

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

December 31, 2023

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
LK 2:22-40

**“Blessed are those who fear
the Lord and walk in
his ways.”**



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Dominican Spirituality
Igniting the Faith for the
Salvation of Souls**

**Altar Flowers for the Birthday
of Jose & Kimla Cortez**

Mass Intentions

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
		11:00 p.m.	(R) Jose Cortez
Mon	01/01	6:45 a.m.	No Mass - Happy New Year Day!
		8:15 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Tues	01/02	6:45 a.m.	(H) David C. Tune
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Horst Michael
Wed	01/03	6:45 a.m.	(B) Ardath Kroner
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Rogelio & Josefina Co
Thurs	01/04	6:45 a.m.	(B) Angelita & Patricio Gamboa
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Grace Chatman
Fri	01/05	6:45 a.m.	(R) Edgar Caldo
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Daniel Foley
Sat	01/06	8:15 a.m.	(T) Alma Johnson
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Maria Dagomar
Sun	01/07	7:30 a.m.	(R) Steve Maher
		9:00 a.m.	(B) Lisa Toomey
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend:

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

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



John Lydon, Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel, Joshua Oehler, Meredith Morrow, Laura Starkey, Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira, 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 Gaoen, 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:**

Victoria Montgomery, Darrell Perry, 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



This Sunday's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family is an especially joyful one for us at St. Dominic's, because serving our parish's young families and welcoming new ones to join our regular community here in Benicia is a core goal of our pastoral strategy. The Feast of the Holy Family

honors the earthly family of Jesus as the holiest of families, making them a role model for all families. A key aspect of what made them such a model family was that they kept Jesus Christ at the center of their family. In the case of the Holy Family, of course, this was true physically, as well as spiritually! As Catholics, we see the family as the "Domestic Church," and keeping Christ at the center is essential to raising kids in the faith. The Church teaches that parents are the primary faith educators of their children, which is a notion I imagine many moms and dads find quite daunting. "Do I need to be coming up with special lesson plans to teach my kids about their faith," some parents might ask. To be sure, there is plenty of media content available intended to help families learn more about their faith at home, like offerings from Relevant Radio and Formed.org, just to name a few. All of our parishioners actually have free access to Formed.org. Just visit the website, click "Sign Up," type "St. Dominic's, Benicia" into the search engine, to obtain this access. We also offer cards in the church vestibule to walk you through this process. More important than showing kids religious media content, however, is that parents simply strive to grow in their faith. Each of us, whether we have kids or not, of course, is called to work at that growth. Growing in our faith requires making time for prayer throughout the week and continuing to learn more about it. I am a big believer that if you are a parent who works at doing that, your faith is bound to become a higher priority and will end up playing more and more of a role in how you lead your family. This is not to say that if you make your faith a top priority in raising your youngsters, they will not drift away from God as adults. Sadly, I have known several very faithful families with kids who did just that. There is no foolproof way to keep your children in the Church because parents do not raise robots, but rather human beings with their own intellects, free will, and susceptibility to temptation. There is a hopeful pattern, however, I have noticed among younger people I have known who returned to the Catholic Faith later in life. Many of them started out in devout families, and the experience of that foundation, even though the kids strayed for a time, left seeds in their souls that sprouted as faith later on down the line. So, never lose heart when you are a parent. Just strive to be a holy family, and leave the rest to God!

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Upcoming Events

School Christmas Break
December 18 to January 2
Parking Lot Open for Daily Masses

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.

**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.

St. Dominic's, Benicia
January 15, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Let us take some time to pray for the
unborn, their mothers and fathers,
and pray for state and federal laws
that harm those most vulnerable.

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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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- ◆ **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 7/1/2023-11/30/2023

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