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God is Everywhere...And in Everyone

Candlelight fills the church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, 2022



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## God Is Everywhere...And in Everyone

By Fr. Roberto Corral, O.P.



There is a wonderful story that is part of the history of our Western Dominican Province. In the 1950's, when Europe was recovering from the effects of World War II, two Dominicans were sent from Europe to study at our Dominican house of studies in Oakland in Northern California: one was from England, and the other was from Germany. They became friends, and, as they got to know each other, they realized that they had fought against each other at a particular battle during WWII! So, amazingly, two enemies became two friends and also became two Dominicans serving the same God.

One of the first things we learn about God as children is that God is everywhere. And yet, so often, it is difficult for us to understand the implications of that belief. As those two European Dominicans discovered in the 1950's, God is truly everywhere, and that means that God is in every place, in every situation and in every person – even in our enemies. And, therefore, God loves everyone, even our enemies. This is the God that Jesus revealed to us and challenged us to be like. Particularly in our world today, where we are so quick to consider others our enemies if they look different from us, or worship or think or vote

differently from us, etc., we must remember that God is in them and that God loves them.

There is a beautiful prayer, attributed to St. Patrick of Ireland (5<sup>th</sup> century) called, “The Breastplate of St. Patrick.” The last lines of this long prayer say very poetically that God is everywhere and in everyone:

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.**



Fr. Roberto with Principal Tiffany Sawyer, teacher Alyssa Garcia and student Noboru Honda.

# Parish Life in Pictures



## Top to Bottom:

Parishioners gather on Merton Ave. on Holy Saturday.

Candles light the church at the Easter Vigil.

Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Sacrament of First Communion for C.F.F. children.

High Schoolers requested a blessing from Fr. Roberto in the wake of school shootings in Texas.



## Salubong Mass

By Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P.

A few days before Lent began, Father Roberto knocked on my door. He had a smile on his face. “Should I write you in as the presider for the Salubong Mass?” he asked. I responded, “Do I have a choice?”

Admittedly, I really didn’t know what I was walking into. I asked my mother during Holy Week what Salubong was, and she had never heard the word before.

Following the glorious and wonderful Easter Vigil — witnessing so many baptisms, receptions, and confirmations, I went into my room. After a short nap, I found myself near the Scanlon Community Center. The skies were still black, the street lights were still amber, here was one of the few moments where Colorado Blvd. was silent. A number of Filipino men stood around a cart adorned with flowers, with a statue of the Risen Christ mounted and waiting. Most of us were yawning. I felt like someone kicked me in the head.

There came a time where one of us said it was time for our procession. With some of the men pushing the cart, we accompanied the Risen One, singing “The Strife is O’er”.

From the corner of Chickasaw and Maywood Ave., a group of Filipino women were also singing and walking, accompanying a cart

that held a statue of the Sorrowful Mother, dressed in black.

The two processions—one with the men accompanying the Risen Christ, the other with the women and the Sorrowful Mother—met in front of the Church. This is that iconic moment within the Catholic imagination, when the Risen Son meets His Sorrowful Mother. The Blessed Mother, accompanied by women and angels (the children and grandchildren of our Filipino community) witnessed the beauty and glory and miracle of the Resurrection of the Son of God. And it is here, at this meeting—this salubong—where the veil of the Blessed Mother is changed from Sorrowful Black to Resurrection White. And together, the statues, side-by-side, are processed into the Church, where Mother and Son will never be torn away again.

It is fitting that the Salubong Mass would happen as early as possible. Now, culturally, it is an early morning event in order to accommodate the fishers and farmers. Yet on Easter Sunday, the day of the re-creation of the world, where Sin is conquered, where Death is nevermore the last word, it makes so much sense to me that the first person that Jesus would want to see after His resurrection would be His Mother.

Many thanks to Salome and the entire Filipino Ministry for this opportunity to discover more and more about my culture this year. May the Santo Niño continually bless this ministry, and our entire parish.

# Missionaries and Friends

By Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P.



One month after I was ordained a priest, I found myself at a summer barbecue with a group of Catholic graduate students at Stanford University. In the middle of a charming conversation with a neurologist and her husband, I heard someone leading a Bible Study in a certain Asian country. I left my conversation, turned

around, and found who was speaking. This is how I met Lay Missionary Tricia Bølle.

A few years later, I was part of the founding Board of Directors of the Saint Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society ([laymissionary.org](http://laymissionary.org)), a group of lay Catholics who recruit, train, and send traditional foreign missionaries to parts of Asia for the sake of teaching the Catholic faith in a part of the world where Christianity is vastly outnumbered. Our missionaries are not religious brothers or sisters or priests. They are lay men and women who have heard the voice of the Spirit in their heart of hearts to preach the Word made flesh. Our main mission stations are in Hong Kong and in Goa, but thanks to a certain virus, we have also ministered in southern Taiwan, Malaysia, and of this writing, Singapore.

I have traveled with the Missionaries many times, offering workshops in Hong Kong, Goa, and Calcutta. In 2019, we even had a meeting with the



Congregation of the Evangelization of Peoples in Vatican City, where we were asked to share about our mission in an official meeting.

It amazes me that Tricia and a group of lay Catholics would be so brave! At the very least, braver than I! Going on a plane, meeting new friends in Christ in a new territory, offering Bible studies, talks about the Catechism, intentional discipleship, healing, how to have healthy friendships and relationships--all without financial support of any bishop, diocese or religious order. Truly, it is by the very simplicity of our missionaries that help animate their mission to be all for all.

Some of our parishioners have already met Tricia and other members of our mission team through our theological book studies, which I had been offering to our parish over zoom. This past year, we read and discussed works about salvation, Mary, and a Scriptural study on the passion of Christ. I hope it was as rewarding for our parishioners as it has been for me.

I truly hope and pray that our parish can meet Tricia and our missionaries, and that I can continually update you on the latest in our mission field. I hope that these stories may inspire you to deepen your own friendship with our brother, Jesus.





## Have a Cookie!

By Jennifer Mae Cooney

Back when I was in high school, I remember watching TV on the couch one Saturday afternoon, after a long week at school. My 200 pound, heavy footed brother trudged towards me, grunted, grabbed my arm and yanked me out of my seat. He brought me into the kitchen and placed a cup and a gallon of milk in front of me, and grunted, “BA!” I poured the milk into the cup for him and looked at him a bit confused since his usual routine would have been to just eat the cookie, but he didn’t. Instead, he grabbed my hand, forcefully placed a chocolate chip cookie in it, held my wrist and dunked the cookie into the cup. With milk dripping down my arm, he intently looked at me and once again grunted, “BA!”

My brother Jomar is non-verbal and he has lived with severe autism since birth. His developmental issues means that he has the mental equivalent of a 3-4 year old child. “Autism Spectrum Disorder”, according to Mayo Clinic is defined as, “a condition related to brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, causing problems in social interaction and communication.”

As a child, I often wondered why God had given me a sibling with autism. People would always tell me how cute Jomar was (when he was docile), yet I wondered if they really knew how hard it was for me and my family, living with my brother’s challenges and special needs. In school, classmates would complain about their sibling rivalry and verbal fights and I felt JEALOUS. My brother cannot speak, and he has always required assistance to do daily tasks. He cannot tell me what he is feeling, what he likes, dislikes, or even argue with me like a normal brother might do. Often, out of frustration, he would throw tantrums and break objects around the house - including my toys, without remorse. Yet with his condition he could never apologize or even say, “I love you.”

I yearned for a normal sibling relationship and even questioned things. Did anything I do out of love for him matter to him? Did he even know I was his sister? Did my brother love me at all? In grade-school, I thought

God granted wishes as if He was a genie. I prayed and thought that if I could do good works, maybe God would grant my wish that Jomar would be normal and that he could talk to me. Looking back on it, God’s plan was different and He allowed Jomar to be the way he is, to change my family for the better.

Growing up, my parents always encouraged my daily attendance at St. Dominic School and supported my faith and involvement with extracurricular activities. At home they ensured that my individual needs were met and I always felt their parental love. As difficult as it was, I was taught to love and care for my brother and with sacrifice, I gave what I could. Even as a young child of 5 years old, I understood that I would forever be my brother’s keeper and life-time caregiver.

Gradually I came to know that there are blessings in having a brother with autism. My family became deeply involved with our church community here at St. Dominic and at Incarnation Church in Glendale. Our spiritual and emotional support came from our family in faith, at the Heart of Jesus prayer group, and with the Family and Friends of People with Disabilities ministry (FFPD). God allowed our situation to bring my family closer to Him and bring us to those communities in Christ. I learned to mature at a young age, to be more empathetic, patient and caring, which I carry on as an adult, in all aspects of my life. All in all, I had to trust God to lead me to become who I am today, especially through my brother Jomar.

So, going back to the cookie story - my 200 pound, heavy-footed brother, holding my hand with the cookie drenched in milk, grunted loudly, “BA!” As the milk dripped down my arm, I cried with joy as my brother stared into my eyes intently. At that moment, I understood that I wasn’t taking care of him - he was taking care of me, and with his simple cookie-gesture, even if only for a brief moment, there was the sibling love I had yearned for, as he was telling me in his own way, “Have a cookie!”

*Jennifer Mae Cooney, known to her friends and family as J’me, works as an Occupational Therapist at Glendale Memorial Hospital. She is a child of Filipino immigrant parents, Ghil and Lennie Robles. Her adult sibling, Martin John Robles - known as Jomar, currently lives in a group home in Pico Rivera, CA.*

## Blessed For a New Mission in Our Life

By Adolfo Guerrero

I am Adolfo Guerrero and I am a “Cradle Catholic”. Since as long as I can remember, I have attended St Dominic's Church in Eagle Rock. I received baptism and the sacrament of the Eucharist as a child but not the Sacrament of Confirmation. When I was 18 years old, I can say that I was "born again", because it was at that time that my path began in the Protestant Churches, in search of something or Someone who would fill my life more and respond to my concerns of faith. It was in this way. that I began to participate in some Protestant groups and even stayed with them for many years. However, all this never quite filled my spirit and I felt that something was always missing.



I realized that precisely the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist were the ones that made me return to the Catholic Church. These sacraments give us life and feed us, something lacking in the Protestant faith. They are key in our spiritual growth and in the relationship and in the encounter that we can have with Christ. Today I recognize that it was Jesus himself who founded our Catholic Church, and He will never leave it or the flock, no matter what happens, despite the difficulties and attacks it may suffer, outside or inside it.

Some time later, in 1988 I met Marily, my wife, and in 1995 we were married. God blessed us with two beautiful children and today we also enjoy our favorite pets. These 27 years of marriage have been very happy years, of course with ups and downs like any couple. However, a few years ago we both realized that our spiritual life felt empty, so we decided to return to the Church more actively.

We started out wanting to help out in the Church, and that led us to meet Fr. Donald Bramble, O.P. We remember that at that time, he was going through some health difficulties due to his illness and

needed help, such as supporting him to attend appointments with the doctor, to the bank, or pick up his medicine. That became our new mission, for which we feel very grateful to be able to serve the Lord in this way. It was a very nice experience, since we were able to spend a very special time with a lot of spirituality, since more than helping him, it was he who helped us and blessed us.

As a result of this new mission in our lives, we decided to carry out the promise made to Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P.: receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. That led us to meet many others including Sor. Ana Lilia Reyes, O.P., Sor. Yolanda Garcia, O.P., Sor. Lidia Hernandez, O.P., Fr. Francis Goode, O.P., Fr. Michael Fones, O.P. and Fr. Roberto Corral, O.P. as we prepared for this sacrament in the R.C.I.A. program. Through them we learned a lot about the Catholic faith, and how we can serve God in ministries. After receiving the sacrament, we began serving in the Hospitality Ministry and as Eucharistic Ministers. My wife Marily served as secretary in the Hispanos en Acción group and we have participated in several things that are carried out in our parish community. All of these experiences have been a time of learning and service that have blessed us personally and also as a family.

The pandemic prevented us from participating actively, since our jobs required us to be more careful with the most vulnerable. However, through the live stream mass, we still felt a connection to our family and to our community at St. Dominic. Because God never abandons his children, now we can once again enjoy the joy of serving our brothers and sisters, and continuing to share the path of faith with our family and friends. We are very grateful for each and every one of the people who have made it possible for us to live a deeper encounter with God and with His love every day, whatever the mission to which He calls us.



# The Liturgical Environment

By Vincent Corcoran



For many years, I have been a liturgy committee member and an ongoing student of Vatican II Liturgy. At times, my commitment has included creating a liturgical environment here at our parish. Three years ago, Fr. Thomas Saucier asked me to help with the Lenten environment at St. Dominic. The day before Ash Wednesday, he handed me a bunch of sticks and branches along with some pottery and said, “Do something”. Ever since then, I assumed that responsibility through good times and bad, including the pandemic.

What do I mean when we say “liturgical environment?” Our environment is not merely a display of pretty flowers; it is a sensate experience which enhances the meaning of each liturgical season or feast being celebrated. A sub-committee carefully plans the creative possibilities, enabling a visually inspired worship space. To call the



liturgical environment “décor” or “decorating”, trivializes the environment and the process of creating one; this process of planning has more substance than a few frills.

Various liturgical documents, resource publications, and an awareness of the scripture readings are the tools that provide the appropriate guidance and inspiration for an environment committee. Knowledge and talent are essential for a desirable outcome. While working on the sub-committee a participant can acquire the information needed to become a viable contributor but there are also God-given gifts that are needed for artistic expression. This gathering of creative souls should be aware of the church’s architecture and the liturgical seasons being planned. A mature environment committee never meets to impose a list of likes or to express a diatribe of dislikes. While mindful of the parish’s diversity, the results should always be pleasing to most parishioners.

The best of planning may face obstacles; a



flexible attitude helps during a crisis. In this age of COVID 19, challenges have had a way of presenting themselves. Shutdowns, radically re-creating worship, financial difficulties, supply chain issues and inflation are a few of the stumbling blocks that our endeavors have recently encountered. For example, this Easter, the Flower Mart in Downtown LA was not a reliable source so we had to buy flowers at inflated retail prices. Unfortunately, the retail supply became very limited and the price of gas also limited the number of shopping trips.



However, with dedication and perseverance, I'm happy to say the results did not suffer.

Currently our environment ministry has a goal of new recruitment to grow a diverse inter-generational sub-committee that reflects a vision for the future. There is always a need for volunteers to help with set-up and takedown. The creative talents that contribute to a successful environment are: sewing, design, fine arts, art history, architecture, media experience, flower arranging, horticulture (which includes gardening skills), and a capability of handling a drill and other tools. Anyone generously donating their skills and time will be contacted with a response, so if that includes you, please reach out to us!

Personally, I look forward to working with many of you in the future. Our goal is for the environment at St. Dominic Church to be a reflection of how much the parish cares and generously shares our faith with others.

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

By Sally Mangahis, Divine Mercy Ministry Coordinator

This year on April 24, 2022 we celebrated the second Sunday of Easter, otherwise known to Catholics around the world as “Divine Mercy Sunday”. Twenty-two years ago, at the canonization of St. Faustina, St. Pope John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday as a “feast day for the entire church.” He said, “it is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'” By the words “the whole message,” the Holy Father was referring to the connection between the “Easter Mystery of the Redemption”, in other words, the passion, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit, and this Feast of Divine Mercy.

Among all the elements of devotion to the Divine Mercy requested by our Lord through St. Faustina, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. There are many promises associated with the feast that were revealed by the Lord to St. Faustina as recorded in her diary. Here are some of them:

*“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.” (Diary, 699)*

*“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confession and receive holy communion on the feast of my mercy.” (Diary, 1109)*

It is no wonder then why the Apostles of the Divine Mercy here at St. Dominic's (The Divine Mercy Ministry group) anticipates the yearly celebration of the day with much ardor and enthusiasm! We go through the preparation with all the fuss, the excitement and confusion, akin to a fiesta that includes food, but without the rides! In preparation for the feast, the Divine Mercy Chaplet began a 9-day novena back on Good Friday. This year we set up the big Divine Mercy image on the ‘Our

Lady of the Rosary’ side of the altar, and also decorated the image of Jesus with red roses and candles, and a spotlight to highlight the face of the merciful Jesus.

On the Sunday of the feast, we celebrated with a Holy Hour in the church presided by Fr. Francis Goode, O.P. who heard confessions and blessed religious articles. Many ministry members were appreciative to have their confession heard so they could benefit from the Lord’s promises of forgiveness and special graces on that day. The chaplet prayers were recited along with readings from the diary of St. Faustina by Susan Piopongco. Additionally, meditative music was provided by Mr. Peter Bognot and Mr. Josiah Timbol on the piano and violin. At 5:00pm, the Holy Mass followed, celebrated by Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, O.P. along with Fr. Michael Carey, O.P. who incorporated key information on Divine Mercy into his homily.

Following the Mass, our reception this year was held in the Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P. Community Center. Seeing the newly completed center reminded me how far we’ve come since way back when we met in the St. Luke room with Fr. Paul Scanlon as our spiritual director.

Ms. Gloria de la Cruz was our emcee for the evening, and in addition to the movie on the life of St. Faustina, we were blessed with two of our members, Lennie Robles and Purisima Narvaez, sharing their testimonials and witnessing on how their devotion to the divine mercy continues to allow them and their families to experience miracles of healing in their health conditions.

All in all, it was a joyful celebration, complete with food, fun and even a raffle. It was delightful to see many of our parish friends, in addition to many new attendees, join us for this year's annual divine mercy sunday celebration. Our ministry is particularly grateful to all of our members who put in their time, treasure and talents, and to the friars, friends and family who celebrated and joined us in our mission to spread and proclaim God’s unfathomable mercy. Many thanks also to Vincent Corcoran and Susan Piopongco for sharing their artistic talent with us and making the environment so beautiful that day. May God bless us all with his love and mercy, always and forever!

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# St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

By John de la Fontaine



Hello, my name is John de la Fontaine and I have been a Vincentian for over 30 years. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded over 200 years ago when a young college student, named Frederic Ozanam, was challenged to live out his faith as a true Christian. Following in the footsteps of St. Vincent de Paul, he and fellow members began ministering to people in need. Since then, the society has grown throughout the world (150 countries!). Its members have worked to serve Christ by serving God's children living through challenging times and circumstances.

Our parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1925. Members of St. Vincent de Paul seek to serve our neighbors in need personally by meeting with them face to face since we see the face of Christ in the poor. Christ told his disciples, in Matthew 25, that when you do a good deed to one of his little ones, you do it to Him. We clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the sick, and do unto Christ what we do unto his little ones.

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## Pen Pals 4 Christ

By Sr. Shirley McGovern

Detention ministry is a selfless outreach of love following Jesus' call to "visit the imprisoned." Prior to the pandemic, I spent one day a week visiting individuals who were incarcerated in a jail in Santa Paula. The women I met in this jail were longing for spiritual guidance amidst great suffering and despair. Our time together was spent praying, sharing God's Word and listening to their

tragic stories. The Holy Spirit guided me to share words of comfort and hope with these women.

Visiting the jail was restricted with the onset of COVID. In place of weekly visits, I have joined our parish outreach, "Pen Pals 4 Christ." The people in this ministry correspond with letters to inmates. I experience from their return letters the same longing for spiritual food. It is obvious how grateful they are that someone cares enough to write to them. It gives them hope. Here is a sample of one inmate's gratitude:

*Dear Sister Shirley,*

*First I want to tell you with all my heart, I enjoy your letters so much. They make me feel better and give me energy. Thanks from all my heart... Please receive a big hug from me.*



This is a beautiful ministry that brings great rewards. As a volunteer for "Pen Pals 4 Christ," you can spend as little or as much time writing to one or more inmates as you'd like. Our leader Bernadette has samples of letters and guidelines to help you get started. Please consider this call from God to "visit the imprisoned" and experience the joy it brings.

***If you feel that God is calling you to join  
Pen Pals 4 Christ, please contact:***

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# The Long and Winding Centennial

By Jay Cooney

I can still remember the anticipation and excitement at our first meeting in the school library as parishioners and ministry members gathered for the newly formed Centennial Committee. As we poured over old photographs and brainstormed about various gatherings, the mood was joyful and electric.

We had no idea what was about to hit us in the following months. As most of us remember, on Friday March 13th, the state ordered all citizens to “stay at home”. Stay at home? Did that mean we couldn’t go to church? Well...yes it did.

Mass and Eucharist were to be dispensated as the Archdiocese felt it was too dangerous for churches in Los Angeles to risk meeting inside. It was unthinkable! Mass moved to the convent, and we made our first live stream to parishioners on social media.

From that point on, it was a long and winding road to get things back on track. As we gradually realized that the pandemic was here to stay, Fr. Roberto made the difficult decision to postpone the centennial celebrations.

Gradually Mass moved outside to the schoolyard where a dedicated bunch served the sacristy from our school’s copy machine room. I probably don’t have to remind anyone how annoying it was to register for Mass on Eventbrite, or how humiliating it felt to have a thermometer pointed at your forehead just to check your

temperature. Finally on Christmas Eve of 2020, we moved back inside the church, with guidelines of masking and social distancing as the new normal.

When the Centennial Committee tentatively relaunched in March of 2021, it was with a good bit of trepidation that we made “plans”, knowing full well that things could easily be reversed by another spike in Covid cases. However, with the dedication of the committee members and parish council, and guided by Fr. Roberto’s leadership, we overcame those challenges and shared some very joyful times at our church.

This June I am happy to say that we will hold our final centennial event with the committee party, to celebrate and thank our volunteers for their hard work. As co-chair of the Centennial Committee, I am proud of the things we accomplished together, and I have benefitted from learning many lessons along the way. I am also very grateful for Fr. Roberto’s guidance, for my co-chair Mimie Honda’s leadership, and for the subcommittee chairs and volunteers who repeatedly and generously gave of themselves, their time, talent, and treasure. They have all shown what it truly means to be a community in Christ. Thank you!

May God bless Saint Dominic church, our priests, and our parishioners during our second century in the community of Eagle Rock!

The Final Centennial Meeting, 2022 • Photo by Michael Centeno





## Exciting Things Are Happening at St. Dominic School

By Tiffany Sawyer, Principal

St. Dominic School is just weeks away from completing our first complete in-person school year in nearly three years. It is hard to believe that we've experienced such tremendous change in a very short but impactful time.

Last Saturday, May 14th, we had the pleasure of witnessing twenty seven of our amazing second graders take their next step in faith by receiving their First Holy Communion. This symbolic occasion did not only represent their love and devotion to Christ and the Catholic Teachings of the church but also the sense of normalcy. Together with their family and friends of an unlimited number gathered in St. Dominic Parish to witness with pride their first receiving of the Eucharist. It was a joyous occasion and a testament to how far we've come this school year.

As we look forward to the summer, we are already preparing for the next school year. Last week, our Student Council for the school year

2022-2023 was elected. The students worked diligently and creatively to grab the votes of their peers. It was such a refreshing experience for the students to campaign in a way that brought the community together. Looking forward to seeing all that they do in the next school year!

As we countdown to summer, I am proud to announce that we will be hosting a Summer Program here at St. Dominic after a long hiatus. This school year we partnered with Kallpachay, a Spanish Immersion Program that brings Spanish classes to our students twice a week. They will be expanding their offerings throughout the summer to St. Dominic Students and local neighborhood students as well. We are very excited to launch this program.

While we are excited about some of the new and exciting changes taking place here at our school, we are so thankful for the blessing of tradition that St. Dominic School carries and we look forward to continuing those traditions for years to come!

# Children's Faith Formation

Congratulations to the children that received First Holy Communion on May 7, 2022!

We are so very proud of all of you and grateful to have walked with you on this path.

May the Lord bless and keep you on your continued faith journey!



## CFF First Communion, Class of 2022:

Carl Aguiluz  
Charlotte Arias  
Andrea Corona  
Adrienne DeVelazco  
Nicholas Gamboa  
Bella Hamori  
Julia Martinez  
Camillia Penn  
Noelle Penn  
Matthew Salazar  
Noa Thomsen  
Juan Valenzuela

Chad Aguiluz  
Jayden Cisneros Valencia  
Owen Corral  
Alexandriah Espino  
Benjamin Gonzalez  
Xavier Lujan  
Chelsea Pablo  
Noah Penn  
Easton Reid  
Josiah Tao  
Casey Torrocha  
Zoe Valenzuela

# REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

ST. DOMINIC'S CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (Sacrament Preparation)



**In-person classes begin on Saturday October 1, 2022.**

Register online at [saintdominics.org/religious-education](http://saintdominics.org/religious-education).  
Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office.

First Year Fee: \$80

Second Year Fee: \$90

Continuing Formation Fee: \$50

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## CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST?

Without the time and talents of our Core Team, our ministry would not be successful. Core members are young adults and adults who care about the faith lives of children and wish to build positive Christ-centered relationships with them. We are currently seeking young adults and adults to be Catechists.

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Let us gather, walk with the Lord and adore Him

# FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Organized by the Blessed Sacrament Confraternity

**Saturday June 18, 2022**

**Following the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass**

**Procession route is approximately 0.3 miles.  
For more info, email: [luisatan.bsc@gmail.com](mailto:luisatan.bsc@gmail.com)**

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