



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.)

January 1, 2012 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



I resolve. The beginning of the New Year offers us a powerful moment to remember the past year, to consider our present situation and, of course, to make resolutions for the future. In fact, a recent poll estimates that almost half of the population will resolve to make some change in lifestyle heading into 2012. The New Year is a time to make a new beginning, to get a fresh start, to sweep the clutter of apathy and bad habits away. The light of the New Year illumines our path and our resolutions point a hopeful way forward.

Yet while our resolutions begin with brightest of good intentions, we all know how easily they are abandoned. In fact, on average, only about 10% of New Year's resolutions are successfully kept, with almost half of them broken and discarded by February! Sometimes raw will power and strength of resolution is not enough.

Now these facts should not sap our zeal to make resolutions. In fact, even when we fail in our goal, the simple desire for growth and renewal can lead to other healthy habits of living. In my experience, we mostly fail at our resolutions, not because we are unwilling, but because we make the wrong kind of resolutions. Often our resolutions express a general desire or outcome without considering the real practical, incremental steps that are necessary to achieve success. And once we slip up or veer off course, our perseverance wanes and we find ourselves facing another New Year with the same resolutions!

With this in mind, the Church gives us the Feast of Mary the Mother of God as the image with which to begin the New Year. Along with this feast, the Church has established January 1 as a National Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. The tender role of Mary as mother of the child who the angels call "the prince of peace," helps to focus our own resolutions and goals for the year. In recognizing Mary as the Mother of God, we proclaim the divine gift we have in Christ. God has given us a precious gift in Christ: the gift that is ever new and can empower us to be the people God has resolved us to be.

In other words, Christ fulfills our greatest need. If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us a professor. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior. The New Year is not simply a moment for resolution, but for absolution. Only when we recognize that Christ came to save us, that His Mother will always console and comfort us, that before our resolutions have a chance at "success" we need his help, only then will we experience peace in our mind and hearts, our families and friends, our world.

~ 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
Secretaries: Bobbi Collins/Leigh Ann Hadick 747-7220

Faith Formation

Office (707) 747-7240
Director of Faith Formation: Jan Stegner 335-4674
Admin/K-5 R.E. Coordinator: Cindy Armour 747-7240
Confirmation Coordinator: Lisa Toomey 335-4697

St. Dominic Youth Group (SDYG)

Contact: Joe Lucero 747-7220
 joelucero@prodigy.net
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

New to the Parish?

PLEASE REGISTER

Whether you are visiting or new to our community, we are blessed to have you celebrate with us! We welcome you and extend to you the hospitality of our parish.



If you wish to join our faith community, please take a moment to register with us. The Registration Forms are available in our parish office or on our website. We look forward to meeting and serving you at St. Dominic's! Please call the parish office at 747-7220 with any questions. Thank you!

Intentions for the Week of January 1, 2012

Mon	1/2	7:00 AM	All the Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 AM	†Joe Pelligrini
Tue	1/3	7:00 AM	Maria Chang Family (T)
		8:15 AM	†Luis and Dolores Aguilar
Wed	1.4	7:00 AM	Stephen Ngo (H)
		8:15 AM	†Agnes Diemunsch
Thu	1/5	7:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
		8:15 AM	Deacon Ed Lazarek (T)
Fri	1/6	7:00 AM	Alig Family (T)
		8:15 AM	Jean McInerney (B)
Sat	1/7	8:15 AM	†Jim Greco
		5:30 PM	†Jim Greco

Intentions for Sunday, January 8, 2012

7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Gary Madsen
11:00 AM	†Kristian Macariola
12:30 PM	†Rose Lineweaver
5:30 PM	†Julia Rowland

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

TREASURE

Sunday Offerings	= \$	5,787.00
Christmas Offerings (12/25)	= \$	32,726.85
Faith Formation Program	= \$	967.00

Based on weekly operating expenses, our goal for Sunday Offerings is \$15,429.00. Our Christmas offering is a separate budget item above and beyond our goal for Sunday offerings. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Upcoming Parish Events

- 1/1 7:30am New Year's Day Mass CH
 9:00am New Year's Day Mass CH
 11:00am New Year's Day Mass CH
 12:30pm New Year's Day Mass CH
 No 5:30pm Mass on New Year's Day
- 1/3 Legion of Mary 6:30pm School Conference Room
 Baptism Prep Class 7pm PH
 RCIA 7:30pm SR
 9AM Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm CH
- 1/4 SVdP Meeting 7:30pm SR
 SAT 5:30pm Choir 8pm CH
- 1/5 Hispanic Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm CH
 11AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
- 1/6 St. Dominic School Mass 9:15am CH
 Evening Prayer with Dominican Laity 6:30pm CH



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make our Christmas Services so beautiful: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Choirs. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank all who helped decorate the Church and Parish Hall and all those who donated the beautiful poinsettias. We are blessed to have such a vibrant, faith-filled community. Your generosity of spirit and time was deeply appreciated!



**ST. DOMINIC CEMETERY
FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

Please join us on **Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 9:30am** as we celebrate the monthly Mass at St. Dominic Cemetery. After Mass, we will visit the graves of a Dominican friar, a sister and a lay person. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED

Please mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus sponsored Crab Feed on **Saturday, January 28th**. St. Dominic Parish Hall - doors open at 6:00 PM. All you can eat (as long as it lasts) Crab or Tri-Tip, Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert. \$30 Adults (18+). No host bar - corkage \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance - no sales at the door. Watch for fliers and ticket details in January Parish Bulletins. Proceeds benefit Knight's stipends to our Dominican Student Brothers.



Please Pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions including: Marie Skodak, Jean McInerney, Audrey Hirth, Tony Fitzgerald, Marco Giovanazzo, Mrs. Verna Cabrera, Edward Murphy, Brian Kelly, Barbara Donley, Jeffrey Bonneville, Nancy Shopay, Dennis Garvey, Maura Yanner, Alicia Carrubba, 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, Pat Paine, 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 parishioners (and their families) in your prayers: 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 Die-munsch, Raymond Jurasin, Kristian Macariola, Ian Scott, John Boylan, Filomena Eleccion, Gloria DeGuzman, Marco Giovanazzo, Marie L'Amoreaux, Arlene Lazarek, Nina Francis, Thelma Ivey and Bella Lobo.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be a Year I and Year II parent/teen gathering on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 6:45 in Church. Year II parent paperwork is due by January 8th! Thank you. Any questions, please call Lisa at 707-335-4697.

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Religious Education classes are on Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 10 & 11, 2012. Many New Year's Blessings to you and your families from all of us in Faith Formation!

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

New student applications will be available in the school office when we return from Christmas vacation on January 4, 2012. If you intend to enroll your child in our Kindergarten next year, please be aware that he or she must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2012.

Save the Date: We will be holding our annual Open House after the 11:00 AM Mass on January 29, 2012 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend, and if you know any of any families who may be considering Catholic education for their child(ren), please encourage them to come by for a tour!

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

We're excited to announce our new First Fruits Online Giving. Parishioners can now enroll in First Fruits online to make a one-time or recurring donation to St. Dominic's Church. Just visit our website at www.stdominicsbenicia.org and click on the First Fruits/Online Giving link on the left side of the home page. Fill out the information and submit. Your donations will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account and forwarded to St. Dominic's Church in your name. This form can also be used to make changes for current First Fruits subscribers. Call Teresa at (707) 747-7220 with any questions. Thank you!



COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Catholic Social Services provides low cost, confidential counseling services for individuals, couples and families. Day and evening appointments are available. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Offices located in Benicia and Vallejo. Please call 707-556-



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
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

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 /
Mt 2:1-12 (20)

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

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.

ADORATION

SUN 8AM (Share) Call Marie Earp at
745-0899.

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

