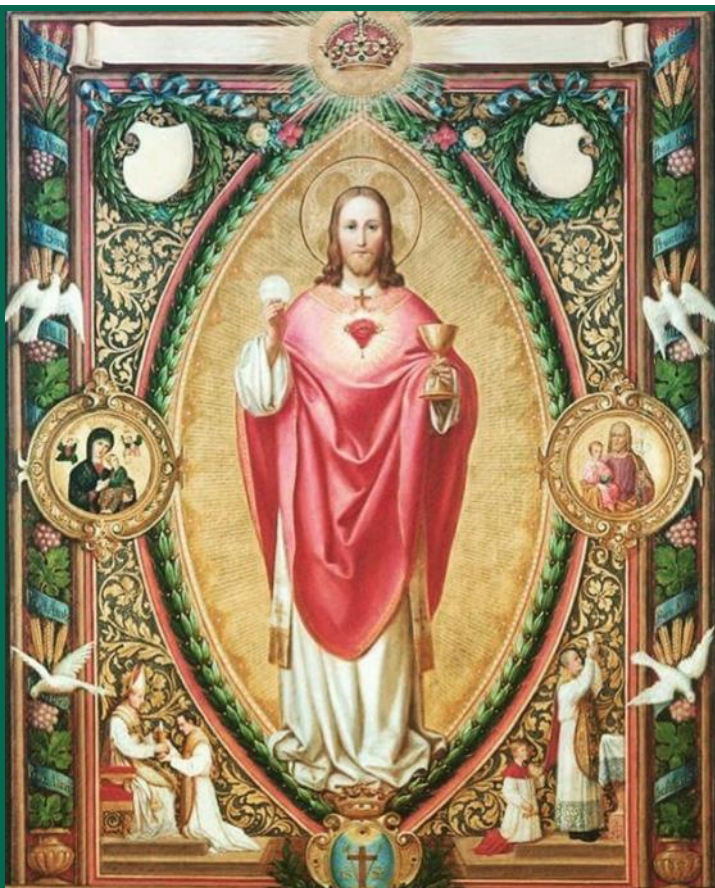


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

**“If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.”**



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Salvation of Souls**

Altar Flowers for Fr. Andrew Opsahl, O.P. Mass Intentions

Sun	09/10	7:30 a.m. (R) Deceased Farrugia Family 10:00 a.m. (T) Fr. Andrew Opsahl, O.P.
Mon	09/11	6:45 a.m. (R) Diana Perez 8:15 a.m. (R) Alex Espinosa
Tues	09/12	6:45 a.m. (R) Dionysius Flora 8:15 a.m. (P) OL Fatima Rosary Group
Wed	09/13	6:45 a.m. (R) Richard S. Callao 8:15 a.m. (T) Ortega Family
Thurs	09/14	6:45 a.m. (T) Hampton Family 8:15 a.m. (T) Antonio Gomez
Fri	09/15	6:45 a.m. (B) Kristina Ruiz 8:15 a.m. (A) Ruben & Cornelia Reyes
Sat	09/16	8:15 a.m. (B) Rober Bueno 5:00 p.m. (P) Grace & Kathryn Wildasin
Sun	09/17	7:30 a.m. (T) People of the Parish 9:00 a.m. (R) Samuel Santos 11:00 a.m. (R) Martin S. Lagbao, Jr. 12:30 p.m. (T) Guadalupana Association

Legend:

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

**Mass Intentions
October 2023 Intentions Opened September 1**

Fr. Andy's Installation & Festival Weekend

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



Rene Aquino, Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes,
Brigitte Michael, Andrew Kinane, Barbara Donley,
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 Gaoen,
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:**

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,
Marcelo Misláng, James Mazariegos, Marcial Bocaling

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



This past Labor Day, as I jogged through town, seeing the families out enjoying the gorgeous weather, it reminded me how important it is to enjoy life in the here and now. That may seem like an obvious notion, but losing sight of it is easy. Very often we spend too much time proverbially

living in the future, driven by fantasies about the coming weeks, months, and years. "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your future plans," as the saying goes. Even if those plans do come to be in some form, the satisfaction we expect to obtain from them typically proves elusive. For example, as we await the future, it's common to say something like, "Oh, as soon as I get that job at such and such company, then life will get better." Once we get the job, it's remarkable how quickly we can become restless again and say, "Okay, as soon as I get that promotion, then I'll be where I want to be in life." We get the promotion, and before we know it, it's, "Ugh! As soon as I get into another company, then all of this sacrifice will have been worth it." We get hired by another company, but if we're not careful, all too quickly we're again saying, "as soon as..." in a cycle that continues like a hamster wheel. Living for fantasies about the future tends to make us miss a lot of what God is offering us in life.

My father is in his mid-sixties, and I know he is very glad he did not spend all of his professional years living for fantasies about retirement. When he was in his mid-fifties, he began to have special health difficulties, and because of that, retirement has been much different than Dad had envisioned. That having been stated, he has lived a pretty good retirement, from my point of view, because he has focused on doing whatever he could with the health God was blessing him with at any given time. Ever since my father's diagnosis, we have always tried to stay grateful for all of the things he was still able to do, and those things have been many.

If we do not stop to be sufficiently mindful of our current blessings on a regular basis, it can be a form of ingratitude to God. Of course, this all is not to say we should not hope for a better future. Our drive for some kind of happily ever after is no doubt connected in some way to the fact that God made us for everlasting happiness. Let us all make sure, with the help of God's grace, we channel that hope toward Heaven and appreciate the gifts God grants us on the way there!

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE
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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

9 Mos. YTD Report October 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 Food Pantry

Grocery delivery five days/week

- ◆ 362 Families served
- ◆ 1057 individuals served
- Holiday Dinner Box Program
- ◆ 259 families given Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner boxes with gift card for Turkey/ perishables
- ◆ 146 children received Christmas gifts
- ◆ Easter Season delivery of 136 dinner boxes and gift cards in April
- ◆ 80 low-income seniors received Christmas gifts





Let's 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

**CELEBRATE
GOOD TIMES**



**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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)

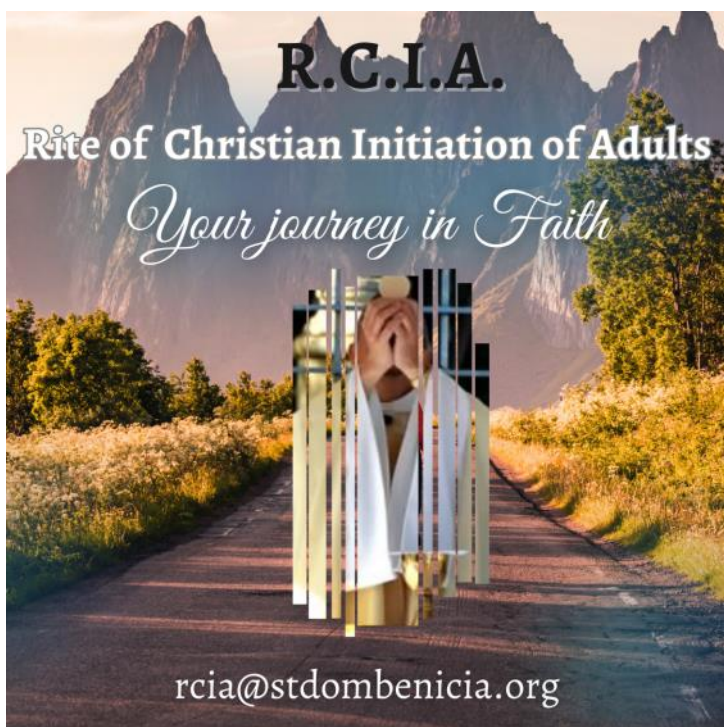
Mon, Sep 18, Last Name (A-L) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.,
 Mary Magdalene Rm, Ministry Center

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



THE GABRIEL PROJECT CORNER

Michelle and Baby Nolan David



It's a boy! One of the new moms The Gabriel Project ministry is helping, Michelle, gave birth to beautiful Nolan David on August 25th. Michelle is currently at a women's shelter and has no family assisting her. She heard about The Gabriel Project when she arrived at the shelter eight months pregnant. Aside from much-needed baby items, Michelle also asked us for personal care items, and it was clear that she also needed shoes and socks. Thanks to the financial support our parishioners have provided The Gabriel Project ministry, we were able to meet her needs and provide her with shoes that fit correctly, as well as a diaper bag, diapers, car seat, stroller, and clothes for Baby Nolan.

Please keep Michelle and Baby Nolan in your prayers, in addition to all the mothers who are in need of help. And thank you so much for the difference you're making in the lives of mothers. Together we are living a culture of life."

1st Anniversary Dinner

Saturday

October 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

(Reservations Deadline September 15)

See our booth at the festival!!

The Gabriel Project ministry invites the parishioners of St. Dominic's to join them for a dinner celebrating their 1st Anniversary helping mothers in need. Dinner cost: \$25 per person and will consist of Antipasto, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Lasagna, and Tiramisu. There will also be a Silent Auction to raise money for our mothers and their babies.

Gabriel@stdombenicia.org



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.

Youth Ministry

September 19th:

Teen Leadership Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Teens who are interested in helping plan and prepare monthly youth activities for the 2023-24 school year are encouraged to attend this gathering.

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

*"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.



**"Arm yourself with prayer
rather than a sword; wear
humility rather
than fine clothes"**

-St. Dominic

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

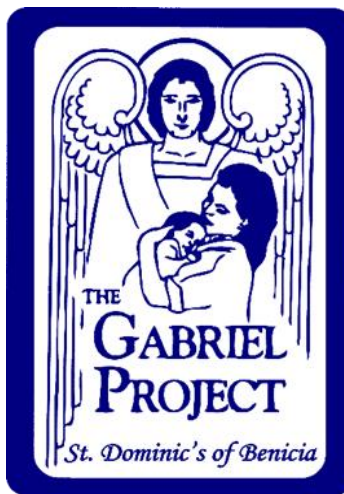
Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning September 27th thru November 5th 2023, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 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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We're here to help you.
The Gabriel Project® offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need.

gabriel@stdombenicia.org

Music Notes September 10, 2023

7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

Organ Prelude: "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar

"Nimrod" is one of the Enigma Variations Sir Edward Elgar composed 1898-1899, a cycle of variations on an original theme. [Nimrod](#) is described in the [Old Testament](#) as "a mighty hunter before the Lord".

Organ Postlude: Toccata from Symphony # 5 by Charles-Marie Widor

To help us celebrate Fr. Andy's installation and the parish festival, music director Cyril Deaconoff will play Toccata by Widor - one of the most celebratory, joyful and popular organ pieces. Widor (1844-1937) was a French organist and composer who played at St. Sulpice cathedral in Paris, and gained worldwide popularity precisely because of this 5 min Toccata.. Stay and enjoy!

10 a.m. Mass:

Communion meditation: Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck

Cesar Franck (1822-1890) was one of the most important French composers, teachers and organists, the founder of the French School. Franck was an organist at St. Clotilde in Paris from 1858 until his death. Panis Angelicus was originally composed as a separate piece, but later incorporated into a "Messe a 3 voix". The original Latin text is the 6th verse of the Corpus Christi hymn Sacris Solemnis.

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.

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Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deacoff - cdeaconoff@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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For more information or to explore your options please contact

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