Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

Ex 17:3-7 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



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

Mass Intentions

		Mass intentions
Sun	03/12	7:30 a.m. (T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m. (R) Ron Azavedo
		11:00 a.m. (R) Cipariano & Lourdes Surban
		1:00 p.m. (R) Artur Cardoso
Mon	03/13	6:45 a.m. (R) Artur Cardoso
		8:15 a.m. (T) Martita Barbosa De Gomez
Tues	03/14	6:45 a.m. (R) Mary Ann Zelesnik
		8:15 a.m. (R) Mary Ann Zelesnik
Wed	03/15	6:45 a.m. (R) Joanne Flanagan
		8:15 a.m. (R) Illuminada Panganiban
Thurs	03/16	6:45 a.m. (R) Michael Leavey
		8:15 a.m. (T) Francisco & Celina Trujillo
Fri	03/17	6:45 a.m. (R) Sharon Kay Fischer
		8:15 a.m. (R) Ron Azevedo
Sat	03/18	()
		5:00 p.m. (A) Ed & Teresa Stone
Sun	03/19	7:30 a.m. (R) Nancy Rose Wade
		9:00 a.m. (H) Rose Flores
		11:00 a.m. (B) Zachary d'Mandel

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

1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish

Mass Intentions
April 2023 Intentions Opened March 1



RCIA Rite of Election at the Cathedral



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



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 Gaoaen, Sean Daly, Jackie Ho, Robert Krupp,
Laura Carnes Dietrich, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin,
Rosie & Don Klatt, Don Sterkel, 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:

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., Kathleen D. Snider, Al Talamantes

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows











Brother's Corner

"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law." [Gal 5:18] As I've mentioned in Brother's Corners Past, the Bible can be quite a confusing book, or collection of books; after all, we must balance this statement of St. Paul with the words of Jesus Himself: "For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished." [Mt. 5:18] If we are not under the law, then why doesn't it pass away? The Church has always been at pains to reconcile these and other passages and it is quite important to understand correctly, because it is a common trope to pit the law and the Spirit as opposites.

Which brings up a related difficulty, the question of worship and the Temple. The Temple runs throughout the Old Testament and even into the New, but the Lord seems to imply its obsolescence in John Chapter 4; worship on the mountain and in Jerusalem, the location of the Temple, will pass away because the Father seeks "true worshippers" in "Spirit and in truth." And, indeed, this prefigured the final destruction of the Second Temple around 70AD, about 40 years after the Lord's Ascension, However, the Temple's obsolescence does not seem to be the immediate interpretation of the greatest of the Apostles, Saints Peter and John; after all, we see them going into the Temple "... at the hour of prayer..." [Acts 3:1] shortly after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. So which is it? Is the Temple obsolete, or does what God gave in the Old Testament continue on down into our own times? And why on earth does God bother with a Temple in the first place?

If you have ever had, or currently have, any of these questions, Bible Study is starting back up this week, and we hope to answer some of them! We will trace the Temple and its development through the Old Testament, down into the New Testament and even into our own day. It turns out that the Temple can tell us a great deal both about God's loving plan of salvation and about our liturgical worship as Christians.

The first session will be on Monday, 3/13 in the morning and evening (9:10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). We will also have a morning session on Wednesdays at 9:10 a.m. The morning sessions will be around 30-40 minutes, while, because of scheduling constraints, the evening session will be about 60-80 minutes. The idea is that they will cover the same material, but the 2 morning sessions will equal 1 evening session. We will meet in the Mary Magdalene Room.

No preparatory reading is required, but you are encouraged to bring your Bible. Sessions one and two will cover Genesis and Leviticus (with a little Exodus).

I hope to see you there.

Br. Kevin Peter Cantu, O.P.

Resident Brother - kpcantu@stdombenicia.org

Upcoming Events

Rosary for the Sick

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Church

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Siena Room - Ministry Center

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Fridays, February 24 - March 31 at 6:00 p.m.
Church & Parish Hall
March 10: Knights of Columbus
March 17: Dominican Laity
March 24: Guadalupana Association
March 31: St. Vincent de Paul

6 Week Grief Series

Saturdays, February 25– April 1 at 11:00 a.m. Aquinas Room - Ministry Center

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Anniversary

Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Parish Hall
Tickets Sold at All Masses \$20



SLE Award for Thought





YOUTH MINISTRY FEBRUARY

Wednesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 22

Rosary Walk & Dessert in downtown Benicia 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Painting Workshop 6:30-8:00 p.m.

YR I CONFIRMATION

Monday, March 13 Teen Class

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 27

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

YR II CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 12

Sponsor/Teen Rehearsal 4:00-5:30 p.m. (for 10:00 a.m. Mass)

Monday, March 13

Sponsor/Teen Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 p.m. (for 1:30 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, March 18

The Sacrament of Confirmation 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Please keep all the teens in our diocese in your prayers as we near their sacrament season.





RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Rite of Election with the Bishop



Confirmation

Never Confirmed? Classes start soon!

Each year, Bishop Jaime Soto extends an opportunity for adults to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing, adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento, who have received religious instruction, but for

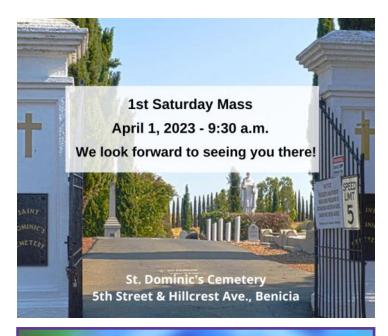
various reasons were never confirmed. The next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will take place Saturday, May 27, 2023.

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 certified within the past 6 months, and have a Confirmation sponsor who must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Classes will convene for a series of Sundays beginning March 19, 2023. Classes will be held 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Siena Room of the Ministry Center. For further information, please contact

Deacon Errol Kissinger

at 707.335.4674 or ekissinger@stdombenicia.





Parish App Feature-of-the-Week

11:00 a.m.

In the Ministry Center - Aguinas Room

We are also available by phone or email.

Please reach out to Patti Erickson at grief@stdombenicia.org or call 650.455.3766.



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Learn more or download our parish app at **myparishapp.com**

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"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes"

-St. Dominic



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
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

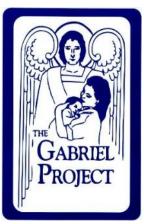
Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon, CA – On February 22nd thru April 2nd, 2023, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning 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.

CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707.246.9076 e-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com



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

True Story

Friday morning, I found out about a baby saved during our Fall Campaign of 2021. But on Ash Wednesday of our present Lenten Campaign in Vallejo, a mother came out of the Planned Parenthood at 303 Sacramento St. in Vallejo to enthusiastically thank one of our St. Dominic's prayer warriors with a big hug just for "being there" on the first day of our campaign this Lent. The mother said she changed her my mind and decided to keep her baby because of the prayer warrior's " prayerful presence." Wow, it is just that easy to save a baby, sometimes!

The baby saved in our Fall Campaign of 2021 is now the one year old sister of a sibling lost in an earlier Campaign when I met her mother and counseled her about the abortion pill reversal remedy. Although she did not accept my help to save that pregnancy, she thanked me on Friday, outside of the Vallejo Planned Parenthood for the one year old she decided to keep after losing her other daughter to the abortion pill administered to her in Vallejo when I first met her.

Obviously prayer and a physical presence in front of Planned Parenthood saves lives!

Tomorrow, March 6, will be the 3rd annual state of California Walk for Life in Sacramento at the Capitol. I plan to attend and am doing my best to find people to be physically present in front of Planned Parenthood in Vallejo throughout the day.

Last Monday, Marie Pruden and I waited in front of Planned Parenthood with a father who decided to "stake out" the clinic in order to try to stop the mother of his baby from following through on her appointment to abort. Daniel, from Community Bible Church in Vallejo, agreed to drive this father to another Planned Parenthood across the bridge, when it became clear, through a phone call to the mother, that she was at another Planned Parenthood. There is a lot of teamwork involved in this ministry and we continue to appreciate all support from anyone who recognizes the truth in this scripture from Leviticus 19:16 "nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake." Roland Warren, president and CEO of CareNet Pregnancy Resource Centers, makes a compelling parallel between the baby in a mother's womb and the story of the Good Samaritan. I thank all of you for making the time to be a "Good Samaritan" this Lent and request that you forward this email to others you know who might consider joining us in our walk with mothers who need our prayerful

In Expectant hope for continuing Abundant Baby Blessings,

Rosemary Mullane Vallejo - Leader <u>Vallejo40daysforlife@gmail.com</u>





Raffle Tickets on Sale At Masses: March 19, 2023



\$10 Tickets - 50% of all proceeds go to the Sacramento Diocesan Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul and 50% goes to our St. Dominic's SVDP council.

What you WIN:

- "∙ 6 Days/5 Nights at the Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa
 - · Airfare for Two up to \$1,000
 - · \$500 American Express Gift Card
 - \$400 Hertz Rental Car Voucher
 - · \$3,500 Total Package Value
- · Drawing April 21, 2023 Need Not Be Present to Win!!!

Dreaming of Hawaii? Now is your chance to win the trip of your dreams!



Shredding for a Cause

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

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.

St. Vincent de Paul, Dennis Garvey Easter Holiday Dinner Program

Thank you to the parishioners for providing an Easter dinner to a family in need.

Boxes will be available at Masses March 18/19th Boxes will be returned at Masses March 25/26th Boxes will be delivered to homes April 1st



Society of St. Vincent de Paul to Host "Shredding for a Cause" Fundraiser

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) St. Dominic's Conference will sponsor a "Shredding for a Cause" fundraiser on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the St. Dominic's Church parking lot at 475 East I Street (Corner of East 5th and East I) in Benicia. The fundraiser offers local citizens a timely opportunity to have their paper tax forms and other sensitive personal documents professionally shredded to ensure personal privacy and security.

SVdP suggests a donation of \$15 per banker's box. All proceeds and donations from the event will go to SVdP's Emergency Shelter Supplies Project (ESSP), which is designed to aid disaster victims within the first 24 to 48 hours after an emergency occurs. While recent disasters in Solano County have predominantly been fires, earthquakes and floods, the ESSP would be available for any type of local disaster.

The ESSP will provide blankets, sleeping bags, disaster hygiene kits, first aid kits, tarps, ropes, flashlights, batteries, water purification tablets, duct tape, sanitizing solutions and other items that would be needed prior to FEMA and other agencies arrival on the scene.

The Benicia Fire Department has cautioned residents to prepare for an earthquake or other emergency as if they would be on their own given the likelihood the department will be stretched thin across the city. SVdP's ESSP aims to help fill that gap. The "Shredding for a Cause" fundraiser will help stock and maintain the ESSP shed with emergency supplies. St. Vincent de Paul Society, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in Benicia, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving those in need in our community and is made up entirely of volunteers.

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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Parish Financial Report 7/1/2022-2/28/2022								
	YTD <u>Actual</u>		YTD <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	\$	<u>871,641</u>	_\$	843,575	\$	(28,066)		
Net Income/Loss	\$	(78,433)	\$	(5,700)	\$	(72,732)		

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