Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."



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Mass Intentions

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
		1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish
Mon	03/20	6:45 a.m. (R) Rogelio Gan Co
		8:15 a.m. (R) Chiro C. Go
Tues	03/21	6:45 a.m. (R) Soccorro Basilio
		8:15 a.m. (R) Joseph & Mary Bettencourt
Wed	03/22	6:45 a.m. (R) Shirley Chiu
		8:15 a.m. (R) Odilo Blanco
Thurs	03/23	6:45 a.m. (R) Renato Asercion
		8:15 a.m. (B) Crescenzo Iacono
Fri	03/24	6:45 a.m. (R) Tim Heney
		8:15 a.m. (R) Rosita Martinez
Sat	03/25	8:15 a.m. (T) Noelle Martha Lee
		5:00 p.m. (T) Brian Taglang
Sun	03/26	7:30 a.m. (T) Mel & Rex Sevilla
		9:00 a.m. (R) William Chua

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

11:00 a.m. (T) People of the Parish

1:00 p.m. (T) Mel & Rex Sevilla

Mass Intentions May 2023 Intentions Open on April 1



Fr. Carl & Fr. Andy **Current and Future Pastor**



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













Pastor's Corner

This 'n That

First of all, I want to say, "Thank you!" for all the appreciation, affection, support, and encouragement that I have received, and continue to receive, since announcing my new assignment two weeks ago. It has been humbling, as it always is, to receive such a response to my presence and work for my time with you.

A number of you have asked about the timing of my departure. While Fr. Christopher and I haven't talked specific dates, he has said a number of times "on or around July 1." I believe it is his intention that my departure and Fr. Andy's arrival be at the normal time for moves within the Province: July 1. I am planning to be away for part of June to take a fun trip with my classmates for our jubilee. We haven't made definite plans yet, but I am thinking that I will be away probably May 29 to June 19 or 20. Part of that time will be to attend the ordination of a young monk to the priesthood, whom I knew and help bring into the Church when he was in high school.

As an aside, I am very grateful that the Chapter and Fr. Christopher decided to have my new position start in July. This level of position is normally one of those that start immediately: so I would have announced one weekend and start moving out and starting very soon after. This way is much better: it gives both parish communities, as well as Fr. Andy and me, time to make a smooth transition.

As I mentioned, I am hoping to have Fr. Andy come here so you can meet each other before he formally begins. I will let you know when that is going to happen. Most likely, Fr. Gregory will go up to Anchorage that weekend so both Benicia and Anchorage will have their usual number of priests. In addition to being at and preaching all the Sunday Masses, I want Fr. Andy to meet the staff, Mrs. Ogden and as many of the school staff as possible, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council, head of ministries, etc.

A last word about festivities. A number of you have asked if my jubilee party on May 28 will now also be my farewell party. I am hoping not. Since I was, and will forever be St. Dominic's COVID Pastor, and we weren't able to have our usual gatherings (Mass, as well as dinners, parties, and everything else) during my tenure, I am thinking (not too selfishly, I hope!) to have a "Thanks for Being Our Pastor Party" closer to my actual departure at the end of June. Stay tuned for those details.

Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P. frcarl@stdombenicia.org 707.335.4668

Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Anniversary

Saturday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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 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

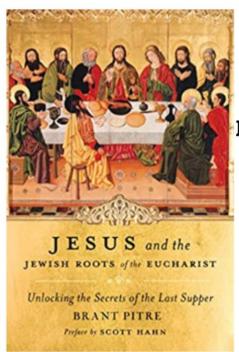
Bible Study with Br. Kevin Peter

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



Come Holy Spirit! Please keep the YR II Candidates for Confirmation and their Sponsors in prayer as these young men and women anticipate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

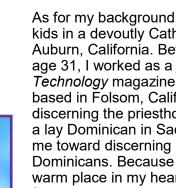


Book Study with Fr. Gregory

Wednesdays March 1 - April 5 Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.

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





"Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted."

We understand during these times it has been especially difficult for those grieving. You are not alone. We are here for you. St. Dominic's Grief Group is holding in-person sessions!

Saturdays February 25 - April 1, 2023 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.



Greetings from Anchorage, Alaska! My name is Father Andy Opsahl, and I am so happy to be your new incoming pastor! As someone who grew up in the Diocese of Sacramento, I am delighted that St. Dominic's in Benicia will be my new home. These last four years at Holy Family Old Cathedral in Alaska have

made for a blessed first priestly assignment, but I sure have missed California. I am eager to return and get to work helping to continue the good work St. Dominic's has already been doing as a beacon of Our Lord's truth and love to Benicia and its surrounding areas!

As for my background, I grew up the eldest of three kids in a devoutly Catholic home in Rocklin and Auburn, California. Before entering the Dominicans at age 31, I worked as a journalist for Government Technology magazine, a national trade publication based in Folsom, California. When I started discerning the priesthood, a friend who was becoming a lay Dominican in Sacramento at the time steered me toward discerning my vocation with the Dominicans. Because of that, I have an especially warm place in my heart for lay Dominicans and look forward to spending more time with our beloved Dominican laity in Benicia!

One of our Anchorage parishioners recently said to me after having looked up Benicia online, "Wow, Father Andy, that looks like a great town!" I agree and look forward to becoming better acquainted with everything the city has to offer. For enjoyment in my spare time, I love jogging, reading, following the San Francisco 49ers, and baking.

Looking at all of the wonderful things St. Dominic's already has going, it is clear I am coming to a parish full of Catholics on fire for the faith. I cannot wait to arrive and join you all in the work of building the Kingdom of God in the Diocese of Sacramento!



YOUTH MINISTRY FEBRUARY

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

YR II CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 12 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.





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!

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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.

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, nondenominational 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



As we reach the midpoint of this spring's 40 Days for Life campaign, **156 babies** have been spared from abortion thanks to YOUR prayers!

When abortion supporters argue that legally protecting unborn children is pointless because women will go out of state for abortions, they're failing to account for YOUR prayerful presence on the sidewalk.

A Texas couple came to Wichita, Kansas, for an abortion because they have five kids and felt they couldn't afford another.

The <u>sidewalk counselors</u> who were present are both mothers of big families, which would have made them a perfect fit to encourage the abortion-bound parents...if not for a language barrier.

After the counselors got home from their 40 Days for Life shift, they couldn't get the abortion-bound couple off their minds. So they dusted off their high school French lessons and went back to the vigil to give it another try.

They persuaded the father to bring his wife out of the abortion center, but **Planned Parenthood wouldn't let him talk with her.**

Vigil participants exhorted him to try again. This time he brought his wife and unborn baby out of Planned Parenthood for good!

The expectant mother said that **Planned Parenthood did an ultrasound--but refused to show her**, saying there wasn't anything to see but a clump of tissue.

Fortunately, one of the vigil participants happened to have an eight-week ultrasound image of her grandbaby. "She showed the ultrasound to the mother, [who] realized it was a baby and had fingers and toes and a heartbeat," explained Sue, the Wichita campaign leader. "She knew then that she could not go through with the abortion." By the end of the day, the couple had been seen by a pro-life doctor, scheduled an appointment with a pregnancy help center, and had found a church back home in Texas.

"They were so excited to find a community they could be a part of," Sue said.





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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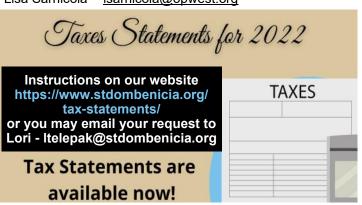
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Parish Financial Report 7/1/2022-2/28/2022 YTD **YTD** +/-Actual Budget Budget **Sunday Offertory** \$ 617,268 \$ 656,667 \$ (39,398) **Second Collections: Building Improvement** \$ 24,004 \$ 26,667 (2,663)293 Faith Formation 6,760 6,467 \$ 18,743 SDS Tuition Assistance 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)

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