

November 30, 2025

# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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## *First Sunday of Advent*



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### 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. Isaiah Mary, Fr. Francis, 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**  
OCIA 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 OCIC** is a two year program. For more information call Breanna Rivano or Jaylene Romero, at 323-254-2519.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Manuel and Casiana Tagamolila, †
	9:00 AM	Alfredo and Teresita Wy Chang, †
	11:00 AM	Edgar Andrade Paragas, †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Rufino and Purificacion Gutierrez
	6:00 PM	Dorothy Beldad Henderson, thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Blessed Sacrament Confraternity
	6:00 PM	Joe De Silva Jr., †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Casiana Tagamolila, †
	8:00 AM	Thomas J. Ford, †
	8:00 AM	Francisco D. Villamore, †
	8:00 AM	Lupita Zapeda, †
	8:00 AM	Sor María Elena Peña
	8:00 AM	Benita Piro, †
<b>Thurs.</b>	8:00 AM	Elisa Cruz, 1st. Death Anniversary
	6:00 PM	Norma Abiog, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Andrew John and Inocencia Silbor, †
	6:00 PM	Dec. Friars, Parents, Friends & Benefactors
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Marc Joseph Castro, birthday
	8:00 AM	Joe M. De Silva, Jr., †
	8:00 AM	Danilo and Felipe Pilares, †
	8:00 AM	Aureliano and Erlinda Coronel, †
	8:00 AM	Manglicmot family, for safe trips
	5:00 PM	Zenaida Banta, † Adelita Sipin, †

**Readings for the week of November 30, 2025**

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## **Pastor's Corner**

by Very Rev. Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP

### ***Advent: A Time of Joyful Expectation***

*By Vincent Corcoran*

As we journey into the Advent season, we reflect, as individuals and a community, upon the Jesus who had been, is and will come again into our lives. We enter into our human darkness as we discover the illuminating light of the Emanuel, the God among us on Christmas Day.

Jesus revealed through scripture and tradition becomes a rearview mirror while we probe our hearts, so we may uncover the realities of God's abundant love. During Advent, there is no sack cloth and ashes; just an opportunity to see the world anew. It is a season of deep reflection beyond the kingdom of material attachments. The prophets speak of a visionary world while we awake, watch, wait and listen to the messianic messages proclaimed.

The Advent Wreath lights our spiritual journey with symbolic meaning. The first candle is the candle of hope. We expectantly anticipate the coming of Jesus with a greater degree of clarity since we are probing our inner darkness. With the lighting of the second candle, we acknowledge the need for peace in our troubled world. Where does that peace begin? It begins with you and me. The arc of Advent light includes rays of justice as we become mindful of our human frailty. A rose candle appears on the third Sunday, it is the light of joy. While we rejoice, we are more aware that universal salvation is near. Our fourth is candle represents charity, a virtue that helps us reconcile the world in which we live.

Placed one at a time, there are four panels, on the ambo, the pulpit, and eight on the altar. A gradation of color represents the journey from darkness toward the ultimate light, Jesus Christ. As we progress through the Advent Season, the panels are shorter since the time is getting closer. Little gems are on the bottom of each strip of material as refractory reflections of the community and its spiritual mission. Our symbolic environment is not decoration; it is a display of sign-posts guiding our way.

Christmas is a celebration of radiant light. The fifth candle on the Advent Wreath symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. Theologically, we acknowledge the Incarnation, the Christ within us and the whole world. Jesus is not found while shopping online or in a retail establishment but in the recesses of our hearts. Maybe, the real holiday present is the capacity to love ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors, even, those on the margins and the least among us. Then we can say Emanuel among us, God is truly here,

### **Pastor's monthly prayer intentions**

Please pray with Father Isaiah Mary for the following intentions in the month of November:  
For those who feel alone, neglected, or brokenhearted.

For prudent and transparent use of the many gifts given to our parish community

For those members of our parish community who are homebound and yearn for communion with Christ Jesus.

For the persevering generosity of caretakers.

For the mission and persecuted Church.

## Esquina del Pastor

Very Rev. Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano, OP

### **Adviento: Un tiempo de alegre expectativa**

*Por Vincent Corcoran*

Al adentrarnos en la temporada de Adviento, reflexionamos, como individuos y comunidad, sobre el Jesús que fue, es y volverá a entrar en nuestras vidas. Entramos en nuestra oscuridad humana al descubrir la luz iluminadora de Emanuel, el Dios entre nosotros, el día de Navidad.

Jesús revelado a través de las escrituras y la tradición se convierte en un espejo retrovisor mientras exploramos nuestro corazón, para que podamos descubrir las realidades del amor abundante de Dios. Durante el Adviento, no hay tela de saco ni cenizas; Solo una oportunidad para ver el mundo de nuevo. Es una temporada de profunda reflexión más allá del reino de los apegos materiales. Los profetas hablan de un mundo visionario mientras despertamos, observamos, esperamos y escuchamos los mensajes mesiánicos proclamados.

La Corona de Adviento ilumina nuestro viaje espiritual con un significado simbólico. La primera vela es la vela de la esperanza. Esperamos con mayor claridad la venida de Jesús, ya que estamos explorando nuestra oscuridad interior. Con el encendido de la segunda vela, reconocemos la necesidad de paz en nuestro mundo convulso. ¿Dónde empieza esa paz? Empieza entre tú y yo. El arco de la luz de Adviento incluye rayos de justicia a medida que nos volvemos conscientes de nuestra fragilidad humana. Una vela de rosa aparece el tercer domingo, es la luz de la alegría. Aunque nos alegramos, somos más conscientes de que la salvación universal está cerca. Nuestra cuarta es que la vela representa la caridad, una virtud que nos ayuda a reconciliar el mundo en el que vivimos.

Colocados uno a uno, hay cuatro paneles: en el ambón, el púlpito, y ocho en el altar. Una gradación de color representa el viaje desde la oscuridad hacia la luz suprema, Jesucristo. A medida que avanzamos en la temporada de Adviento, los paneles son más cortos porque el momento se acerca. Pequeñas gemas están en la parte inferior de cada tira de material como reflejos refractarios de la comunidad y su misión espiritual. Nuestro entorno simbólico no es la decoración; es una exhibición de señales que guían nuestro camino.

La Navidad es una celebración de luz radiante. La quinta vela en la corona de Adviento simboliza a Jesús, la Luz del Mundo. Teológicamente, reconocemos la Encarnación, el Cristo que hay dentro de nosotros y el mundo entero. Jesús no se encuentra al comprar online o en un establecimiento comercial, sino en los rincones de nuestro corazón. Quizá, el verdadero regalo navideño sea la capacidad de querernos a nosotros mismos, a nuestras familias, amigos y vecinos, incluso, a los marginales y a los más desfavorecidos entre nosotros. Entonces podremos decir Emanuel entre nosotros, Dios está verdaderamente aquí.

### **Intenciones de oración mensuales del párroco**

Por favor, oren con el Padre Isaiah Mary por las siguientes intenciones en el mes de noviembre:  
Por aquellos que se sienten solos, abandonados o con el corazón roto.

Por el uso prudente y transparente de los muchos dones dados a nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Por aquellos miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial que están confinados en casa y anhelan la comunión con Cristo Jesús.

Por la generosidad perseverante de los cuidadores.

Por la misión y la Iglesia perseguida.

**Attention: Men of St. Dominic Parish  
Men's Faith Formation Prayer Group  
Next Meeting: December 13, 2025**

We are excited to implement a new Men's Faith Formation, Prayer and Discussion Group at Saint Dominic! This is a great opportunity to grow in faith, build a community and support one another in our spiritual journey. All men are invited.

Join us every second Saturday of each month in the St. Mark's Room at 9:00 am. We will meet for about an hour to an hour-and-a-half.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there and strengthening our faith together.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gregory Nunn, St. Dominic parishioner at (323) 620-5604 or via email at [gnum4658@gmail.com](mailto:gnum4658@gmail.com).

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**FREE Health Ministry Event on Sunday December 7, 2025**



We are blessed to have St. Louise Resource Services here with their *MOBI* van to help our parishioners and the community with open enrollment. They can provide information about healthcare coverage, including Covered California, MediCal, and CalFresh (SNAP), and assist you with applying for these benefits.

Our QueensCare parish nurse, Ana Murillo, RN and her team will be providing free diabetes screening (A1C), personal health counseling, and flu shots (last slot at 2:45pm).

We will be at the Fr. Paul Scanlon Community Center from 9am to 3pm, so please come by before or after mass or the other events going on that Sunday.

**No appointment necessary!**

*Christmas Flowers and Greenery*



*If you would like to make a \$15.00 donation in the name of a loved one, print the name clearly on the outside of an envelope, with your donation and drop it in the parish office mail box or in the collection basket on Sunday. The names will be posted on the bulletin boards.*

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