22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."



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

Altar Flowers for Lay Mission Project Mass Intentions

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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		
Mon	09/04	Happy Labor Day! 8:15 a.m. (T) Jamie Family		
Tues	09/05	6:45 a.m. (R) Siong Beng Tan 8:15 a.m. (R) John Jung Wha & Kee Soo Benedicta Kang		
Wed	09/06	6:45 a.m. (R) Souls in Purgatory 8:15 a.m. (R) Lolito S. Abad		
Thurs	09/07	` ,		
Fri	09/08	6:45 a.m. (R) Celedonio Hernandez 8:15 a.m. (B) Penny Ogden		
Sat	09/09	8:15 a.m. (T) Imogen Rose Sanderson 5:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish		
Sun	09/10	7:30 a.m. (R) Deceased Farrugia Family 10:00 a.m. (T) Fr. Andrew Opsahl, O.P.		

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



Some SDS Staff with their Children



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



Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes, Brigitte Michael,
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 Mislang, James
Mazariegos, Marcial Bocaling, Bradley J. Francis,
Concepcion Paramo, Stephen Michael Sanchez
~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows













Pastor's Corner



This past week, the Western Dominican Province had a funeral for Fr. Paschal Salisbury, a priest of our province for 56 years. I was blessed to live for half a year with him at St. Dominic's Parish in San Francisco when I was a novice during the fall and spring of 2011-2012. As we lay

him to rest at St. Dominic's Cemetery here in Benicia, I thought about the threefold reason we as Catholics have funerals. The first reason is to commend our departed brothers and sisters to God. By all accounts, Father Paschal died a deeply faithful man, and so we have reason to be confident that he is in the loving care of our Lord right now.

The second reason we have funerals is to pray for our departed loved ones' souls. As Catholics, we believe that when many of us die, we still need to be purified of some of our sinfulness in Purgatory, the purification as though by fire Saint Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. Our prayers for the dead can help speed things along for the souls undergoing this purification. In light of this, it is a good idea to incorporate prayers for our deceased family members and friends into our everyday lives. For example, we Dominicans pray every evening before dinner for the brothers of our province who have passed away. While we certainly found Fr. Paschal to be a very holy Dominican, we want to make sure that if his soul could use prayers to be completely cleansed, we are offering those prayers.

Thirdly, a funeral is an occasion for each of us to examine how we are doing in our own walk with the Lord. Next time you are at a funeral, when you see the coffin or urn, remind yourself that one day your own remains will be in that place. Bringing that truth back before our minds can stimulate our minds and hearts to focus anew on God and what kind of priority we give him. It is very easy to allow worldly concerns to dominate our minds and hearts and treat our spiritual lives as something we will tend to later when we are very old. Saint Paul cautions against this sort of spiritual sleepiness when he warns us in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 that the Lord could come for us at any time like a thief in the night. Because of this, it was common for many of the early spiritual masters to keep skulls on their desks to remind them death could come at any time, which helped them keep their priorities rightly ordered.

Attending a funeral can provide that reminder as well. Funerals are about more than offering emotional closure to the people the deceased have left behind in this life. Far more so, they are meant to help us on our way to everlasting happiness with each other and Our Lord in Heaven.

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





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

80 Home Visits Meeting face to face with our neighbors to provide:

- Assessment of overall need
 - Budget Counseling
- Spiritual Prayer
- Referral and coordination with other agencies





Let's 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



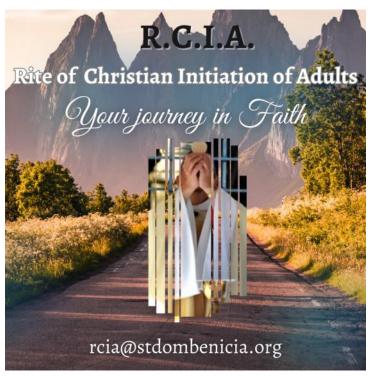


Please let us know what Mass you are most likely to serve. (Circle One)

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')
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



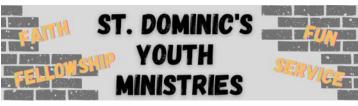
Whether you are an experienced catechist looking to be active again or you would like to help-out in a classroom as a teacher's aide, please send a comment to my email address (ekissinger@stdombenicia.org) and let me know what you're thinking or ask *any* questions that you may have. Our Rel Ed Program 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 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

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!

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 will be provided. Snacks to share would be a blessing to all.

It is not required you bring anything to share but some items of suggestion are cookies, cheese crackers, finger foods or small bite snack items.

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 se back i time a faith. 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 beautiful Enjoy the forest 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

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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.

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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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Music Notes - August 27, 2023

Organ Music for the 7:30 & 11 a.m. Prelude: Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911) was a French organist and composer. He was the organist of La Trinité from 1871 until 1901. A noted pedagogue, performer, and improviser, Guilmant helped found the Schola Cantorum de Paris. He was appointed as Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatoire in 1896.In 1871 he was appointed to play the organ regularly at la Trinité church in Paris, and this position, organiste titulaire, was one he held for 30 years.

His Invocation invites us to a quiet prayer before the start of the Mass.

Postlude:

The Rejoicing from the Firework music by Handel

George Frideric Handel composed "The Music for the Royal Fireworks" in 1749 under contract of George II of Great Britain. The work was very popular when first performed and following Handel's death, as well as to this day.

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