Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."



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

Altar Flowers for the Repose of the Soul of Edward "Tutoy" Omada

Mass Intentions

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Sun	12/10	7:30 a.m.	(R) Carlos & Margarita Gonzales
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Russell Ho
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Russell Ho
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	12/11		(T) Grace Hill
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Russell Ho
Tues	12/12		(B) Ardath Kroner
			(T) Reyes - Ruiz Family
Wed	12/13		(P) Parish Office Staff
			(H) Lindsay Cacares Bala
Thurs	12/14		(A) Juan Carlos & Sonia Carbonell
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Cescenzo Iacono
Fri	12/15		(R) Ross Martino
			(R) Cecilia Siu
Sat	12/16		(R) Lydia Leveriza
			(R) Susan Steffan
Sun	12/17		(R) Lolito Abad
			(T) People of Parish
			(R) Juan & Carmen Espinosa
		1:00 p.m.	(R) Elvira Castro Cespedes

Legend:

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

January 2024 Intentions Opened December 1



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



Joshua Oehler, Meredith Morrow, Laura Starkey,
Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira,
Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes, Brigitte Michael,
Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan, Sherry Thomas,
Barbara Helms, 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,
Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad, Pete & Dorothy Szabo

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

Mark Meagher, Jr., Elizabeth McWalters, Apolonia Reyes, Cecelia Siu, Ross Martino, Maria Lupe Sanchez, James Donahue, Russell Ho, Robert Coronado, Andrew Kinane, Jack Curran, Arlene Saitz, Siong Beng Tan, Gregory Quillin, Bernadette Godwin, Percy Samson,

Émma Juarez, Antonio Cortez, Vickie Dorsch













Pastor's Corner



Last Sunday, I cautioned against allowing Advent to become consumed by the escapism of tree lights, hot cocoa, and Bing Crosby. Reflecting on stories connected to good old Saint Nick (the true one, that is), however, is a helpful way of keeping things real during this time of year.

We just commemorated him at mass this past Wednesday. While the jolly, white-bearded fellow with a belly like a bowl full of jelly is associated with magic reindeer and a sack full of the latest toys, stories about the real Saint Nicholas associate him with some rather dark realities during the late Third and early Fourth Centuries. One of those dark realities involved the spiritual contagion of heresy in his part of the world and beyond. He was bishop of Myra, a small town in what is now the southwest region of Turkey. And as a good shepherd of souls, he preached forcefully against Arianism, a theological error that held Jesus was not truly divine, but rather a kind of demigod. This amounted to denying that Jesus was truly God, which was a grave heresy. Saint Nick's time as bishop also saw the brutal persecution of Christians promulgated by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Saint Nicholas was imprisoned as a result for refusing to renounce his faith. Later however, he was able to see the Roman Empire happily turn Christian by Emperor Constantine. On the topic of Santa's gift bag, this does have its roots in Saint Nicholas. But the story it comes from is not exactly the stuff of Claymation TV specials. Historically, people associated Saint Nick with gift-giving based on a tale about his generosity toward a father of three daughters who had fallen on hard times. Because the father had lost all of his money, his daughters were in danger of having to make their living through prostitution. In response, over the course of three nights, Saint Nicholas dropped three bags of gold into the man's house. This enabled his daughters to have dowries with which to get married. There is also the tale about Saint Nicholas bringing three schoolboys back to life after they were drugged, robbed, and murdered by an innkeeper. Again, many of the stories associated with Saint Nicholas involve some pretty gritty subject matter, but with joyful resolutions. As I said last Sunday, this season should be joyful, but in a way that is clear-eyed about the realities around us. not excessively escapist. This Advent, let us ask for Saint Nicholas's intercessory help in cultivating the right mindset. I have a hunch it will lead to making Christmas a whole lot more satisfying!

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

Upcoming Events

Cookie Sunday - TODAY!

Sunday, December 10 After 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

St. Dominic School Christmas Program 6:00 p.m. LIVE-STREAMED on our YouTube December 12

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

School Christmas Break

December 18 to January 2 Parking Lot Open for Daily Masses

SVdP Christmas Gift Delivery

Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Meet at Parish Hall

Moms, Merriment, & Mimosas Sunday, December 17 4:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

Parish Reconciliation & Holy Hour

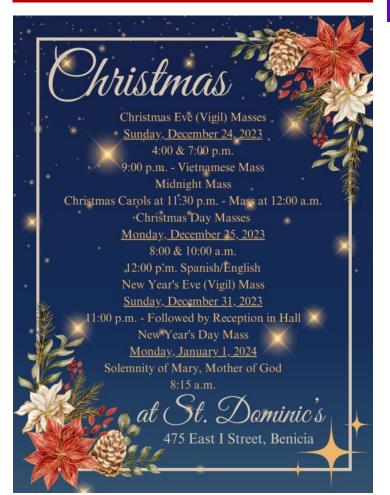
Monday, December 18 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.- Church





Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, but for church musicians, it is a time for preparation of music, as well. This year, St. Dominic's is inviting children ages 6 and up to join in a special Christmas Youth Choir to sing at the 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass! Under the guidance of Mrs. Maddie Burmann, children will sing familiar carols, some new music selections, and learn how to sing as part of an ensemble.

If you have any questions, please email Maddie Burmann at <u>MadelineBurmann@gmail.com</u>.





Our family enjoys spending the Advent season preparing our home and hearts together. We love being in each other's company while making handmade decorations and art, singing songs that remind us of Jesus, and reading books about the Saints. When we light a candle in our Advent wreath, we take a moment to give thanks and pray for our family, loved ones, and special intentions.

Advent Reconciliation

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Reconciliation with Visiting Priests: Monday, December 18th 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.



at St. Dominic's
475 East I Street, Benicia





Youth Ministry

Service Project

Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sort Giving Tree Christmas Gifts with St. Vincent de Paul

Parent/Teen Service Project

Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul - Deliver "Giving Tree" Christmas Gifts to Community Members

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

Confirmation

YR I Confirmation

Monday, December 11 at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent/Teen Movie Night

YR II Confirmation

Sunday, December 10 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. Parent/Teen Movie Night



Merry Christmas to all our Confirmation families and parishioners!



Help St. Vincent de Paul during the Holiday Season!

SVDP's Holiday Giving Tree

This year SVdP will be providing our neighbors with food vouchers instead of Christmas dinner boxes. Since we will not be asking our parishioners to prepare dinner boxes we hope you will consider an additional monetary donation to the SVdP to help with the food vouchers.



Thank you for your continued support!

The Giving Tree is up in the church. Please consider taking an ornament and buying the requested gift. Return the ornaments with the wrapped gift to the church before the afternoon of **December 10th**. All parishioners are welcome to help with delivery of gifts and food vouchers from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, December 16th in the Parish Hall.

Want more information?

St. Vincent de Paul ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and get involved this holiday season! To learn more about these events, our ministry, or to get involved contact svdp@gmail.com or svdp@stdombenicia.org.

Please help us stock our pantry. We are in need of mayo, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups, beef stew, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, etc.

If you know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call **707-746-1773**.





For booking and information, please contact: Tessie Gonzales Call/Text: 323-702-7289 Email: teresitagonzal6453@att.net Full itinerary available in the church vestibule.

- Roundtrip Air tickets from Los Angeles (LAX), & San Francisco (SFO)
- One check-in luggage per passenger
- 49 Seats Motor Coach Land Transportation
- 2nd Class Train ticket (Loudes Paris)
- 11-night accommodation at 4-Star Hotels
- Hotel Porterage Service
- 11 Breakfasts & 11 Dinners
- English-speaking escort throughout the trip
- Entrance to: Fatima Basilica, Jemimos Monastery,
 Valencia Cathedral, Barcelona Cathedral, La Sagrada Familia (Offical Guide & Whisper)
- Rate is based on 40 passengers, and subject to change based on final group size.

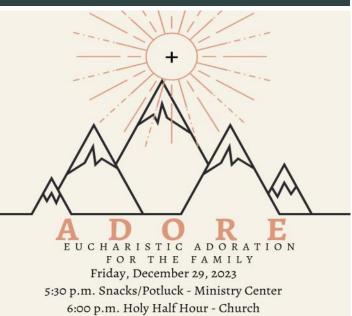
EXCLUDES:

Tour Guide, and Driver's Tips



For the first time ever, we present the St. Dominic School Christmas program live-streamed on our YouTube channel! Students from kindergarten to 8th grade!





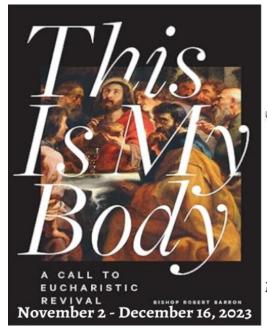
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Potluck - Ministry Center

Legacy & IRA Giving

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).

If you own a traditional IRA and are over the age of 70 1/2, the IRS requires that you take yearly distributions (MRD's). But did you know you can designate the MRD to St. Dominic's Church and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution? For more information, visit the IRS website or contact your tax or financial consultant.

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



Book Fr. Gregory

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall 8 Fridays 9:15 a.m **Ministry Cntr**



Music notes for 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Organ Prelude

Meditation (Communion) by the French composer and organist Jean Langlais is based on a chant Ubi Caritas, and is part of the cycle of liturgical organ pieces "Suite Medievale". Even though Langlais was blind, he was appointed organist at St. Clotilde Basilica in Paris, following in the footsteps of the great Cesar Franck.

Organ Postlude:

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

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



- See upcoming activities
- RSVP for special events
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Calendar

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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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Dr. Cvril Deaconoff - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

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Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

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Mike & Sara Monahan - emhc@stdombenicia.org

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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.

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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Deacon

Deacon

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2023-9/30/2023 YTD YTD +/-Actual **Budget** Budget **Sunday Offertory** \$ 213,529 \$ 243,750 \$ (30,221) Second Collections: **Building Improvement** 11,504 \$ 12,500 (996)2,824 \$ 2,750 74 Faith Formation SDS Tuition Assistance 3.761 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 20,705 **Total Operating Income** \$ 230,351 \$ 944,850 **\$ (94,824)** Operating Expenses <u>\$ 367,842</u> <u>\$ 954,896</u> **\$ 27,296**

Net Income/Loss \$ (137,491) \$ (15,371) \$(122,120)

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Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd.	Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva, Directors (707) 745-3130	Tim Wright - Carpentry Work 30 years Exp - References Available (707) 319-5357
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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