

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 30, 2023

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12  
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 13:44-52

**“Lord, I love  
your commands.”**



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

### Flowers for the Birthdays of Alicia & Teresa Stone Mass Intentions

Sun	07/30	7:30 a.m.	(P) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Teresa Stone
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Carlos Gonzales
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Jackie Daniel
Mon	07/31	6:45 a.m.	(P) Religious who Serve the Poor
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Anthony Lumbre
Tues	08/01	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joan Giulano
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Don Larkin
Wed	08/02	6:45 a.m.	(P) Tom & Nancy Ross
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Maria Kim
Thurs	08/03	6:45 a.m.	(H) David Tune
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Maria Eugenia Flores de Ousset
Fri	08/04	6:45 a.m.	(R) Ran Ja Maria & Marco Lee
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Leonides De Joya
Sat	08/05	8:15 a.m.	(T) Rob Lustan
		5:00 p.m.	(H) Steven Silvagni
Sun	08/06	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Fr. Gregory Liu, O.P.
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Debbie Marie Gonzalez

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

### Mass Intentions

**September 2023 Intentions Open August 1**



### Mural Blessing

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



Arlene Saitz, Sherry Thomas, Pat Droszcz,  
Barbara Helms, Maria Lupe Sanchez, Greg Gormley,  
Joshua Chavez-Carroll, Colin Larkin, Jerry Schilz, Pauline  
Soop, Alma Johnson, Lee Schaffner, Barbara Flores, Rob  
Lustan, Nita Calvo, Mel Gaoaen, Sean Daly, Russell &  
Jackie Ho, 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, 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:**

Percy Samson, Emma Juarez, Antonio Cortez,  
Vickie Dorsch, Cynthia Gahwiler, Darla Cady O'Donnell,  
Bonnie Adams, Christopher Strawbridge,  
Violeta Sarmiento, Mary Anne Lovelace,  
Adelfa Raymundo, Carrie Foley, Adelfa Raymundo,  
Robert Krupp, Marcelo Mislant, James Mazariegos,  
Marcial Bocaling, Bradley J. Francis, Concepcion Paramo,  
Stephen Michael Sanchez, Joseph Lindley,  
Lisa Corsi, Alex Espinosa

*~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows*



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## Pastor's Corner



As Catholics, we are taught to learn about the lives of the canonized saints in order to get inspiration for being great saints ourselves. Reading about the saints with the wrong mindset, however, can leave us discouraged, rather than inspired. For example, the stories of the numerous martyr saints could make us think, "My gosh, I could never die for my faith. How am I supposed to relate to Christians who lived such radically heroic virtue?" While we are not all called to walk the paths of those famous Christians, there is a quality of soul they all had that we all surely can cultivate within ourselves. That necessary quality of soul is indicated by a passage in this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew. In that Gospel, Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a "pearl of great price" for which a merchant sold all he owned so that he could have that one most magnificent pearl. The great saints were able to accomplish spectacular feats for God because they viewed the Kingdom of God as such a pearl. No doubt for many of those saints, the more they viewed the Kingdom in this way, the more they found themselves willing to do difficult things for God that they would not have been willing to do in days prior.

For a comparison to everyday life, consider a few more worldly examples. Did you ever find yourself a likely prospect for a great promotion at work for which you had not previously considered yourself worthy? Did the consequent chase for that promotion unlock all kinds of ability and drive you never realized you possessed all along? Or did you ever get a huge crush on someone? Once it happened, were you suddenly willing to do impressive things and generally be a dramatically better version of yourself in order to bond with that person and win his or her affections?

Of course, the path to sainthood involves seeing God as something much greater than a hot promotion or a dream-date. It's about loving God as the one pearl above all others. We can cultivate this love of him by reflecting routinely on what a precious gift his Kingdom is and how impoverished we would be without it. Expanding our love for God involves making time for him everyday and orienting all aspects of our lives toward growth in that loving union. The more we do this, the more the stories of the saints will inspire us rather than deflate us. Who knows what saintly potential God is waiting to unlock in you that will inspire future generations of Christians!

**Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor**  
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## Upcoming Events

### Family Movie Night

Mondays, June 5-August 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Parish Hall

**July 31:**

**Horton Hears A Who**

### Mothers Ministry Meeting

3rd Saturday of Month at 9:00 a.m.  
 Mary Magdalene Room

### Rosary for the Sick & Eucharistic Revival

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

### Feast of St. Dominic

Mass & Hospitality  
 August 13 at 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
 Church & Parish Hall

### Fr. Andy's Installation & Parish Festival

September 10 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Church, Small Lot & Parish Hall

### August 13 - after Masses

**Come to meet Fr. Tim Conlan, OP, a Dominican missionary from Guatemala after morning Masses on August 13 in the parish hall.**

**Fr. Tim Conlan is a priest of the Western Province who Works in Guatemala where he has been for the last 24 years. He works in the town of Rabinal and sponsors a scholarship program for youths for university and junior college. He brings a variety of colorful weavings from his misión, made by indigenous men and women. Come and support his work.**

### 1st Saturday Mass

**August 5, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





## Mural Blessing



LANGE, Jeri

Thank you to Jeri Lange, who made this mural possible! A portion of her bequest was used to complete this project. Saturday after the mural blessing Jeri's cousin Jeanine said "Jeri would have loved this!"

The YouTube video of the blessing is available on our channel in case you missed it! Learn more about how

this artwork came about from the artist and Fr. Carl, [watchstddom.com](http://watchstddom.com)

## Legacy Gifts

You too can remember St. Dominic's, Benicia in your estate plans through your will, retirement plan or other assets. Legacy gifts are used for capital projects that may otherwise not be possible and are never used for day to day expenses. You can even designate your gift to a specific fund (ie building fund). For more information or to explore your options please contact Teresa Stone at [tstone@stdombenicia.org](mailto:tstone@stdombenicia.org) or 707-335-4672.

## Weekend Silent Retreat for Women

"A Living Encounter With Jesus" with Fr. Dominic DeMaio, O.P. and Fr. Sergius Propst, O.P.

**Retreat Theme:** Bringing Prayer to Life - Luke 11:1: "Lord, teach us to pray . . ." What do we do when we face dryness in prayer? This retreat will address the renewal of our spiritual life in the modern world. Too often our spiritual worship becomes a habit and loses its inner meaning; it becomes value-less. Too often our religion is saying the words, but we don't mean them. We will seek to integrate the reality of the spiritual life back into every aspect of our lives. Take some time away for **rest, prayer and to deepen your faith**. Enjoy the beautiful forest and mountains at St. Clare Retreat, Soquel, CA.

**Two Retreat Options:** Fri., Sept. 8th-Sun., Sept. 10th **OR** Fri., Sept. 15th-Sun., Sept. 17th. Registration, details, and biographies of Fr. DeMaio and Fr. Propst: <https://stclaresretreat.com/2023-retreat-schedule-1>

# Chant Mass

*Friday at 6:00 p.m.  
August 4, 2023*



*Featuring the  
Chant Camp Children's Choir,  
Mary Ann Carr Wilson, and  
Fr. Corwin Low, O.P. celebrating Mass!*



Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

**SUMMER  
MONDAY MOVIE NIGHTS**

**FREE**

JULY 31:  
HORTON HEARS A WHO  
AUGUST 7:  
THE BIBLE COLLECTION, PAUL  
AUGUST 14:  
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI

**FREE**

Movie is at 6:30 p.m.

**PARISH HALL**

**JUNE 5 - AUGUST 14, 2023**  
475 East I Street, Benicia



**FAITH** **ST. DOMINIC'S** **FUN**  
**FELLOWSHIP** **YOUTH** **SERVICE**  
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## Confirmation

YR I Confirmation registration is available on the parish website at [www.stdombenicia.org](http://www.stdombenicia.org). From the menu, go to *Sacraments*, followed by *Confirmation*. The online registration form can be found at the top of the confirmation page. After registering their teen candidate, parents will receive an informational email.

YR I & YR II Confirmation begins on Saturday, September 30th with a parent & teen candidate service project. We are looking forward to the start of confirmation!

## Youth Ministry

Thank you to Allyson, Abigail, Mackenzie, and Madison for attending the *Youth on a Mission* retreat in early July where they attended workshops on teen evangelization and discipleship. We look forward to putting some of their new ideas into action!

Thank you to Br. John Paul, Melanie, Dee and all who attended last week's teen adoration and game night. Congratulations to team *Donut Dawgs* for winning a spirited game of Pictionary!

*Rosary for the Sick  
& Eucharistic Revival*

**Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.** | **JOIN US IN THE  
CHURCH**




## Music Notes - July 30, 2023

Organ music for 7:30 and 11 a.m. masses  
Prelude: Arioso by J.S.Bach, arr. by Frank Asper

J.S.Bach, considered to be one of the greatest composers of all time, was a devout Christian who dedicated all of his music, particularly cantatas, to Lord Jesus Christ. This piece is an arrangement of a movement from cantata 156, originally written for a small orchestra

Organ Postlude: Overture from Firework music by Handel

George Frideric Handel composed "The Music for the Royal Fireworks" in 1749 under contract of George II of Great Britain for the fireworks in London's Green Park. The music celebrates the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (Aachen) in 1748. The work was very popular when first performed and following Handel's death, as well as to this day.

7:30 a.m. Mass Communion meditation

Bach -Gounod Ave Maria.

In this popular arrangement of Ave Maria, French composer Gounod takes 1st Prelude from Bach's 24 Preludes and Fugues for piano, adding his own beautiful melody to the sacred words of Ave Maria.

**Summer Singers**

Dr. Cyril Deaconoff is offering free vocal lessons! All are welcome!

**Thursdays  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Mary Magdalene Room**





## 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.

## Ministries at St. Dominic's

### ♦ Adoration

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### ♦ Consolation/Grief

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### ♦ Gabriel Project

Sandy Scafani & Maria Padrones - [gabriel@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gabriel@stdombenicia.org)

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Shannon Carter - [gift@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gift@stdombenicia.org)

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**Our ministries are back to their regular monthly meetings on campus. Please email and find out more about them and how you can join! They look forward to hearing from you.**

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### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/2022-5/31/2022

	YTD	YTD	+/-
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Sunday Offertory	\$ 906,308	\$ 969,583	\$ (63,276)
Second Collections:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 43,769	\$ 36,667	\$ (7,102)
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 9,871	\$ 8,892	\$ 979
<i>SDS Tuition Assistance</i>	\$ 22,851		
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 71,585		

Total Operating Income \$ 1,099,677 \$1,165,000 \$ (65,323)

Operating Expenses \$ 1,218,166 \$1,164,437 \$ 53,729

Net Income/Loss \$ (118,489) \$ 563 \$ (119,052)

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<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST</b>	Aug 06: Building Improvement Aug 13: Latin America Aug 13: SDS Tuition Assistance	Aug 15: Assumption Aug 20: Building Improvement Aug 27: Faith Formation

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