### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

"Give the Lord glory and honor."



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

## Altar Flowers for the Soul of Antonio Cortez

### **Mass Intentions**

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) Guadalupana Association
Mon	10/23	. , , .
Tues	10/24	6:45 a.m. (R) Teresa & Tamary Nino 8:15 a.m. (R) Rowaldo Saulog
Wed	10/25	6:45 a.m. (B) Joseph Lumbre
Thurs	10/26	8:15 a.m. (P) Tony Loforo, Sr. 6:45 a.m. (R) James Madieros
Fri	10/27	8:15 a.m. (B) Mary Jean Kotch 6:45 a.m. (B) Justin Reyes
Sat	10/28	8:15 a.m. (R) Donald Greicar 8:15 a.m. (P) Devotees of St. Jude
Sun	10/29	5:00 p.m. (H) Mike Scott 7:30 a.m. (A) Maria Gamboa & Scott Riddle
		9:00 a.m. (T) People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. (R) Anita Weiss & Daria Ruga 1:00 p.m. (R) Alex Espinosa

Legend:

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

### **November 2023 Intentions Opened October 3**



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



Bill Telepak, 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, 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:

Russell Ho, Robert Coronado, 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

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows













### **Pastor's Corner**



As many of you know, some of the other Dominican brothers and I teach the kids in the parish school classrooms once per week. We each take responsibility for three grades, and this year, the grades I will teach are kindergarten, third-grade, and seventh-grade. This past week I began meeting with the kids. Teaching all three

classes was a blast, although the group I feel most urgent about is seventh-grade because in one more year after this one, they will be off to the big, bad world of high school. Admittedly, for my introductory session with the seven-graders, the kids and I spent a lot of time just commiserating about that dumpster fire of a Niners game last Sunday. I really do, however, plan to discuss more exalted subject matter with the kids as the year progresses. A key goal is to help them go deeper in their faith and to take more ownership of it in an environment in which they can be encouraged, not only by their pastor and teachers, but also by their peers. After they leave Saint Dominic's, I want them to have fun in high school, but with a sense of self-worth that is rooted in their dignity as having been created by God and being loved by him. My hope is that the truth of that dignity they all possess will lead them to put God at the center of their lives by integrating consideration of him into everything they do. If that happens, they will certainly be ahead of where I was spiritually in high school. I had a reasonably enjoyable time during those years, but my faith was definitely not at the center of my life. In hindsight, having become a much more faithful Catholic as an adult, it occurs to me that had I been stronger in my faith as an adolescent, not only would I have been a holier teenager, I probably would have had a better time in high school. High school is a time when many of us struggle with a need for the vain approval of our peers. To be truly strong in one's faith, however, is to draw one's sense of confidence from God's love and seeking to do his will, rather than drawing self-esteem from the vain approval of one's peers. I want the kids to know that being hooked on superficial validation from others makes for a soul that is crippled by pride. It also leads to an anxious interior life because if our sense of having a good self-image relies on vain validation from others, that means our sense of confidence will be in the hands of those other people. An authentically good self-image, by comparison, is one that is in our own grasp, all the while being empowered and perfected by the grace of our loving Creator. The freer we are from desire for the vain approval of others, the freer we are to be the people God made us to be. And that is what enables us to be as happy as we can be. So, am I naïve to envision such ideas resonating with seventh and eighth graders? Maybe yes, and maybe no, but we can at least plant the seeds.

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

### **Upcoming Events**

## Candlelight Rosary Procession & Potluck Reception

Wednesday, October 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

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Sunday, October 29 After Morning Masses Parish Hall

### **All Saints Day Masses**

Wednesday, November 1 6:45, 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Fr. Gregory's Book Study - This is My Body

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall Fridays at 9:15 a.m. - Mary Magdalene Room November 2 to December 16





DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL



## THANK YOU! There is still time!

**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 <a href="www.opwest.org/rs">www.opwest.org/rs</a>, 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!



### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



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

Calendar

Learn more or download our parish app at **myparishapp.com** 

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

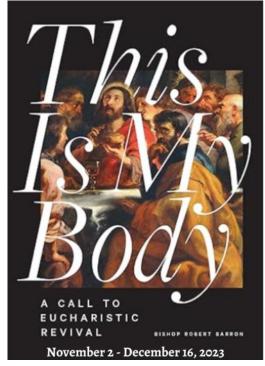




If you would like to be part of our community, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

> Contact Tom at SVdP@stdombenicia.org For questions or more information

If you have questions or need assistance, please call 707-746-1773



Book Study

Fr. Gregory Thursdays

6:30 p.m. Parish Hall & **Fridays** 9:15 a.m **Ministry Cntr** 

## "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.



# Rosary Procession

## Wednesday October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Procession begins in front of the church

**Potluck Reception** to follow in the parish hall

..................................... **MUSIC NOTES: OCTOBER 22, 2023** 

For 11:00 Mass:

Organ Prelude: Improvisation from Suite Medievale by Jean Langlais.

Jean Langlais (15 February 1907 – 8 May 1991) was a French composer of modern classical

music, organist, and improviser. It was as an organist that Langlais made his name, following in the footsteps of César Franck and Charles Tournemire as organiste titulaire at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris in 1945, a post in which he remained until 1988. "Suite Medievale" is one of his most popular organ works, merging Gregorian chant with the spirit of French Gothic cathedrals built in medieval times.

Organ Postlude: Joyful Interlude in A by Colin Mawby

Colin Mawby (9 May 1936 – 24 November 2019) was an English organist, choral conductor and composer. From 1961 he was Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral, then from 1981 he was the choral director at Radio Telefís Éireann. He composed masses dedicated to specific choirs, including in Germany. He was awarded Knighthood of the Order of St. Gregory in 2006.

11:00 a.m. only:
Choral Communion meditation:
Come Ye Sons of Art by Henry Purcell
Come Ye Sons of Art, Z.323, also known as Ode for Queen Mary's Birthday, is a musical composition by Henry Purcell, who was an English court composer at that time. It was written in 1694, and is one of a series of odes in honour of the birthday of Queen Mary II of England. The text of the ode is full of gratitude to God for the life of Queen Mary.

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## 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 <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo">https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo</a>. 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



The Lazarus Ministry of St. Dominic's Church will be holding a "Memorial" for the families and friends of our parishioners who have passed since All Souls' Day 2022. A solemn reading of their loved ones' name will be recited during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 5th.



### **Legacy Gifts**

You can remember St. Dominic's, Benicia in your estate plans through your will, retirement plan or other assets. Legacy gifts are used for capital projects that may otherwise not be possible and are never used for day to day expenses. You can even designate your gift to a specific fund (i.e. building fund).

For more information or to explore your options please contact
Teresa Stone
tstone@stdombenicia.org or
707-335-4672





### **Youth Ministry**

- 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 Itoomey@stdombenicia.org.

### Confirmation

### **YR I Confirmation**

- ⇒ 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 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 Itoomey@stdombenicia.org.



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

-St. Dominic



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.



### **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

Dr. Cvril Deaconoff - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

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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

**Guadalupana Association** 

Patricia Chavez - guadalupana@stdombenicia.org

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Dan Swienton - beniciaknights@gmail.com

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Penny Ogden - pogden@sdschoolbenicia.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - Isarnicola@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.

### **Parish Office**

475 East I Street, Benicia **Current Office Hours** Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 707.747.7220

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LIBRO DEL GÉNESIS

LÍDER: M.T. MATTHEWS



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