24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2023

Sir 27:30—28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."



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

Altar Flowers for the Souls of Ventura & Nannie Lustan Mass Intentions

Sun	09/17	9:00 a.m. (R) 11:00 a.m. (R)	People of the Parish Samuel Santos Martin S. Lagbao, Jr. Guadalupana Association
Mon	09/18	6:45 a.m. (R)	Siong Beng Tan Siu Ming Lau
Tues	09/19	6:45 a.m. (B)	Harold Bodenhiemer Gregory Quillin
Wed	09/20	6:45 a.m. (T)	WDP Diaconate Ordination Aurora Masbad
Thurs	09/21	6:45 a.m. (B)	Deacon Shawn Carter Ventura Lustan
Fri	09/22	6:45 a.m. (R)	
Sat	09/23	8:15 a.m. (B)	Fr. Victor Cavalli, O.P.
Sun	09/24	7:30 a.m. (R) 9:00 a.m. (T)	Pete & Mel Peterson Edgar & Julita Alandy People of the Parish Joyce Hernandez

Legend:

12:30 p.m. (R) Teresita Madueno

(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



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



Maria de Fatima Pereira, 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 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:

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











Pastor's Corner



Well, my installation as pastor of Saint Dominic's and our parish festival last Sunday sure was a blast. Having my family in the front row at the installation was so joyful, especially for my little three-year-old nephew Vincent. It was very difficult for me to hold a straight face as he

kept trying to pull my attention with his silly antics.

As I received rousing appreciation from parishioners, I was reminded of an expression common among the brothers of the Western Dominican Province. "Peacock today, feather duster tomorrow," is the saying. I first heard it from a Dominican who had once been the provincial (superior) of our province. What he meant was that in our province, one day you might be a big-shot superior, like the provincial, but before you know it, you can easily find yourself in a much lower ranked position. To make it through such a transition well, we need to be cultivating humility on an ongoing basis, regardless of where we might be in the proverbial pecking order at any given time. If we want to develop this sort of humility, it helps to remember the following words from Matthew 23:11: "The greatest among you will be your servant." This means pursuit of greatness for us as Christians is very different than greatness is often viewed in worldly terms.

In the corporate world, for example, many people actually expect others to be fixated on serving their own egos. It is frequently even praised. "What else do you expect? That's what successful people do. It's how one becomes successful," we are often told. No doubt it is often because of this that life in the corporate world can be so stressful. In contrast, I find the Christian approach to greatness to be a relief. How freeing it is to know that if I want to be a good pastor, I do not need to worry about being seen as having matched the charisma, humor, intelligence, or good looks of previous pastors of St. Dominic's Parish. I need not worry about how I measure up against them in regard to various forms of worldly esteem. My job as pastor is to focus on being a leader motivated by service. With the help of God's grace, anyone can do that, regardless of one's natural gifts. The more each of us is driven by service, the greater we get to become in Christian terms, which are the only terms of success that will matter at the end of our lives in this world.

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

Upcoming Events

Benicia Farmer's Market

1st Street Booth

Thursdays 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
September 14: M.O.M.'s Group
September 28: SVdP

October 12: Knights of Columbus October 26: Eucharistic Adoration

ADORE

Family Adoration & Dinner Friday, September 29 5:30 p.m. - Snacks Mary Magdalene Room 6:00 p.m. - Adoration in Church 6:30 p.m. - Potluck Dinner

SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk

Benicia City Park Gazebo Saturday, September 30 Check-in 8:00 a.m. Walk 9:00 a.m.

Grief Series

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

Tamales Sale - Pre-Order NOW

Order deadline - Sunday, October 1 Pick up orders - Sunday, October 8 Pick order after 8:30 a.m.



When: September 30, 2023 Where: Benicia City Park Gazebo 1ST St.

> Check-in begins at 8:00 am Walk starts at 9:00 am

Funds raised assist the poor and underserved in Benicia. Programs include food delivery, holiday dinner program, rental and utility assistance





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giving online, or drop a check or envelope (marked "MAUI") in the collection.

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

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 - Aguinas Room

We are also available by phone or email.

Please reach out to Patti Erickson
at grief@stdombenicia.org or call 650.455.3766.

Fall 2023 - Apply Now





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MUSIC NOTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Organ music (7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses) 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.

Postlude:

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

Communion meditation (11 AM)

Ave verum corpus (Hail, true body), (<u>K.</u> 618), is a <u>motet</u> in <u>D major</u> composed by <u>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</u> in 1791. It is a setting of the <u>Latin</u> hymn <u>Ave verum</u> corpus. Mozart wrote it for Anton Stoll, a friend who was the church musician of St. Stephan in Baden bei Wien.

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



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."

Pregnant? Worried and confused? 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.

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 Au



Tiramisu. There will also be a Silent Auction to raise money for our mothers and their babies.

gabriel@stdombenicia.org

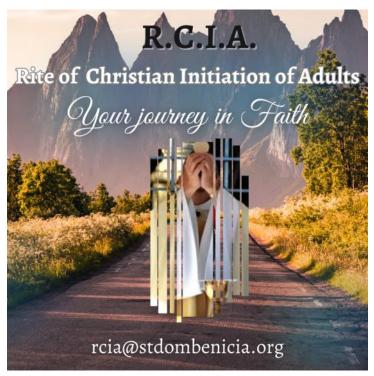


Please let us know what Mass you are most likely to serve. (Circle One)

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 fillout 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')

(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

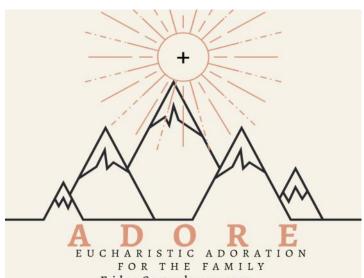
Tue, Sep 12, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Aquinas Rm, Ministry Center Wed, Sep 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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



Friday, September 29, 2023 5:30 p.m. Snacks/Potluck - Ministry Center 6:00 p.m. Holy Half Hour - Church 6:30 p.m. Dinner/Potluck - Ministry Center

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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 Itoomev@stdombenicia.org.

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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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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