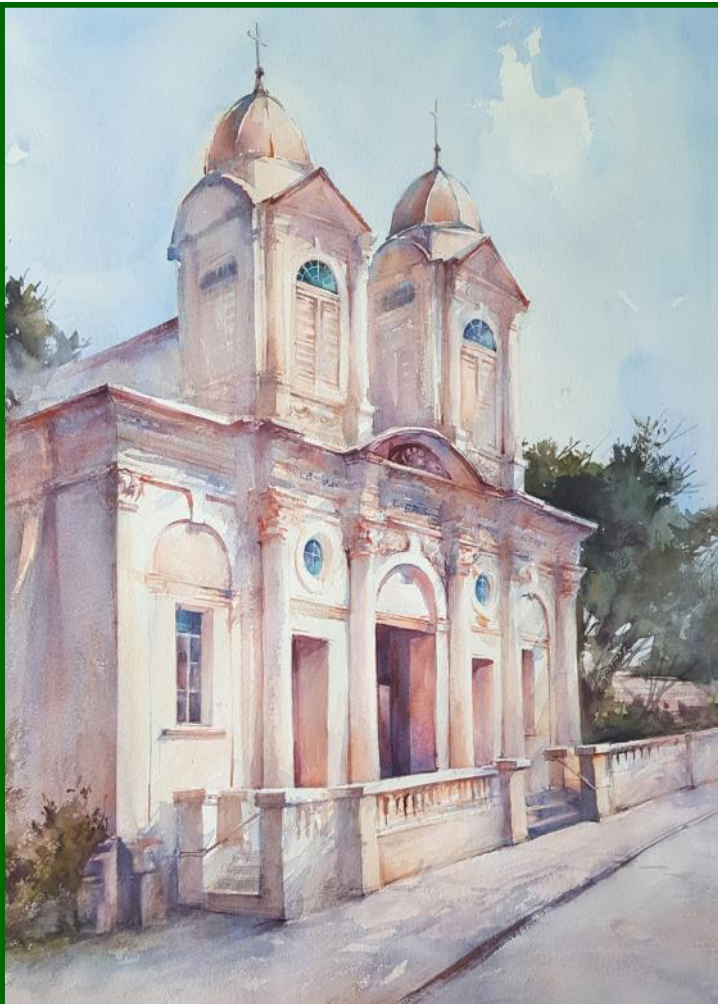


# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10  
Ps 131:1, 2, 3  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13  
Mt 23:1-12

**“In you, Lord, I have found my peace.”**



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

**Altar Flowers for the Souls of all the Departed**

## Mass Intentions

|       |       |            |                                   |
|-------|-------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun   | 11/05 | 7:30 a.m.  | (R) Sr. Basilia In Myong Lee      |
|       |       | 9:00 a.m.  | (B) Nisa Evangelista              |
|       |       | 11:00 a.m. | (R) Members of the Parish         |
|       |       | 1:00 p.m.  | (H) David Tune                    |
| Mon   | 11/06 | 6:45 a.m.  | (R) Saulog/Espinosa Family        |
|       |       | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Andrew Kinane                 |
| Tues  | 11/07 | 6:45 a.m.  | (B) Gabriel DeLaMerced            |
|       |       | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Saints of the Dominican Order |
| Wed   | 11/08 | 6:45 a.m.  | (R) Dominican Order Deceased      |
|       |       | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Dominican Order Deceased      |
| Thurs | 11/09 | 6:45 a.m.  | (R) Maria Kielian                 |
|       |       | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Victorina De Joya             |
| Fri   | 11/10 | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Artur Cardoso                 |
| Sat   | 11/11 | 8:15 a.m.  | (R) Siu Ming Lau                  |
|       |       | 5:00 p.m.  | (T) Norman Shopay                 |
| Sun   | 11/12 | 7:30 a.m.  | (T) People of the Parish          |
|       |       | 9:00 a.m.  | (R) Jeffrey Jenkins               |
|       |       | 11:00 a.m. | (R) Jack Curran                   |
|       |       | 1:00 p.m.  | (R) Aurora Hernandez              |

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, Monika Pangelinan, 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*



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## Pastor's Corner



This past Thursday was All Souls Day, a day on which we remember to pray for our beloved dead. While many of us may prefer the joyful festivities of All Saints Day, All Souls Day offers its own special rewards. One of those rewards is the freedom that can come from meditating on the reality of death.

Remembering the fact that one day I will die frequently serves as a quick and easy way to regain proper focus when my mind and heart get bogged down by stress or envy. In regard to stress, it is easy for all of us to become overwhelmed by responsibilities and the steep expectations others have of us. As for envy, when we see peers who are smarter, possess more material wealth, or have a seemingly better physical appearance, it is easy to stay sad from an inferiority complex. The profundity of death, however, has the power to reorient our concerns in quite an efficient way. As a priest, I see so many coffins go into the ground, and the sight of each one helps me to keep my priorities grounded. If you are not a religious minister who presides over a lot of funerals, however, it's easy to go long stretches of time without thinking about death. Obviously, there are numerous reasons many of us might avoid contemplating the grave, but one reason pertains to what we, as a society, consider what it means for a person to be in his or her "prime." As our looks fade and our physical endurance and mobility diminish, we usually think of that as "getting past our prime," and in worldly terms, perhaps that is somewhat true. But for those of us who persevere in faith to the end, our true prime – our everlasting prime – is something that awaits us.

During this life, with the help of God's grace, we can develop ever closer to that spiritual prime. Have you ever met an elderly person who really seemed to be in his or her spiritual prime? My first year as a Dominican, I felt that way about a now-deceased priest from the Western Dominican Province named Father Felix Cassidy. Near the end of his life, when I saw photos of him, his face appeared quite decrepit. But when I saw him in person, his inner sanctity and joy made him seem so much younger. Others expressed the same observation about him to me. It is fun to be in our physical prime, but that prime is ephemeral. If we stay focused on growing into our everlasting spiritual prime, the stresses and temptations to envy in this life will lose their power. Contemplating death is a helpful way of maintaining that focus.

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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 16

### Veterans Day Observed

Friday, November 10

Office is Closed - Only 8:15 a.m. Mass

### St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

Saturday, November 11

11:00 a.m.— 5th St. & Hillcrest  
Veteran's dedication to follow Mass.

### Breaking Bread Sunday!

Sunday, November 12

Bring your breads to the hall before Mass  
After the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

## MUSIC NOTES : November 5, 2023

Organ music for 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass

Prelude: Blessed Trinity by Edward Elgar

Sir Edward William Elgar was an English composer, many of whose works have entered the British and international classical concert repertoire. For some time, Elgar was a church organist, succeeding his father at the age of 27. "Blessed Trinity" was inspired by a poem written by John Henry Newman consisting of the prayer of a dying man, and angelic responses. The poem, written after Newman's conversion from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism, explores his new Catholic-held beliefs of the journey from death through Purgatory, thence to Paradise, and to God.

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 11:00 a.m. Mass:

Communion meditation: "Create in me" by Ralph Schultz

Schultz sets the several verses of Psalm 51 "create in me a clean heart, o God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."



## 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.

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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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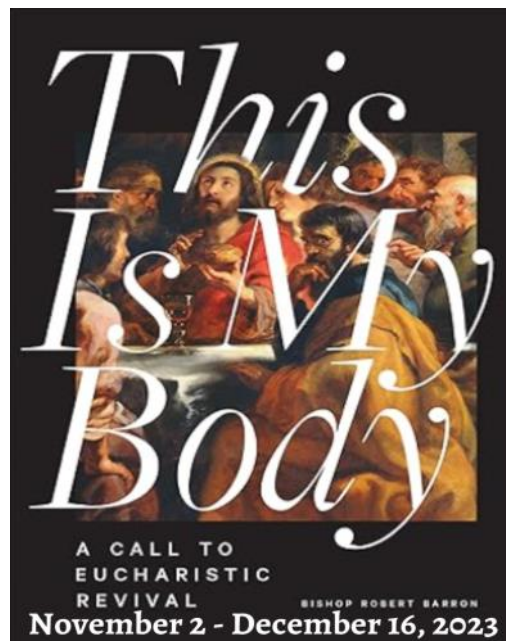
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with  
Fr. Gregory*

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6:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

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Fridays

9:15 a.m

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