

The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 1, 2023

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

***“May God bless us in
his mercy.”***



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

**Altar Flowers Offered in Honor
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass Intentions

Sun 01/01



Mon	01/02	8:15 a.m.	(B) Emelda Villanueva
Tues	01/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Edgar Caldo
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Gracelee Chatman
Wed	01/04	6:45 a.m.	(T) Ardath Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Gracelee Chatman
Thurs	01/05	6:45 a.m.	(T) Joe Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(R) James Marshall
Fri	01/06	6:45 a.m.	(B) Lisa Toomey
		8:15 a.m.	(R) George Lawrence Dulas, Jr.
Sat	01/07	8:15 a.m.	(T) Erlinda Morete
		5:00 p.m.	(A) Rogelio & Josefina Co
Sun	01/08	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(H) Jerry Schilz
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Tom Gavin
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Francisco Trujillo
		5:00 p.m.	(T) Confirmation Parents & Sponsors

Legend: (R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

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



Tim Heney, Jerry Schilz, Arthur Cardoso, Pauline Soop,
Alma Johnson, Lee Schaffner, Joe "Lefty" Kroner,
Barbara Flores, Angela Taylor, Rob Lustan, Nita Calvo,
Diane Dawes, Mel Gaoaen, Sean Daly, Jackie Ho,
Robert Krupp, Laura Carnes Dietrich, Lisa Santini,
Liz Thurin, Rosie & Don Klatt, Don Sterkel, Aurora Basilio,
Lionel Cruel, Mark Nees, Lilian Fajardo, Margaret Lobo,
Gregory Quillin, Albert Tan Co, Russell Ho, Ron Pearman,
Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad,
Donna W., Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad,
Pete & Dorothy Szabo

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

Petrocino Ferrer, Louis Bacher, Gracelee Chatman,
Tom Gavin, Rosita Cruz, Maurice Edward Huguet, Jr.,
Kathleen D. Snider, Al Talamantes, Lorraine Brigham,
Marie Rachal, Daniel Foley, Gerry Cillo,
Fr. Thomas "Tommy" James Hayes, O.P., James Garrett,
Lubomir Panov, Galina Panova, Roberto Diaz,
Arleen McDaniel, Bill McGuckin, Dorothy Patchell

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner

Mary: Mother of God

In the midst of Christmas and its many associated feasts, the Church calls us to reflect on Jesus' first and greatest disciple: his mother, Mary. Prior to the revision of the liturgical calendar mandated by Vatican II, today's feast was that of the Circumcision of Jesus. That feast reminded us that our Lord and Savior grew up in a pious, observant Jewish home. It is interesting to note that the Gospel for today's Mass still recounts that event; most other feasts honoring Mary use texts from the Annunciation or the Visitation for the Gospel. (Earlier in Luke's narrative, when recounting John the Baptist's birth, it was at John's circumcision that his father regained the ability to speak and prophesied about his son, causing those in attendance to ask, "What, then, will this child be?" Cf. Lk. 1:57-80)

The 8th day after the birth of a male child marked not only a time for the circumcision, but also for the first purification (of a total of two) of the baby's mother. This involved the washing of her body, clothing and anything on which she had sat while giving birth. Jewish purity laws speak of two central areas of daily Jewish life: domestic/familial relationships and Temple worship. When one became impure according to the Law one's relationship to one's family and/or to God (via the Temple) temporarily changed. The ending or removal of an impurity signified that one's normal relationship to God and others was restored.

Many cultures have rituals for the mother surrounding childbirth; Judaism is not unique. For many cultures, childbirth is a unique time when mothers are removed from "normal life" and are in closer communion with the divine. So these rituals were about restoring her to "normal" relationships with the community. Even in Christianity there was a ritual called the "Churching of Women." It came from a time when babies were Baptized immediately after birth, thus most mothers were not present at the Baptism because they were still in the early stages of recuperation. The prayers of this rite spoke of the mother's healing after giving birth, her gratitude for her child's safe delivery and also that she would soon rejoin the Church community in her new role as Mother.

All of this to say that it is not a great leap from focusing on Jesus' circumcision to focusing on Mary on this day. We focus on the reality that Mary is the *Theotokos*, literally the God-bearer in Greek, which gets translated into Latin as *Mater Dei* and to English as Mother of God. It is under this august title that we honor her today.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.
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St. Dominic's, Benicia
January 12, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Let us take some time to pray for the
unborn, their mothers and fathers,
and pray for state and federal laws
that harm those most vulnerable.

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ADORATION

9 Parishes. 1 Savior. 1 Call for Life.

From January 11-19, 2023, join our 9-Day Novena PLEA.

Find the full schedule at www.scd.org/plea



Questions? Moises De Leon, Associate Director, Family & Respect Life Ministry
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays
8:00 p.m.

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 22, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Catholic Faithful and all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe Friday, January 20, 2023, as a Day of Reparation for the practice of abortion and other violations against human dignity that cry to heaven. Let us make reparations for these sins through fasting, prayer, penance, and works of mercy.

In 2022, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court. This landmark decision has brought a new moment in the efforts to foster a culture of life and dignity. Proponents of a throw-away society persist in closing their minds and hearts to imagining a world without abortion. In the State of California, voters passed Proposition 1, which has embedded the practice of abortion in the State Constitution. Abortion is still legal, without limitation and now may be expanded because of Proposition 1. Recognizing the tragedy of legalized abortion still gripping our state, I have designated Friday, January 20th as a Day of Reparation.

I ask the clergy and laity to join me in offering a Mass of Reparation on Friday, January 20, 2023, 12:05 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento.

I propose to my brother priests and deacons that we pray and preach for a merciful end to abortion as well as a renewed promotion of the Gospel of Life on the weekend of January 14-15. Encourage all parishioners to observe the Day of Reparation on January 20th.

The Offices of Family & Faith Formation and Youth & Young Adult Ministry will provide the following local Respect Life activities in January:

- **January 11-19th - The Diocesan Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (PLEA) Novena** will be led by different parishes each day. This will be an opportunity to unite pro-life efforts with the saving work of Jesus in the Eucharist. May Jesus, "the Bread of Life" (Jn. 6.35), help us nourish the world with the gospel of life. Each day will focus on a specific pro-life theme. For the full schedule, visit: www.scd.org/plea.
- **January 18th** - A gathering for young adults called "**Into the Mix**" focused on pro-life issues. For more information, visit: www.scd.org/intothemix2023.
- **January 20th - Respect Life Mass** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, visit: www.scd.org/respectlifemass.
- **Walk for Life in SF**- The Diocese of Sacramento is sponsoring buses for youth & young adults to participate for only \$10. Departure from St. Lawrence Parish. Please contact *Angelica Vega* at (916)752-8881 or visit www.scd.org/wflwestcoast for reservations. **Limited Seating!**

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring us into fuller communion with the merciful mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento



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If you would like to be part of our community,
please join us at our next meeting!

Contact Tom at
SVdP@stdombenicia.org
For details to join!

If you have questions or need assistance,
please call 707-746-1773

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Readings

- Daily Mass readings
- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

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by the Benicia Scouts



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- ♦ Pick Up - Call 707- 551-4520
- ♦ Pick Up—beniciascouts.org
- ♦ Scan QR code for more information



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Livestreamed
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)
First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.
Daily Mass
Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m.
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m. - Live-streamed

IMPORTANT

If you write checks to St. Dominic's,
please make payable to
"St. Dominic's Church"
Our bank has notified us that they will begin
returning checks that are not made out properly.

Youth Ministry Events

- January 9th at 6:30 p.m. – Adoration in the Church
- January 18th at 6:30 p.m. – Cookie Decorating Workshop
- January 25th at 6:30 p.m. – Service Palooza

Merry Christmas to all the families of our Parish. May His love surround your family at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

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	Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602	Warring & Assoc. Realtors Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER	Dec 04: Building Improvement Dec 08: Immaculate Conception Dec 11: Retired Religious Fund	Dec 11: SDS Tuition Assistance Dec 18: Building Improvement Dec 25: Christmas Jan 01: Solemnity of Mary

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