

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023

Is 56:1, 6-7
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

“O God, let all the nations praise you!”



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Altar Flowers in Thanksgiving for Lootsee Lustan

Mass Intentions

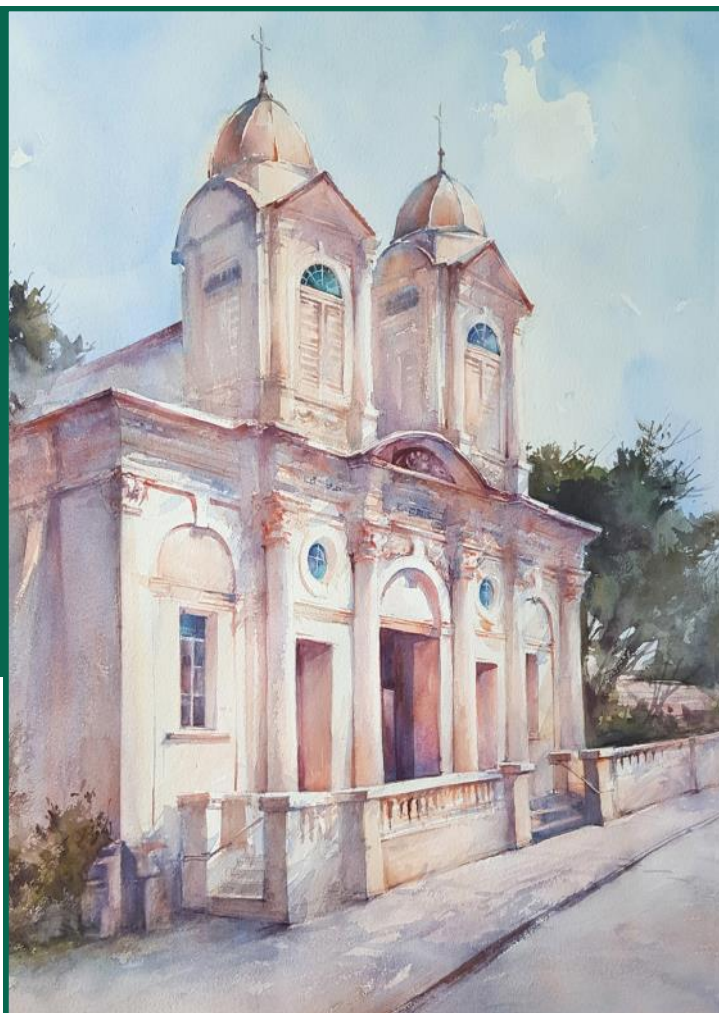
Sun	08/20	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(H) The Stager Family
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Epifania Torres Gatus
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Souls in Purgatory
Mon	08/21	6:45 a.m.	(P) Arnold & Armand Tolentino
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Edward Gonzales
Tues	08/22	6:45 a.m.	(B) Freddie E. Escala
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lolito Abad
Wed	08/23	6:45 a.m.	(B) Rosemarie Waterson
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Jose Santiago Carbonell
Thurs	08/24	6:45 a.m.	(B) Zoe Sophia Ruiz
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Teresa Stone & Family
Fri	08/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Alex Luis M. Pesigan
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Pax Lorica
Sat	08/26	8:15 a.m.	(R) Christopher Strawbridge
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Lourdes & Artur Cardoso
Sun	08/27	7:30 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Joe Ilagan
		11:00 a.m.	(P) St. Monica Chapter Members
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Jess Ochoa

Legend:

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

Mass Intentions

September 2023 Intentions Opened August 1



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



Andrew Kinane, Barbara Donley, Siong Beng & Cecilia Tan, 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, 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:

Gregory Quillin, Bernadette Godwin, 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 Mislang, 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



With the academic year having just begun this past week at St. Dominic's School here at the parish, it's a great occasion for all of us to reflect on how we hope to grow in the coming months. Obviously, many people choose to think about this sort of thing around January

1st. but I love to do it this time of year. The beginning of the school year has never lost its sense of a fresh start for me. I hope I never stop feeling that way. Of course, to know how we hope to improve, we need to ruminate on how we have grown or stagnated in the previous months. The lead-up to the start of school is a great time for getting such clarity. After all, this life is meant to be a pilgrimage to Heaven, and advancing in spiritual maturity is what quickens us on that path. Coasting on the status quo or even backsliding are very easy ruts to stay in for long periods of time without noticing if we do not check in on our progress, regularly.

For example, it helps to ask ourselves if we are allowing life's daily grind to crowd out time for talking to God and worshipping him. Reflecting routinely on how we have been treating others is also essential, especially those with whom we live. If we are not careful, it can be easy to take our closest family members and friends for granted, given that if we snap at them, they are less likely to drop us as a result than people we know less well. Also corrosive to our spiritual growth is too much time in front of screens. If I am not careful, I can waste a lot of time watching interviews with famous people to the point that I lack time for study that can deepen my faith and preaching.

Again, the start of the school year is a great time for asking ourselves these sorts of questions and coming up with concrete actions to accomplish improvement. With a life in which so many difficulties are out of our control, the ability to improve our character and overall spiritual lives is always within grasp, assuming we have some control of our mental and emotional faculties, of course. As the kids begin their fresh start on campus, let us all take a fresh start at living our lives in ways that, with the help of God's grace, can bring us closer to him and to each other. Happy first week of school, everybody!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
frandy@stdombenicia.org 707-335-4668

Upcoming Events

Mothers Ministry Meeting (Open to ALL Moms)

Saturday, August 19
3rd Saturday of every Month at 9:00 a.m.
Mary Magdalene Room

Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Sundays at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Parish Hall
(See Ad below)

Family Adoration & Dinner

Friday, August 25
Last Friday of the Month
5:30 p.m. - Snacks Mary Magdalene Room
6:00 p.m. - Adoration in Church
6:30 p.m. - Potluck Dinner

Fr. Andy's Installation & Parish Festival

September 10 at 10:00 a.m. - Mass
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Festival
Church, Small Lot & Parish Hall

Mass Times

September 9 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
September 10 - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. ONLY

Coffee Hour Fellowship

**Sundays after 11:00 a.m. Mass
Starting THIS Sunday!**

Parish Hall

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Join us for coffee, snacks and
conversation. Coffee will be
provided. Snacks to share would
be a blessing to all.**

**It is not required you bring anything to share
but some items of suggestion are cookies,
cheese crackers, finger foods or small bite
snack items**



Lets Celebrate

The Installation Mass of
Fr. Andrew Opsahl, O.P.

September 10, 2023
10:00 a.m.



ST. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Most Rev. Bishop Jaime Soto Presiding

Parish Festival Immediately to Follow



ST. DOMINIC'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
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FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

475 EAST I STREET, BENICIA

MINISTRY FAIR

BBQ LUNCH

DUNK TANK

BOUNCE HOUSE

GAMES

BEER GARDEN



11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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Altar Servers



Have you considered being an Altar Server; either for yourself or for your children? Please pray on it. We are looking to form new teams over the summer through the Fall. The altar server ministry is open to adults of all ages as well as children who have completed their first Holy Communion and have completed the 4th grade.

Requirements for an altar server are a good sense of maturity, reverence, and a sincere desire to serve the Lord with an open heart. It is an honor and a privilege to serve at Mass.

If you would like to be trained, either individually, or as a team with friends or family members, please fill-out the form below and place it the collection basket and Deacon Errol (ekissinger@stdombenicia.org) will contact you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home or Cell): _____

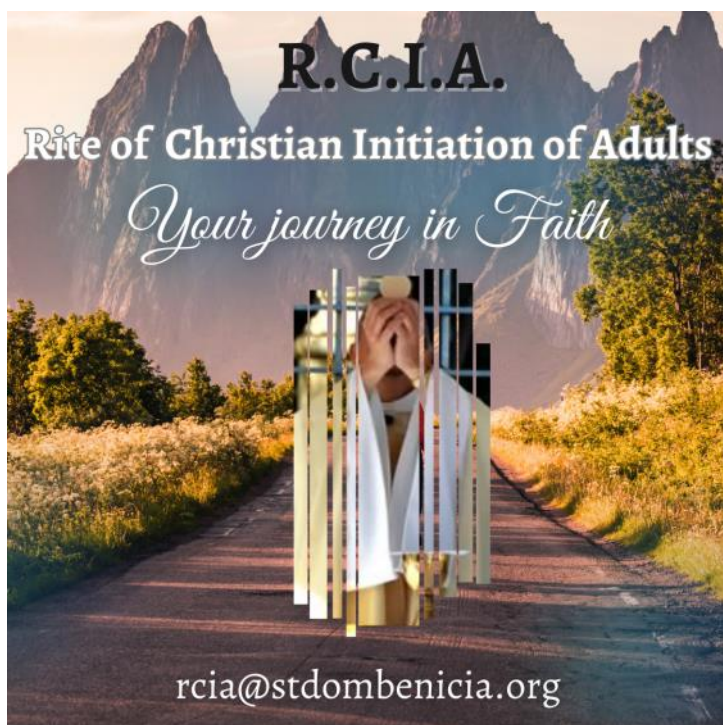
Email: _____

Please let us know what Mass you are most likely to serve. (Circle One)

Sat 5:00 p.m. - Sun 7:30 a.m.

Sun 9:00 a.m. - Sun 11:00 a.m.

Sun 1:00 p.m. (Bilingual)



Religious Education

Family of Faith Formation (K-7th)
Online Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year Goes Live August 15th, 2023.

St. Dominic's Presents Sophia Institute's
 'A Family of Faith'

Parent involvement in the faith-life of their child is by far the most important element in ensuring that a child develops into a practicing Christian. A *Family of Faith* provides both the parish catechist and the parent to catechize the whole family and help parents lead their children to Heaven.

Online Registration

On Aug 15th go to

<http://www.stdombenicia.org/religious-education/>

(Scroll down to 'How to Register')

See website for Rel Ed calendar and other information.

Parent Textbook Pick-Up Schedule

Sat, Sep 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., St. Aquinas Rm, Ministry Center

Mon, Sep 11, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., St. Aquinas Rm, Ministry Center

Tue, Sep 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., St. Aquinas Rm, Ministry Center

Wed, Sep 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Center

New Parent Orientation Schedule (In-Person)

Mon, Sep 18, Last Name (A-L) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Mary Magdalene Rm, Ministry Center

Mon, Sep 19, Last Name (M-Z) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Mary Magdalene Rm, Ministry Center

Sat, Sep 23, (ZOOM Make-up Session), 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

First Class Day, Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at
 ekissinger@stdombenicia.org

becoming a catechist

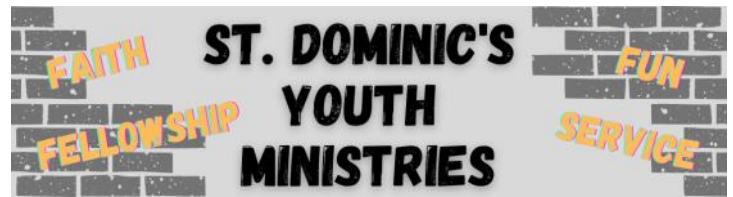
Whether you are an experienced catechist looking to be active again or you would like to help-out in a classroom as a teacher's aide, please send a comment to my email address (ekissinger@stdombenicia.org) and let me know what you're thinking or ask *any* questions that you may have. Our Rel Ed Program serves grade levels Kinder through 7th and will have its first class in early October. For further information about our program, go <https://www.stdombenicia.org/religious-education/>. There are lots of great catechists out there who would love to share their thoughts with you about this wonderful opportunity!

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.
 2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
 3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
 4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
 5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
 6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
 7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
 8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
 9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
- It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

What other reasons would you include?

For more information or to sign up for an opportunity, please contact Dcn Errol at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org.



Confirmation

YR I Confirmation Registration

YR I Confirmation registration is available on the parish website at 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. Parents will receive an informational email once registration is completed.

Confirmation Start Date

YR I & YR II confirmation begins on **Saturday, September 30th**. Get your walking shoes ready as we support the community through St. Vincent de Paul's *Friends of the Poor Walk* that will take place in downtown Benicia. Parent/teen check-in begins at 8:30 am. The confirmation team is looking forward to the start of confirmation!

Youth Ministry

Teen Social Event: Art Workshop – Wednesday, August 30th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of art, fellowship, and food. Bring a friend!

Service Project: St. Vincent de Paul food locker organization and food deliveries – various afternoons, Monday-Friday. This *important* service project is for parent *and* teen.

Service Project: St. Dominic's Annual Parish Festival & Fr. Andy's Installation- Sunday, September 10th. Teen help is needed with set-up or clean-up, children's face painting & tattoos, the dunk tank, serving popcorn and frozen treats, and monitoring the bouncy house. Let's come together to celebrate good times and support this festive day!

For more information or to sign up for an opportunity, please contact Lisa at ltoomey@stdombenicia.org.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT CORNER



Ingrid and Baby Angel Gael

One of the Moms we're working with, Ingrid, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy - Angel Gael – on Thursday, July 21, at 2:12 a.m. Ingrid is an immigrant from Nicaragua and has no family here. She heard about The Gabriel Project while attending mass at St. Vincent. With your generous financial support, we were able to purchase a diaper bag, diapers, formula, a car seat, a stroller, a bassinet/playpen, and an infant baby swing.

If you attended our recent Parish Baby Shower, you may have met Ingrid. She was amazed to see everyone at the shower and is thankful for the parishioner's generosity.

Please keep Ingrid and Baby Angel Gael in your prayers.

And thank you for your continued support and prayers. It's truly making a difference in the lives of moms and their babies!

The Gabriel Project is still trying to locate the winner of our Parish Baby Shower's Candy Guessing game. Anisa Posha or her parent can contact us at gabriel@stdombenicia.org to collect the jar. Deadline September 1, 2023.



Society of
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
BENICIA, CA

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is "a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relations with and service to people in need."

If you would like to be part of our community, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Tom at
SVdP@stdombenicia.org
For questions or more information

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

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

- See upcoming activities
- RSVP for special events
- Easily add parish events to your phone's calendar

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*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Music Notes - August 20, 2023

Prelude: "Pavane for a dead princess" by Maurice Ravel, arr. for organ by Dennis Janzer

Pavane for a Dead Princess (Pavane pour une infante défunte) is a well known piano piece by the French composer Maurice Ravel. It was composed in 1899 and published in 1900 and later in orchestrated version in 1910. Ravel described the piece as "an evocation of a pavane that a little princess [Infanta] might, in former times, have danced at the Spanish court. Its prayerful mood invokes a culture of reverence practiced in the Catholic Spanish court for centuries.

Postlude: "Wedding day in Trolldhaugen" by Edward Grieg

This joyful and celebratory piece was written for the 25th wedding anniversary of Grieg and his wife Nina. The work's festive march-like first section, describes congratulations and best wishes that are given by the guests to the newly-weds; the second section is reflective and subdued.

Communion meditation for 7:30 Mass:

The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23) by Keith Green

Keith Gordon Green (1953 – 1982) was an American gospel singer, songwriter, musician originally from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, New York. Beyond his music, Green is best known for his strong devotion to Christian evangelism and challenging others to do the same. He wrote some notable songs alone or with his wife, Melody Green.

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## Summer Singers

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

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

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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.

Confession Times

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Ministries at St. Dominic's

♦ Adoration

Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deacoff - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

♦ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

Dirk Fulton - domlaity@stdombenicia.org

♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

♦ Gabriel Project

Sandy Scafani & Maria Padrones - gabriel@stdombenicia.org

♦ GIFT - Growing In Faith Together

Shannon Carter - gift@stdombenicia.org

♦ Guadalupe Association

Patricia Chavez - guadalupe@stdombenicia.org

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Joe Thurin - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org

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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Deacon

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