

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Is 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

**“Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake
the work of your hands.”**



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

Altar Flowers in Memory of Kimla Cortez Mass Intentions

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
Mon	08/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Marilyn Mulcahy
		8:15 a.m.	(H) Brian Lucas
Tues	08/29	6:45 a.m.	(T) 6:45 a.m. Mass Volunteers
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Sr. Mary Christiana Kwon
Wed	08/30	6:45 a.m.	(P) Capapas & Zorilla Families
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Reina Saulog
Thurs	08/31	6:45 a.m.	(B) Veronica Rhee
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Fr. Emmanuel Chan Ram Hur
Fri	09/01	6:45 a.m.	(A) Joe & Ardath Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(H) Eusebia Lee Kyung Hee
Sat	09/02	8:15 a.m.	(R) Elipidio Masbad, Sr.
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Timmy D. Cullen
Sun	09/03	7:30 a.m.	(R) Frances Nigro
		9:00 a.m.	(A) Francis & Amar Lagrimas
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Antonio Cortez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

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**



SDS Ardath Kroner Scholarship Award!

**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 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 many of you know, for the past few months we have done a family Eucharistic Adoration night on the last Friday of the month and plan to continue offering them. One of my favorite aspects of this monthly event is that it provides families an occasion for praying together. Family prayer is essential if we want our kids to grow in their faith and progressively take more personal ownership of it. Accomplishing this goal usually does not happen without persistent effort. For example, I have often heard from exasperated parents who said things like, "Father Andy, what are we doing wrong with our kids? We go to a lot of trouble to drag them to mass in the midst of sports, homework, and other stuff, and all they do is complain about how they have to go to church in the first place!" In many cases, the parents are doing nothing wrong. It's just kids being kids. In some situations, however, part of the problem is that the families in question do not make their faith much of a priority beyond attending mass on Sundays. The faith is not talked about much at home and does not really influence many family choices. If a child grows up in an environment like this, we should not be surprised if he or she has trouble seeing the importance of going to Mass on Sundays. I do not point this out to judge such families, because it is easy for that sort of thing to happen to any of us. One of many remedies is to make sure on a regular basis families thank God for the blessings he has already bestowed and ask him for things the family needs or desires. For example, let's say a parent is in between employment and currently interviewing for a job he or she thinks would be very good for the family. This is a great occasion for that family to pray that the parent gets the job if it is God's will. When we engage in such prayers, it can be a helpful reminder of how reliant we all are on God and the interior peace that can come from accepting his will. Another helpful family ritual is to read the coming Sunday's Gospel ahead of time, so that the family has an easier time engaging with that Gospel at Sunday mass. This is something we aim to provide with the family Eucharistic Adoration nights. On that evening, we read the Gospel in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and a guided meditation is offered, along with praise music and sacred silence. The Adoration lasts for a half-hour, and then the families enjoy food and fellowship afterwards, so that they have a chance to build friendships in order to support each other. A proper Catholic upbringing consists of numerous little ways, like those just mentioned, of keeping God at the center of life. Let's all do what we can to support each other in that most important goal!

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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

Please help us stock our pantry. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup and other nonperishable foods.

Please check the expiration dates because we are not allowed to give away expired items to our friends in need.

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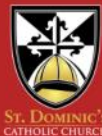
Lets Celebrate

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

September 10, 2023
10:00 a.m.



Most Rev. Bishop Jaime Soto Presiding
Parish Festival Immediately to Follow



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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
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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!



Each year, Bishop Soto extends an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento who are baptized, have received First Communion, and have received religious instruction since their First Communion, but for various reasons were never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023, St. Mary's Church, 350 Stinson Ave., Vacaville, 5:00 p.m. Candidates will be prepared at the parish level by completing 8 sessions held over a series of consecutive Sundays from September 10, 2023 through October 29, 2023, 2:00-3:30 p.m., St. Dominic's Ministry Center, Siena Rm.

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, and have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate certified within the past 6 months. Confirmation candidates must select a Sponsor who must be Catholic, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, is a practicing Catholic, and is at least 16 years of age.



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

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.



Altar Servers

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)

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 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.



Religious Education

Family of Faith Formation (K-7th)
Online Registration for the 2023-2024 School
Live NOW!

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., Aquinas Rm,
 Ministry Center

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

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

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

New Parent Orientation Schedule (In-Person)

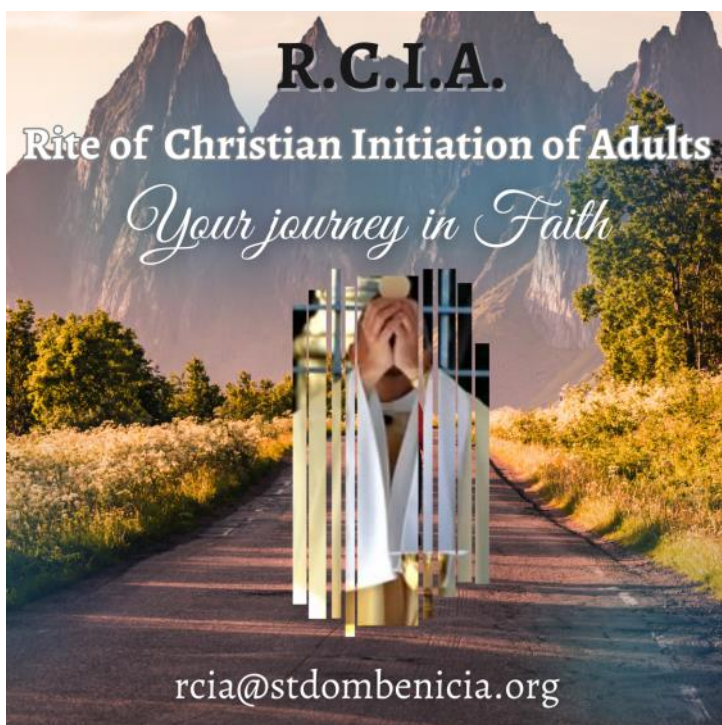
Mon, Sep 18, Last Name (A-L) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.,
 Mary Magdalene Rm, Ministry Center

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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

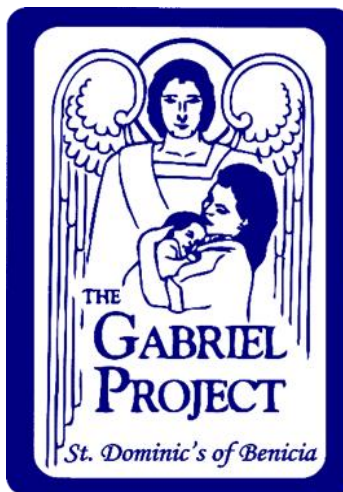
Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning September 27th thru November 5th 2023, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil September 27th. 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 save 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
E-mail: tonyh@ctpub.com



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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>

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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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 Deaconoff - 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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Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

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♦ Lectors Ministry

Amar Lagrimas - lector@stdombenicia.org

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♦ Parish Pastoral Council

Kaitlin Demers - ppc@stdombenicia.org

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Penny Ogden - pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org

♦ 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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Music Notes - August 27, 2023

Organ Prelude: Reflective Interlude in E
by Colin Mawby

Colin Mawby (9 May 1936 – 24 November 2019) was an English organist, choral conductor and composer. From 1961 he was Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, then from 1981 he was the choral director at Radio Telefís Éireann. He composed masses dedicated to specific choirs, including in Germany. He was awarded Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory in 2006.

Organ Postlude: The Joys awaiting, arranged by Lyndell Leatherman

This arrangement by Leatherman combines two ancient hymns which anticipate the eternal rewards of heaven: "Jerusalem, my happy home" "Land of Rest", anonymous early American melody

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