

December 18, 2016

# St. Dominic Church and School

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## Advent IV

Luca Giordano  
*The Dream of St. Joseph*

### Mass Times

#### Sunday

7:30 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am  
12:00 pm  
1:30 pm (En Español)  
5:00 pm  
8:00 pm Occidental College Herrick Chapel  
No Masses from May to September 1

#### Monday thru Friday:

8:00 am  
6:00 pm

#### Saturday:

8:00 am  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Civic Holidays: 9:00 am only

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after 8 am Mass - Benediction at 5:15 pm

### Reconciliation / Confessions

Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:00 am; 5:45 - 6:00 pm  
1st. Fridays 7:45 - 8:00 am; 5:45 - 6:00 pm  
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Domingo 1:30 pm Español

Or by appointment / O por cita

### Liturgy of the Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

### Office hours:

3:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Monday  
8:30 am - 8:30 pm Tuesday thru Friday  
8:30 am - 6:30 pm Saturday  
8:30 am - 6:00 pm Sunday

**Dominican Community:**

Rev. Michael Fones, OP, Pastor, Prior,  
 Rev. Dominic De Maio, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Michael Chaberek, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Boniface Willard, OP, in residence  
 Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence  
 Rev. James Thompson, OP, in residence  
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, in residence

**Parish Staff:**

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael Finocchiaro, OPL  
 Dir. of Religious Ed: Christina Garcia &  
 Michelle Perez  
 Religious Ed Coordinator: Connie Guerrero  
 (323) 255-6373  
 Adult Education: Sr. Joyanne Sullivan SND  
 Confirmation/Youth Ministry: Randy de Vera  
 Ministry to the Ill & Elderly: Concie Kibbe, OPL  
 Health Ministry: Mary Lynne Knighten  
 Music Ministry: Rudy Acosta (323) 258-9854  
 Administrative Assistant: Mario Garcia  
 Secretary: Cecilia Treat  
 Plant Manager: Jesus Mercado

**St. Dominic's School:**

2005 Merton Avenue. LA, CA 90041  
 Phone: (323) 255-5803  
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 Principal: Mrs. Emily Diaz  
 Secretary: Angela Nuño  
 Pre-School  
 Extended Day Care

**Marriage (Matrimonio):** Please contact Frs.  
 Michael Fones, Michael Chaberek or Dominic  
 De Maio as soon as you become engaged for in-  
 formation about the process for Catholic marriage  
 preparation.

**Infant Baptism (Bautismo de Niños):** Please  
 contact the parish office, for information.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults RCIA**  
 is a journey for Adults seeking full Communion  
 with the Catholic Church, First Communion and  
 Confirmation and for Adults seeking Baptism.  
 Adults may start the program at any time.

**The Children's RCIA** is a two year program. For  
 more information call Sr. Joyanne Sullivan, SND,  
 at 323-254-2519.



Sun.	7:30 am	Marlena Youngmeyer, birthday
	9:00 am	<b>Elisa Lozano, †</b>
	10:30 am	Pro Populo
	12:00 N	<b>Michael Lee, †</b>
	1:30 pm	<b>Robert Delaney, †</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Patricia Hope, †</b>
Mon.	8:00 am	Edgar and Melba Gutierrez, 35th Wedding Anniversary
	6:00 pm	<b>Wilfredo D. Sibal, †</b>
Tues.	8:00 am	Fely Serrano, birthday
	6:00 pm	Estrella M. Barbosa, birthday
Weds.	8:00 am	Manglimot family, birthday
	6:00 pm	Enrile family, thanksgiving
Thurs.	8:00 am	Sabas Maria and Rudy
	6:00 pm	<b>De la Rosa, †</b>
	8:00 am	<b>Freddy del Castillo, †</b>
Friday	8:00 am	<b>Gregorio San Agustin, †</b>
	6:00 pm	Deceased Dominican Friars, friends and benefactors
		<b>Senen Zapanta Jr., †</b>
		<b>Jay Dungca, †</b>
		<b>Eufemio Caparas, Sr. †</b>
		<b>Cristeta Marasigan Latorre, †</b>
Saturday	8:00 am	Hilary Calito, birthday
	5:00 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	7:30 pm	Pro Populo
	9:30 pm	<b>Martin Craughwell, †</b>
	12 Midnight	<b>Ted and Melba Fones, †</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11- 14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Today's Activities**

Blood Pressure screening

Legion of Mary

Keep the Homeless families warm this Advent

Season. Bring blankets and jackets to the parish office. Today is the last day.

Dominican Laity 8:00 am in the Lower Hall

**This week at a glance...**Monday, Dec. 19, 2016

Bible Study 9:00 am St. Mark Room

Posadas 6:30 pm Parish Hall

Living Waters Prayer Group

7:30 pm St. Catherine

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016

Posadas 6:30 pm Parish Hall

RCIA 7:30 pm Adult Ed House

Legion of Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016

Posadas 6:30 pm Parish Hall

Guadalupanos 6:30 pm

Confirmation Team 7:00 pm Adult Ed Building

Legion of Mary

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016

Posadas 6:30 pm Parish Hall

Divine Mercy 9:30 am Adult Ed Building

Friday, Dec. 23, 2016

Posadas 6:30 pm Parish Hall

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016

## COMING EVENTS

December 16-23

Posadas

December 31

**New Year's Eve Dance**

" HELP ME, O LORD, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue."

Divine Mercy in My Soul, (Diary,163)

The Knights of Columbus Council 1920 would like to thank the Pastor, priests and the Parishioners of St. Dominic Church for the outstanding support provided in the December 4th Pancake Breakfast that benefited the Altar Servers. Please know that \$446.00 was collected and that these monies will benefit the St. Dominic Church Altar Server Society.

Heartfelt Tanks and blessings,

Vivat Jesus! Knights of Columbus Council 1920

Donate Blood and Give the Gift of Life!

The Health Ministry is sponsoring a blood drive on January 22, 2017 in the Parish Hall from 8am to 2pm to benefit the kids at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. There is a sign up sheet at the rectory, or use the registration link below to check donor qualifications AND register directly.

<http://www.chladonateblood.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=1902&z=90041>

Menlo Park Nuns Day of Discernment Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession. Preaching through a life of contemplation. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday, January 21, 2017; Saturday July 15, 2017; Saturday, October 21, 2017. Space is limited and fills fast!

Want to Learn More about the Catholic Christian faith?

Why is Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>? Fr. Augustine Thompson, OP, professor of History at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology explains it all here: [www.opwest.org/whythe25th/](http://www.opwest.org/whythe25th/)



# School News



School Choir



Eighth grade in their Class of 2017 sweatshirts!



September Service Project: First Grade collecting food for Our Lady of the Angel's Adopt-a-Family program



*St. Dominic students, faculty  
& staff wish you a blessed  
Advent season!*





### Pastor's Corner

*Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,* Romans 1:5

In his homily on the First Sunday of Advent 2006, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI repeated the idea of St. Bernard of Clairvaux when he spoke **of a third, or “intermediate” coming of Jesus Christ** between his first coming in Bethlehem and his final advent at the end of time. This intermediate advent is a hidden one, in the soul of every believer, which serves as a bridge between the other two.

But this silent slipping into the human heart is not something that happens automatically or unintentionally. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, **“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.” Jesus does not force his entry. He initiates the encounter, and then waits patiently for the human heart to open a crack so he may enter.**

We know that on Christmas Eve we will welcome many visitors who do not regularly come to church. We can help them hear Jesus knocking in two concrete ways. First, we can begin praying for them *now*. Pray that they re-evaluate their time and their life and consider giving Jesus more of both. We can pray for their conversion, as well as our own - and this connects to the second thing we can do. We can take seriously our role as evangelizers, as heralds, like John the Baptist, preparing a way for the Lord. We can choose to welcome the unfamiliar person, smile at the stranger, extend a hand of friendship to the person squeezed into the pew next to us. We can help them find their way through the hymnal, and hand them a Mass card with the prayers if they seem not to be familiar with them.

We can be joyful – as we ought to be as we gather together as individuals whose worth has **been made invaluable by God’s own sharing in our humanity.**



### The Importance of Hospitality

In Jesus’ culture, hospitality was of vital importance. People did not travel too much, partly because it was so dangerous. Away from the towns and cities, brigands awaited. The image of a man beaten and robbed on the road between Jericho and Jerusalem in the parable of the Good Samaritan would not have been a surprise to Jesus’ listeners. Hospitality was a matter of life and death.

The Benedictines, not the Dominicans, are known for their hospitality. It is a part of their rule to be hospitable to strangers. This coming weekend we will be celebrating Christmas, and we know there will be “strangers” among us: our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not come to Mass regularly, and non-Catholics who are seeking something spiritual during the holidays.

You might be tempted to resent someone who sits in “your spot” in a pew, or who takes up parking, or who does not know the responses at Mass. But please, please, *please* go out of your way to be hospitable. Smile. Tell them, “It is so good to see you – welcome.” Show them the responses on the Mass card, and help them find the hymns in the hymnal. Offer them a handshake at the sign of peace. The kindness you show them may be the gesture that God works through to touch their heart and inspire them to return to the active practice of their faith, or to begin to consider becoming a Christian.

God works through us, in simple gestures and words. Anything good that we do can be infused by God with grace to touch the heart and soul of another person, making a natural act *supernatural*. So hospitality may literally be a matter of *spiritual* life and death. And God may work through the visitor on our behalf. Remember the words of the author of the letter to the Hebrews, “Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.” (Heb. 13:2)

Fr. Michael Fones, OP

## Día de Discernimiento

¿Te has preguntado cómo es la vida de una monja? ¿Estás llamada a una vida de oración y un profundo deseo de amor y servicio? Las monjas dominicas del monasterio de Corpus Christi ubicadas en 215 Oak Grove Avenue en Menlo Park, CA tendrán un día de Discernimiento para mujeres solteras, entre edades de 18-38, el 21 de enero de 2017. Para reservar tu lugar o para mayor información comunícate con la Hermana Joseph Marie OP en [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) o visita nuestro sitio web en: <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>. El día comienza con la Santa Misa a las 8:00 am, seguido por Oficio Divino, Adoración, Rosario, Conferencias e historias vocacionales dadas por nuestras monjas y frailes dominicos. El evento es gratuito. El espacio es limitado y llene rápido.



### Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 18 de diciembre de 2016

*A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,  
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.*

— Mateo 1:23

#### Celebrando Las Posadas



*Les invitamos a celebrar esta hermosa tradición  
recreando la peregrinación de  
San José y la Virgen María hacia Belén  
Diciembre 16 – 23, 2014  
**7:00 pm Salón Parroquial**  
Excepto Diciembre 17  
7:00 pm Centro Comunitario  
Iglesia de Santo Domingo  
Comunicarse con el Señor  
Rudy Vadillo 323-255-4082  
para patrocinar una posada.*

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38


Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;  
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56


Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Domingo: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14  
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20  
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



We are raffling off Two Tickets for the Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines from April 20 to May 2, 2017. This is a value of \$7,100.00. Or, you can choose to take \$6,000.00 in cash.



The tickets are \$15.00 each

Tickets are now available in the Parish Office.

The Drawing will be held on February 19th, after the 9:00 am Mass, in front of the Church

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**December 24**

4:45 pm *Children's Choir*

5:00 pm *Mass*

7:00 pm *Prelude Music*

7:30 pm *Mass*  
*Contemporary Choir*

9:30 pm *Mass (Cantor/Organ)*

11:15 pm *Featuring Cantata No. 142 ("For Us A Child Is Born") - J.S. Bach for choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra and other seasonal music*

12:00 *Midnight Mass*



**December 25**

Masses at: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
12:00 noon in Spanish  
**NO 5:00 pm MASS**

**Feel Like a Teen on 2017!  
St. Dominic's Parish  
New Year's Eve Dance  
Saturday, December 31, 2016  
St. Dominic's Parish Hall**

Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
Dancing 8:00 pm  
(Marty Rosal DJ)



Attire: Semi-formal  
Donation: \$30.00 per person  
Door Prizes

For ticket reservations please call Sally Mangahis at 323-254-8130 or Helena del Castillo at 323-258-2870  
Tickets are also available in the Parish Office



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**Christmas Flowers**



If you would like to make a \$10 donation in the name of a loved one, the names will be placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

You can put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one printed, clearly, on the front of the envelope. Bring your donation in to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



With a grateful heart I thank all of you that support my 9<sup>th</sup> annual art show. I like to remind you that your donation goes to the Sisters of Notre Dame Life and Ministry Fund, which helps with the needs of our retirement Sisters, Sisters in ministry to help stop human trafficking and programs to help the poor. So, from the bottom of our hearts, our Sisters are most grateful and we promise our prayers for all who bought a painting.