

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

**“Blessed are those who
fear the Lord.”**



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

**Altar Flowers for the
Birthday of Julie A. Lai**

Mass Intentions

Sun	11/19	7:30 a.m.	(B) Julie A. Lai
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Carmelita B. Diaz
		11:00 a.m.	(H) David Bottino
		1:00 p.m.	(B) Greg Daly
Mon	11/20	6:45 a.m.	(R) Capapas/Zorilla Families
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Kathleen Snyder
Tues	11/21	6:45 a.m.	(R) Bayani Santero
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Paul Arsen Paquirigan
Wed	11/22	6:45 a.m.	(R) Orveline Brisbie
		8:15 a.m.	(I) Quilici & Stokes Family
Thurs	11/23	Happy Thanksgiving	
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Jeffrey Leonares
Fri	11/24	6:45 a.m.	(H) Marsha Servetnick
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Frank Hampton
Sat	11/25	8:15 a.m.	(B) Jeselle Abilla
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Louisa DaSilva
Sun	11/26	7:30 a.m.	(B) Joyce Hope
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Bruzillus & Nadiene Shields
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(R) John Kelly

Legend:

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

January 2024 Intentions Open December 1



**New Veteran's
Memorial at
St. Dominic's
Cemetery**

**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,
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,
Monika Pangelinan, Donna W., Gladys Haddad,
Julia Haddad, Pete & Dorothy Szabo

**Please remember the following recently deceased
(and their families) in your prayers:**

James Donahue, 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



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Pastor's Corner



A good Thanksgiving holiday has some truly wonderful but simple pleasures. Those may look different for different people, but I imagine what most of our ideal Thanksgivings have in common is they invoke within us a feeling of contentedness. This is appropriate, given that the primary aim of the holiday is meant to be gratitude, and having gratitude makes it easier for us to be content. And having contentedness rooted in gratitude is an essential component of happiness. A lack of gratitude, by comparison, leads to various causes of misery – one of them sometimes being an attitude of entitlement. Not everybody may associate feelings of being entitled with misery, but I do. Having an inordinate sense of deservingness toward our neighbors and especially toward God almost cannot help but ensure we are kept unsatisfied. It is a near sure path to chronic disappointment, insecurity, anxiousness, and resentment of others. Yes, life can be terribly difficult, but facing those difficulties with gratitude for the blessings we do possess is a lot more pleasant than facing hard times without any thankfulness. If we can cultivate gratitude as a habit, it can keep us grounded during both the fun years and the harder ones.

I like to think teaching this sort of gratitude was at the heart of the Thanksgiving “feast” the kids in our parish school had this past week. (Can you believe they get the entire Thanksgiving week off?! We were all thrilled as kids just to get that four-day weekend for the holiday.) Anyway, the kids had their own little Charlie Brown Thanksgiving style feast, but with no turkey, stuffing, and so forth – just simple snacks. I hope it taught the kids how much potential fun there is in whatever God provides them. For most of them, their lives will include some lean times, but the entire journey can be a happy one with gratitude.

One great way of starting this Thanksgiving off with gratitude to God would be to join us for morning mass this Thursday. When it finishes, you will still have plenty of time for watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, football games, playing catch outside, and all of those other wonderful but simple pleasures of the holiday! Speaking of simple Thanksgiving pleasures: pumpkin pie! Are you one of the haters? If so, it may be that you just never had a good one. Here is a link to the recipe I like: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/24097/cindys-pumpkin-pie/> It uses melted vanilla ice cream instead of evaporated milk, and it will taste even better the day after on Friday because you will be less stuffed. Give it a try! I may have given you yet another thing to be grateful for this weekend! Happy Thanksgiving, everybody!

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Upcoming Events

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays

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

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 15

M.O.M.'s Group

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

SDS Christmas Tree Lot

November 24 - December 3

(While supplies last)

Small Lot - J Street side

Prepare the Way

Br. Anselm's Mini-Retreat with the Prophet Isaiah

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Church

Advent Candles

\$10 per set

Available this weekend and next! Please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the church. This is a Youth Ministry Fundraiser.



Prepare the Way



Mini Retreat with Br. Anselm Dominic

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Church

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**
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- ◆ **Choirs**
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- ◆ **Consolation/Grief**
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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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 Kristina Ruiz - hospitality@stdombenicia.org
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**
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 Jamaila Pasternack - mothers@stdombenicia.org
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- ◆ **St. Dominic's Cemetery**
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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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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2023-9/30/2023

	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$ 213,529	\$ 243,750	\$ (30,221)
Second Collections:			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 11,504	\$ 12,500	\$ (996)
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 2,824	\$ 2,750	\$ 74
<i>SDS Tuition Assistance</i>	\$ 3,761		
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 20,705		
Total Operating Income	\$ 230,351	\$ 944,850	\$ (94,824)
Operating Expenses	\$ 367,842	\$ 954,896	\$ 27,296
Net Income/Loss	\$ (137,491)	\$ (15,371)	\$ (122,120)

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER	Dec 03: Building Improvement Dec 08: Immaculate Conception Dec 10: Retired Religious Fund	Dec 10: SDS Tuition Assistance Dec 17: Building Improvement

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