

November 15, 2020

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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**Thirty-Third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

All of you are children of the light
and children of the day.
We are not of the night
or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep
as the rest do, but let us
stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Alyssa Sayas, Healing
	9:00 AM	Benjamin Caleb Meade, †
	11:00 AM	Pro Populo
	1:00 PM	Thelma Escaro, fast recovery
	5:00 PM	Thomass and Maryann Eckel, For guidance
Monday	8:00 AM	Avia Toney, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased members of the Iturrios family
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Juan F. Villanueva, †
	6:00 PM	Victoria Biel Atanacio, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Michael, Julian, Francesca Duran, birthdays
	6:00 PM	Joseph Ortega, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Joselito Depusoy
	6:00 PM	Thelma Escaro, healing
Friday	8:00 AM	Carolina Barilani, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
Saturday	8:00 AM	Dolores Bunsalan, †
		Ariel Cruz, †
	5:00 PM	Levi Silva, † Mercedes Herrera, † Gina Villero, 60th birthday

(Important: Some of 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:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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A Message from Fr. Roberto**Recent Parish Renovation Projects**

Like all of you, our parish has been hit financially due to the COVID pandemic. Our collections have been greatly reduced due to fewer people coming to Mass. **We have a total of roughly 300 people attending our four Sunday Masses, whereas before the pandemic shutdown, we averaged over 3,000!** Thanks to those of you who come to our Masses, and to those of you who send in your donations even if you do not come to Mass.

In spite of the decrease in income to the parish, I have not laid off or reduced the hours of any of our parish staff employees because they continue to work very hard to serve you, and every one of them needs the income to care for their families.

At the same time, we have had to spend money on several construction projects around the parish campus. In order to be transparent with you all regarding our finances, I would like to inform you about the major projects and why we have done them. Even though we have spent a significant amount of money on these projects, I hope you will see that, in large part, they were necessary for safety and security reasons as well as being a good investment towards beautifying our church campus for years to come. So, please continue to be generous with your donations to St. Dominic's – even if you are currently not coming here for Mass. Rest assured that we are spending your money wisely and putting it to good work!

Façade of the church – Total cost = \$71,959.00.

For a few years, there had been a desire to paint the front of the church which was showing some serious signs of wear. I also thought we needed to create more space for gathering in front of the church, for example, for weddings, funerals and after our Masses on the weekends. Then, a number of months ago, a big chunk of wood fell down from the niche where St. Dominic's statue is located high up on the front of the church. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but it could easily have injured or even killed someone. After examination, it seemed that other parts of the woodwork on the front of the church were rotting and needed to be replaced. So the staff and I decided it would be less expensive to renovate the entire front of the church at the same time – painting, refurbishing the woodwork and expanding the gathering space – rather than doing these three projects separately. I hope you have a chance to stop by, see and appreciate the fine work that has been done.

Front of the Sisters' Convent – Total cost = \$24,730.00

Once again, a large chunk of one of the major support beams at the front of the convent fell off some months ago. It was determined that numerous support beams needed to be reinforced with steel for the safety of the sisters and the benefit of the building's integrity.

In addition, as many of you know, this area of Eagle Rock has been suffering from different kinds of vandalism, other criminal activity and homelessness. For the safety of the sisters and security of the church property, it was decided to put up a wrought iron fence in front of the convent.

Security Cameras – Total cost = \$2,514.45

Because of the increased criminal activity mentioned above, including vandalism to the rectory office this summer, we decided to install security cameras throughout the campus. Most of the cameras were donated by a generous parishioner, and all of them were installed by our amazing plant management and maintenance team of Dave Lear and Jose Vidaurri. Thanks, guys!

Trees on Merton Avenue – Total cost = \$17,920.00

Finally, the ficus trees that lined the southern side of Merton Avenue in front of the church were beautiful and very shady; however, through the years, they have caused no shortage of havoc to our plumbing and have lifted up the sidewalk in various places making it a tripping hazard. We decided to remove the old trees and replace them with crape myrtle trees whose roots are much less problematic. There was also new landscaping and irrigation that was required for this project.

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NOVEMBER 8, 2020 COLLECTION - \$ 8,657.30

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto**Recientes Proyectos de Renovación en la Parroquia**

Como todos ustedes, nuestra parroquia se ha visto afectada financieramente debido a la pandemia de COVID. Nuestras colectas se han reducido considerablemente debido a que menos personas asisten a Misa. Tenemos un total de aproximadamente 300 personas que asisten a nuestras cuatro Misas dominicales, mientras que antes del cierre pandémico, ¡teníamos un promedio de más de 3,000! Gracias a los que vienen a nuestras Misas y a los que envían sus donaciones aunque no asistan a la Misa.

A pesar de la disminución en los ingresos de la parroquia, no he despedido ni reducido las horas de ninguno de los empleados de nuestro personal parroquial porque continúan trabajando muy duro para servirles, y necesitan los ingresos para mantener a sus familias.

Al mismo tiempo, hemos tenido que gastar dinero en varios proyectos de construcción alrededor del campus parroquial. Para ser transparente con todos ustedes con respecto a nuestras finanzas, me gustaría informarles sobre los proyectos y por qué los hemos realizado. A pesar de que hemos gastado una cantidad significativa de dinero en estos proyectos, espero que vean que, en gran parte, fueron necesarios por razones de seguridad y protección, además de ser una buena inversión para embellecer el campus de nuestra iglesia en los años venideros. Por lo tanto, continúen siendo generosos con sus donaciones a Sto. Domingo, incluso si actualmente no vienen aquí para la Misa. ¡Tengan la seguridad de que estamos gastando su dinero sabiamente y haciendo buen trabajo con él!

Fachada de la Iglesia – Costo total = \$71,959.00.

Durante algunos años, hubo un deseo de pintar el frente de la iglesia que mostraba algunos signos graves de desgaste. También pensé que necesitábamos crear más espacio para reunirnos frente a la iglesia, por ejemplo, para bodas, funerales y después de nuestras Misas los fines de semana. Luego, hace unos meses, un gran trozo de madera cayó del nicho donde se encuentra la estatua de Santo Domingo en lo alto del frente de la iglesia. Afortunadamente, nadie resultó herido, pero fácilmente podría haber herido o incluso haber matado a alguien. Después del examen, parecía que otras partes de la madera en el frente de la iglesia se estaban pudriendo y necesitaban ser reemplazadas. Así que el equipo pastoral y yo decidimos que sería menos costoso renovar todo el frente de la iglesia al mismo tiempo (pintar, restaurar la madera y expandir el espacio de reunión) en lugar de hacer estos tres proyectos por separado. Espero que tengan la oportunidad de pasar, ver y apreciar el excelente trabajo que se ha realizado.

El Frente del Convento de las Hermanas – Costo total = \$24,730.00

Una vez más, hace algunos meses se cayó un gran trozo de una de las principales vigas de apoyo del frente del convento. Se determinó que era necesario reforzar numerosas vigas de soporte con acero para la seguridad de las hermanas y el beneficio de la integridad del edificio.

Además, como muchos de ustedes saben, esta área de Eagle Rock ha estado sufriendo diferentes tipos de vandalismo, otras actividades delictivas y falta de vivienda. Por la seguridad de las hermanas y la seguridad de la propiedad de la iglesia, se decidió colocar una valla de hierro forjado frente al convento.

Cámaras de Seguridad – Costo total = \$2,514.45

Debido al aumento de la actividad delictiva mencionada anteriormente, incluido el vandalismo a la oficina de la rectoría este verano, decidimos instalar cámaras de seguridad en todo el campus. La mayoría de las cámaras fueron donadas por un feligrés generoso, y todas fueron instaladas por nuestro increíble equipo de administración y mantenimiento de plantas de Dave Lear y José Vidaurri. ¡Gracias muchachos!

Los Árboles en Merton Avenue – Costo total = \$17,920.00

Finalmente, los árboles ficus que bordeaban el lado sur de Merton Avenue frente a la iglesia eran hermosos y muy sombreados; sin embargo, a lo largo de los años, han causado muchos estragos en nuestras tuberías y han levantado la acera en varios lugares, lo que la convierte en un peligro de tropiezo. Decidimos quitar los árboles viejos y reemplazarlos con árboles de mirto cuyas raíces son mucho menos problemáticas. También se requirieron nuevos jardines y riego para este proyecto.

Gran total para todos los proyectos anteriores = \$117,123.45.



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Teens and alcohol: COVID temptations

Families have been cooped up for months now during the COVID-19 pandemic, and studies have shown that many Americans are buying more beer and alcohol than usual to cope with related anxiety and stress. These same stresses may tempt teens and young adults to experiment with alcohol, especially if it is readily available. Talk to your children about the dangers of underage drinking, even if they plan to stay home. Model good behavior for your children, too; if you do drink alcohol, practice moderation and safe judgement. Consider locking your bar, or moving alcohol somewhere out of reach from your children. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Adolescentes y alcohol: tentaciones COVID

Las familias han estado encerradas por meses durante la pandemia de COVID-19, y los estudios han demostrado que muchos estadounidenses están comprando más cerveza y alcohol de lo habitual para hacer frente a la ansiedad y el estrés relacionados con el encierro. Estas mismas tensiones pueden tentar a los adolescentes y adultos jóvenes a experimentar con el alcohol, especialmente si está fácilmente disponible. Hable con sus hijos sobre los peligros del consumo de alcohol por menores de edad, aunque ellos tengan planes de quedarse en casa. Modele también el buen comportamiento de sus hijos; si bebe alcohol, practique la moderación y el juicio prudente. Considere cerrar el bar con llave o colocar el alcohol en algún lugar fuera del alcance de sus hijos. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.



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