

October 31, 2021

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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**YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
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AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

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**Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



October 31, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Judith Mack
	11:00 AM	Quirino and Aurora Soriano, †
	1:00 PM	Sally Tipple, †
	5:00 PM	Suzette Rapadas, healing
Monday	8:00 AM	Mr. Aureliano G. Coronel, †
	6:00 PM	Soledad Canicula Binza, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Members of the Luistro-Solas family
	6:00 PM	Claro, Felicidad, Delbert and David Mendinueto
Wed.	8:00 AM	Ramon Mendoza, †
	6:00 PM	Rudolfo Alapag, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Rogelia Villazor, †
	6:00 PM	Rudolfo M. Alapag
Friday	8:00 AM	Conchita Chang Tan, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Dec. Dom. Friars, parents, Friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Alan Canarias, †
	6:00 PM	Julita V. Cruz, †
Saturday	6:00 PM	Anita de la Torre, †
	8:00 AM	Ramon Sy Su, birthday
	5:00 PM	Amado "Danny" Felipe, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]



Student's Centennial ART CONTEST

Contest Theme:
What will St. Dominic Church
look like 100 Years in the future?

All Students age Kindergarten to 8th Grade:
Enter our Student Art Contest to win a cash prize!
Bring your art to the office by Monday November
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Theme: What will St. Dominic Church look like 100
years in the future?

Prizes:
1st Prize \$50
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For full rules and entry form, please contact the
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Our MSM will meet the third Thursday of each month beginning in October 2021 and ending in May 2022. We will meet in person from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed Building/Courtyard. Registration fee: \$25 registration remains open for the year.

Register online at <https://saintdominics.org/msm>

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

On November 2nd, All Souls Day, and throughout this month of November, we Catholics traditionally pray for our deceased loved ones and for those we don't even know who are going through the process of purification we call purgatory (which signifies in Latin "a means of cleansing"). Why do we do this? There are several reasons. First of all, it is a tradition begun in Jewish times (see 2Macabees 12:43-45) and continued by early Christians. Some of the earliest Christian liturgies included prayers for the dead. Many ancient Christian tombs were inscribed with requests to pray for the deceased.

Second, in the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, verse 27, John speaks about heaven and says: **"...nothing unclean will enter it, nor any (one) who does abominable things or tells lies."** In other words, heaven is total perfection, purity, goodness, light, peace, love and joy.



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The thing is, when we die, many, if not most of us, are not quite as good as we could have been; we are not totally right with God. Even though we are basically good people, we are still "unclean"; therefore, we must somehow be made clean (purified) before entering into the perfection of heaven.

This is what our Catholic faith teaches us: **"Those who die in God's grace and friendship, but [are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (Catechism of the Catholic Church., #1030)."** So, considering all the things we've done wrong in our lives, in justice, it seems that, at some point – either here on earth or after we die – we need to be cleansed of their effects and, in some way, we

must make up for the hurt we have caused.

So, for example, let's say you seriously hurt someone's feelings; afterwards, you feel bad and apologize. God willing, the person forgives you, but you are not done yet. The Church teaches that you should also do something to make up for the hurt you caused. Perhaps, you might spend some extra time with the person or write a note of apology or do something to show him or her you are truly sorry. We call this reparation or satisfaction for our sins, and it is one of the things required of us when we go to confession, usually by doing the penance the priest gives to us (*ibid.*, #1459-60). Thus, it makes sense that, if we have not done enough reparation for our wrongs in this life, that we must continue to do so in the next life before we can enter into heaven.

In addition, some of us carry deep wounds in our hearts that have not been fully recognized and/or healed when we pass away. We need to be healed and made whole before we can fully enjoy the perfection and total joy of being in God's presence forever. This process of the purification from our sins and their effects, and the healing of our wounds after death is what purgatory is all about. It is not so much a punishment for our sins, but a process of forgiveness, healing, being made whole and being prepared for the eternal goodness and joy of heaven. Our prayers for the dead are meant to express our love for them and our desire to help them through this process of purification and healing. If we can pray to help our loved ones while they are alive, it seems reasonable that we can also do so after they die.

While the word "purgatory" is never mentioned in the Bible (neither, by the way, are the words "trinity" or "incarnation" which refer to important beliefs that all Christians accept), there are certain Scriptures that the Church has come to understand which might refer to a cleansing after death (See, for example, Matthew 5:25-26; 12:32; 18:34; 1Corinthians 3:15).

The Church's understanding of purgatory and of our need and desire to pray for the dead developed over many centuries of reflection and experience, and I hope you can see that it simply makes a lot of sense. So, let us pray for our loved ones and for all those who have died, knowing that they are also loving us and praying for us, whether they are in heaven or going through the process of purgatory.

For more information about the Catholic understanding of purgatory, you can go to the following websites: <https://www.catholic.com/tract/purgatory> or <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12575a.htm>.



Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Por Qué los Católicos Rezan por los Difuntos?

El 2 de noviembre, Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos, y a través del mes de noviembre, los católicos por tradición rezamos por nuestros seres queridos fallecidos y por los difuntos que ni siquiera conocemos que están pasando por el proceso de purificación que llamamos el purgatorio (que significa en latín "medio de la limpieza"). ¿Por qué hacemos esto? Primero, es una tradición que empezó en el tiempo de los judíos (véase 2 Macabeos 12, 43-45) y se siguió en los tiempos de los primeros cristianos. Algunas de las liturgias cristianas más primitivas incluyeron plegarias por los difuntos. Muchas tumbas cristianas ancianas fueron inscritas con solicitudes pidiendo oraciones por los muertos.

Segundo, en el libro de Apocalipsis, capítulo 21, versículo 27, Juan habla del cielo y dice: "... nada inmundo entrará en él, ni quien haga cosas abominables o diga mentiras". En otras palabras, el cielo es total perfección, pureza, bondad, luz, paz, amor y alegría. El caso es que, cuando morimos, muchos, si no la mayoría de nosotros, no somos tan buenos como podríamos haber sido; no estamos del todo bien con Dios. Aunque somos básicamente buenas personas, todavía somos "inmundos"; por lo tanto, de alguna manera debemos ser limpiados (purificados) antes de entrar en la perfección del cielo.

Esto es lo que nos enseña nuestra fe católica: **"Aquellos que mueren en la gracia y la amistad de Dios, pero [están] todavía imperfectamente purificados, ciertamente tienen asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte se someten a una purificación, a fin de alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en el gozo del cielo (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #1030)"**. Entonces, considerando todas las cosas que hemos hecho mal en nuestras vi-

das, es justo que, en algún momento – ya sea aquí en la tierra o después de nuestra muerte – seamos limpiados de sus efectos y, de alguna manera, compensemos el daño que hemos causado.

Entonces, por ejemplo, digamos que hieres seriamente los sentimientos de alguien; después, te sientes mal y te disculpas. Si Dios quiere, la persona te perdona; pero aún no has terminado. La Iglesia enseña que también debes hacer algo para reparar el daño que causaste. Por ejemplo, podrías pasar más tiempo con la persona o escribir una nota de disculpa o hacer algo para demostrarle que lo lamentas de verdad. A esto lo llamamos reparación o satisfacción por nuestros pecados, y es una de las cosas que se nos exige cuando nos confesamos, generalmente por hacer la penitencia que nos da el sacerdote (*ibid.*, #1459-60). Por lo tanto, tiene sentido que, si no hemos reparado lo suficiente por nuestros errores en

esta vida, debemos continuar haciéndolo en la próxima antes de que podamos entrar al cielo.

Además, algunos de nosotros llevamos heridas profundas en el corazón que no han sido plenamente reconocidas y/o curadas cuando fallecemos. También necesitamos ser sanados de ellas y rehabilitados antes de que podamos disfrutar plenamente de la perfección y el gozo total de estar en la presencia de Dios para siempre. Este proceso de purificación de nuestros pecados y sus efectos, y la curación de nuestras heridas después de la muerte, es de lo que se trata el purgatorio. No es tanto un castigo por nuestros pecados, sino un proceso de perdón, sanación, rehabilitación y estar preparados para la bondad y el gozo eternos del cielo. Nuestras oraciones por los muertos están destinadas a expresar nuestro amor por ellos y nuestro deseo de ayudarlos a través de este proceso de purificación y curación. Si podemos orar para ayudar a nuestros seres queridos mientras están vivos, parece razonable que también podamos hacerlo después de su muerte.

Si bien la palabra "purgatorio" nunca se menciona en la Biblia (tampoco lo son las palabras "trinidad" o "encarnación" que se refieren a creencias importantes que todos los cristianos aceptan), hay ciertas Escrituras a las que la Iglesia ha llegado a entender que podrían referirse a una limpieza después de la muerte (ver, por ejemplo, Mateo 5, 25-26; 12, 32; 18, 34; 1 Corintios 3, 15).

La comprensión de la Iglesia del purgatorio y de nuestra necesidad y deseo de orar por los muertos se desarrolló a lo largo de muchos siglos de reflexión y experiencia, y espero que puedas ver que simplemente tiene mucha razón. Entonces, oremos por nuestros seres queridos y por todos los que han muerto, sabiendo que ellos también nos están amando y orando por nosotros, ya sea que estén en el cielo o en el proceso del purgatorio.

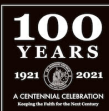
Para obtener más información sobre la comprensión católica del purgatorio, puedes visitar los siguientes sitios web:

- <https://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/7575/cat/894/que-es-el-purgatorio.html#modal:>
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**SAINT DOMINIC
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Memorial Masses

Sunday November 7, 2021

Now Accepting Photographs
for our Memorial Photo Display.
For details please call the office.



In memory of those lives lost during the pandemic.

Memorial Mass Photo Display:

As a tribute to our loved ones, Memorial Posters with pictures of the deceased will be created for the Memorial Masses on Sunday November 7. The posters will be displayed in various locations inside the church during the month of November 2021. Parishioners are invited to participate by submitting pictures of their loved ones who passed during 2020 or 2021.

Picture Guidelines:

- 4x6 photo of the deceased (Please send a copy as the photo will not be returned).
- Print the name of the deceased on the back of the picture.
- Place pictures in an envelope and deposit in Parish Office mailbox.
- Drop off photos by Monday, November 1.
- Posters will be displayed inside Saint Dominic church starting Nov 02, 2021

For questions, please contact the Parish Office

Email: stdominicadulterd@gmail.com



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY

- The Health Ministry, with our partner QueensCare, will be conducting a community health needs assessment survey on November 6-7, 2021 after every mass. It is important that we hear from all parishioners.
- A Community Health Worker will deliver a message during the announcements about resuming Parish Nurse services, as well as some new services QueensCare is able to offer.
- We are excited to announce that Parish Nurse services will resume on Thursday, November 11th, in the St. Mark Room from 8am to 12n.
- Finally, QueensCare will offer a flu and COVID vaccine clinic on Sunday, November 14th from 8:30-3pm in the Adult Ed building and patio. There is no charge for vaccinations and vaccinations will be available for children and boosters, per LA County guidelines. Please bring your COVID vaccination card, so we can document the vaccine you receive.



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Join Fr. Isaiah Mary and others for our online Theological Book Study, "Deification Through the Cross" by Khaled Anatolios. We intend to deepen our understanding of Catholic theological teaching on salvation through a unified approach drawn from the intersection of theology, liturgy, and the Church Fathers of Eastern and Western Catholic as well as Orthodox traditions.

- Theological book study led by Tricia Bølle, Fr. Vincent Kelber, OP, and Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP
- Tuesdays, 7:30pm PT (Nov 16 - Jan)
- Please read book Introduction (39 pgs) by the 1st meeting (Nov 16)
- Book study closes after 2nd week
- Please RSVP tricia@laymissionary.org, or for first session to get the Zoom link

For more information, please contact Fr. Isaiah Mary at isaiahmary.op@gmail.com

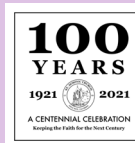
Our Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection drive for this year started at our Ministry Fair. If you would like to pick up a box please stop by the Parish Office. The collection of boxes will be the weekend of October 29th-31st. Please drop off boxes at the Parish Office. Together we can spread hope, faith, and joy to children this Christmas Season.



Sunday Collection

October 24, 2021
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Commemorative Booklet



The deadline for entries in the Commemorative Booklet has been extended to Monday November 1, 2021.

If you, your family, or your ministry wish to participate, please submit your entry form, ad, and payment to the parish office by the due date. Forms are available at the office. For questions, please email communications@saintdominics.org.

For those who have already purchased, please email your pdf file to communications@saintdominics.org (if you have not already done so).

Thank you for supporting our parish Centennial Commemorative Booklet!