



St. Dominic's Church

The Light of the Gospel in the Heart of Benicia.

475 East J Street, Benicia, Ca 94510

Schedule of Masses

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM
(English/Spanish), 5:30PM (Youth)

First Sunday of Month: 3PM (Vietnamese Mass)

Weekdays: 7:00AM, 8:15AM (no 7:00AM on Sat.)

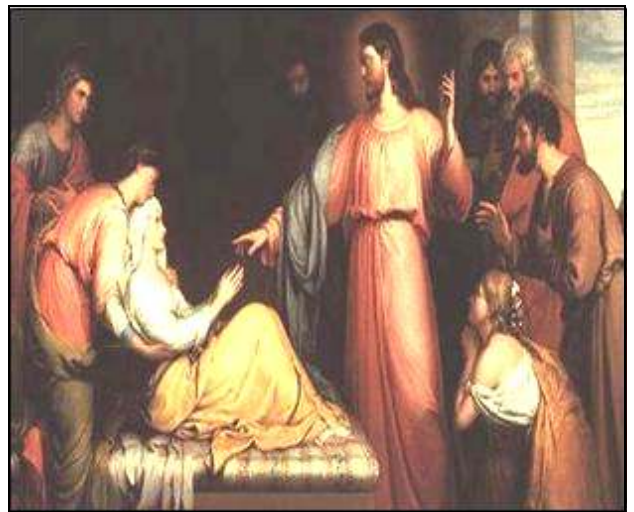
February 5, 2012 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again. (Job 7:1-7)

We can all identify with the lament of Job in the first reading. Having been struck with great personal misfortune and family tragedy, Job complains that life does not seem worth living. Faced with the struggle of suffering, Job wearies of continuing life's labors, sinking into a mud of lethargic indifference. *Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.* We, too, have moments in our lives when we experience suffering and loss. Perhaps the loss is acute but sometimes, it is simply the routine of life which wears away the joy of life, leaving nothing but the remnants of world weariness in its wake. At such times, as people of faith, we turn to God with our own "Job-like" queries: Why me? What's life all about? Where are you, God?

Such questions about God and suffering are perennial. At the heart of our faith's response to such questions is the person of Christ. Think about it this way. In His nature, God cannot suffer, because He is an Omnipotent God. So we might think God is indifferent or even powerless to our suffering. But in the person of Jesus Christ, the One who cannot suffer chooses to suffer with us. The word compassion means "to suffer with." (*com-with/passio-suffer*). In this week's Gospel, we see the compassion of Christ come alive. Beginning with Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus heals all who come to him with affliction of body, soul and spirit. And yet Christ's mission was not simply to heal, but to save us. His suffering and death is the means by which we are saved, and more, it is when we suffer that we can be connected to His loving compassion. As Pope Benedict says in his letter *Spe Salvi* (Saved By Hope): *We are worth so much to God that he himself became man in order to suffer with us in an utterly real way—in flesh and blood—as is revealed to us in the account of His Passion. Hence in all human suffering, we are joined by one who experiences and carries that suffering with us. Hence con-solatio is present in all suffering, the consolation of God's compassionate love—and so the star of hope rises.* (*Spe Salvi* 29)

Hope. Hope is the virtue that enables us to persevere, to keep going despite the labors and weariness of life's travails. As we face the trials and difficulties of this week, we turn to our Lord the Great Compassionate Physician and we ask for the consolation of His continued presence along our journey home.



~ Fr. Michael

St. Dominic's: At a Glance

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

Closed for lunch: 12-1pm Mon-Fri

Closed for staff meeting: 9:15-10:30am Tues

Saturday: 10am-1pm

Sunday: 8:30am-1pm

Parish Office: (707) 747-7220

(707) 745-5642 (fax)

Parish e-mail: parish.secretary@sdbenicia.org

Parish website: www.saintdominicsbenicia.org

Parish address: 475 East I Street, Benicia, CA



Parish Staff

Dominicans

Rev. Michael Hurley, O.P. Parish Administrator

Rev. LaSalle Hallissey, O.P. Parochial Vicar

Rev. John Marie Bingham, O.P. Parochial Vicar

Rev. Victor Cavalli, O.P. (Retired)

Deacons

Juve Vela

John Flanagan (Retired)

Ed Lazarek (Retired)

Bookkeeper: Teresa Stone 335-4672

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Faith Formation

Office (707) 747-7240

Director of Faith Formation: Jan Stegner 335-4674

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St. Dominic Youth Group (SDYG)

Contact: Joe Lucero 747-7220

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SDYG website: www.sdyg.wordpress.com

St. Dominic School

School Principal: Teri Walsh Cullen 745-1266

Pre-School Co-Directors: Janet Casarino/Tanya Sanchez
745-4430

2012 Mass Intention Book

The 2012 Daily Mass Reservation Book is available in the rectory office. Please note the following guidelines:

- Mass reservations will be taken on a "first come, first-served" basis.
- March and April dates are available.
May 2012 opens February 1st.
- People must come in person to the Rectory office to reserve a Mass. **We can no longer accommodate Mass intentions by phone.** Suggested donation is \$15.00.



We look forward to serving you!

Intentions for the Week of February 5, 2012

Mon	2/6	7:00 AM	†All Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 AM	†Ian Scott
Tue	2/7	7:00 AM	†Maria Nadotti
		8:15 AM	†Edmundo de Joya
Wed	2/8	7:00 AM	†Angela P. Hayes
		8:15 AM	†Emiliano de Joya
Thu	2/9	7:00 AM	†Apolonia de Joya
		8:15 AM	†James Greco
Fri	2/10	7:00 AM	†All Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 AM	Marcelino Hipolito & Family (T)
Sat	2/11	8:15 AM	For the devotees of Our Lady of Lourdes
		5:30 PM	†Matteo and Patsy Fasanaro

Intentions for Sunday, February 12, 2012

7:30 AM	†Jim Greco
9:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM	†Ian Scott
12:30 PM	†Harold Ralph Anthony "Tony" James
5:30 PM	†Elpidio Rubio

Legend: (†) Memorial (H) Health
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 4-5PM or by appointment.

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Infant Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Communion Calls: Please call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance; family must be registered parishioners.

Upcoming Parish Events

- 2/5 SDYG Lumpia and Bake Sale 8am- 2pm PH
RCIC 11am Classroom 1
Vietnamese Mass 3pm CH
SDYG 3pm SR
- 2/6 Breaking Open the Word 7pm SR
- 2/7 Religious Education 4pm Classrooms
Legion of Mary 6:30pm School Conference Room
Baptism Prep Class 7pm PH
RCIA 7:30pm SR
9AM Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm CH
- 2/8 Religious Education 4pm Classrooms
SDYG Choir Rehearsal CH (Ck. Website for time)
Religious Education 7pm Classrooms
MSM 7pm Classrooms 7 & 8
SAT 5:30pm Choir 8pm CH
- 2/9 Bible Study 9am SR
Hispanic Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm CH
Hispanic Ministry 7pm SR
11am Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm CH
- 2/10 Evening Prayer with Dominican Laity 6:30pm CH

St. Dominic's: In the Spotlight

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL???? AND LUMPIA???

SDYG has you covered. Please come to the hall after Mass on Sunday (except the 5:30pm Mass) and get your lumpia, hot and ready for your Superbowl parties this afternoon. We will also have baked goods as well, so please come out and support the youth of the parish. Thanks again for your generosity and enjoy the game!



Attn: Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Please save **Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-1pm** for a very special Lenten Retreat in the Parish Hall with Fr. Michael.

Light refreshments will be provided. If you wish to continue serving in these ministries, you will need to attend this workshop. If you are unable to attend, please call the parish office at 747-7220.



2011 tax statements were sent out this week via mail and e-mail. Tax statements include every donation to St. Dominic's except the Catholic Annual Appeal and Dominican Missions. If you have not received your statement, please call the parish office at 747-7220.

CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend. Last year, our parish contributed \$39,984 to the Appeal. Our 25% parish share of the Appeal was \$9,996, which was split between St. Vincent de Paul & Financial Aid for St. Dominic School. This year we plan to allocate our 25% parish share to the same organizations. Please prayerfully consider your gift to assist so many in need. Each and every gift will make a difference in someone's life.



St. Dominic School Crab Feed

St. Dominic Annual Crab Feed is **February 25th, 2012** at the Portuguese Hall, 140 West J. Street, Benicia. Doors open at 5:30pm to 11:00pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$35.00 each at the school office. For more information, please contact the school between 7:30am to 3:30pm at (707) 745-1266 or Phyllis Johnson at (707) 853-0265.



TREASURE

Sunday Offerings (1/29/12)	= \$	16,349.48
Envelopes (367)	= \$	9,570.69
Loose	= \$	6,778.79
St. Vincent de Paul	= \$	6,921.28
Envelopes (153)	= \$	4,079.00
Loose	= \$	2,842.28

Thank you for helping us meet our goal!
Based on weekly operating expenses, our goal for Sunday Offerings is \$15,429.00

A NOTE FROM FR. LASALLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Dominic's, Since I came to Benicia it has been my privilege to help with Campus Ministry both at St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School in Vallejo and at my alma mater in Concord, De La Salle High School. Last October after a Mass at De La Salle, the principal offered me a full-time job at DLS as priest chaplain. After a series of discussions and negotiations involving the principal at De La Salle, Brother Robert, and our provincial, Fr. Mark Padrez, and yours truly, I have decided to accept Br. Robert's offer and starting 1 July 2012, I will begin a new ministry for 1,000 students, the Christian Brothers Community, the faculty, staff, and the families of the young people. There are still many details to be worked out, but I will say that I am very excited by this new ministry and I look forward to serving the De La Salle Community as a priest.



As a Dominican coming to Benicia is in many ways a matter of "coming home." De La Salle has been a part of my life since January, 1965. Thus, for me serving in Campus Ministry as a priest at "my" school is very much a "coming home." I deeply appreciate the warm welcome that I have received since being here in Benicia. I will continue to hold all of you deep in my heart and prayers. Of course, you will continue to see me since my ministry at St. Dominic's Cemetery will continue. The First Saturday Monthly Mass at 9:30 AM and the visiting of graves will not change. I will also come over on a regular basis to take care of other matters that are a part of the cemetery's service to the community. I will continue to be available by email to answer questions and help any of you with your decisions about Christian Burial in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection!

Please pray for me and the success of this new ministry in my life. You will all be very much in my prayers.

~Fr. LaSalle

St. Dominic Faith Formation Religious Education Classes



We serve 545 students in Religious Education classes (grades Kindergarten through Confirmation). Kindergarten through Seventh Grade classes meet weekly and use a variety of teaching techniques including lectures, arts and crafts, games, videos, guest speakers, large group activities and more. Confirmation classes meet regularly in large and small group formats and enjoy a full-day retreat during their second year of formation for the Sacrament. We are blessed with more than 80 dedicated volunteers who serve as catechists and aides.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Adult Confirmation: For those adults who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, we will be offering a 12 week course of instruction in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Gatherings will begin Thursday evening March 8th in the Conference Room from 7:30-8:30pm. Please contact Jan at 747-7240 for more information.

Soul Sisters will be returning for the Lenten Season. Our topic for Lent is No Longer Silent: The Empowerment of Women in the Gospels. We will meet Monday nights from 7-8:30 beginning February 27th. Gatherings will take place in the Aquinas Room. Any questions, please contact Jan at 707-747-7240 or email me at jstegner@sdbenicia.org

St. Dominic's store is open on Sunday's from 9-1pm. We are located in the Aquinas Room. We have rosary beads, religious statues, baptism gifts, books, scapulars, religious jewelry, prayer cards, and First Communion gifts. Stop on in! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jan at jstegner@sdbenicia.org



Men's Conference

St. Peter and All Hallows Parish will be hosting a bilingual Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, February 25, 2012**. Featured speakers are Jesse Romero, Fr. Matthew McNeely, Pastor of St. Stephen's in Sacramento and Fr. Oscar Gomez-Medina. Cost of conference is \$30 per person. For more information please call us at (916) 456-7206.

Please Pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions including: Ronald Nicoletta, Timothy Chowaniec, Marie Skodak, Jean McInerney, Audrey Hirth, Tony Fitzgerald, Marco Giovanazzo, Mrs. Verna Cabrera, Brian Kelly, Barbara Donley, Jeffrey Bonneville, Nancy Shopay, Maura Yanner, Alicia Carubba, Norma Sousa, Gil Wergowske, Bernice Cure, Sue Healy, Brenda Navarro, Catherine Weir, Michael Wargat, Kathleen Golden Leary, Marian Wright, Maria Silva, Lacey Wilson, Rita Lindsay, Julianne Diers, Linda Lester Furey, Judy Unger, Fr. Victor Cavalli, Weldon Crow, Carmela P. White, Andre Davis, Cliff Donley, Barbara Messina, Dale Amorosia, Nancy Morey and Jennie Fiore.



Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners (and their families) in your prayers: Mildred Spangrud, Kenneth Borges, Sharon Kennedy Brown, Orville DeClaire, Pat Paine, Anna Balice, Mary Pedro, Gail Core, George Brigham, Florence Favorito, Ray G. DePriest, Bernice Grant, Joyce Marcum, Minnie Smith, Louis Del Rosario, Patricia Parent, Jim Greco, Fr. Samuel Parsons, Agnes Diemunsch, Raymond Jurasin, Kristian Macariola, Ian Scott, and John Boylan

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

Open House ~ It was nice to see many new families and parishioners visiting our classrooms last week-end during our kick-off to Catholic Schools Week! If you are interested in attending St. Dominic School, but missed this opportunity, you may arrange a tour by calling 745-1266 and speaking to Mrs. Langston. Testing for new students (gr. 1-8) will take place on February 23 after school.

Family Spaghetti Night ~ Thanks to the 200+ people the teachers served at Mike & Gayle's on Wednesday night, the school was able to raise close to \$700, in a wonderful example of community spirit! We hope to do this FUNdraiser again, so please consider joining us for a good meal with accompanying smiling faces!

St. Dominic Preschool is in the process of accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The children applying must be 2 years 9 months and fully potty trained. For those who may be interested, please call the Preschool at 745-4430 or visit the website at www.sdbenicia.org.



Grief Support Begins New Sessions on February 25th

St. Dominic Consolation Ministry will host a series of six Grief Support sessions on Saturday mornings at 11am in the Aquinas Room. The series will begin on February 25th and is open to the entire community. For further information, call Joanne at (707) 747-9416. We look forward to seeing you there!

Caed Mile Faltia!

St. Patrick's Day parish celebration meeting will be on **Monday, February 6th at 7pm** in the Rectory Conference Room. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, you are welcome to attend.



Tickets for the St. Patrick's Dinner will be on sale **February 19th**.

Knights of Columbus Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of St. Dominic's for their generosity and support of the Crab Feed last weekend and the Knight's Breakfast 2 weeks prior. We hope you had as much fun from our effort as we had in serving you. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to help the Dominican student brothers and our own parish students with their on-going education.



St Dominic Prayer Vigil

 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



Join us as we Pray as a
Community United For Life



February 22- April 1

Sign ups after Mass
February 12th & 19th

Stand United with Our Local Churches



In years past we have done a prayer vigil with the other local parishes at the Planned Parenthood in Vallejo. This year we are going to do a silent prayer vigil among our parishioners and families (we will resume our public vigil in the fall).

There are many ways to join in the power of prayer in these next 40 days:

- *Pray the rosary or Stations of the Cross as a family
- * Give up a favorite food or beverage
- *Make a donation to LAAM, Alpha or other crisis pregnancy centers



For information:

Tony Hensley -745-4412 / Jude Potter- 745-4912

Contact Information

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center: 643-2575
Altar Servers: Frank Olmes olmes@comcast.net
Consolation Ministry: Joanne Flanagan 747-9416/
Joan Christiansen 745-3176
Cursillo: Edna Balingit 731-7655
Dominican Laity: Stephen Naratil 747-6666 / James Werder 853-3107
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann & Joe Talken
emhe@saintdominicsbenicia.org
Garden of Hope/ Bible Study:
Jude Potter 745-4914/ Bridget DeMers 746-8108
Knights of Columbus: Tim Wade beniciaknights@gmail.com
Labors of Love: Kathy 745-1178 Lorraine 745-5464
Lazarus Ministry: Ann Espinosa 745-0640 or
Linda Watson 745-0334
Lector Ministry: Chris Phillips lectors@saintdominicsbenicia.org
Legion of Mary: English 745-0489 Spanish 746-6117
Life Abortion Alternative Ministries: 642-5001/643-1514 or
www.LAAMVallejo.org
Meals Ministry: Mary Krenzke 648-1308
Prayer Line: Christina 745-3575
RCIA: Sally Kinane 746-5185
Singles Ministry: Gail Mattle gailmattle@yahoo.com
St. Dominic Cemetery: Marie Earp 751-0527
St. Vincent de Paul: Judy Dietlein 745-6395

Please only contact people on this list for the service they represent. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

Peanut butter • Jelly • Hamburger Helper • Pasta mixes
• Cereal • Mayonnaise • Tuna

If you live in Benicia and are in need of food, please call the SVdP Food Pantry at (707)746-1773 and leave a message.



Readings for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2,44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/
Mk 1:40-45 (77)

For easy reference of upcoming Sunday
Readings, go to www.usccb.org/nab/

ADORATION

FRI 3AM *Please help... we need one more person to share this hour with two others...*
Call Jim Werder at 747-5961 or 853-3107



FRI 8PM Weekly Call Marion Donnelly
746-8876

Hourly coordinator needed! 5pm daily is in need of a person to oversee these hours in general. Can you help out? You should be available by phone at that time of day and willing to assist in finding subs if needed for that hour. Call Bridget DeMers 746-8108.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please call Marie Earp at 745-0899. Thank you!