

January 1, 2017

St. Dominic Church and School

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Govert Flinck
The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds

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	Francisco Sr. and Beatriz Mendoza, †
	12:00 N	Antonio Ochoa Sr., †
	1:30 pm	Robert Resurreccion
	5:00 pm	Melba and Ted Fones, †
Mon.	9:00 am	Patricia Ann Dizon, thanksgiving
Tues.	8:00 am	Mildred Walker, †
	6:00 pm	John M. Anthony Jr., †
Weds.	8:00 am	Aurea Conducto
	6:00 pm	Sofronia Lualhati
Thurs.	8:00 am	Linda King and Richard Malaya, †
	6:00 pm	Joselyn Pijano, †
Friday	8:00 am	Agatona and Eulogio Serrano, †
	6:00 pm	Deceased Dominican Friars, friends and benefactors
		Mercedes Ventura Corpus, †
		Jaime Batungbacal, †
		Souls in Purgatory
		Ligaya Dauglash, †
Saturday	8:00 am	Mariana and John Macomber, birthdays
	5:00 pm	Evelia Huerta, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Today's Activities

No Blood Pressure Today
Office & Facilities Closed



This week at a glance...

Monday, Jan. 2, 2017

Facilities are closed
One Mass only at 9:00 am

The Novena Mass will be celebrated in the Priest's chapel in the Rectory

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017

RCIA 7:30 pm Adult Ed House
Legion of Mary

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017

Legion of Mary
Health Ministry 7:30 pm St. Mark Room
Hispanos en Acción 7:30 pm Adult Ed House
Confirmation Year 1 7 pm in the Lower Hall
Confirmation Year 2 7 pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017

Divine Mercy 9:30 am in the Adult Ed Building
Communion & Liberation 7 pm St. Mark Room

Friday, Jan. 6, 2017

Light of Jesus 7 pm Adult Ed Building

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017

Religious Ed Classes School

COMING EVENTS

January 15 Mexican Breakfast
January 22 **Children's Hospital Blood Drive**

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!

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>

St. Francis High School will be holding its annual Open House for prospective parents and students on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We invite everyone from the community to join us to learn more about the benefits of a Capuchin Franciscan college preparatory education. Take a campus tour; interact with our students, teachers and coaches, watch live teaching demonstrations, and participate in panel discussions.

St. Francis High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school for boys in grades 9 - 12.

**Earn Money for St. Dominic's
With Amazon.com!**

St. Dominic has become an Amazon.com associate. This holiday season and throughout the year, remember to start all of your Amazon.com shopping by clicking on the Amazon icon [a] on **St. Dominic's home page www.saintdominics.org** or on our Facebook page. A percentage of your total purchase will be given to the parish.

Please let all of your friends and family who shop on Amazon know about the link so they can help too!

Thank you!



School News



*May 2017 bring peace, love, and joy
to you and your entire family.*

Happy New Year!



Join us for our annual Open House!

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Pastor's Corner

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

Luke 2:20

St. Luke, is the author not only of the Gospel that bears his name, but also of the Acts of the Apostles, which he clearly intends as a sequel to his Gospel. He is intensely interested in the spread of the Good News in the early days of the Church, and how God was at work through apostles like St. Paul, St. Phillip, St. Peter and others.

In the passage from today's Gospel we hear something that we might easily overlook, following as it does the visit of the shepherds to the manger crib of Jesus. But it is a foreshadowing of what will come later in Luke's writings. It is the quote above, and the "what had been told to them" came from the mouths of angels who appeared to them in the night while they cared for their flocks: *today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.*

The shepherds – poor, uneducated, often scorned by their contemporaries – become the first bearers of the Good News! It is not the complete message of course; only the first announcement that God is doing something new and extraordinary. But the shepherds are models for each of us. We have been told the entirety of the Good News! Not only that God has sent us a savior, but the remarkable way and the extent to which God has gone to save us! Because this Savior announced by the angels is no less than God Himself – the Eternal Son of the Father - taking our flesh. And in his humanity he is obedient to his Father, even though the reaction of the rest of humanity, fallen sons and daughters of Adam, reject and crucify Him. God offers Himself into our hands and saves us by offering Himself as an unblemished lamb upon the cross. And rising again to new life, which He shares with us now, if we accept Him as Lord.

This is the Good News we have been told. And for this we can glorify and praise God by sharing the message with the world.



Dominican "New Year"

The Dominicans celebrated the 800th anniversary of the approval of their Order on December 22 by Pope Honorius III. The Pope's confirmation recognized the Order as an Order of Canons Regular and regulated such matters as the clerical life, the canonical office, ordinations, the regular life, religious profession, election of superiors, rights of burial, granting of churches, etc. Dominican poverty never excluded the ownership of ecclesiastical property (churches and priories, and the land on which these stood). St. Dominic had decided that Ecclesiastical property would be the only property Dominicans possess. Everything else would be held in common by the friars. In fact, the rule St. Dominic adopted for us says we should share our habits, even! All of this was to better obey the command Jesus gave His first disciples whom He sent to prepare His way "Take nothing for the journey," He told them, "no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no second tunic." (Lk 9:3)

Every time someone says, "Here, Father, this is for you," I have to remind myself that really it is for the community, whether I am receiving a gift of food or money – or even an inheritance.

Every time I move I am reminded of this vow of poverty, and, to my chagrin, I am confronted with all the things that are "mine". Each of these moves is kind of "new year" - an invitation to divest myself of material goods and travel more lightly. This "new year" is also an opportunity to ponder in my heart what I've learned in an assignment and to change my attitudes, behaviors and to resolve to better live all of my vows.

This New Year of 2017 is an opportunity for all of us to examine the baggage we have (literal and figurative) and to prepare for that new day we will all face, eventually: the new and final day when this "exile" ends and we meet our Lord and Savior, Jesus, as Judge.

Fr. Michael Fones, OP

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se **celebra el final de un año con la “quema del año viejo”**. Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos **4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada** de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del “hombre viejo”. **Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero** de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

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



LA BENDICIÓN QUE RECIBIMOS

La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor te bendiga y te proteja. Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

Salmo — El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda lectura — Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama “¡Abbá!” (Gálatas 4:4-7)

Evangelio — Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Martes: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Jueves: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a
- Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
- Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

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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

Pro Life Prayer



Come, join us in praying the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 9:00 am on the corner of Townsend and Colorado Blvd.

We hope and pray to end the abuse and killing of babies in the womb.

Let GOD plan Parenthood!

Thank You

On behalf of the parish staff and the Dominican friars in the Priory, I would like to thank the many wonderful volunteers who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. I know they do not want to be named because when I do thank them personally, they tell me, "Father, it's for the Lord." Some of them you can see, like our choir director, Rudy Acosta, and the choirs, and our Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers and lectors. Others you might not see, like Susan Piopongco and her crew who decorate the church, or the Boy Scouts who put together our magnificent manger scene each year. Nor do you see the sacristans who prepare for Mass and order supplies (a never-ending job), or the volunteers who schedule all of these volunteers. Other parishioners put together our celebration of Las Posadas, Simbang Gabi, and the novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. We are very blessed to have so many ways of praying and celebrating during this season. So while these wonderful fellow-parishioners are giving back to the Lord for all that He has given them, it doesn't hurt to thank them on behalf of the Lord, since together we are all members of His Body! So thank any of these folks personally when you see them!

Fr. Michael Fones, OP

Looking for some good reading ?

Try our own Fr. Paul's Book

"FINDING THE ELUSIVE GOD"

Available in the parish office for only \$5.00



Learn how to discover the God Who hides and seeks.



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and click our Online Giving link. Your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. **And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!** Thank you for your generosity and for helping us serve you and our community!

Young Adult Ministry

We're starting a Young Adult group at St. Dominic's and would like to invite all young adults in their 20's & 30's, 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. Merry Christmas!



Parish Nurse



Visit Nurse Linel from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm every Thursday in the St. Mark Room.

She will take your blood pressure, check your blood sugar and answer any questions you may have.