

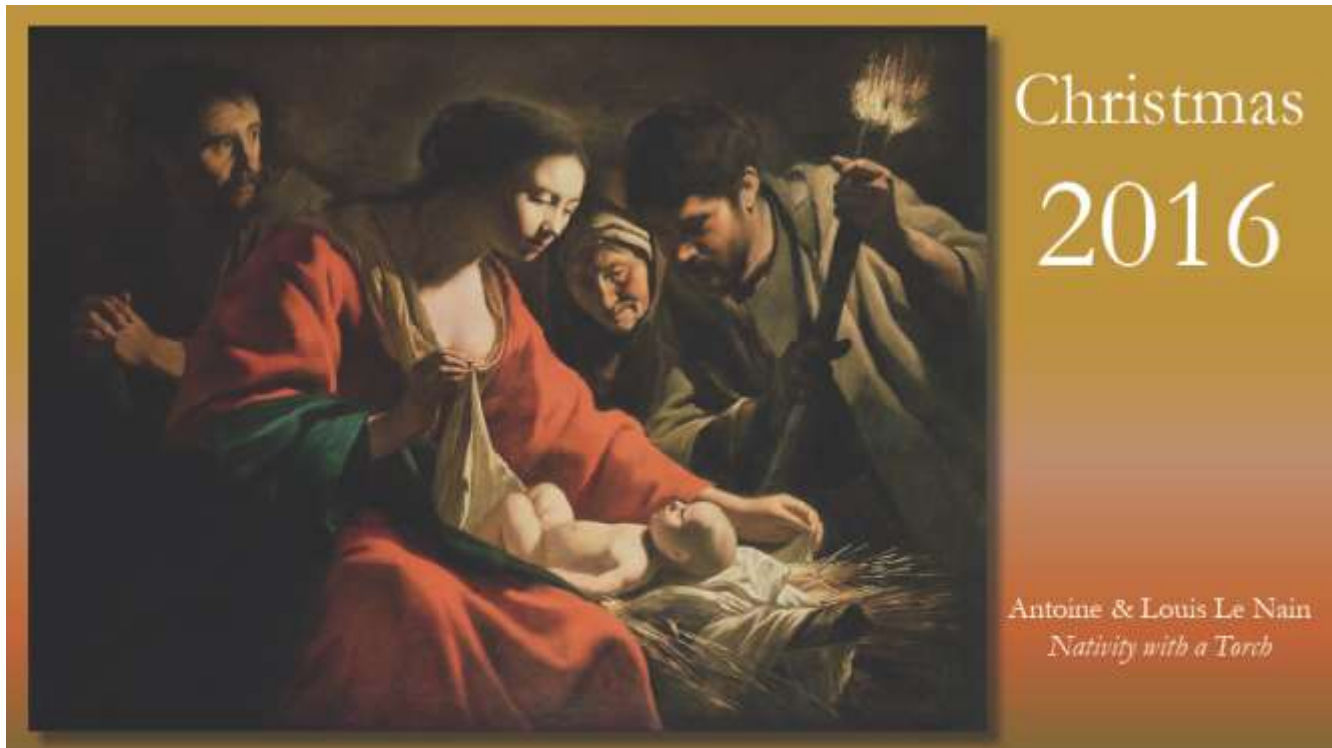
December 25, 2016

# St. Dominic Church and School

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## 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  
 Website: <http://www.stdominicla.us>  
 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 information 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.



**Mass Intentions**



Sun.	7:30 am	Pro Populo
	9:00 am	Novena Mass
	10:30 am	<b>Joe Coogan, †</b>
	12:00 N	Ochoa family, thanksgiving
Mon.	9:00 am	Novena Mass
Tues.	8:00 am	<b>Anding Alabada, †</b>
	6:00 pm	Novena Mass
Weds.	8:00 am	<b>Lilia Conner, †</b>
	6:00 pm	Novena Mass
Thurs.	8:00 am	Benjamin Huerta and
		<b>Ricardo Ceja, †</b>
	6:00 pm	Novena Mass
Friday	8:00 am	Novena Mass
	6:00 pm	Deceased Dominican Friars, friends and benefactors
		<b>Lita Cabral, †</b>
		<b>Rudolfo Alapang, †</b>
		<b>Nathaniel T. Carreon Sr., †</b>
		<b>Jimena E. Guemo, †</b>
Saturday	8:00 am	<b>Leonor K. Maralit, †</b>
	5:00 pm	Novena Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



**Today's Activities**

No Blood Pressure Today  
Office & Facilities Closed

**This week at a glance...**

Monday, Dec. 26, 2016

Facilities are closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016

RCIA 7:30 pm Adult Ed House

Legion of Mary

**Patrician Group 7:00 pm St. Luke's Room**

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016

Singles for Christ 7:00 pm Lower Hall

Legion of Mary

Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016

Friday, Dec. 30, 2016

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016

**New Year's Eve Dance**

COMING EVENTS

January 15

Mexican Breakfast

January 22

**Children's Hospital Blood Drive**



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&zc=90041>

A blessed Christmas to one and all! Different cultures have different customs and traditions in the welcoming and celebrating of Christmas. Come and join us in our Patrician meeting and **get a "taste" of how different countries celebrate Christmas!**

When: December 27, 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: St. Luke Room, Community Center

Topic: Christmas Traditions of Different Cultures

Presenter: Josefina Carreon

Spiritual Director: Rev. Michael Chaberek

Moderator: Bro. Nestor Domingo

" Help me, O Lord, that my tongue maybe merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all." Divine Mercy in My Soul, (Diary, 163)

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul  
of  
Fr. Finbar Hayes, O.P.  
**Father Finbar was pastor here at St. Dominic's**  
from 1975 to 1979.

**Help Us Clean House**  
The community center needs to be cleaned badly! Parishioners are invited to come and help move trash and old furniture from the building between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7. Wear your work clothes!



## *School News*



**Merry Christmas!**

**St. Dominic School faculty, staff, and students  
wish you a blessed and joyous holiday!**



### Pastor's Corner

*What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 1:3b-5

The events of Christmas seem far removed, and we may think God does not act as powerfully as he did in the days of Herod, and that God came among us *and then left*.

The Father sent the Son as a light in the darkness, St. John says, and that light *shines* – present tense – in the darkness. Jesus not only shines in darkness, but *exposes* the darkness. In the inhospitality of the citizens of Bethlehem to the pregnant Mary and her husband, in the slaughter of the innocents, and especially in the cross, we see how a dark world responds to light.

But that response was not universal. Some believed. Some became disciples, and through the gift of faith experienced the transforming power of grace. They received new life – *His* life – and they became light in the darkness, too. And suffered much the same fate as their Lord and Master and God.

We should expect the encounter with Jesus to be *convicting*. The light exposes our darkness and we see how we have become slaves to sin, how we have hurt others, how desperate our condition is. Often I am convicted by the faith and goodness I find in the lay faithful and in my Dominican brothers. The temptation is always to act like many Pharisees and scribes did when they met Jesus: to somehow detract, to find some flaw (real or imagined) that distracts me from my need to be healed and converted.

We needed a Savior, and we still need Him. Thanks be to God, Jesus is still God-With-Us: in the sacraments, in the scriptures, in His Body, the Church. He still invites us to choose to follow Him, to be forgiven, healed and to receive the gift of *new* life. We do not have to remain as we are. We can become children of God. That gift can be opened any day of the year. Even today.



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### Why Christmas is December 25th

The near universal celebration of Christmas on December 25 dates to the early fourth century. It is commonly said that this date was chosen to counter the birthday of the pagan "Invincible Sun" on that date. That explanation is not convincing. Saint Hippolytus of Rome's Commentary on Daniel 4:23 (dated A.D. 203), gives December 25 as Christ's birth date. Since celebration of the Invincible Sun's birth was not instituted at Rome until the reign of Emperor Aurelian (A.D. 270-275), the earlier existence of the Christian date makes a borrowing from pagan practice unlikely.

So why would Christians have picked December 25? Luke's Gospel tells us that the births of Jesus and John the Baptist were separated by six months, and that John the Baptist was conceived after his father Zacharias saw a vision in the Temple and was struck dumb. The popular stories of the "Infancy Gospel of James" (early 100s) also say that Zacharias was a high priest (which he was not), implying that his vision happened on the Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). That feast comes mostly in late September and probably did so in the second century too.

Ancient Christians could then have calculated nine months to the birthday of John the Baptist (late June) and then six months more to the birthday of Jesus (late December). Since the ancients believed June 24 was the longest day of the year and December 25 the shortest, settling on those as the exact dates would have been natural. Saint Bede (700s) wrote that John the Baptist preached that he had to decrease and Christ had to increase, and that is exactly what the daylight does, beginning on their respective birthdays.

Fr. Augustine Thompson, OP

### [New Website](#)

Please take a look at our new website, and let us know what you think. Also, if you are preparing for baptisms, funerals, or weddings, there is a lot of very helpful information. Our calendar of events is online, too. We will continue to update the website with materials for you to download. You can **also register online, if you've never registered before**. This is particularly important if you do not **live in our parish boundaries. And if you don't know the parish boundaries... there's a map for that!** (<http://www.saintdominics.org/contact>)

**AGRADECIMIENTO**

Hispanos en Acción, Asociación Guadalupeña y ministerios de Santo Domingo agradecen a todos los que participaron en la celebración de la festividad de La Virgen de Guadalupe el 12 de Diciembre. Empezamos el día uniéndonos a miles de parroquias en el mundo para honrar a nuestra Madre cantándole Las Mañanitas en la iglesia amenizadas con mariachi. Por la noche la Misa Solemne, celebrada por el Padre Dominic y concelebrada por el Párroco, Padre Michael Fones, concluyó con alegres cantos a la Santísima Virgen -amenizados con el Mariachi Alegría.

En la parte de crecimiento comunitario, después de las mañanitas, muchos feligreses nos acompañaron a disfrutar un delicioso menudo en el salón parroquial, y terminamos la celebración después de la Misa en el salón parroquial donde el mariachi continuó amenizando la reunión donde se sirvieron tamales, tacos, champurrados y otros bocadillos. La preparación de todos estos eventos involucró mucho tiempo y el trabajo de muchas personas quienes dedicaron su talento y tiempo personal para que estas actividades fueran un éxito.

Gracias a todos por su participación en esta preciosa manifestación de fe y amor por nuestra Santísima Madre de Guadalupe – y esperamos continuar con su apoyo el próximo año Dios mediante.

La Directiva

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Hoy celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comidas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento.

Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los cristianos egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre.

En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40
- Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21





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

*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*

**Young Adult Ministry**

We're starting a Young Adult group at St. Dominic's and would like to invite all young adults (ages 25-39), married or single, to join us. If you're a young adult interested in participating in leadership as a member of the core team that will plan activities or simply want to be kept in the loop as the group starts, please reach out to us at [ya@saintdominics.org](mailto:ya@saintdominics.org).

Merry Christmas!



**Mass Schedule**

**January 1**

*Masses at: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am  
12:00 pm, 1:30 Spanish  
and 5:00 pm*

*Parish Office and Facilities are closed today.*

**January 2**

*One Mass only at 9:00 am*

*Parish Office and Facilities are closed today.*

I have been a member of St. Dominic Parish since I was a child, when I attended St. Dominic School and through the years, my family has been involved in many areas of parish life. I read the Parish bulletin **"religiously" each week, and have seen many requests** from our St. Vincent de Paul Society for help with the weekday Lunch Program and Friday Hope Dinner. Because I worked in downtown L.A., I was unable to help, but I promised God and myself that when I retired, I would volunteer for one, or both of them. I have been a once-a-week crew member with the Lunch Program for almost 10 years now, and those two hours each week have blessed me far beyond the Corporal Work of Mercy which directs us to feed the hungry. I met parishioners I had never spent time with before, whom I now consider cherished friends. I found spirituality and peace in the simple act of assembling sandwiches, cookies and chips into brown lunch bags to distribute to the Jesus I see in the faces of hungry members of our local community. I have shared laughter and fun in the kitchen bonding with my fellow co-workers. I have seen the smiles and heard the thanks of the recipients when they come to **the door. Come and join us! It's not rocket science,** folks, and if you try it and then decide this service is not for you, you will still have added one more life experience to your heavenly resume. Please call the rectory at 323-254-2519.

Annette Hill