



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 29, 2012 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week is Catholic Schools Week. Together with the almost 7,000 Catholic schools around the country, we thank God for the gift of our faith, and recognizing the value of Catholic education, we ask for His future blessings. For us at St Dominic's, it is a particularly joyful celebration, as this year we are celebrating 50 years of St Dominic School at its present location. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is: **Faith. Academics. Service.** Each of these values is at the heart of our school's vocation.



Faith. The primary goal of Catholic education is to foster not only learning about the faith, but discovering how to live it. In his recent address to Catholic educators, Pope Benedict outlined this goal: *first and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth. This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and his teaching. In this way those who meet him are drawn by the very power of the Gospel to lead a new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good, and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lord's disciples, the Church.* At St. Dominic's, it is our hope not simply to teach Jesus, but to meet Him.

Academics. One of the mottos of the Dominican Order is *Veritas* (truth) and so at St. Dominic School, we strive to discover that truth in all its aspects. We are proud that our students test well above average in reading and mathematics standardized testing. At a time when public schools have unfortunately had to cut many enrichment classes, we have made a commitment to offering classes such as Music, Art, P.E. and Spanish. "At St. Dominic's, our mission is to educate the whole child in an atmosphere of academic excellence and faith," said Principal Teri Cullen. "We're excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share our programs and what our students have accomplished with the entire community."

Service. Service is at the heart of all Catholic education, not simply as a concept to be taught, but as a reality to be lived. Catholicism has a long and rich tradition of direct service to those in need, as well as social justice efforts to end social ills. At St. Dominic's we incorporate service projects into the curriculum, teaching students the value of helping others as an expression of faith. A common theme of our School Mass preaching has been faithfulness to Christ's words, "whatever you do for others, you do for Jesus." As Catholics we have the duty and the delight of sharing the blessings we've been given. Instilling the value of service in our students is paramount. And so as we celebrate the gift of St. Dominic School, please join me in asking God for his continued blessings:

Prayer for Catholic Schools

God, our Father, we entrust St. Dominic School to your loving care.

Help us to treasure your gift of faith and family.

In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for your blessings that you may enlighten our parents, guide our teachers and lead our students in the ways of truth.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with the wisdom of your will and the courage to live it every day. Amen.

~ 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

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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

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 January 29, 2012

Mon	1/30	7:00 AM	†Teresa Butler
		8:15 AM	Rita Wergowske (T)
Tue	1/31	7:00 AM	†All Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 AM	†Emilio Calipay
Wed	2/1	7:00 AM	†All Souls in Purgatory
		8:15 AM	†Fida Folquer
Thu	2/2	7:00 AM	Intentions of the Rectory Staff (T)
		8:15 AM	†Betty Hafford
Fri	2/3	7:00 AM	†Aurora Masbad
		8:15 AM	Marvin C. Bernabe (B)
Sat	2/4	8:15 AM	†Richard S.Callao
		5:30 PM	†Jim Greco

Intentions for Sunday, February 5, 2012

7:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM	The People of the Slums of Kibera
11:00 AM	†Anna Medina Ward
12:30 PM	†Benjamin and Isabel Soria
5:30 PM	†Jim Greco

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

1/29 Catholic School's Week Mass 11am CH

St. Dominic School Open House 12:30-2:30pm

PH and Classrooms

SDYG 3pm SR

Year 1 Confirmation Small Groups 4:00pm

1/30 Breaking Open the Word 7pm SR

1/31 Religious Education 4pm Classrooms

Legion of Mary 6:30pm School Conference Room

RCIA 7:30pm SR

9AM Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm CH

2/1 Religious Education 4pm Classrooms

SDYG Choir Rehearsal CH (Ck. Website for time)

Religious Education 7pm Classrooms

MSM 7pm Classrooms 7 & 8

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:30pm SR

SAT 5:30pm Choir 8pm CH

2/2 Bible Study 9am SR

Hispanic Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm CH

Hispanic Ministry 7pm SR

2/3 SDS First Friday Mass 9:15am CH

Evening Prayer with Dominican Laity 6:30pm CH

2/4 Confirmation Year 2 Sponsor Day 2:30pm PH

Guadalupe 6:30pm PH



Please join us for donuts in the Parish Hall
after the 9am and 11am Masses.
Donations are appreciated! Thank you!

St. Dominic's: In the Spotlight



St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection This weekend, January 28th & 29th, the members of the

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting your donations after all the Masses. Our special thanks to everyone at St. Dominic's who makes it possible for the Society to assist families in Benicia.

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



Yes take hot and ready Lumpia to your Superbowl parties next weekend! Come and support St. Dominic Youth Group! Our annual Superbowl Lumpia/Bake Sale is next weekend on Superbowl Sunday. We will be serving hot and ready Lumpia on **February 5th**, Superbowl Sunday, to save you from having to prepare a snack for your parties. We will be in the hall after each of the morning Masses and if supplies last, after the 12:30pm Mass as well. We will be taking money for pre-orders cooked or frozen after this Sunday Masses. **Thanks in advance for your support.**

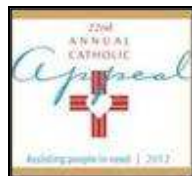
Attn: Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

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.



CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal will take place on the weekend of February 11/12. Through our support, we can assure that many vital social service programs continue to assist tens of thousands of people in need, assist the formation of diocesan seminarians, and provide need-based tuition assistance to families desiring a Catholic school education for their children. Please prayerfully consider what you can give.



El Llamado Católico Anual 2012 será en todas las misas el fin de semana Febrero 11/12. Por medio de nuestra ayuda financiera, podemos asegurar que muchos programas de servicio social continúen a asistir a miles de gente necesitada; asisten con la formación de seminaristas que trabajarán en nuestras iglesias, y proveer asistencia con el costo de la escuela Católica para las familias que la necesitan. Por favor consideren lo que su familia pueda contribuir.

TREASURE

Sunday Offerings (1/22/12)	= \$	12,044.25
Envelopes (314)	= \$	8,381.35
Loose	= \$	3,662.90
Faith Formation Program	= \$	902.25

Based on weekly operating expenses, our goal for Sunday Offerings is \$15,429.00

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 by February 1, please call the parish office.

Many thanks to Pat Ichikawa who also donated to our Crèche scene and whose name was inadvertently left off our list of donors. We are still accepting donations in the parish office to complete our Nativity.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - CELEBRATING 70TH ANNIVERSARY

On **Saturday, February 4, 2012**, Catholic Social



Services will commemorate its 70th Anniversary of serving those in need of help and assistance. Please come and join Bishop Soto for this special evening of celebration. Enjoy a catered dinner, dancing and silent auction at this fundraising event.

It will be held at the Dan Foley Cultural Center starting at 5PM. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a reserved table of 8. Gather your friends and attend this wonderful event.

All proceeds go to CSS's program for Counseling for Victims of Domestic Violence.

Tickets are available in the parish office or you can contact Angie Vela at 319-4848 or Bill Cambra at 745-6868.

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BAPTISM MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!



If there is anyone that would like to volunteer as part of the Baptism Preparation Team, please call the Parish Office at 707-747-7220 or talk to Fr. Michael. The responsibilities entail teaching a Baptism Preparation Class two nights (Tuesdays) a month, four times a year. No experience is necessary. You will be working with team members that have been on the Preparation Team for many years and will be happy to train you. This is a rewarding and fun Ministry and a wonderful way to get involved at St. Dominic's.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

January 2012

Dear Parishioners:

As I sit down to write an update on our ministry's activities for 2011 and express our gratitude for your support, I again struggle with appropriate words to express our thanks for your ongoing generosity. It will always be necessary to help the less fortunate, but as the recession continues, we have seen its results produce a dramatic increase of need in our community. There is not a place in Benicia that has not been affected by the economic downturn our country is experiencing. Families that were once thriving all of a sudden have found themselves without jobs, their mortgages upside down and bills piling up to where they are no longer manageable. Government assistance is slow to be implemented and other agencies that provide assistance in our community have in many instances run out of money.

Most who turn to St. Vincent de Paul have already tried to get help elsewhere. We look at each request for financial assistance on a case by case basis. Those members who are involved with financial assistance requests struggle with each request because the stories are so heartbreaking. Many times families are less than 24 hours away from having their PG&E turned off. Their landlords have stopped being patient and the threat of eviction is imminent. Our main goal is simply to help prevent families from being evicted from their homes if possible and keeping the utilities turned on for at least another month while they continue to struggle to make ends meet and keep their families in tact.

Of course you may say, I thought St. Vincent de Paul was all about giving food to the needy? And you would be right. When this ministry was created here at St. Dominic's in 1993, the mission was to deliver food to the needy in the community. When I became a member some 10 years ago, that is how we operated. On very few occasions can I remember discussing financial assistance; if it was once or twice a year, that was a lot. But somewhere along the way the needs of the community and the parish changed and St. Vincent de Paul was asked to step up and help provide an avenue to help our fellow Benicians. The basic tenets of the Society are "compassion for those in need." This is shown by helping with food, clothing, financial assistance; no form of charity is foreign to the Society. There are no straight lines here, we go where we are most needed.

As parishioners you show your compassion by helping keep our bank account on the plus side. Through you and many local businesses, other ministries and non-profit organizations we are able to continue to do the work of our founder Frederic Ozanam. This year we have experienced more than one occasion where our bank account was literally in the red. Those of us who have responsibility for monitoring our funds would begin to put drastic changes in place to get us through the difficult time. And then, what I call the "SVDP Miracle" would occur. A large donation from a generous parishioner would suddenly appear or a 5th Sunday would be a short time away and we would again marvel at your unselfish gifts.

As I finish this letter, we are again dealing with a dangerously low bank account and I am praying for another one of those "SVDP Miracles." But, of course we all know it is God's miracle which allows us to continue our work with your help. No donation is too small, because it all comes from the basic desire to want to help the less fortunate, even if you are one of them. During the Christmas season we saw many levels of generosity. Envelopes from the Giving Tree contained checks for \$20, \$25, \$50. In one case I opened an envelope and gasped at the particularly large amount and then in the next moment I opened an envelope that had \$2.14. It brought tears to my eyes. No gift is too small; it is the spirit of sharing what we can to help others that allows us all to follow in Christ's footsteps.

May God's Blessings be with you all.

Sincerely,

Judy

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

WHAT IS THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL?

Inspired by Gospel Values, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic organization which leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron St. Vincent de Paul.



WHAT DOES THE ST. DOMINIC'S CONFERENCE OF SVDP IN BENICIA DO?

Our first responsibility is to provide daily food deliveries and special Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the needy of Benicia. We extend our service to a Christmas Giving Tree Program that provides gifts to needy individuals and organizations in the community.

Secondly, when resources allow, we provide financial assistance for basic living requirements such as rent and utilities.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Deliver food to the needy on a day each month of your choosing
- Share the shopping to keep the food locker supplied
- Help with the organization of our special Holiday Dinner Programs
- Help with the Christmas Giving Tree Program
- Attend monthly meetings to share our spirituality, review the ongoing status of our programs and finances.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS MINISTRY?

The time commitment is your choice. It can be an hour or so one day a week, one day a month or whenever your schedule permits. We meet once a month – the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center's Siena Room. Meeting attendance is not a requirement, but is certainly helpful to new members. Some people have volunteered for years and have attended only one meeting to get started. That is your choice.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

For more information on how to become a member, call Judy Dietlein at 745-6395.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please consider joining us and remember that the service of the poor is the service of Christ Himself.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2011 STATISTICS

Income: \$45,918.42

Expenses: \$49,547.99

- 65% of funds to food purchases
- 31% of funds to financial assistance
- 4% to operating expenses (phone, PG&E, bank fees, stamps)
- 1320 food deliveries serving approximately 3,800 adults and children (15% increase over 2010)
- 113 Easter Dinner deliveries
- 143 Thanksgiving Dinner deliveries
- 148 Christmas Dinner deliveries
- 526 Giving Tree Gifts delivered to 130 Benicia families (this year to children only), a variety of convalescent homes, senior residences and women's shelters both here and in Vallejo.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Elementary Religious Education classes meet this week. We are presenting our Child Abuse Prevention materials this week. Please remember to return your OPT-OUT forms if you do not want your child to receive this information. These lessons will not take the entire hour; we will provide supervision for your child during the presentations.

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



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, Edward Murphy, Brian Kelly, Barbara Donley, Jeffrey Bonneville, Nancy Shopay, 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, Julienne 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: 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 Die-munsch, Raymond Jurasin, Kristian Macariola, Ian Scott,

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Year II Confirmation Sponsor Day: There will be a Year II Sponsor Day Retreat on **Saturday, February 4th from 2:30 until 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. This gathering is for sponsor and teen. A parent or other adult may fill in for a sponsor who is not able to attend this retreat. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 335-4697. Thank you!

ST. DOMINIC PRESCHOOL

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. The Preschool offers a three day a week program (Tues-Wed-Thurs) and a five day a week program (Mon-Fri). School hours are from 9am-12pm daily with extended care from 7:30am to 5pm. For those who may be interested, please call the Preschool at 745-4430 or visit the website at www.sdbenicia.org. We will have an **Open House** on **Sunday, January 29th from 12:30pm- 2:30pm**. Please stop by to meet the staff and see our faculty.

ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

RAFFLE WINNER UPDATE: Congratulations to Jim Healy, a fellow parishioner and long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, for winning the two tickets to the 49er NFC Championship Game!! We hope his grandsons enjoyed the game!! We want to thank Russ and Karen Sherman for providing the tickets for the raffle. The school was able to make \$2110, which will be used to support our athletic program. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this FUNdraiser!

NEW STUDENT TESTING for the 2012-2013 school year is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd at 3:20 PM. for those students who have submitted a completed application. Applications for enrollment are still being accepted and may be picked up at the school office during regular school hours.

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.





FAMILY SPAGHETTI NIGHT
SERVED BY THE FACULTY & STAFF OF
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

AT
Mike and Gayle's Neighborhood Cafe
800 Southampton Road
Benicia, CA 94510

FIRST SEATING 5:00 ~ 6:30 P.M.
SECOND SEATING 6:30 ~ 8:00 P.M.

ADULTS.....\$10
CHILDREN (PK-8).....\$5
CHILDREN (UNDER 4).....FREE!

TICKET INCLUDES PASTA, SALAD, AND BREAD.
PRE-SALE ONLY.
AVAILABLE AT ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
935 EAST 5TH STREET, BENICIA, CA 94510
707.745.1266

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4,6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/
Mk 1:29-39 (74)

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



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!