

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 2023

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14

**"I shall live in the house
of the Lord all the
days of my life."**



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

Altar Flowers for the Soul of Eugenio Caldo Mass Intentions

Sun	10/15	7:30 a.m.	(T) Jeff & Madeline Burmann
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Dorothy Diangelo-Patchell
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Teresa M. Sanchez
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Carmen Pelayo
Mon	10/16	6:45 a.m.	(R) James Medeiros
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Alex Espinosa
Tues	10/17	6:45 a.m.	(H) George Zorilla, Jr.
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Lolito Abad
Wed	10/18	6:45 a.m.	(H) Carmen David
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Belen Buenaventura
Thurs	10/19	6:45 a.m.	(B) Joe "Lefty" Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Maggie Villaba
Fri	10/20	6:45 a.m.	(R) Elba Folquer
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Joan Witek
Sat	10/21	8:15 a.m.	(R) Lydia Leveriza
		5:00 p.m.	(P) Mary Medeiros
Sun	10/22	7:30 a.m.	(H) Natania Estrada
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Lucio Sanchez
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Guadalupe Association

Legend:

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

November 2023 Intentions Opened October 3

Rosary Sunday
DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



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change the world.
You can help him.**



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



Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira,
Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes, Brigitte Michael,
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:**

Andrew Kinane, 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

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



About four weeks ago, I took up the practice of attending our school's Saturday football games when my schedule would permit it. I am trying to attend some of

the girls' volleyball games, too, but those are more difficult for me to catch because they happen on Sundays. I pray with the athletes and bless them before their games, and they have been teaching me some of the different cheers and letting me lead those, which has been a blast. The whole thing is turning out to be one of my favorite things to do as pastor.

The priestly vocation I accepted meant I would never have any biological children of my own, but the good news is I still get to do the 'sports dad' thing as a spiritual father. Standing on the football sideline with the cheering families, yards of green grass all around us, and the blue California sky overhead, makes for a truly wonderful Saturday morning. Some of the parents seem to feel they are being run ragged at times, getting all of their kids to their different games. Their fatigue is totally understandable. I do hope, however, for the most part they savor these Saturdays, because later in life they will likely look back on these times with longing.

Part of what is so much fun about watching the kids enjoy their sports is that, as adults, we get to share in the fun vicariously, sort of the way Christmas regains its magic when seen through the eyes of the children who enter our lives. I love talking football with the boys, especially because most of them are Niners fans like me. For all of our kids, I wish for them to know the exhilaration and joy of winning, but also to develop the self-mastery of being able to face loss with grace. When praying with the kids, I always encourage them to be grateful – win or lose – for the gift of that day and to enjoy it, knowing they are all winners, sharing in Christ's victory over sin and death through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Our share in his winning record is what matters most, which we need to remind ourselves every day, because life goes by so fast. Since having become pastor, at times it seems like I blink and another Sunday is gone. Let us all commit to appreciating this journey's little blessings as we follow Christ home to the Father.

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Upcoming Events

Candlelight Rosary Procession

Wednesdays, October 11, 18, & 25
7:00 p.m. - Front of Church

Benicia Farmer's Market

1st Street Booth

LAST chance of the season!
Thursday 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
October 26: Eucharistic Adoration

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays
6:30 p.m. - Ministry Building Siena Room

Grief Series

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

Bar Sunday

Sunday, October 22
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
Drop your goodies off in the Parish Hall before Mass
Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 29
After Morning Masses
Parish Hall

**Bar
Sunday**
October 22, 2023
After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses
Parish Hall
Bring bars to share!
Coffee & juice provided

Rosary Sunday

DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



Last Chance to Help the Dominican Student Brothers!

THANK YOU to all those who responded to our recent Rosary Sunday: Dominican Student Appeal.

If you haven't been able to reply yet, you still have a chance to help the **41 young men currently in formation** to become your future Dominican priests and religious brothers.

Your support of the appeal truly makes a difference in the lives of the friars. Without your help, and God's grace, their vocations would not be possible, especially since we do not receive support from the diocese for the formation of our brethren.

Please give online at www.opwest.org/rs, use a Rosary Sunday envelope from the pew, or mail a gift to: Western Dominican Province, 5877 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618.

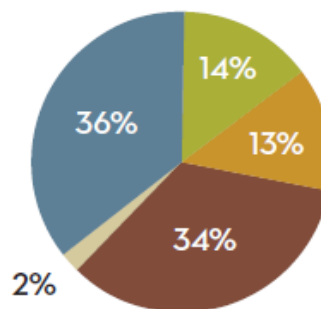
The Dominican Student Brothers thank you for your generosity!



"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes"
-St. Dominic

HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED

Annual Formation Expense
Per Student Brother: \$52,500

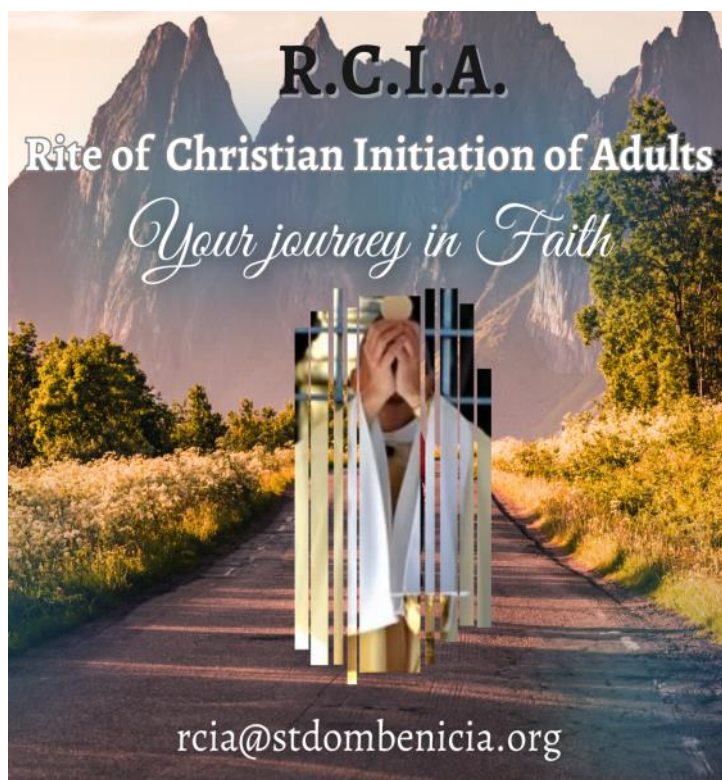


- Housing & Formation: \$19,000
- Food: \$7,500
- Healthcare: \$7,000
- Graduate Education: \$18,000
- Travel/Supplies: \$1,000

Sponsor a
Day
\$144

Sponsor a
Week
\$1,010

Sponsor a
Month
\$4,375





Rosary Procession

Wednesdays
October 11, 18, & 25

7:00 p.m.

Procession begins in front of the church

Please contact the Parish office for Procession Volunteer



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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

*"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.



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Vilarrasa Council #7268

Breakfast

Sunday
October 29

After Morning Masses
Parish Hall



MUSIC NOTES : OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

Prelude:

Traumerai ("Dreaming") by Robert Schuman
Originally, this piece was part of a cycle of piano pieces called Kinderszenen (Children's tales). Movement No. 7 of the work, *Träumerei*, is one of Schumann's best-known pieces; it is the opening and closing musical theme of the 1947 film *Song of Love*. Since then, its prayerful mood became a symbol of remembrance and quiet contemplation for many people around the world.

Postlude:

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

Communion meditation (11:00 a.m.)

O Bone Jesu by Palestrina (or Ingenieri)
The text in this well-known Latin motet by Palestrina is a prayer to Jesus as Son of God, Redeemer and Creator, asking Him to show mercy on His people.

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

Gabriel Project First Year Anniversary Dinner Thank You



The Gabriel Project would like to thank everyone, donors and volunteers alike, who helped make our first year of ministry at St. Dominic a great success.



Last Saturday night we enjoyed a wonderful 1st anniversary celebration dinner after the 5PM Mass in the parish hall. Special thanks to Joe and Jo Ann Talken and the rest of the kitchen crew they assembled who prepared a stunning antipasti table and fabulous dinner, and to

the donors of our silent auction items. Again, thank you to all who gathered for the evening making it a great time of community and fellowship.



The Gabriel Project had a wonderful time at the Fall Festival. We had four sign-ups for new members, with one interested in becoming an Angel. Our Candy Jar winner was Kylie, Ed Murphy's granddaughter. She was very excited to win the candy jar.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

- See upcoming activities
- RSVP for special events
- Easily add parish events to your phone's calendar

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



Youth Ministry

- ◆ Sunday, October 15 - Rosary Bead Workshop from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Monday, October 23 - Teen Leadership Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, October 25 - Food Bank Service Project from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Weekdays: St. Vincent de Paul needs your help! Please consider volunteering after school to assist with organizing the food locker and with food deliveries around town. This is a great service project for parent and teen.

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

Confirmation

YR I Confirmation

- ⇒ Monday, October 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Parent & Teen Candidate
- ⇒ Monday, October 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Teen Candidate Only
- ⇒ Monday, November 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Teen Candidate Only

YR II Confirmation

- ⇒ Sunday, October 15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Teen Candidate Only
- ⇒ Sunday, October 29 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sponsor & Teen Candidate
- ⇒ Sunday, October 29 from 4:15-5:00 p.m.
Parent Only
- ⇒ Sunday, 11/5 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sponsor & Teen Candidate

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



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.

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

Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ 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

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