bethlehem!

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, OP
Western Dominican Preaching

Help St. Vincent de Paul during the Holiday Season!

SVDP's Holiday Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the church. Please consider taking an ornament and buying the requested gift. Then return the ornament with the wrapped gift to the church on the weekend of December 11th - 12th. We will be delivering the gifts and holiday food boxes on Saturday, December 18th in the Parish Hall. Please join us! If you have any questions, please email us at svdp@stdombenicia.org.



If you know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call **707-746-1773**.
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Advent Reflection
Faith
Be sure to watch on YouTube!
The Talmadge Family
Week Two

JOURNEYS TO BETHLEHEM
A PARISH MISSION FOR ADVENT
Presented by
FR. BART HUTCHERSON, OP
Western Dominican Preaching

From the Old Testament Book of Ruth to the creche in your own home, Bethlehem has played an important role in our religious story for more than 3000 years. Reflecting on 6 different Journeys to this Judean village (4 Biblical and 2 historical), Fr. Bart will take us on a virtual pilgrimage to discover the gifts offered by this village at the center of the Christmas Story.

ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH, BENICIA, CA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6—WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2021
EACH MISSION TALK WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE EACH DAY:
9:00 AM (after the 8:15 am Mass) & 6:30 PM



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cards for Caring (Christmas)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Knots for Love Service Project

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Deliveries (Parent/Teen) - Parish Hall

Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

If interested in any of the above youth activities, please RSVP by emailing Lisa Toomey at ltoomey@stdombenicia.org

YR II CONFIRMATION

Sunday, December 5th

Teen Small Group Meeting from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. (Fr. Gregory & Symantha's group meets from 3:30-5:00 p.m.)

Blessed Are We Unit 4 (parts B, C, & D) due. Does not apply to Catholic School teens.

Wednesday, December 8th

Parent/Teen Circle of Grace Presentation 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Does not apply to Catholic School teens/parents).

YR I CONFIRMATION

Monday, December 6th

Parent/Teen Meeting via Zoom - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Blessed Are We Unit 1 (parts A, C, & D) due. Does not apply to Catholic School teens.

Wednesday, December 8th

Parent/Teen Circle of Grace Presentation - 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Does not apply to Catholic School teens/parents).



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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 – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

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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

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December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch:

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

The Lord has done great things for us we are filled with joy.

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go for weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians:

Brothers and sisters: I pray always

with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:1-6

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of 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, 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!