

Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2023

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

***“All the ends of the earth
have seen the
saving power of God.”***



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

Mass Intentions

Mon 12/25



Tues	12/26	6:45 a.m. (T) The Bidou Family
		8:15 a.m. (A) Michael Sr. & Mayumi Altera
Wed	12/27	6:45 a.m. (R) Maria Dagomar
		8:15 a.m. (R) Barbara Piepho
Thurs	12/28	6:45 a.m. (R) Maria Dagomar
		8:15 a.m. (R) Artur & Lourdes Cardoso
Fri	12/29	6:45 a.m. (A) Rex & Maria Imelda Sevilla
		8:15 a.m. (B) Maria Sevilla
Sat	12/30	8:15 a.m. (R) Domenic & Antoinette Mirizzi
		5:00 p.m. (R) Russell Ho
Sun	12/31	7:30 a.m. (R) Pascual & Louisa Agraan
		9:00 a.m. (R) Steven Walsh
		11:00 a.m. (T) Hampton Family
		1:00 p.m. (P) People of the Parish
		7:00p.m. (P) People of the Parish
		11:00 p.m. (R) Jose Cortez

Legend:

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

February 2024 Intentions Open January 2

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



Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel, 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, Larry Whitney, Brigitte Michael, 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, Emma Juarez, Antonio Cortez, Vickie Dorsch

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



Christ is born! He is great, the Son of the Most High, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He saves us from our sins, and of his kingdom there will be no end. We glorify God at this news because, as the angels proclaim to the shepherds, his birth carries with it news of peace to

those on whom his favor rests. We call Jesus "Prince of Peace" because he is the only true source of peace that exists. Saint Thomas Aquinas describes peace as tranquility rooted in order. And ultimate, total peace one day will be, for those who persevere in faith, a tranquility rooted in the peace of Christ – a harmony for us with one another and with God established and made everlasting by the Son's Passion, death, and Resurrection. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians, he paints a picture of what this peace should look like when he testifies of Christ that "God greatly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." At that point, whatever within is wrong, out of order, so to speak, will be made right, making us totally free.

As I said last Sunday, our drive to love will find its full outlet in love of God through our share in Christ's loving union with the Father. In God our drive to love cannot help but find its full outlet because he is the fulfillment of all desire. There will certainly be no more sorrow, because he is the one who makes all things new. He will wipe every tear from our eyes, as the Book of Revelation tells us. It promises that through the King born on this day, there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things will have passed away. And we shall reign with him forever. What a cause to rejoice! On top of all of that, this will be my first Christmas with all of you here at St. Dominic's in Benicia! Now, I'm sure you have wonderful plans for this glorious feast, but do yourself a favor, and do not burden yourself so much with obligations during this time that you become eager for the whole thing to pass. Let your heart be lightened by the full significance of what we celebrate. And celebrate it for the full season! December 25th is only its first day! Merry Christmas, everybody!

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Upcoming Events

School Christmas Break

December 18 to January 2

Parking Lot Open for Daily Masses

ADORE

Family Adoration

Friday, December 29

6:00 p.m. Holy Half Hour

New Year's Eve Mass

Sunday, December 31

11:00 p.m. Followed by a Reception in the Hall

New Year's Day Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1

8:15 a.m.

St. Dominic's Cemetery Mass

January 6

9:30 a.m. at Cemetery

Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration

January 15

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

Church

West Coast Walk for Life

January 20

San Francisco

Catholic Schools Week

January 28-February 3

St. Dominic School Open House

Sunday, January 28

Parish Hall & School

Ash Wednesday

February 14

St. Dominic's Catholic Church

170th Anniversary & St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16

Mark your calendars!

New Year's Eve Mass & Reception

Following the New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass at 11:00 p.m.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to
share along with your special drinks.

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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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 7/1/2023-11/30/2023

	YTD	YTD	+ / -
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$ 384,007	\$ 412,917	\$ (28,910)
Second Collections:			
Building Improvement	\$ 18,305	\$ 20,833	\$ (2,528)
Faith Formation	\$ 4,780	\$ 4,583	\$ 197
SDS Tuition Assistance	\$ 5,217		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 29,790		

Total Operating Income	\$ 533,750	\$ 521,975	\$ (11,775)
Operating Expenses	\$ 616,530	\$ 561,661	\$ 54,870
Net Income/Loss	\$ (82,780)	\$ (39,686)	\$ (43,095)

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