

February 9, 2025

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Luke 5, 1-11



Mass Times

Sunday

7:30 AM—9:00 AM
11:00 AM
1:00 PM (En Español)
5:00 PM

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

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Domingo 1:00 PM Español
Or by appointment / O por cita

Liturgy of the Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday 7:15 AM

Office hours:

Monday 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday-Friday 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Marriage (Matrimonio):

Please contact Fr. Peter, Fr. Francis, Fr. Isaiah Mary or Fr. Andrew Thomas for information about the process for Catholic marriage preparation. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires six months of marriage preparation to be completed before the wedding.

Infant Baptism (Bautismo de Niños): Please contact the parish office for information.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

OICIA 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. For more information call Sr. Joyanne Sullivan, SND, at 323-254-2519.

The Children's OIC is a two year program. For more information call Michelle Pérez or Christina García, at 323-254-2519

Dominican Community:

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 Rev. Francis Goode, OP, Sub-Prior,
 Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Andrew Thomas Kang, OP,
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 Pre-School / Extended Day Care

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7:30 AM	Pat Mann, †
	9:00 AM	Deanna Encarnacion, Birthday
	11:00 AM	Pro Populo
	1:00 PM	David Estrada
	5:00 PM	Jose Cerda and family
Monday	8:00 AM	Sotera Villero, †
	8:00 AM	Trudy Zuzow, †
	8:00 AM	Jennifer Houser, †
	6:00 PM	Poor Souls
	6:00 PM	Danica Martinez, health
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Maximina S. Bondoc, †
	8:00 PM	Devotees of Saint Jude
	8:00 AM	Agatonia "Tanya" Gutierrez, †
	8:00 AM	Jose Maria Castellon Ayon, †
	6:00 PM	Martha Chavez De Huerta, †
Wed.	6:00 PM	Raymond Aglipay, Birthday
	6:00 PM	Lianne Grace Francisco, †
	8:00 AM	Redentor Valencia, Birthday
	8:00 AM	Ramon B. Donato, †
	8:00 AM	Redentor C. Valencia, Birthday
Thur.	6:00 PM	Agatonia Reyes Gutierrez, †
	6:00 PM	Jennifer Houser, †
	6:00 PM	Ramon B. Donato, †
	8:00 AM	Catalina Salvador, †
	8:00 AM	Lourdes C. Siopongco
Friday	8:00 AM	Rosario P. Bondoc, †
	6:00 PM	Erlinda Kucera, †
	6:00 PM	George Joseph Silva, Birthday
	6:00 PM	Marcelina Isip, †
	8:00 AM	Sally Millan, Thanksgiving
Saturday	8:00 AM	Angelica Harris
	8:00 AM	Gaspar B. Feleo, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Priests, Friars, friends and benefactors
	6:00 PM	Salvacion Castaneda, †
	6:00 PM	Bobbie Jean Jonhson, †

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/ Mk 8:1-10



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Caregivers, does your loved one need a blanket, scarf, hat, or shawl? Please contact Yvette or Connie for more information about the December giveaway.



Adult Confirmation Sessions



Adult Confirmation sessions will begin on Feb. 13 to April 10 and Confirmation is on April 12, 2025. Our sessions will be zoomed on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must be 19 years old or older and have had your First Communion. Must have a copy of your Baptismal certificate and First Communion certificates. Forms are available in the Parish office or email Sr. Joyanne at st.Dominicadulted@gmail.com
The fee is \$25.00.



Bethlehem Families here February 8 & 9
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Associate Pastor's Corner—Fr. Andrew Thomas Kang, OP

There's an interesting motif across all of our readings this Sunday: unworthiness. The prophet Isaiah says, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Is 6:5)! The Apostle Paul describes himself as "the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because [he] persecuted the church of God." (1 Cor 15:9). And after seeing Jesus' miraculous catch of fish, St. Peter falls at his knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8). All three of these figures acknowledge their unworthiness before God and before what God is calling them to do. There is something true here: we are all sinners and none of us are worthy of standing in God's presence.

And yet, the Lord is never satisfied with this response. He sends a burning coal to cleanse the mouth of Isaiah, He appears before Saul and grants him the grace of conversion, and He assures Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Lk 5:10). None of us are worthy to approach the mysteries of God, His presence in the Eucharist, or of acting as His representatives in the world. And yet, it's not up to us to decide if we're worthy or not. His grace is always stronger than our unworthiness and His power is made perfect in weakness (2 Cor 12:10). And again, as St. Paul says in the second reading: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."

So, never let a sense of "unworthiness" keep you from coming near to God. True, it would be sinful to approach Him in an *unworthy manner*, namely, unrepentantly and presumptuously. But that is different from a repentant sinner with a humble and contrite heart, who trusts in the mercy of God. Our God is a God who delights in showing mercy, in raising up the lowly and giving good things to the hungry and poor. He delights also in choosing those who seem unworthy in the world and raising them up to be great saints.

You too, then, have a calling from God, to be His instrument within His Church for the sanctification of the world. If you have not been very involved, I urge you to challenge yourself, whether it's through a ministry that already exists within our parish or in a creative initiative to meet a need here or in the wider community. All of us, unworthy though we are, have been called to be disciples and have been given a mission. Do not be afraid.



Rembrandt, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, 1661–1669.

Rincón del Pastor Asociado—Por el Padre Andrew Thomas Kang, OP

Hay un motivo interesante en todas nuestras lecturas de este domingo: la indignidad. El profeta Isaías dice: "¡Ay de mí, estoy condenado! Porque yo soy un hombre de labios impuros, que vive en medio de un pueblo de labios impuros, y mis ojos han visto al Rey, al Señor de los ejércitos" (Is 6,5). El apóstol Pablo se describe a sí mismo como "el más pequeño de los apóstoles, no digno de ser llamado apóstol, porque persiguió a la iglesia de Dios". (1 Corintios 15:9). Y después de ver la pesca milagrosa de Jesús, San Pedro cae de rodillas y dice: "Apártate de mí, Señor, porque soy un hombre pecador" (Lc 5:8). Estas tres figuras reconocen su indignidad ante Dios y ante lo que Dios les está llamando a hacer. Hay algo cierto aquí: todos somos pecadores y ninguno de nosotros es digno de estar en la presencia de Dios.

Y, sin embargo, el Señor nunca está satisfecho con esta respuesta. Envía un carbón encendido para limpiar la boca de Isaías, se presenta ante Saulo y le concede la gracia de la conversión, y asegura a Pedro: "No temas; A partir de ahora pescaréis hombres» (Lc 5,10). Ninguno de nosotros es digno de acercarse a los misterios de Dios, de su presencia en la Eucaristía, o de actuar como sus representantes en el mundo. Y, sin embargo, no depende de nosotros decidir si somos dignos o no. Su gracia es siempre más fuerte que nuestra indignidad y su poder se perfecciona en la debilidad (2 Corintios 12:10). Y de nuevo, como dice San Pablo en la segunda lectura: "Por la gracia de Dios soy lo que soy, y su gracia para conmigo no ha sido ineficaz".

Por lo tanto, nunca permitas que un sentido de "indignidad" te impida acercarte a Dios. Es cierto que sería pecaminoso acercarse a Él de una *manera indigna*, es decir, sin arrepentimiento y presuntuosamente. Pero eso es diferente de un pecador arrepentido con un corazón humilde y contrito, que confía en la misericordia de Dios. Nuestro Dios es un Dios que se deleita en mostrar misericordia, en levantar a los humildes y dar cosas buenas a los hambrientos y pobres. También se deleita en elegir a los que parecen indignos en el mundo y en elevarlos para que sean grandes santos.

Vosotros también, pues, tenéis un llamado de Dios, para ser Su instrumento dentro de Su Iglesia para la santificación del mundo. Si no has estado muy involucrado, te insto a que te desafíes a ti mismo, ya sea a través de un ministerio que ya existe dentro de nuestra parroquia o en una iniciativa creativa para satisfacer una necesidad aquí o en la comunidad en general. Todos nosotros, por indignos que seamos, hemos sido llamados a ser discípulos y se nos ha dado una misión. No tengáis miedo.



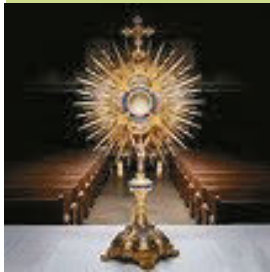
Rembrandt, *El retorno del hijo pródigo*, 1661-1669.



**Next weekend, we will celebrate "Commitment Sunday"
February 16 (Our commitment is \$90,308)**

This year, as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church, we invite you to make a special gift to the Together in Mission 2025 "Gifts of the Heart" Annual Appeal. Archbishop José H. Gomez invites us to join in this important effort by making our annual commitment to support struggling parishes and schools in our Archdiocese.

If you have given generously in the past, you should have received a letter in the mail this past week encouraging you to renew your support. You can return the enclosed pledge card by mail or make your pledge quickly and securely online at www.TIMGIVE.org. Thank you for sharing your gifts of the heart!



The Blessed Sacrament Confraternity meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Holy Mass will start at 11:00 a.m. in the church, followed by catered lunch in the Upper Hall of the Community Center. This meeting is also a celebration of all the members' birthdays.

To guarantee that there will be enough lunch for everybody, please make your reservation by calling or texting Salome on or before February 9, 2025. Her number is 626-375-7345. Please include your name in your text.

The cost of lunch is \$18.00.



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March 1 - in English, CC Upper Hall, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

March 7-in Spanish, CC Upper Hall, 7:30-9:00 pm
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Registration is open in the Parish office.
Registration fee: \$35.00 (includes book and interview)



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