

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”



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

Mass Intentions

Sun	04/02	7:30 a.m.	(R) Alex Espinosa
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Elipidio Masbad, Sr.
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Marta Soria
		5:00 p.m.	(T) Youth Families of the Parish
Mon	04/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) All who have labored in our Province
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Siuming Lau
Tues	04/04	6:45 a.m.	(R) Dolores Cigarroa
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Rogelio Gan & Josefina Raymundo Co
Wed	04/05	6:45 a.m.	(T) Fr. Gerard Timoner III, O.P.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Larry Watson
Thurs	04/06	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
Fri	04/07	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae
Sat	04/08	8:15 a.m.	Tenebrae



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

Mass Intentions

May 2023 Intentions Opened on April 4



Solemn Vows Reception

Br. Elias Guadalupe Ford, OP., Br. Antony Augustine Cherian, OP, Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, OP, Br. John Peter Anderson, OP, and Br. Matthew Wanner, OP.



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



Greg Gormley, Leonor Cruel, Aurora Basilio, Joshua Chavez-Carroll,
Colin Larkin, Connor Larkin, Jerry Schilz, Pauline Soop, Alma Johnson, Lee Schaffner, Barbara Flores, Angela Taylor, Rob Lustan, Nita Calvo, Mel Gaoen, Sean Daly, Jackie Ho, Robert Krupp, Laura Carnes Dietrich, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin, Rosie & Don Klatt, Aurora Basilio, Leonor 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:

Lisa Corsi, Alex Espinosa, Artur Cardoso, Tim Heney, Ronald Azevedo, Emmanuel Romero, Christopher Gonzales, Gary Dinneen, Elpidia Flandez, Janice Hoss, Miguel Contreras, Petrocino Ferrer, Merlie Guerrero, Louis Bacher, Gracelee Chatman, Tom Gavin, Rosita Cruz, Maurice Edward Huguet, Jr.

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Principal's Corner

Celebrating the Passion with passion

In just about every way conceivable, this week is the heart of the matter. The building tension reaches a crescendo. Jesus puts it plainly: it is for this I have come. (cf. John 12:27). Ours is not the part of a spectator, but an active participant. St. Paul put it this way: "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." (Galatians 2:19b-20)

Palm Sunday speaks to the fickleness of the mob mentality. The crowd which shouts "Hosanna to the Son of David!" turns to "Crucify, crucify him!" in less than a week. A modern hero can become a villain overnight because of damning revelation, video or even a tweet; even quicker than in the 1st century. The challenge is to be firmly rooted in the Rock that is Christ, not in shifting sands of one another's approval. "In you [O God] I seek shelter. In the shadow of your wings, I seek shelter till harm pass by. I call to God Most High, to God who provides for me." (Ps. 57:2b-3) It is only by that strength that we can withstand the betrayal of even those we hold most dear and our own Gardens of Gethsemane.

Holy Thursday evening is when we recall first and foremost the model that Jesus is for all who follow him. "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." (John 13:13-15) It is in service to one another, not crucifying one another, that the image of Christ shines forth most clearly and radiantly from us. Second, we recall the institution of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life, our strength for the journey through life. We resolve not to repeat the Apostles' mistake, especially Judas Iscariot, of betraying Jesus immediately after receiving His Body and Blood. And in the Eucharist, we also have the strength and courage, like Peter, to turn back to the Lord Jesus again when we come face to face with our own unlovableness.

Good Friday shows us unfathomable love in the face of unimaginable horror. I think today Jesus is most approachable, for every human being knows what it means to suffer emotionally, spiritually, and physically. We can see shadows of our own suffering as well as the horrendous price human sin, yours and mine, exacts. There are also many characters that we can easily identify with: Jesus himself, if we are suffering at the moment; Mary, if we are watching another suffer; the Apostles, if we are wracked with

fear and want to bolt; Pilate, if we are making a difficult decision and fear the consequences; Simon of Cyrene, if we feel pressed into service and so on.

Holy Saturday is a day of profound silence. The Lamb of God has been sacrificed on the altar of the cross; the price has been paid. Life now lies in a tomb. It is as if the whole universe is holding its breath, not knowing what will happen next. And we wait in sorrow and grief, along with Mary Magdalene, Jesus' mother Mary, the Apostles, and disciples.

Easter Sunday is the climax and culmination of it all. Death is not the last word! "He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." (Matthew 28:6) It is through the most human of events, an ignominious death at the center, that God breaks the power of sin and death and gives humanity and all of creation new and everlasting life.

These are the amazing mysteries we get to celebrate this week. It is a drama like no other. It will take us on an emotional roller coaster from the depths of despair to the heights of elation. It is how we were saved. Let us celebrate and enter into this week with a passion!

Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.
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Upcoming Events

Confession Times for Holy Week

Monday, April 3
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

Rosary for the Sick

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Church & Livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.
Church

Book Study with Fr. Gregory

*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist:
Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*
Books available in the office \$15
Wednesdays, March 1 – April 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

Bible Study with Br. Kevin Peter

Mondays & Wednesdays
March 13 - April 5 at 9:10 a.m.
OR Mondays, March 13 - April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Mary Magdalene Room - Ministry Center

LAST CHANCE
BEFORE EASTER
FOR CONFESSION
WEDNESDAY
April 5 at 9:00 a.m.



Polish your halo!

Monday, April 3, 2023
9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Visiting priests will join us.

Holy Week

April 6, 2023~Holy Thursday

Tenebrae - 8:15 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Reposition to follow in the Parish Hall

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

until the Farewell Discourses of

Jesus Christ - 11:30 p.m.

April 7, 2023~Good Friday

Tenebrae - 8:15 a.m.

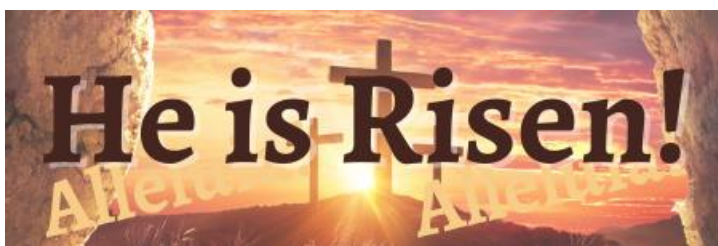
Seven Last Words of Christ - 12:00 p.m.

Veneration of the Cross & Communion

2:00, 4:00 (Spanish/English), & 7:00 p.m.

April 8, 2023~Holy Saturday

Tenebrae - 8:15 a.m.



Easter Mass Times

April 8, 2023~Easter Sunday Vigil Mass

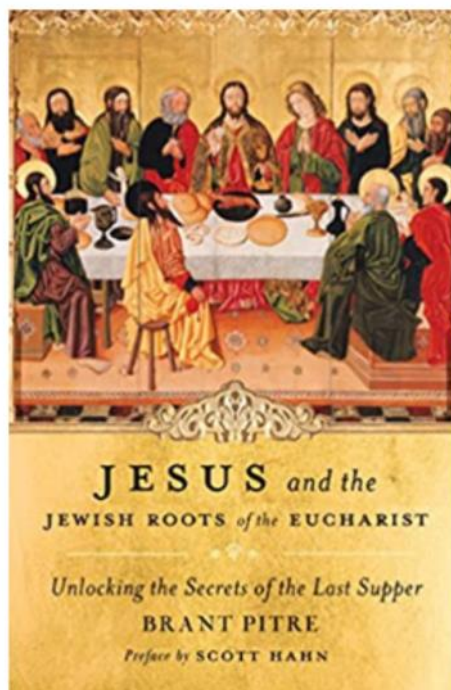
Service of Light (Courtyard) 8:30 p.m.

April 9, 2023~Easter Sunday Mass Times

St. Dominic's Cemetery: Sunrise Mass 6:30 a.m.

(If Inclement weather Mass will be
in the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.)

St. Dominic's Church: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
& 1:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)



Book Study with Fr. Gregory

Wednesdays

March 1 - April 5


Parish Hall

6:30 p.m.

Books (\$15)
available now in
the Parish Office.



Rosary for the Sick Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
IN THE CHURCH

Book Study with Fr. Carl

Mondays

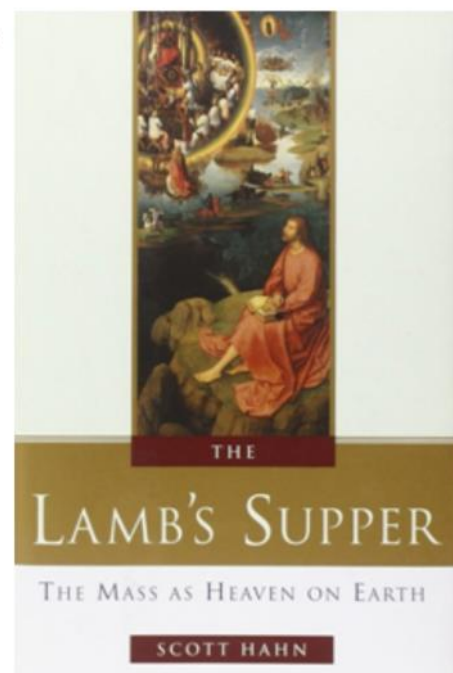
April 16 - May 22

Mary Magdalene

Room

9:00 a.m.

Books (\$10)
available in the
Parish Office
soon.





Solemn Vows

Congratulations to our 5 friars who made their solemn profession this past Saturday: Br. Elias Guadalupe Ford, OP, Br. Antony Augustine Cherian, OP, Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, OP, Br. John Peter Anderson, OP, and Br. Matthew Wanner, OP! Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their gift of self to the Church, the Order, and the world.



The church was filled with so many in attendance! Many of these faces you may recognize! Oh what a fabulous day it was!



Have you ever considered getting involved? Nothing says faith more than sharing it with others, become part of our 2023/24 RCIA team today! Still unsure if this ministry is for you? Attend the Easter Vigil when St. Dominic's will welcome our newest members fully into the Catholic church!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

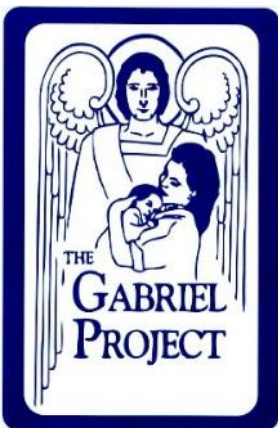
Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, CA – On February 22nd thru April 2nd, 2023, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 22nd. Please consider giving 1 hour per week praying in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood located at 303 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo>. You can set up your own login credentials and sign up for any hour of any day during the vigil. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We know 40 Days for Life has made a difference in Vallejo/Benicia & American Canyon. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion." Here are just a few of the positive results of previous Vallejo campaign(s).

- Nine lives saved from abortion that we know of
- Five Catholic Churches are working together
- Approximately 50 volunteers dedicated themselves as prayer warriors & few of them pray at the clinic every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday all year round, rain or shine.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

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Pregnant? Need help?
Contact our ministry the Gabriel Project here at our parish! We are here to help you! You are not alone! We offer immediate practical help to any pregnant mother.
1-800-910-0191

Gabriel@stdombenicia.org



Many women who take the abortion pill soon realize they made a big mistake...and they would do anything to save their babies. Fortunately, many of them can. Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) sounds too good to be true, but **it has saved thousands of babies worldwide.**

A first-time mom in Fayetteville, North Carolina, visited Planned Parenthood for the abortion pill. As she left the appointment, she spoke with prayer warriors, who gave her APR information. The seeds planted that day sprouted the next morning, when **the woman woke up filled with regret. She visited the local pregnancy center to ask for help reversing her abortion.** The doctor wasn't in, so Fayetteville 40 Days for Life leader Felisha drove the worried mom 90 minutes to the next closest APR doctor. Felisha also drove the mom to the pharmacy to get her prescription, took her to breakfast, and accompanied her to a prenatal appointment. **"Hearing the strong heartbeat of her sweet baby was an experience I'll never forget,"** Felisha recalled. "Her baby is a fighter, and we'll forever be a part of his story." The expectant mother doesn't have her own transportation, so 40 Days for Life volunteers are taking her to all of her doctor's appointments. **"She just entered her second trimester,"** Felisha said. "She is doing great. Our community has stepped up to surround her with love and convinced her to make a baby registry. She's been sending me "thank you" messages because items are already arriving."

Abortion Pill Reversal is a critical tool in the post-Roe era! Grab a stack of our **new abortion pill educational brochures**, which are being used at vigils and in pregnancy help centers:
40daysforlifegear.com/collections/promotional-1/products/medication-abortion-brochure

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The campaign team in Philly is also walking with a mother who chose to reverse her abortion. "Our lovely young APR mom is doing great!" wrote Monique, the local campaign leader. "She is holding fast to faith in Jesus! **The little one had an ultrasound and had a beautiful, strong heartbeat.**" 40 Days for Life participants have offered to help babysit the woman's children, and they're encouraged by her resilience! "I'm blown away by how she responds to situations where others might have not been able to keep their cool," Monique said. "So blessed to know her."

Yuba City, California

God used the Yuba City vigil to save a baby through APR during the 2022 Lent campaign. **The abortion-minded woman chose life and gave birth to a baby boy last fall.** The child's parents just got married--and one of the campaign team members was in attendance to serve as an official witness on the marriage certificate!

Choir Members, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, & Ushers

We need you!

Would you like to serve the Lord? Did you participate pre-covid and want to come back? New to serving? We will train you!

Choir members email: Cyril
cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
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Lectors & Ushers email: Justin
jreyes@stdombenicia.org



**“Arm yourself with prayer rather
than a sword; wear humility
rather than fine clothes”**

-St. Dominic



Shredding for Shelter

Shredded On Site



Date: Saturday, May 6

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: St. Dominic's Church Parking Lot
475 East I Street Benicia

Questions? Call 707-200-4940 or email svdp@stdombenicia.org

Suggested donation \$15 per bankers' box

**All proceeds used for emergency supplies to
support Benicians in a natural disaster*

St. Vincent de Paul is a 501c3 non-profit organization.
Cash, checks, credit cards accepted.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Saturday, April 1

Assist SVdP with Easter Food Box Deliveries
9:00 a.m.

April 3-16

Spring Break

Saturday, April 22

Teen Leadership

Assist at First Eucharist Retreat
10:00-12:00 a.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 24

Knots for Love Service Project
7:15-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Prayer Walk & Ice Cream
Downtown Benicia
6:30-7:30 p.m.

YR I CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 2

Family & Candidate & Sponsor Mass
5:00 p.m.

April 3-16

Spring Break

April 17

Teen Class
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24

Teen Class
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
- Easily reply to requests
- Connect with our parish throughout the week

Learn more or download our
parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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

Confession Times

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 p.m.

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♦ Adoration

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♦ Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deacoff - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

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♦ Dominican Laity

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Parish Financial Report

7/1/2022-2/28/2022

	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$ 617,268	\$ 656,667	\$ (39,398)

Second Collections:

Building Improvement	\$ 24,004	\$ 26,667	\$ (2,663)
Faith Formation	\$ 6,760	\$ 6,467	\$ 293
SDS Tuition Assistance	\$ 18,743		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 55,107		

Total Operating Income	\$ 793,209	\$ 837,875	\$ (44,666)
Operating Expenses	\$ 871,641	\$ 843,575	\$ (28,066)
Net Income/Loss	\$ (78,433)	\$ (5,700)	\$ (72,732)

Taxes Statements for 2022

Instructions on our website
<https://www.stdombenicia.org/tax-statements/>

or you may email your request to
Lori-ltelepak@stdombenicia.org

**Tax Statements are
 available now!**

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	Olson Realty, Inc. Kathleen McInerney Olson/Broker (707) 745-3602	
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