

December 24, 2017

St. Dominic Church and School

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Mass Times

Sunday

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
1:30 pm (En Español)
5:00 pm
7:00 pm Occidental College Herrick Chapel

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: 7:15 am & 5:30 pm
Saturday: 7:15 am

Office hours:

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Monday
8:30 am - 7:30 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. Francis Goode, OP, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence
 Rev. Michael Chaberek, OP, In residence
 Rev. Dominic De Maio, OP, In residence
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Retired
 Rev. Cassian Lewinski, OP, Retired
 Rev. Dominic De Lay, OP, on Sabbatical

Parish Staff:

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael Finocchiaro, OPL
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St. Dominic's School:

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 Principal: Mrs. Emily Diaz
 Secretary: Angela Nuño
 Pre-School
 Extended Day Care

Marriage (Matrimonio): Please contact Frs. Michael Fones, Francis Goode 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. For more information call Sr. Joyanne Sullivan, SND, at 323-255-6373.

The Children's RCIA is a two year program. For more information call Michelle Perez or Christina Garcia, at 323-255-6373.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sun. | 7:30 am | Joselyn Pijano, † |
| | 9:00 am | Ochoa family, thanksgiving |
| | 10:30 am | Ester and Ramon Gonzalez, † |
| | 12:00 pm | Timothy Campbell, † |
| | 1:30 pm | Linda King and Richard Malaya, † |
| | 5:00 pm | Noel Lorca |
| | 7:30 pm | St. Dominic Ushers |
| | 12:00 am | Jim Linstroth, † |
| Mon. | 7:30 am | Ethelda Zari, thanksgiving |
| | 9:00 am | Joseph Coogan, † |
| | 10:30 am | Babu Ramos and family |
| | 12:00 pm | Porfirio Gomez, † (Spanish) |
| | 1:30 pm | Ann Fenton, healing (English) |
| Tues. | 9:00 am | Frank Luna, birthday |
| Wed. | 8:00 am | Anding Alabada, † |
| | 6:00 pm | Teofista and Inocencio Argenal, † |
| Thurs. | 8:00 am | Robert Andre Resurreccion B-day |
| | 6:00 pm | Lilia Conner, † |
| Fri. | 8:00 am | Angel and Mirna Ramirez, 48th Wedding Anniversary |
| | 6:00 pm | Deceased Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Florentina and Catalino Bunabo, † Romulo and Estelita Frayre, † Ronald Muego, † Lourdes Villanueva, † |
| Sat. | 8:00 am | Amalia Camberos de Gomez, † |
| | 5:00 pm | Cristina and Tessie Sy |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | <u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>During the Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] |
| Tuesday: | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 |
| Sunday: | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40] |

Today's Activities

Blood Pressure Today
 Legion of Mary
 Christmas Concerts
 Midnight Mass

This week at a glance...

Monday, December 25, 2017

Office and facilities will be CLOSED
 Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,
 12:00 PM Spanish and 1:30 PM
 (NO 5:00 PM)



Tuesday, December 26, 2017

All facilities will be CLOSED
 One Mas only at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Visual Bible Study 9:15 AM St. Mark Room
 Legion of Mary
 No Young Adult meeting today
 They will resume the meetings in January 2018
 The Parish Office will be closed today until 3:00 PM

Thursday, December 28, 2017

Divine Mercy Video Presentation 9:15 AM
 Adult Ed Building

Friday, December 29, 2017

Light of Jesus Prayer Group 7:00 PM Adult Ed Building

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Junior Legion of Mary
Fr. Cassian's Book Club 10:00 AM Religious Ed Building

COMING EVENTS

December 31 **New Year's Eve Dance**

January 20, 2018 **Women's Symposium**

Divine Mercy Media Ministry
 Video presentation on Human Trafficking
 Thursday, December 28, 2017
 9:15 AM Adult Ed Building
 ALL ARE WELCOME

Come and See at the Dominican Nuns'

Corpus Christi Monastery
 Every vocation is a call to love and every baptized person has one! **But how can you know God's plan for you?** Come and see! Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 years are invited to spend a day with the cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, California, Saturday, January 20th. Learn more about discerning **God's will for your life and catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since Saint Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206.** For more information about this or other upcoming retreat days and events, visit our website at www.nunsmenlo.org, or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or at (650) 322-1801 ext.19.

Visual Bible Study
 A Video-Based Study of Sacred Scripture
"The Gospel of St. Matthew"
 (From the Catholic Way Bible Study with Lavinia Spirito)
 Wednesday, December 27, 2017
 9:15 to 10:30 AM St. Mark Room

Donations needed for migrants and immigrants in Mexicali. Occidental students will be delivering your donations to those in need.

Deadline: Jan 15th, 2018

What is needed:

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| Most needed - | Secondarily - |
| Toothpaste | Shampoo |
| Toothbrushes | Soaps |
| Foot powder | Lotions |
| Sanitary pads (not tampons) | |
| Socks | |

Quote of the Week

"What greater cause is there of the Lord's coming than to show God's love for us?...If we have been slow to love, at least let us hasten to love in return."

St. Augustine, *De Catech. Rudib. iv*

Pastor's Corner

"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited."

Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO

The tradition of Las Posadas recalls the difficulty Mary and Joseph had in finding a place of lodging in the town of Bethlehem. Fr. Thomas Merton, the Trappist priest, poet and social commentator saw in that event a symbol of the world's rejection of God. This fallen world is "a demented inn," where everything that is of God is either ignored, resisted, opposed, or persecuted. Any person, even the saint, who is born under the curse of original sin, experiences the initial approach of God as something foreign, even frightening. God is an existential threat to the world-as-it-is, because He always invites us to a different world; a world of "the reign of God" or "the kingdom of God."

Entering that kingdom means leaving the old world, the old way of seeing and doing things, the way that we've grown accustomed to and comfortable with. Even if we're miserable, it's a known misery, and there may be a kind of comfort in its predictability. Why else do people from alcoholic families so often marry an alcoholic? Why else do so many people (women, mostly) stay with abusive partners? Why else do we keep trying to settle problems through war, when even the first world war - "the war to end all wars" - failed to keep that promise?

There's no room for Jesus in the lives of the wealthy and complacent. Why change when there's an illusion of control and security to hold on to?

There's no room for Jesus in the lives of the poor if he will not immediately bring a change of fortune – or even promise to do that.

There's no comfortable space for God in the life of any descendant of Adam, because God is not satisfied with a little corner, with a spare guestroom in the heart. God knocks on the door and not only wants to come into our heart, but rearrange the furniture and maybe even hold an estate sale until there's nothing left of the old heart and the old life. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you" (Ezekiel 36:26) can be heard as both a promise and a threat.

Mary and Joseph continue to bring Jesus to us who are the innkeepers of our own hearts, full of noisy guests: plans, distractions, attractions, grudges, and more. May we have the courage to invite in Him Who humbly approaches us uninvited.

For Women of all stages of life, please join us for our **St. Dominic's First Annual**



WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM
FINDING YOUR CENTER, A WOMEN'S
JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP

Presenter: Cathy Roby
Saturday January 20, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Dominic's Parish Hall

Workshop options
Is Jesus the center of your life?
Presenter: Maria Velasquez MA LMFT & parish member
Discernment with Prayer
Presenter: Dione Grillo from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Director of Master Catechist Program
Being Present to ourselves and others
Presenter: Nola Chang, Master Catechist, Speaker and Retreat Director
\$20 fee before Jan. 20. On site the day fee \$25

Contact us at: St.dominicadulterd@gmail.com or call the parish office (323)254-2519



Dance the Year' Away to Welcome
2018



Looking for something to do on New New Year's Eve, come to the St. Dominic's New Year's Eve Dance on Sunday, December 31, 2017 in the Parish Hall. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dance the night away to welcome 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Noise makers, party hats included plus champagne at midnight. Music by Martie Rosal and cost only \$30.00 per person. Contact Helena (323) 258-2870, Sally (323) 598-0214 or Ruby (323) 258-0776 for tickets.





School News



Merry Christmas!

**St. Dominic School faculty, staff, and students
wish you a blessed and joyous holiday!**

Alégrate, llena
de gracia,
el Señor está
contigo



Clase de Virtus

El Sábado 13 de Enero Habrá una clase de Virtus en Español (9:00 A.M. 12:00 mediodía) para todos los ministros o voluntarios de Santo Domingo que no han tomado la clase o necesitan revalidar su certificación. Si usted tomo la clase hace mas de 4 años, es mandatorio por parte de la Arquidiócesis, que valide su certificación para que pueda continuar su ministerio. Para más información puede llamar a la oficina.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

Horario de Misas de Navidad

El 4o. Domingo de Adviento es el 24 de diciembre y la Misa de 5:00 p.m. será la Misa de la Vigilia de Navidad, *no de Misa de domingo*. Ambas Misas son obligatorias, de precepto, todos estamos obligados a asistir a DOS Misas: De Domingo y de Navidad! Tendremos seis Misas para el domingo y ocho Misas para Navidad.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

23 de Diciembre 5 PM Vigilia

24 de Diciembre 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, Mediodía, 1:30 PM (español)

Misas de Navidad

24 de Diciembre 5 PM Misa de Vigilia de Navidad

7 PM Concierto de Navidad

7:30 PM Misa (Coro contemporáneo)

11:15 PM Concierto de Navidad

Misa de Navidad (Coro tradicional)



25 de Diciembre 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, Mediodía (español), 1:30 PM (inglés)

No tendremos Misa de 5:00 PM

LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y **anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa"**, una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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PAZ INTERIOR

Adquiere paz interior, y una muchedumbre a tu alrededor encontrará su salvación.

—San Serafín

ST. DOMINIC MEN'S RETREAT GROUP



**INVITES YOU:
TO A BBQ & WATCH AN NFL PLAYOFF GAME**

ON THE BIG SCREEN

**LOCATION: COMMUNITY CENTER 2ND FLOOR
DATE & TIME: JANUARY 7, 2018 @ 11:30AM**

Got Questions about the Meaning of Life?
The Alpha Course Begins Soon



Alpha is an introduction to the *kerygma* – that proclamation of the Good News of Jesus that is essential to conversion. The Alpha Course consists of a common meal followed by a 22-25 minute video that becomes the basis of an open-ended conversation in a small

group. Part-way through the course there will be a day-long retreat. It is free of charge, and I invite you to consider coming to the first evening on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center lower hall.

Over 29 million people have completed the Alpha Course worldwide. It is listed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops as one of the best evangelization methods and resources available for parishes. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna, and a Dominican, says, ***'Alpha is for meeting Jesus. What I like in all that I have seen and heard about Alpha is the simplicity. For me, the Christian life has something to do with simplicity, friendship, closeness and joy. That's what I feel about Alpha and I think that's a sign that it works and that it's given from the Lord.'*** He, along with Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap., appear on some of the Alpha videos.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please note that the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 24, and our 5 p.m. Mass will be a Family vigil Mass for Christmas, *not a Sunday Mass*. Since both Sundays and Christmas are holy days of obligation, you should go to TWO Masses: Sunday *and* Christmas! We will have six Masses for Sunday and eight Masses for Christmas.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23 5 PM Vigil
December 24 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, noon,
1:30 PM (español)

Christmas Masses

December 24

5 PM Family Christmas Vigil Mass
7 PM Christmas Concert
7:30 PM Mass (Contemporary Choir)
11:15 PM Christmas Concert
Midnight Mass (Traditional Choir)

December 25 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM
Noon (español)
1:30 PM (English)

