

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

Ez 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

**“Remember your mercies,
O Lord.”**



Fall Festival - Let's Celebrate!



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

Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira, Rene Aquino,
Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes, Brigitte Michael,
Andrew Kinane, Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan,
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:**

Jack Curran, Arlene Saitz, Siong Beng Tan, 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

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Altar Flowers for the Marriage of Angelica & Brian Nasser Mass Intentions

Sun	10/01	7:30 a.m.	(R) Robert K. Fournier
		9:00 a.m.	(H) Victoria Montgomery
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		12:30 p.m.	(B) Edward Lorica
Mon	10/02	6:45 a.m.	(B) Mya Avery Ruiz
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Theresa Hong Ja Lee
Tues	10/03	6:45 a.m.	(R) Jack Curran
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Cesar Lucila
Wed	10/04	6:45 a.m.	(B) Pierre Bidou
		8:15 a.m.	(T) Dcn Andrew Kang, OP
Thurs	10/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Chiro Go
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Ramon Espinosa
Fri	10/06	6:45 a.m.	(B) Chato B. Angeles
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Wifredo D. Bernabe
Sat	10/07	8:15 a.m.	(R) Rizalina Supnet
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Sun	10/08	7:30 a.m.	(R) Rogelio & Josefina Co
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Student Brothers
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Mayumi Altera
		12:30 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend:

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

November 2023 Intentions Opens October 3



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Pastor's Corner



Well, last Thursday evening made for another worthwhile exercise in evangelization at our parish's booth in the local farmers market. As many of you know, we have been handing out free rosaries to strangers there and inviting them to St. Dominic's, which sometimes triggers

conversations with them about the Christian faith. You might be surprised at how many people end up being interested in those little plastic rosaries. They also seem to really care about receiving the color they want. I always hang one of each color from my fingers and invite them to choose, which has the added benefit of lengthening the encounter and potentially opening the door to a more in-depth conversation between them and us. Sometimes that longer conversation happens, and other times the person just politely takes the rosary and heads off on his or her way. Regardless, it is always a delightful exchange.

In between those delightful exchanges, however, can be a lot of seeming rejection from many passers-by who are disinterested in what we have to offer. When that happens (and it happens a lot), I always tell myself, "I am so glad my positive self-image is not contingent on whether these people stop or keep walking." I remind myself that I am not supposed to be out there to feed my ego but rather for the good of others. Even when people don't stop, you never know what seeds might have been planted, merely by the offer of that rosary. Sometimes the seed takes sprout very fast indeed. For example, in some cases, I offered people rosaries, which they rejected, but then a few minutes later found that they had returned and were asking if they could have one after all.

Our overall endeavor in the farmers market reminds me of an essential teaching from scripture. In last Monday's daily mass Gospel from Luke, Jesus reminded us that no one conceals a lighted lamp in a vessel or hides it under a bed. The light is put on a lampstand so that others are not left to stumble hopelessly in the dark. Jesus wants us to think of his word and true faith in general as being like that lighted lamp. How often do we think of Christian faith in such terms? Our parish booth in the farmers market is just one of many ways we can treat God and his word as a lighted lamp that is placed on a lampstand. Let us all keep working together to be a means by which Our Lord's light can lead our neighbors home to his loving embrace.

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Upcoming Events

Religious Items Sale

THIS WEEKEND
After ALL Masses
(See below)

Benicia Farmer's Market

1st Street Booth
Thursdays 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
October 12: Knights of Columbus
October 26: Eucharistic Adoration

Grief Series

Saturday, September 30 - November 4
11:00 a.m. - Ministry Building Aquinas Room

Tamales Sale - Pre-Order NOW

Order deadline - Sunday, October 8
Pick up orders - Sunday, October 15
Pick order after 8:30 a.m.



Please help support our Catholic brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. For more than ten years Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict. Many Christians left their homeland. Jhon Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the carvings after all masses next weekend. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever.

Religious Item Sales
Saturday, September 30 & Sunday, October 1
After ALL Masses



Tamale Sale

All Sales are by **Pre-order**
Pick-Up: Sunday, October 15, 2022
In the Parish Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
\$25/dozen chicken w/green tomatillo sauce only
Placing Orders: TODAY! (October 8th deadline)
Patricia Chavez at 707.642.4513
guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

This fundraiser benefits St. Dominic's Church, Guadalupana Ministry and our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you for your support!

Rosary Sunday

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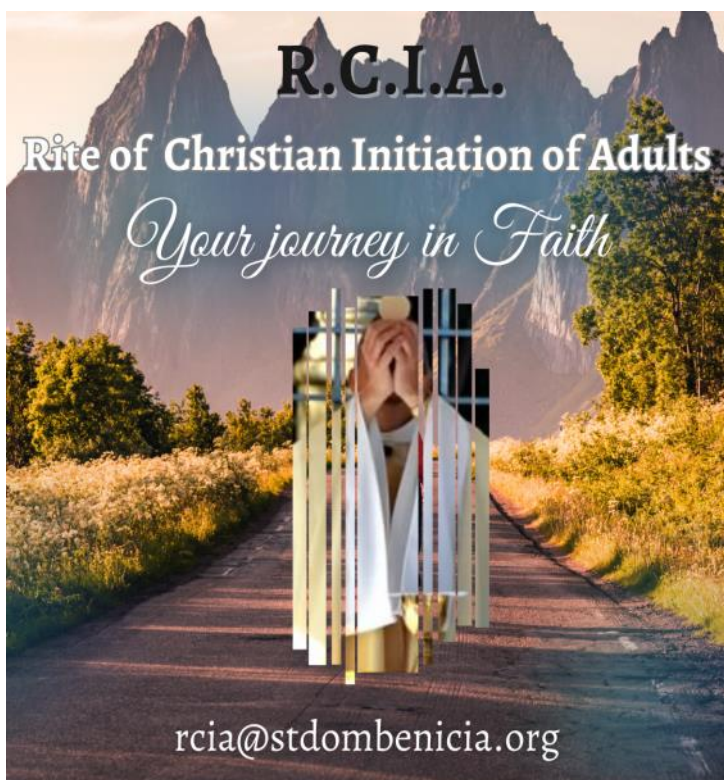


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change the world, and
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In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about our annual **Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal**, which supports the education of the 41 young men currently in formation to become your future Dominican priests and religious brothers.

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

Matthew 5:4

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 having a new
series of sessions, come to one or all 6 weeks!

Saturdays

September 30 - November 4, 2023

11:00 a.m.

In the Ministry Center - Aquinas 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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MUSIC NOTES : OCTOBER 1, 2023

7:30 and 11 a.m. Masses

Organ Prelude:

Meditation (Communion) by the French composer and organist Jean Langlais is based on a chant Ubi Caritas, and is part of the cycle of liturgical organ pieces "Suite Medievale". Even though Langlais was blind, he was appointed organist at St. Clotilde Basilica in Paris, following in the footsteps of the great Cesar Franck.

Organ Postlude: The Majesty and Power of His Name by Lyndell Leatherman

In this arrangement, Leatherman combines 2 beloved tunes for the text All Hail the Power of Jesus Name: Diadem, written by 19-year old Englishman James Ellor, and Coronation, composed by Oliver Holden.

11 a.m. only:

Choral anthem (post-Communion meditation): God be in my head by Hal H. Hopson

The text of this choral piece by Hal Hopson was taken from The Book of Hours 1514, and a traditional Celtic prayer. It reminds us to be focused on God at all time in our lives.



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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gabriel@stdombenicia.org



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

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

(Scroll down to 'How to Register')

See website for Rel Ed calendar and other information.

First Class Day, Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at
ekissinger@stdombenicia.org



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!



Confirmation

YR I Confirmation Registration

YR I Confirmation begins soon. Online registration is available on the parish website at www.stdombenicia.org. Select *Sacraments*, followed by *Confirmation*. Paper registration packets are available in the Ministry Center lobby. Parents will receive an informational email once registration is completed.

YR I & YR II Confirmation Start Date: 9/30 @ 8:30 AM

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 will be there to greet you and assist with parent/teen sign-in.

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

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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.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

**Sundays after 11:00 a.m. Mass
Parish Hall
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Bring something to share! Suggested items include cookies, cheese & crackers, finger foods or small bite snack items.

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

Ministries at St. Dominic's

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Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org

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Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

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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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