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St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Rev. Roberto Corral, OP, Pastor
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Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Prior and Parochial Vicar
Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence
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Rev. Denis Reilly, OP, Retired

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Principal: Mrs. Emily Díaz
Secretary: Angela Nuño
Pre-School / Extended Day Care

Sunday	7:30 AM	Anthony Manglicmot
	9:00 AM	Ariel Jerome B. de la Paz, †
	11:00 AM	Mother's Day Mass
	1:00 PM	Margarita Aguilar
	5:00 PM	Devotees of Saint Jude
Monday	8:00 AM	Toni Paciulli, †
	6:00 PM	Kava Garcia Alapag, 2nd birthday
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Cinthya Centeno, birthday
	6:00 PM	Aaliyah Mayes
Wed.	8:00 AM	Regina levy
	6:00 PM	Antonio Zuniga, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Jennie Cohen, birthday
	6:00 PM	Conversion of Ruth Decker
Friday	8:00 AM	Francisco Nuñez and Paulina Ordoñez, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Judith Rubenstein, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Dennis Baldi, †
	5:00 PM	Ruth Decker

(Important: These Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SCHEDULE UPDATES

CHURCH HOURS: Closed until further notice.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Closed to the public. Call if there is a need.

CONFessions IN THE CHURCH: Canceled except in case of emergency.

EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED:

DAILY & SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH: Mass has been cancelled from March 17 until further notice.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:

All Ministry Activities are currently cancelled or postponed. More info to come.

SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL:

The School is closed.

QUEENSCARE NURSE:

There will be no nursing services until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Adoration, confessions:

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<https://saintdominics.org/emergency>

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Happy Mother's Day!



Many blessings to all of you mothers as well as to those of you who, even if you have not physically had children, have nonetheless taken on a mother's role. May the Lord bless all you women whose unselfish love and sacrifice have made a difference in the lives of others.

The Phoenix and the Peacock

Our Catholic Christian faith has a rich heritage of celebrating the Lord's resurrection at Easter through the use of symbols. The

Phoenix symbolizes both the resurrection of Jesus and eternity since, according to Jewish legend, it did not eat of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. It supposedly lived for



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500 years, and when it sensed that death was near, it made a nest in a very tall tree (perhaps the date-palm tree which is "phonix" in Greek) and lay down on it. The nest would catch fire from the sun and consume the bird in the flames. But the phoenix would rise again from the ashes to live another full life. The phoenix is represented in some of the earliest Christian mosaics in the churches of Rome.

The **Peacock** also symbolizes the resurrection because it sheds its old feathers each year and grows new ones and also because its flesh was so tough and impossible to digest that it was thought to be incorruptible. It is a popular symbol on burial markers in the catacombs in Rome.



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Living with Imperfection – Part I

Believe it or not, St. Dominic's is not a perfect parish community. Believe it or not, we Dominicans do not have a perfect community. Believe it or not, the first Christians did not have a perfect community in spite of what we read in the Acts of the Apostles. Three times in this New Testament book, St. Luke describes the early Christians in very glowing terms. For example: "**The whole group of believers was united heart and soul...everything they owned was held in common...The apostles were all accorded great respect. None of their members was ever in want...**" (Acts 4:32-35). Sounds great, doesn't it? Almost perfect. But we only have to look at the next few chapters of Acts to see that there was, indeed, imperfection in that first community: fraud, injustice and conflict. Now that sounds more realistic!

Every now and then someone will tell me he or she doesn't come to church because "I just don't want to worship with people who are hypocrites. They're good when they're in church, but then they go out and do bad things – they're a bunch of hypocrites!" Well, I suppose that, sooner or later, that describes most of us, if not all of us. We religious, churchgoing people can, at times, be hypocrites because we are imperfect – we don't always practice what we preach. The thing is, if those folks who don't come to church because of us hypocrites were ever to find a "perfect" church or community without one hypocrite or sinner, it would become imperfect as soon as they joined.

So how do we, as disciples of Jesus, live with the imperfection we find within us and in others? Certainly, it is not easy. First of all, it is important for us to be careful not to be judgmental of others as in the example above. Some of Jesus' harshest words were directed at the arrogance of the religious leaders of his time who were so judgmental of the "unclean" sinners around them. However, many times I have found the opposite to be the case: we can be compassionate toward others and yet hyper-critical of our own sinfulness and shortcomings. For example, how many times have you felt so frustrated with yourself for confessing the same sins over and over again? I have struggled in the same areas in my life for nearly fifty years! It doesn't mean we give up trying to change for the better, but we have to remember that the whole process of striving for holiness is not under our control; it is God's from beginning to end. We simply do our best and trust that God is working with, forgiving and loving us even when we do the same dumb things over and over.

--to be continued next week--

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DID YOU KNOW?

Stress can affect the children around you.

Everyone has stress, whether it is a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress – for your own sake and for the sake of the children around you. Too much stress can make it hard to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of stress, too. To learn more about how to identify and cope with stress, visit <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stress-management.htm>.

¿SABÍA QUE?

El estrés puede afectar a los niños a su alrededor.

Todo el mundo tiene estrés, ya sea por un mal día en el trabajo, problemas con el automóvil, o simplemente por tener demasiadas cosas que hacer. Es importante aprender a manejar su estrés, por su propio bien y por el bien de los niños que le rodean. Demasiado estrés puede hacer que sea difícil la crianza de los hijos con efectividad. Después de un tiempo, sus hijos pueden también mostrar signos de estrés. Para obtener más información sobre cómo identificar y hacer frente al estrés, visite <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stress-management.htm>.

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Eric LACHICA US Census

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¡Feliz Día de las Madres!

Muchas bendiciones para todas nuestras madres, así como a aquellas de ustedes que, incluso si no han tenido hijos físicamente, no obstante, han asumido el papel de una madre. Que el Señor bendiga a todas ustedes mujeres cuyo desinteresado amor y sacrificio han hecho una diferencia en las vidas de otros.



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El Fénix y el Pavo Real





Nuestra fe cristiana católica tiene una herencia rica de celebrar la resurrección del señor durante la Pascua con el uso de símbolos. El **Fénix** simboliza la resurrección de Jesús y la eternidad puesto que, según una leyenda judía, no comió de la fruta prohibida en el jardín de Edén. Supuestamente vivía por 500 años, y cuando se daba cuenta que la muerte estaba cerca, hacía su nido en un árbol muy alto (quizás la palma que se traduce “*phonix*” en griego) y se acostaba en él. El nido se quemaba con el calor del sol y el pájaro se consumía en las llamas. Pero el Fénix se levantaba de nuevo de las cenizas para vivir otra vida completa. El Fénix se representa en algunos de los mosaicos cristianos más tempranos en las iglesias de Roma.

El **pavo real** también simboliza la resurrección porque se le caían sus plumas viejas cada año y le crecían nuevas y aparte porque su carne era tan resistente e imposible de digerir que se consideraba incorruptible. Es un símbolo popular en las catacumbas en Roma.



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Vivir con la Imperfección – Parte I

Créalo o no, nuestra parroquia no es una comunidad perfecta. Créo o no, mi comunidad de frailes dominicos no es perfecta. Créo o no, la comunidad de los primeros cristianos tampoco era perfecta, a pesar de lo que oímos durante la temporada de Pascua en las lecturas de los Hechos de los apóstoles. Tres veces en este libro del Nuevo Testamento San Lucas describe a los primeros cristianos en términos ideales, por ejemplo: “**La multitud de los fieles tenía un solo corazón y una sola alma...todo lo tenían en común...Entre ellos ninguno sufrió necesidad...**” (**Hechos 4, 32-35**). Suena bonito ¿qué no? Casi perfecto. Pero solo tenemos que mirar a los siguientes capítulos de los Hechos para ver que sí había imperfección en aquella comunidad: fraude, injusticia y conflicto. Ahora, eso suena más realista!

De vez en cuando alguien me dice que no vienen a Misa porque “No quiero estar con personas que son hipócritas. Son buenas mientras que estén en Misa, pero después hacen todo tipo de maldades.” Me imagino que, tarde o temprano, esa descripción nos toca a todos. Nosotros que somos creyentes y vamos a Misa a veces somos hipócritas porque somos imperfectos – a veces nuestras acciones no corresponden con nuestras creencias. Pero estas personas que no vienen a Misa por las hipócritas que estamos ahí nunca van a encontrar una comunidad perfecta. O, si pudieran encontrarla, sería imperfecta el momento que ellos se integraran.

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos, como discípulos de Jesús, vivir con la imperfección que encontramos dentro de nosotros y en los demás? Ciertamente, no es nada fácil. En primer lugar es importante tener cuidado no juzgar a los demás como en el ejemplo anterior. Algunas de las palabras más fuertes de Jesús fueron dirigidas a la soberbia de los líderes religiosos de su tiempo que juzgaban a los “pecadores impuros” a su alrededor.

Sin embargo, muchas veces he encontrado lo contrario en las personas: podemos ser muy compasivos con los demás pero muy críticos de nuestras propias fallas y faltas. Por ejemplo, ¿cuántas veces hemos sentido frustrado con nosotros mismos porque confesamos los mismos pecados vez tras vez? ¡Yo he batallado con las mismas cosas por los últimos cincuenta años! Esto no quiere decir que nos demos por vencidos en nuestra lucha para mejorarnos, pero tenemos que acordarnos que todo el proceso de esforzarnos para alcanzar la santidad no está bajo nuestro control; le pertenece a Dios, desde el comienzo hasta el final. Nosotros simplemente hacemos lo mejor que podamos y confiamos que Dios esté trabajando con, perdonando y amándonos aun cuando hacemos las mismas tonterías una y otra vez.

--continuará la próxima semana--

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Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time.



Mass Intentions

Dear St. Dominic's Parishioners, we are still accepting your Mass intentions. However, since we cannot celebrate public Mass at this time, the Dominicans will offer private Masses in our Priory Chapel. We will remember you and your loved ones, especially at this difficult time. If you would like to reserve a Mass intention, please drop by the parish office. We have placed a plastic holder with Mass intention envelopes to the right of the office door. Simply take an envelope, fill in the information, place the envelope with a donation into the mailbox to the right of the door. We will call you back (please remember to include your phone number on the envelope) to confirm that your intention has been received. We are still taking MAY intentions. We will not be offering JUNE intentions until all of May have been taken.

Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read the book "*The Dutch House*", a novel by Ann Patchett.

We hope we could meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 10:00 am.**



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In the midst of the crisis due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) generating increased needs from certain segments of the community, the Office of Life, Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus launched *Hearts to Serve*, a hotline in support to all of those in need, especially the elderly, homebound, and pregnant women. The joint effort answers the call of Pope Francis and of Archbishop José H. Gomez, to be missionary disciples.