

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

Is 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

**“The Lord is near to all
who call upon him.”**



Fall Festival - Let's Celebrate!



**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, 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:**

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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Parish Inspired by
Dominican Spirituality
Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

Altar Flowers for the Souls of Pete & Mildred Peterson Mass Intentions

Sun	09/24	7:30 a.m.	(R) Edgar & Julita Alandy
		9:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Joyce Hernandez
		12:30 p.m.	(R) Teresita Madueno
Mon	09/25	6:45 a.m.	(R) Fr. Paschal Salisbury, OP
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Rogelio & Josefina Raymundo Co
Tues	09/26	6:45 a.m.	(T) Fr. Emmanuel Chan Ran Huh
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lolito Abad
Wed	09/27	6:45 a.m.	(R) Siong Beng Tan
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Cesar De Joya, Sr.
Thurs	09/28	6:45 a.m.	(T) Sr. Lupina Lee
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Jeffrey Leonares
Fri	09/29	6:45 a.m.	(R) Maria Guerrero
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Nannie Lustan
Sat	09/30	8:15 a.m.	(R) Gregory Quillin
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Shannon Carter
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

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



Last Sunday, Father Gregory gave a wonderful homily about forgiveness. He rightly pointed out that forgiving others can be seriously difficult, depending on how others have hurt us. One insight I often find helpful is that forgiveness is not just about the good of the one who has wronged us.

We need to forgive others for our own good because withholding that forgiveness is toxic for our souls. In many cases, when we withhold forgiveness, as a result, we suffer far more than the person we refuse to forgive. That lack of forgiveness typically takes the form of long-standing resentment. In regard to lengthy resentment, there is a helpful famous expression: "Resentment is like drinking poison and hoping the other guy dies." The saying is pointing out that when we cling to and nurse negative feelings toward others, very often those we resent are all the while off busy living their lives, unaffected by those negative feelings we are inflicting on ourselves. Again, unforgiveness often only hurts those who are withholding the forgiveness. Of course, the most important problem with unforgiveness is that it runs counter to the example set by Jesus Christ. Jesus loved humanity with a love more powerful than humanity's wickedness. The Christian command to forgive is a call to love others with that supernatural love by way of the Holy Spirit dwelling within our hearts, making us into powerful weapons against Satan's ability to sow malice. Keep in mind, however, loving others in the way Christ loves sinners does not necessarily mean sharing a mutual affability with them. I learned this years ago from someone quite familiar to many of you. During the spring of 2012, I visited this parish with my novice class to give my vocation story, and I remember the then pastor Father Michael Hurley making a helpful remark in regard to Christ's love and forgiveness. "When the Romans were nailing Jesus to the cross and Jesus asked the Father to forgive them, Jesus was loving those Romans, but that didn't mean he was having warm feelings about them. They probably weren't going to be spending Thanksgiving together," he quipped. Loving others as Christ loved us is less about liking the people who hurt us and more about willing their good in the form of willing that they obtain God. In many cases that requires us to pray for them to repent of whatever sins that may be keeping them from accepting the mercy God is offering them. Now, living those Christian principles is much more difficult than just talking about them. If we embrace that difficulty with the help of God's grace, the toil is sure to purify us of our own sinfulness. It will also shape us into people who are more fit for the happiness that Christ's forgiveness made possible for all who persevere in faith to the end.

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Upcoming Events

Benicia Farmer's Market

1st Street Booth

Thursdays 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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 8

Pick up orders - Sunday, October 15

Pick order after 8:30 a.m.

Muffins can be savory, sweet, healthy, or indulgent! What is your favorite? What will you bring to the table? Please drop them off in the parish hall before Mass.



Muffin Sunday

September 24, 2023

After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Parish Hall

Bring muffins to share!

Coffee & juice provided

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 in 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.

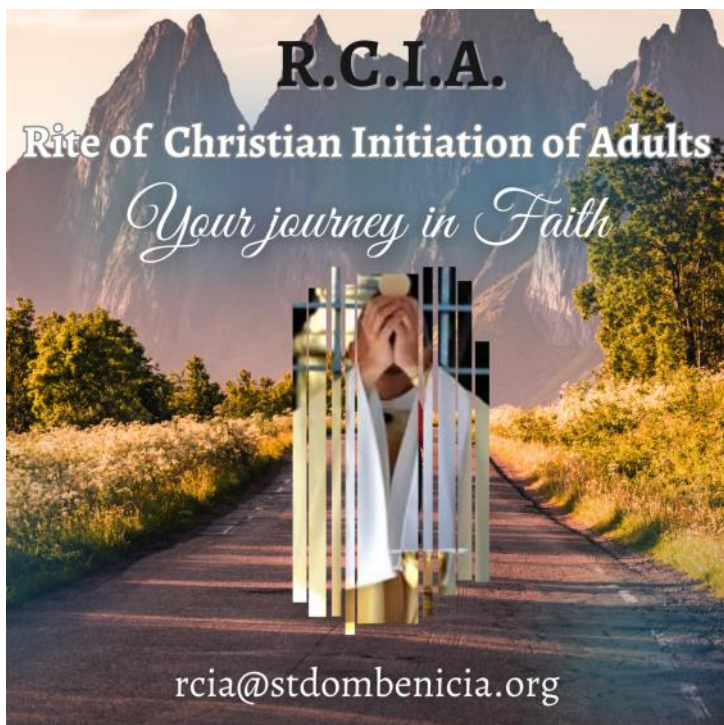
Sat, Sep 23, (ZOOM Make-up Session),
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

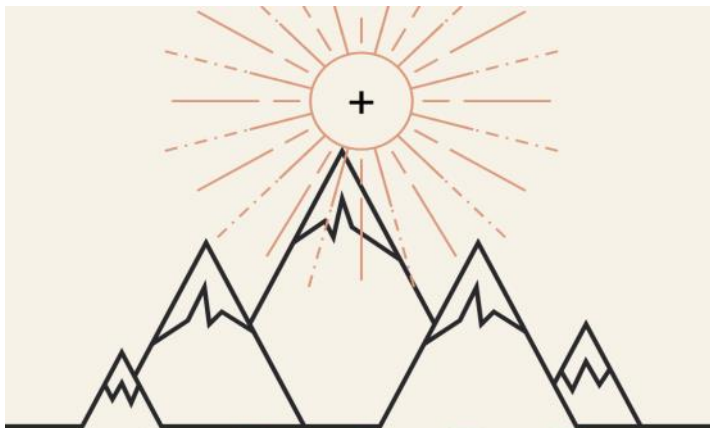
First Class Day, Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at
ekissinger@stdombenicia.org

Become 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!





ADORE
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FOR THE FAMILY
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



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.

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MUSIC NOTES : SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Organ music for 7:30 and 11 a.m. Masses

Prelude: Adagio from organ concerto # 2 by J. S. Bach
Bach composed his organ concertos during his Weimar period, when he was an organist at the court of the Duke of Weimar. At that time, he became familiar and influenced by the music of Vivaldi. In fact, many believe that his organ concertos are arrangements of Vivaldi violin concertos.

Postlude: With Trumpets and Horns from "Water Music" by G. F. Handel

The **Water Music** is a collection of orchestral movements, often published as three suites, composed by George Frideric Handel. It premiered on 17 July 1717, in response to King George I's request for a concert on the River Thames.

Choral music For 11 a.m. Mass:

Communion meditation: "Loving Savior, hear my prayer" by Gabriel Faure, arr. John Bertalot
This is John Bertalot's arrangement of Faure Pie Jesu. Bertalot also wrote the English text, where he emphasizes guidance we need from the Lord in every deed and word we do and say.

*"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.

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

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.

gabriel@stdombenicia.org

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Friends
OF THE POOR®
WALK
fopwalk.org

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.



To register as a walker or to donate:
<https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2892>
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Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Collection for Maui




Ways to give: use QR code above, in my own giving online, or drop a check or envelope (marked "MAUI") in the collection.

1st Saturday Mass
October 7, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.
We look forward to seeing you there!



St. Dominic's Cemetery
5th Street & Hillcrest Ave., Benicia



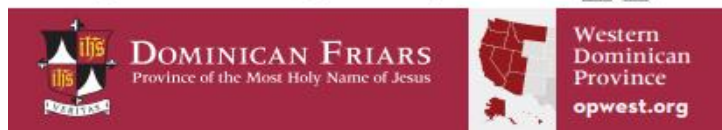
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Confirmation

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 ltoomey@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

♦ 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

♦ Hospitality

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♦ 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 & Dir Rel Ed

Deacon

Deacon

Resident Brother

Business Manager

Music Director

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