

# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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The voice of one calling in the wilderness:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord...”*

-Luke 3:1-6

### 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	Mario and Jimena Guemo, †
	9:00 AM	Ochoa family, thanksgiving
	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
	12:00 PM	Efren and Margie Cruz, Wedding Anniversary
	1:30 PM	Jesus mercado, †
	5:00 PM	Maria Celia Q. Alejandro, Birthday
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Caridad Victoria, †
	6:00 PM	Concepto Bagamashad, †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Zenaida R. Ramirez, †
	6:00 PM	Virginia Chua, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Raynel Mendel, †
	6:00 PM	Natalie and Jonathan Eckel, †
	7:00 PM	Amelia Matias and family, Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Lourdes Lao, †
	6:00 PM	Jim Christiansen, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Erlinda G. Tuando
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors Benjamin Verzosa, † Ricky L. Zaugg, † Belen Africa, † Connie Soson, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Bonifacio Uy
	5:00 PM	Esperanza Jacobs, †

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Today's Activities

Legion of Mary

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection



Sr. Joyanne's 11th annual Art Show  
8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Convent  
5x7 coffee table paintings available

## This week at a glance

### Monday, December 10, 2018

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
Saint Vincent de Paul 7:00 PM St. Mark Room  
Mercy Night Penance Service 7:15 PM in church

### Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Legion of Mary  
Virgen of Guadalupe novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House  
Blessed Sacrament Confraternity Mass at 8:00 am  
Followed by lunch & meeting in parish hall.

### Wednesday, December 12, 2018

New Bible Study 9:15 AM Adult Ed Building  
Mañanitas in Church 6:00 AM Followed by  
reception in parish hall.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 PM in church  
and 8:30 PM Reception Parish Hall  
Legion of Mary  
Confirmation Year 1 7:00 pm Lower Hall  
Confirmation Year 2 7:00 pm Upper Hall  
Young Adults 7:30 PM St. Mark Room

### Thursday, December 13, 2018

QueensCare nurse 8:00 AM  
L.O.V.E Ministry 4:30 PM St. Mark Room  
Divine Mercy Ministry 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building  
Communion and Liberation 7:00 St. Mark Room

### Friday, December 14, 2018

Light of Jesus 7:00 PM Adult Ed Building

### Saturday, December 15, 2018

## COMING EVENTS

December 16-23	Posadas
December 21	Simbang-Gabi
December 31	New Year's Eve Dance

## 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

## Advent Prayer Resources

If you need some assistance in praying during the Advent season, here are some resources on the internet that may be helpful:

Daily Mass Readings (English and Spanish) [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

Daily *Lectio Divina* (meditations on Scripture in English and Spanish) [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

Catholic Prayers (English and Spanish) [www.catholic.org/prayers/](http://www.catholic.org/prayers/)

Prayers for Healthcare Workers [www.chausa.org/prayers/](http://www.chausa.org/prayers/)

Daily Liturgy of the Hours

[www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org) (English)

[www.liturgiadelashoras.com.ar](http://www.liturgiadelashoras.com.ar) (Spanish)

Reflections for Men [www.thosecatholicmen.com](http://www.thosecatholicmen.com)

Reflections for Women

[www.theyoungcatholicwoman.com](http://www.theyoungcatholicwoman.com)

Daily Advent Reflections

a) Matthew Kelly: [www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestadvent-ever](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestadvent-ever)

b) Bishop Barron: (English and Spanish)

[www.adventreflections.com](http://www.adventreflections.com)

## Quote of the Week

To the God who stands outside of space and time and who orders the whole of creation, our hours, days, years, eons have a radically different meaning. What is a long time to us is an instant for God, and hence what seems like delay to us is no delay at all to God. What seems like dumb and pointless waiting to us can be the way that God, in a unique and finally mysterious manner, is working out God's purposes. Bishop Robert Barron, *Vibrant Paradoxes*, p. 270.



## Pastor's corner

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

-Luke 3:4

I wonder how many of you saw the opinion essay written by Catherine Price in the November 30 edition of the LA Times? She wrote about a 24-hour fast from cell phones, tablets and computers. She said that when she and her husband did this, it felt as though they unlocked a time-stretching superpower – it felt as though they had more time to talk, cook, clean, read, and do other things they really enjoy.

She quoted David Greenfield, a psychology professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and founder of the Center for Internet and Technology Addiction. He said, "When we're on our devices, we lose the ability to mark the passage of time. This phenomenon is called dissociation, and virtually everyone experiences it to some extent when on screens." It's true for me, and that's why I am no longer on Facebook.

This Advent, when no adult seems to have enough time, try fasting from your phone. Start small – like at meals, or in the evening. Kids, too, need this, even more than adults. There are some other things you can do to make Advent a real preparation for Christmas. For example, I have special "Advent music" I only listen to during this season. I save the Christmas tunes for Christmas! If you send out Christmas cards, pray for each recipient before you sign and address the card. Sign up for a daily Advent reflection from FORMED.org or Matthew Kelly or Bishop Robert Barron to keep you focused on Scripture. Don't feel obligated to attend every Christmas party to which you're invited! Consider giving your *time* and *presence* to your loved ones, rather than presents. You'll have to ditch your cell phone for that – and so will they!

**Fingerprinting at St. Dominic's  
Saturday, January 5, 2019  
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Adult Ed Building**

The parish is sponsoring fingerprinting for St. Dominic's parishioners. Fingerprinting is required for clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth. This includes school parents or guardians who wish to accompany their children on field trips, and adults who wish to volunteer to help in the Children's Faith Formation program. Call parish office to register.

## St. Dominic's Young Adults

**Wednesday, December 12th - Mass + Almost Christmas Party**

*Important Note: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday is being canceled due to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in the church, so we'll be attending the Mass.*

**7:00-8:00 PM:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in the church

**8:00-10:00 PM: Potluck and celebration in the St. Mark Room**

Young adults are welcome to join us for Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, after which we'll have a potluck in the St. Mark Room to celebrate Advent and the upcoming Christmas season. This will be our last Young Adult Ministry event of 2018.

**YA Christmas Break: The young adult group will be taking a break from December 13th-January 8th. There will be no meetings on 12/19, 12/26, and 1/2 and no Third Sunday Mass + Brunch on 12/16. Adoration and meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.**

**For more info: [saintdominics.org/young-adults](http://saintdominics.org/young-adults)**

**Facebook: @StDominicYAM**

To connect with us, email [ya@saintdominics.org](mailto:ya@saintdominics.org).

## St. Dominic school

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

Upcoming Open Houses:  
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)



## Finance Report: YTD July-October 2018

Ordinary Income	FY2018	FY2017
Collections	\$271,328.64	\$282,910.67
Sacrament Donations	\$13,625.00	\$17,827.00
Property Rental (net)	\$19,089.01	\$16,791.23
Miscellaneous	\$6,904.19	\$13,117.96
Total Ordinary Income	\$310,946.84	\$330,646.86

### Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$206,388.96	\$187,738.98
Other Operating expense	\$41,824.61	\$65,580.44
Utilities	\$32,962.67	\$34,940.42
Insurance	\$33,594.40	\$33,681.86
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$24,454.62	\$23,621.28
Total Operating Expense	\$339,225.26	\$345,562.98

**Net Income** - \$28,278.42 - \$14,916.12

**Pastor's Discretionary fund** \$ 40,088.08

### Investment Activities with Archdiocese:

Building and Maintenance Fund \$46,761.26

#### Capital Campaign

Balance (Investment Pool) \$504,088.10

#### Bank Account for the Capital Campaign

October 31 Balance \$35,155.55

*Total Pledges + Donations for Capital Campaign*  
\$1,511,997 (82 percent of goal)

*Rosary Sunday Collection* \$26,773,

Approximately two-thirds of the parish membership has not made a pledge or donation to the Capital Campaign. I am very grateful for those who have made a sacrificial gift, and I urge those who have not participated to please join your fellow parishioners in this project. We have already spent an additional \$350,000 to repair the second floor roof, renovate the large room, and do seismic retrofitting.

We are required to have 60% of our goal in *cash* before the Archdiocese will allow us to get a "bridge" loan and begin the actual renovation. Currently we have \$539,000 in cash and need \$1.1 million in cash before we can get the loan. No construction will begin until we have the \$1.1 million. Of course, we also need another \$343,000 in pledges and donations to make our goal. The longer we wait, the greater the chances the costs will increase. Please help!

### 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.

## Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe



Fecha	Intención	Responsable
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

### 12 de Diciembre Fiesta

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

**Eucaristía** (Ingles) 6:00 pm.  
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).



### HORARIO DE LAS POSADAS EN LA PARROQUIA SANTO DOMINGO - 2018

Diciembre 16	Parish Hall	3:00 PM
Diciembre 17	Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 18	Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 19	CC Lower Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 20	Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 21	CC Lower Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 22	Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Diciembre 23	Parish Hall	7:00 PM



### ¿SABÍA QUE?

**Practique la conciencia situacional como parte de sus planes de viaje de vacaciones**

En Navidad, las familias se reúnen para pasar esta bendita temporada rodeadas de sus seres queridos, y para muchas familias esto implica algunos viajes. Los padres de familia con niños pequeños que usen las carreteras o los aeropuertos deben estar conscientes de la situación para garantizar la seguridad de sus hijos. La conciencia situacional significa estar alerta y saber lo que sucede a su alrededor. Manténgase atento/a de las actividades sospechosas y conozca dónde están los miembros de su familia en todo momento. No se distraiga con su teléfono u otros dispositivos electrónicos, sólo toma un minuto para que un niño desaparezca de su vista. Para obtener más consejos sobre viajes de vacaciones, visite <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521>.



El Grupo de Estudio Bíblico reanudará sus clases el 8 de Enero, 2019. Continuaremos con el estudio de las Cartas de San Pablo.

¡Que pasen unas muy felices Fiestas Navideñas!





## 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.



## Blessed Sacrament Confraternity

The next meeting of the Blessed Sacrament Confraternity will be on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**. Mass is at 8:00 a.m. followed by a catered breakfast in the Parish Hall. Cost of breakfast is \$6.00. Pls. call Teo Ellis @ 323-383-8324 by Sunday, 12-9-18 to reserve.



To celebrate the Season, the School Kindergarten and Pre-K children will serenade us with some Christmas carols.

Fr. Denis Riley will present series one, "Amazed and Afraid", Bishop Robert Barron's presentation on Catholicism. See you all.

## Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read and discuss the book *The Universe is Expanding and so Am I*, a novel by Carolyn Macklin.



We will meet at the Religious Education Building, on **December 29, 2018 at 10:00 am**.



Our Sunday Collection for:

December 2, 2018  
\$16,467.50

Approximate Expenses for the Week  
\$20,474.15



## 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

## 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.



## 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.