

# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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*Prepare the way of  
the Lord!*

## Mass Times

### Sunday

7:30 AM  
9 AM  
10:30 AM  
12 PM  
1:30 PM (En Español)  
5 PM  
7 PM Occidental College  
Herrick Chapel

### Monday thru Friday:

8 AM  
6 PM

### Saturday:

8 AM  
5 PM Vigil Mass

**Civic Holidays: 9 AM only**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after 8 AM Mass  
Benediction at 5:15 PM

## Reconciliation / Confessions

Wednesdays 7:45 - 8 AM; 5:45 - 6 PM  
1st. Fridays 7:45 - 8 AM; 5:45 - 6 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:

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

## Marriage (Matrimonio):

Please contact Fr. Michael, Fr. Francis, or Fr. 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 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 323-254-2519.

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

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to help people have a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ, form them as His disciples and equip them to be apostles.

## Dominican Community:

Rev. Michael Fones, OP, Pastor, Prior,  
 Rev. Francis Goode, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Thomas Saucier, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence  
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Retired  
 Rev. Cassian Lewinski, OP, Retired  
 Rev. Denis Reilly, OP, Retired

## Parish Staff:

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael Finocchiaro, OPL  
 Dir. Religious Ed: Christina García & Michelle Pérez  
 Adult Education: Sr. Joyanne Sullivan SND  
 RICA y Ministerios Hispanos: Sor Lidia Hernandez,  
 OP y Sor Yolanda Garcia Zamora, OP  
 Confirmation/Youth Ministry: Randy de Vera  
 Ministry to the Ill & Elderly: Concie Kibbe, OPL  
 Health Ministry: Mary Lynne Knighten  
 Music Ministry: Rudy Acosta (323) 258-9854  
 Administrative Assistant: Mario García  
 Secretary: Cecilia Treat  
 Plant Manager: David Lear  
 Custodian: Aidan Williams

## Parish Pastoral Council:

Joseph Descalzo - Chairperson  
 Jacquie Natividad - Vice Chairperson  
 Mario García, Jr. - Secretary  
 Andrea Martínez - School Liaison  
 Merlie Mae Sotto  
 Jay Cooney  
 Patricia de Vera  
 Michelle Pérez  
 Christina García  
 Rafael Caraveo

## St. Dominic's School:

2005 Merton Avenue. LA, CA 90041  
 Phone: (323) 255-5803  
 Website: <http://www.stdominicla.us>  
 Principal: Mrs. Emily Díaz  
 Secretary: Angela Nuño  
 Pre-School / Extended Day Care

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	John Fenstermaker, †
	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:30 AM	Michelle Cabalu Zaslav, birthday
	12:00 PM	Henry Hashioka, †
	1:30 PM	Enrique Cabrera, †
	5:00 PM	Roberto Calaba, †
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Cendejas family
	6:00 PM	Francisco Villamor, †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Debra Gregg, birthday
	6:00 PM	Gaulfrido Ruiz, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Aureliano G. Coronel, †
	6:00 PM	Ramon and Ester Gonzalez, †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Librada R. Jazmin, †
	6:00 PM	Aurea Conducto, special intent.
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Thomas Logelin, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
		Leticia Arayata, † Danilo V. Alejo, †
	7:30 PM	Jesus Mercado, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Susing Alantara
	10:30 AM	Ambrocio and Magdalena Salonga, †
	12:00 PM	Ana and Dave Macomber, Wedding Anniversary
	5:00 PM	Cristina and Tessie Sy

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; 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 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 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:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



**Today's Activities**  
Legion of Mary

**This week at a glance**

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
Eucharistic Minister Training 7:15 PM in church

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

Legion of Mary  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

New Bible Study 9:15 AM Adult Ed Building  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish hall  
Legion of Mary  
Alpha Course 7:00 PM Adult Ed Building  
Health Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM St. Mark Room  
Confirmation Year 1 7:00 pm Lower Hall  
Confirmation Year 2 7:00 pm Upper Hall

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

QueensCare nurse 8:00 AM  
Divine Mercy Ministry 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
Communion and Liberation 7:00 St. Mark Room

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

Virgen of Guadalupe novena 6:30 PM Parish Hall  
Immaculate Conception Mass 7:30 PM -Spanish  
Legion of Mary  
Light of Jesus 7:00 PM Adult Ed Building

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Dominican Laity Meeting 8:45 Lower Hall CC  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish hall  
Sacristans Meeting 12:00 PM St. Mark Room

**COMING EVENTS**

December 9	Retirement Fund for Religious
December 10	Mercy Night Penance Service
December 3 - 11	Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12	Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Advent Penance Service at St. Dominic's**

Prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth with a clean heart! On Monday, December 10 from 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, and confessions.

If you cannot make our penance service, there are other opportunities throughout the deanery:

- December 11, 7 p.m. St. Ignatius
- December 13, 7 p.m. Divine Savior
- December 14, 7 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes, Tujunga
- December 17, 7 p.m. St. Bernard
- December 17, 7 p.m. Incarnation
- December 18, 7 p.m. St. James the Less
- December 18, 7 p.m. St. Bede



Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
December 8

**Mass Schedule:**

Vigil: Friday, December 7 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm (Spanish)  
December 8  
8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister Training Monday, December 3**

Those wishing to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday and daily Masses may attend the training for that ministry on Monday evening, December 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the Church. Fr. Michael will give a presentation on the theology of the Eucharist, then go over the practicalities of the ministry. To be eligible, you must be fully initiated in the Church (baptism, first communion, and Confirmation). You must also go through VIRTUS training and be fingerprinted before serving.

**Quote of the Week**

God calls the individual in Jesus Christ, each one personally by name. In this sense the Lord's words "You too go into my vineyard," directed to the Church as a whole, come specially addressed to each member individually. (*Christifideles Laici*, 28)



*Pastor's corner*

*In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.*

*Jeremiah 33:15*

In the entrance of the church you no doubt noticed what looks like a Christmas tree loaded with colored decorations. Take a closer look! It is what's known as a "Jesse tree", and the ornaments were made by families and individuals who attended our Advent afternoon of prayer. The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." It's echoed in our first reading today from the prophet Jeremiah. Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

On the tree you'll see symbols representing Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, David, Samuel and Ruth – figures named in the genealogy of Jesus. They are reminders that God is at work in the world through people who are willing to be His servants and instruments – and that includes us!

With the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Gentiles (non-Jews) who believe in Him are now grafted on to the Jesse tree. We have become part of the story of salvation that extends back in time more than 4,000 years! Examine the ornaments on the Jesse tree. They contain scripture passages to contemplate – passages that we may well hear proclaimed in this beautiful preparatory time for Christmas.



Our Sunday Collection for  
November 18  
\$14,346.50

November 25  
\$17,262.00



Approximate Expenses for the Week  
\$20,474.15

We still have 10 Flu Shot vouchers available for those who have not yet received their flu shot. Vouchers are available in the parish office.

Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Dominic Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks the entire Parish for the monetary donations on Sunday October 14, 2018. You were more than generous. It is truly wonderful to be in a parish that supports the works of mercy. God bless you all.

**Daily Advent Reflections from FORMED!**  
You can use the parish subscription to FORMED to receive a daily two- to three-minute long video reflection on your computer or smartphone. You can also have a reflection for children sent to you. This service is also available in Spanish. Simply go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) to sign up to have these videos delivered to you each day. Don't forget our parish code: Q77WZR.



**St. Dominic school**

Come learn about our community!  
Tour classrooms & meet current students, teachers and parents.

Upcoming Open Houses:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Thursday, February 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

RSVP Here: [bit.ly/OPN1819](http://bit.ly/OPN1819)

Or call the office to schedule a private tour!  
323-255-5803 [www.stdominicla.us](http://www.stdominicla.us)

### Support Our Capital Campaign

As we approach the end of the year, NOW is a great time to make tax-deductible charitable contributions. Currently we are at 82% of our goal of \$1.855 million dollars in terms of actual cash on hand and pledges. We need 60% of our total (\$1,113,000) in CASH before we can receive a "bridge" loan from the Archdiocese to begin the actual work on the second part of our rebuilding of the Community Center. We currently have \$535,400.85 in cash in our investment pool and savings account.

**Two-thirds of our parishioners have *not* contributed to the capital campaign! We cannot complete our campaign without your participation. This is a project that will provide much-needed meeting space and space and resources for consistent evangelization programs that we need to help people meet Jesus and conform their lives to the Gospel.**

Here are some tips regarding charitable giving from a couple of our parishioners who are involved in accounting and financial planning:

1. Contribute "APPRECIATED ASSETS", such as stocks or share in mutual funds. Provided you've OWNED the property for more than ONE year, you can deduct its FULL VALUE in most cases. NEITHER you or the charity has to pay tax on the appreciation.
2. DON'T donate property that has declined in value since you acquired it. The charity won't get to deduct the built in loss when it disposes of the asset.
3. Take advantage of a charitable tax break for IRA owners age 70 ½ or older. You can transfer up to \$100,000 PER YEAR from your traditional IRA DIRECTLY to charity. Such charitable transfers COUNT as part of your REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION. But unlike other payouts, these direct gifts are NOT included in your taxable income. The IRA-to-charity strategy can be a good way to get tax savings from charitable gifts for taxpayers NOT taking charitable write offs because of higher standard deductions.
4. DON'T waste the annual gift tax exclusion of \$15,000 each done without having to pay GIFT TAX or tap your lifetime estate & gift tax exemption of \$11,180,000 each person.

### New Year's Dance at St. Dominic's



Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve? Join us and dance like a teen to welcome 2019. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. and dance the night away to the music of Mardie Rosal. Party hats and noisemaker provided. Champagne at midnight while you welcome the New Year. \$30.00 per person.



Semi formal attire. Contact Helena at (323) 574-4889 or Sally Mangahis at (323) 254-8130 for tickets.

Tickets will also be available in the rectory. Make your reservations now.

### SIMBANG-GABI



Please join the Filipino Ministry at the Simbang-Gabi on Friday, December 21, 2018.

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm by a visiting priest, Fr. Rey Matunog. Reception in the Parish Hall will immediately follow.

Traditional Filipino food will be served as guests listen to Christmas carols. You are all invited. Bring you family and friends.

### Retirement Fund for Religious



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart-seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life?

Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection

**Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe**



Fecha	Intención	Responsable
Diciembre 3 Lunes 7:00 PM <b>(participación de danzantes)</b>	Por los gobernantes de los países	Hispanos en Acción
Diciembre 4 Mrtes 7:00 PM	Por el tesoro de las familias	Grupo de Biblia
Diciembre 5 Miércoles 7:00 PM	Por los que se han alejado de la fe	Grupo de Oración
Diciembre 6 Jueves 7:00 PM	Por todos los enfermos y los que sufren	Ministerio de hospitalidad
Diciembre 7 Viernes 6:30 PM	Por la Misión de los Laicos en el mundo	Ministerio Proclamadores de la Palabra
Diciembre 8 Sábado 7:00 PM	Por la Misión de los consagrados y por las vocaciones	Orden de predicadores (Sacerdotes y Religiosas)
Diciembre 9 Domingo 3:00 PM	Por los jóvenes y los niños	Ministerio de música y comunidad filipina
Diciembre 10 Lunes 7:00 PM	Por la paz en el mundo	Grupo Guadalupano
Diciembre 11 Martes 7:00 PM	Por nuestra comunidad parroquial	Ministerio Extraordinario de la Eucaristía

**Misa de Vigilia – Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción**

El Viernes 7 de Diciembre celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. La Misa de vigilia en Español será a las 7:30 P.M. en la iglesia.

**12 de Diciembre Fiesta**

**Mañanitas a la Virgen** 6:00am. En la Iglesia  
En seguida, recepción en el Centro parroquial.

**Eucaristía** (Ingles) 6:00am.  
En seguida representación de las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe (Ingles)

**Eucaristía** (Español) 7:00pm

- † Los adultos y los niños pueden venir vestidos con sus trajes típicos.
- † Los niños pueden traer rosas para ofrecer a la Virgen durante el ofertorio.

**Representación** de las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe (Español) al finalizar la Eucaristía.

**Recepción** en el Centro parroquial (Con participación del Mariachi).





Sr. Joyanne's

11th annual  
Art Show

December 9, 2018  
Convent next to the Church  
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Special gift items this year, 5x7 coffee table paintings. Perfect for those special Christmas gifts. Credit cards welcomed.

### St. Dominic's Young Adults

Dear All,

As some of you know, I've been working on transitioning out of leadership of the St. Dominic's Young Adult Ministry for several months. December will be my last month as leader for the group, and we'll not be meeting the 19th or the 26th of that month. Jorge has offered to assume a leadership role and has already been a major help this year. Thank you, Jorge! However, it's really best to have a team of people to run the ministry. There are many ways you can help, e.g. with hospitality at the meetings, working on upcoming talks or finding speakers, helping with outreach to young adults, sending out emails, etc. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to support the group as it continues forth and let Jorge and/or me know if you're interested.

If you're interested in helping in an official leadership capacity, then please check out taking the [requisite VIRTUS training for ministry leaders](#).

May God guide and bless us all as we end this liturgical year and prepare to close out 2018!

In Christ,  
Tara



### A Change in our Christmas Mass Schedule

In years past, we have offered a Mass at Midnight, preceded by a concert from our traditional choir. The attendance has been slipping the past few years, so we are changing the Christmas Eve Mass schedule. The full Christmas schedule will be:

#### Christmas Eve

- 5:00 p.m. Mass with Children's Choir
- 6:50 Prelude Music
- 7:30 p.m. Mass with Contemporary Choir
- 10:00 p.m. Christmas Concert
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night  
Traditional Choir and chamber orchestra

#### Christmas Day

- 8:00 a.m. Mass Cantor and keyboard
- 10:00 a.m. Mass Choir
- 12 noon Mass Cantor and keyboard
- 1:30 p.m. Misa en español con coro

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### **Keep Santa visits safe and secret-free**

It's the Christmas season, which means children around the archdiocese will be lining up for a picture with Santa and a chance to tell him what they hope to find under their trees this year. The Santa visit is a fun holiday tradition, but it's not a time when parents can let their guard down. Santa and his helpers are usually volunteers and may not have gone through screenings or tests to ensure your child's safety, so it's up to you. Keep an eye on anything happening while your child visits with Santa. Never step away from the action, even for a moment, and don't allow your children to be led away to another room. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Safety for Children AND Santa's Helpers," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>