

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Ex 20:1-17
19:8, 9, 10, 11
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

“Lord, you have the words
of everlasting life.”



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

Mass Intentions

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|-------|-------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat | 03/02 | 5:00 p.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| Sun | 03/03 | 7:30 a.m. | (A) Mike & Vicki Fregosi |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (R) Salvatorre Mangia |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (H) Sean Salvatin |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (T) Souls in Purgatory |
| Mon | 03/04 | 6:45 a.m. | (B) Ignacio Lauder, Jr. |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (B) Theresa Hong Ja Lee |
| Tues | 03/05 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Rodolfo Delfino |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Elias Morr |
| Wed | 03/06 | 6:45 a.m. | (R) Tom Hensley |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Edna Balingit |
| Thurs | 03/07 | 6:45 a.m. | (H) David C. Tune |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Joseph Riego, Jr. |
| Fri | 03/08 | 6:45 a.m. | (H) Emilio Ermio |
| | | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Sharon Fischer |
| Sat | 03/09 | 8:15 a.m. | (R) Engleberto Villanueva |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | (R) Feliza Monja |
| Sun | 03/10 | 7:30 a.m. | (R) Montserrat Gaskel Morrissey |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | (R) Ellen Alfero |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | (R) Luis Alberto Mendez |

Legend:

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

April 2024 Intentions Open March 1

LENT 2024

PRAY



FAST



GIVE

- 40 DAYS OF RENEWAL -

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



Christian Salcedo Sharon Kirkman, Marsha Morse,
Sean Salvatin, John Lydon, Rolando Cortez, Paul Cruel,
Joshua Oehler, Meredith Morrow, Laura Starkey,
Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira,
Eileen Hayes, 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, 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:**

Tim Tatom, Rosemary Bacci, Pam Stanbrough,
John Joseph Varni, Justavo Tiburcio, Dennis Silveria,
Sue Hayes, Matthew Colucci, Gloria de Castro,
Victoria Montgomery, Harlon Moore, Elda Slaviero,
Darrell Perry, Mark Meagher, Olivia Curran,
Larry Whitney, Brigitte Michael, Elizabeth McWalters,
Apolonia Reyes, Cecelia Siu, Ross Martino,
Maria Lupe Sanchez, James Donahue, Russell Ho

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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Pastor's Corner



In a daily mass reading from the Gospel of Luke this past week, Jesus admonishes his hearers to be merciful, which he indicates will help them to be less judgmental, more forgiving, and more generous. It makes sense, given the nature of true Christian mercy. Saint Thomas Aquinas describes mercy as a kind of sharing in the

misery of another's plight. Of course, it is important to make the right distinction about what it means to share in another's misery in a way that is merciful. To be truly merciful means avoiding two different extremes. As one extreme, if we are not careful, we can claim to have compassion for another's difficult plight in a way that is patronizing, that has a self-congratulatory air of coming from on high. This is an attitude that is too distant from feeling the misery of another in a way that is fruitful for both us and them. And it can lead us to have a vain savior-complex, which is not what Jesus calls us to when preaching the importance of mercy. Rather, when striving to be merciful, we should cultivate a sense of solidarity with those who suffer as part of a capacity to regard the good of others as our own good. We should remind ourselves that their plights could easily be our own, but for the grace of God. Now, while it is good, in a certain sense, to be able to know the misery of others, it is not good to fall into despair as a result. Sometimes, people allow themselves to become overwhelmed by all of the suffering in the world in a way that is quite counterproductive. They fill their time reading news sites, blogs, and watching YouTube videos about all of the world's ills, but all they do in response is bemoan the problems to themselves and to anyone else who will listen.

Lent is a great time for getting off of that hamster-wheel through the three basic pillars of the season – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If we do those three things with faithful hearts, we can know we will be taking helpful action toward fighting the world's evils. A right understanding of mercy was key to Our Lord's willingness to take our sinful nature to himself and atone for our sins on the cross. He was willing to have solidarity with our suffering, not in a way that overwhelmed him, but in a way that propelled him to defeat the consequences of our sins and win our Salvation.

Fr. Andy Opsahl, O.P. - Pastor
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Upcoming Events

Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays
 6:30 p.m. - Siena Room

Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Fridays, February 16 - March 22
 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church
 Followed by Soup in the Hall

March 8 - Laity / Adoration
March 15 - St. Vincent de Paul / Gabriel Project
March 22 - Asoc. Guadalupana

Grief Series

Saturdays, February 24-March 20
 11:00 a.m. - Aquinas Room

Mini Retreat with Br. Anselm

Saturday, March 9
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Church

St. Dominic's 170th Anniversary & St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16
 Mass at 5:00 p.m.
 Followed by Dinner at the Benicia Clock Tower
Tickets go on sale at all Masses
March 2/3 & 9/10

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reflections with Br. Anselm
 Monday, March 18
 6:30 p.m. - Church

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 7/1/23-1/31/24

| | <u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u> | <u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u> | <u>+ / -</u> <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday Offertory | | | |
| Online donations | \$ 255,067 | | |
| Sunday/Mail-in donations | \$ 322,128 | | |
| | \$ 577,195 | \$ 568,750 | \$ 8,445 |
| Second Collections: | | | |
| Building Improvement | \$ 25,035 | \$ 29,167 | \$ (4,132) |
| Faith Formation | \$ 5,944 | \$ 6,417 | \$ (473) |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 792,357 | \$ 744,526 | \$ 47,832 |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 851,589 | \$ 784,025 | \$ 67,564 |
| Net Income/Loss | \$ (59,231) | \$ (39,499) | \$ (19,732) |

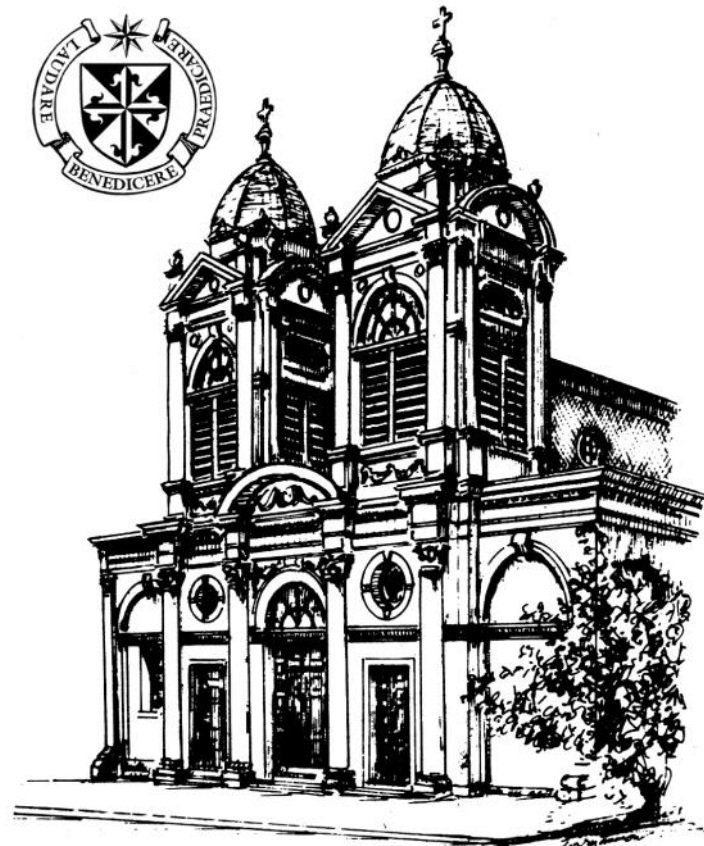
St. Dominic's provides online giving for safe, easy, and secure giving. Recurring or one time giving available. To get started go to stdombenicia.org/ways-to-give.

St. Dominic's Parish
170th Anniversary &
St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**TICKETS ON SALE THIS
WEEKEND! \$30**

SPECIAL GUESTS

**CLOCKTOWER
MARCH 16, 2024**



1854 - 2024
170 Years

*"Blessed are those who mourn:
they shall be comforted."*

Matthew 5:4

We understand during these times it has been especially difficult for those grieving. You are not alone. We are here for you. St. Dominic's Grief Group is having a new series of sessions, come to one or all 6 weeks!

Saturdays

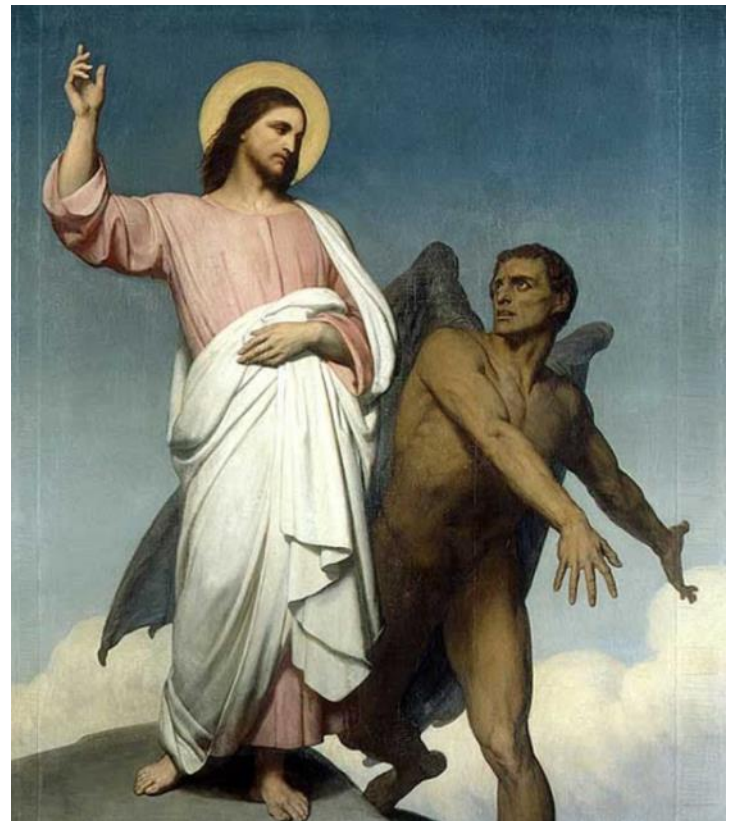
February 24 - March 30, 2024

11:00 a.m.

In the Ministry Center - Aquinas Room

We are also available by phone or email.

Please reach out to Patti Erickson
at grief@stdombenicia.org or call 650.455.3766.



**In the Desert with
St. Dominic**

**Lenten Mini- Retreat
with Br Anselm**

**Saturday, March 9 - Church
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



RCIA Rite of Election

The **Rite of Election** is a formal **rite** of the RCIA (**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**) that precedes the Sacraments of Initiation for adults. Our group recently went to the cathedral to receive this very special rite with Bishop Soto.



Please join us for a night of prayer in the church and reflection on the **Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



with
**Br. Anselm
Dominic,
OP
Monday,
March 18
at 6:30 p.m.**

Come Let Us Adore Him!

**Adoration Chapel
Hourly Needs**

Monday: 12, 1 a.m. & 12 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 4 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.
Friday: 1 a.m. & 4, 5, 6 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m.

Can you spare an hour for our Lord?
Contact: adoration@stdombenicia.org



**Thank you for
helping our
neighbors in
need through
the Annual
Catholic Appeal**

Your gifts will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material and spiritual poverty. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. 25% is returned to our parish for our own ministry to people in our community. Your gift matters.



St. Vincent de Paul, Dennis Garvey Easter Holiday Dinner Program

Thank you to all our parishioners
who continue to participate in
our holiday food boxes for the
hungry! Easter boxes
will be out soon!

✝ Boxes will be available at Masses
March 9/10th

✝ Boxes will be returned at Masses
March 16/17th

✝ Boxes will be delivered to homes
March 23rd

**Your participation is vital to our
efforts to provide for those in
need during the holidays.**

If you would like to be part of our community,
we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Tom at
SVdP@stdombenicia.org
For questions or more information

If you have questions or need assistance,
please call 707-746-1773



Vallejo/Benicia/American Canyon CA – Beginning February 14th thru March 24th 2024, the highly successful 40 Days for Life campaign returns to Vallejo with 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. St. Dominic's Parish will be responsible for filling the hours of 6am to 6pm beginning on the first Wednesday of the vigil February 14th. Please consider giving 1 hour per week praying in the public right of way in front of Planned Parenthood located at 303 Sacramento St. Vallejo, CA. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/vallejo>. You can set up your own login credentials and sign up for any hour of any day during the vigil. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We know 40 Days for Life has made a difference in Vallejo/Benicia & American Canyon. Our volunteers have made extraordinary sacrifices to expose the abortion industry and to protect children and their mothers from abortion." Here are just a few of the positive results of the previous Vallejo campaign(s).

- Nine lives save from abortion that we know of
- Five Catholic Churches are working together
- Approximately 50 volunteers dedicated themselves as prayer warriors & few of them pray at the clinic every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday all year round, rain or shine.

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history. All prayer vigil participants are requested to pray for peace, pledging to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner at all times.

CONTACT: Tony Hensley 707-246-9076

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Pregnant? Worried and confused?

We're here to help you.

The Gabriel Project® offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need.



gabriel@stdombenicia.org

Adult Confirmation Spring 2024

Each year, Bishop Soto extends an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento who are baptized, have received First Communion, and have received religious instruction since their First Communion, but for various reasons were never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The next celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento, 5:00 p.m. Candidates will be prepared at the parish level by completing 8 sessions held over a series of consecutive Sundays from March 10, 2024 through May 5, 2024, 3:00-4:30 p.m., St. Dominic's Ministry Center, Siena Rm.

Sacrament preparation will include prayer, scripture and a review of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To participate the candidate must be a baptized Catholic, who has received catechetical instruction at least up to receiving the Eucharist (First Communion), be either unmarried or in a marriage recognized as valid by the Catholic Church, and have a recent copy of their Baptismal Certificate certified within the past 6 months. Confirmation candidates must select a Sponsor who must be Catholic, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, is a practicing Catholic, and is at least 16 years of age.

Please contact Deacon Errol Kissinger at ekissinger@stdombenicia.org for more information.

MUSIC NOTES March 3, 2024

7:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses:

Prelude: Chorale 1 by Cesar Franck (excerpt)
César Franck (1822-1890) stands as a cornerstone of the French organ tradition. Born in Belgium, he became the Organiste Titulaire at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. Written in the last year of his life, his Three Chorals for organ represent a mastering of motivic development.

Organ Postlude: Toccata in G minor by Johann Pachelbel

Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706) was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ schools to their peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue (variations on chant melodies) have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

11:00 a.m. Mass - choral meditation: God so loved the world by John Steiner

This is one of the most popular liturgical choral anthems by John Stainer (1840-1901), part of his larger work The Crucifixion. The text in this anthem is from the Gospel of John 3:16-17

ANUNCIO:

SE LES INVITA A PARTICIPAR EN EL
ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA EN ESPAÑOL
EN REUNIONES SEMANALES
JUEVES A LAS 6:30 PM

EN EL SALÓN SIENA

LIBRO DEL GÉNESIS

LÍDER: M.T. MATTHEWS

INFORMACIÓN: 707.479.1941



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

Euly Legro - adoration@stdombenicia.org

♦ Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deaconoff - cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org

♦ Consolation/Grief

Patti Erickson - grief@stdombenicia.org

♦ Dominican Laity

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

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♦ St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Carroll - svdp@stdombenicia.org

♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

Lisa Sarnicola - lsarnicola@opwest.org

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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Deacon

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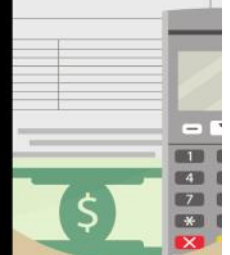
Taxes Statements for 2023

New Available!

Instructions online go to:
<https://www.stdombenicia.org/tax-statements>

Or email Lori:
ltelepak@stdombenicia.org

TAXES



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| David Galligan, Broker Twin Oaks Real Estate 231 First Street 707-319-5397 Text/Call DRE#00847290 | Passalacqua Funeral Chapel John Passalacqua/Greg Silva, Directors (707) 745-3130 | Up2Code Plumbing Owner Mike Pitta - 24 hour service (707) 751-1714 |
| Hamann Real Estate, 513 First Street Tim and Jeannie Hamann/Broker-Owners (707) 246-6567 DRE01348061 | Reyes Electric Co. & Design LIC#32877 Residential/ Commercial (707) 747-6818 | Warring & Assoc. Realtors Bill/Diane Brokers/Owners, 829 First St. (707) 746-6990 |
| Richard Joyce, O.D. Optometrist Exams, Glasses, Contacts (707) 745-6266, 874 Southampton Rd. | | Tim Wright - Carpentry Work 30 years Exp - References Available (707) 319-5357 |
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| SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH | Mar 03: Building Improvement Mar 10: Catholic Relief Services Mar 10: SDS Tuition Assistance Mar 17: Building Improvement | Mar 24: Faith Formation Mar 28: Holy Thursday/St. Vincent de Paul Mar 29: Holy Land/Good Friday Mar 31: Easter Sunday |

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