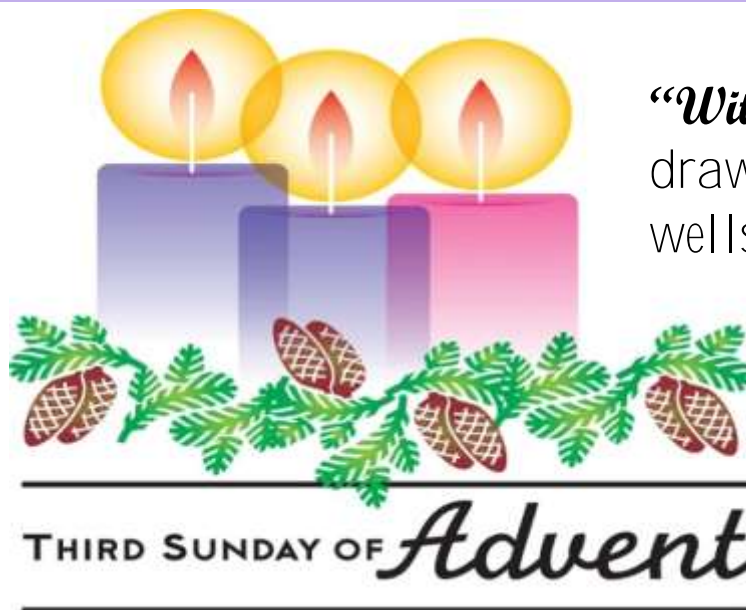


St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

2002 Merton Ave., Los Angeles CA 90041
Email: info@saintdominics.org (323) 254-2519

Webpage: saintdominics.org



*“With joy you will
draw water from the
wells of salvation.”*

Isaiah 12:2-6

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
 RCIA & 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

Sunday	7:30 AM	Rosalia Mangsat, †
	9:00 AM	Elisa Lozano, †
	10:30 AM	Gonzalez and Reyes families, thanksgiving
	12:00 PM	Pro Populo
	1:30 PM	Ariel Perez, Sr.
Monday	5:00 PM	Robert Ellis, birthday
	8:00 AM	Rudolfo Alapag, †
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Emilia and Johnny Blanco, thanksgiving
	8:00 AM	Mary Grace Gumabay, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Souls in purgatory
Wed.	8:00 AM	Avelina and Tito Fuentes Sia, †
	6:00 PM	Wilfredo D. Sibal, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Fely T. Serrano, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Jose Cuenco, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Matthew Snedeker, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
		Alfredo Efren Paredes, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Agapito M. Laqui, †
	5:00 PM	Rudy Quiros, †
		Milagros Encarnacion, birthday
		Deo Gracia Salvo, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Today's Activities

Legion of Mary
Rams vs Eagles Football game
5:00 pm Upper Hall All are invited



This week at a glance

Monday, December 17, 2018

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall
Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall
The Patricians 7:00 PM St. Luke Room

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Legion of Mary
VIRTUS Re-certification 6:30 PM Adult Ed building
RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House
Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall
Spanish Bible Study 7:30 PM St. Mark Room

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

New Bible Study 9:15 AM Parish Hall
Legion of Mary
Confirmation Team 7:00 pm Adult Ed building
Young Adults 7:30 PM St. Mark Room
Guadalupanos 6:30 PM St. Luke Room
Posadas 7:00 PM Lower Hall

Thursday, December 20, 2018

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

Friday, December 21, 2018

Legion of Mary
Simbang-Gabi Mass 7:00 PM
Reception following in Parish Hall
Posadas 7:00 PM Lower Hall

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

COMING EVENTS

December 16-23	Posadas
December 25 & 26	Parish Office Closed
December 31	New Year's Eve Dance

Advent Penance Service

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

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

VIRTUS Recertification Class

There will be a "Keeping the Promise Alive" course offered on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Building. Please register online at www.virtusonline.org.

Individuals whose certification expires in 2019 are eligible for recertification. (If your certification has expired, you will need to take the "Protecting God's Children" Class - the full three-hour course).

To register for recertification you must have completed your last VIRTUS class in 2014 or sooner.

UPDATE ON TOGETHER IN MISSION

Our Goal: \$86,720.00
Amount Pledged: \$75,689.00
Amount still due on Pledges: \$6,643.00
Amount short of our Goal: \$11,031.00

Quote of the Week

Perhaps we are made to wait because we are not yet adequately prepared to receive what God wants to give us. In his remarkable letter to Proba, St. Augustine argued that the purpose of unanswered prayer is to force expansion of the heart. When we don't get what we want, we begin to want it more and more, with ever greater insistence, until our souls are on fire with the desire for it. Bishop Robert Barron, *Vibrant Paradoxes*, p. 271.



Pastor's corner

The *last* thing I am interested in is a capital campaign. However, the repairs that needed to be done on the top floor of the community center, plus the opportunity to do some important seismic retrofitting made this an opportune time to renovate the whole community center building.

But *why* do this? We have many groups needing space for meetings. But what motivates me is our need to focus on evangelization, including training members of the parish to evangelize. Pope Paul VI wrote in an encyclical on evangelization in 1975 *"In the long run, is there any other way of handing on the Gospel than by transmitting to another person one's personal experience of faith? It must not happen that the pressing need to proclaim the Good News to the multitudes should cause us to forget this form of proclamation whereby an individual's personal conscience is reached and touched by an entirely unique word that he receives from someone else."*

I would like to see the community center used as a place where members of our parish are evangelized and learn how to effectively share their faith with people in their lives with whom they have a bridge of trust. I learned about how to do this when I worked as co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute.

Millennials (born between 1981-1996) are much less likely than older Americans to pray, attend church regularly, consider religion to be an important part of their lives, or return to the Church when they marry. Their Baby Boomer parents encouraged them to find their own moral compass, according to Michael Hout, Professor of Sociology at New York University. Millennials are also rejecting institutions like the press, government, businesses and churches. Without learning to "transmit our own experience of faith" and our relationship with Jesus, our churches will be as empty as those in Europe! An even greater tragedy is whole generations will not know the story of God's love, power, healing and forgiveness.

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

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

Facebook: @StDominicYAM

To connect with us, email ya@saintdominics.org.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to help defray the cost of our Christmas Flowers, you could make a \$10 donation, in the name of a loved one.

The names will be put on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.

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

Or call the office to schedule a private tour!

323-255-5803 www.stdominicla.us



DID YOU KNOW?

We are all God's children, and we all need protection

While a major part of preventing sexual abuse and exploitation is aimed at keeping young children safe, the focus and goal of the "Protecting God's Children" program is to keep all people safe, including adults. By knowing the warning signs of different types of abuse and taking action to shut down abuse and offer protection and support, we can help the most vulnerable among us, whoever they may be. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx..>



Jeanne Campoy-DeGuzman is our Queenscare Nurse, She has been a nurse for 41 years and a Parish Nurse at QHFP for 16 years. Her motto is : The Golden Rule. Jeanne provides

assessment, screenings for blood pressure and glucose, health education, and referrals to the Queenscare Clinic or other services as needed by the parishioner. She and Martha, the Community Health Worker provide kind, compassionate, multi-cultural care.

Martha Quezada, CHW has worked for QueensCare for 17 years as a Medical Assistant and Community Health Worker. She loves her work and is very helpful to our Spanish-speaking parishioners by translating and providing health education in Spanish. She, along with Jeanne are here on Thursdays from 8am to 12:30pm (last patient seen at 12n) in the St. Mark's room. Stop by and see them for your healthcare needs...



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.

With the new tax reform in place, the standard deduction nearly doubled, to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for a married couple filing jointly. In order to itemize your donations you need to bunch "allowable" deductions, but not many are left.

Here are two ways to give to charity:

- 1. Donor-Advised Fund:** is a giving vehicle established at a public charity. It allows donors to make large charitable contributions ("bunch method") and take immediate deductions in one year. You can direct or grant the funds to specific causes from the Donor-advised funds over time.
- 2. Charitable Gift Annuity:** is a contract between a donor and a charity. In return for your irrevocable gift to the charity, you get a charitable deduction in the year of the gift, PLUS, a lifetime stream of income. An annuity works well for a retiree who has a charitable intent but may be worried about retirement finances.



Limited number of free vaccines donated by Albertsons/Safeway are available at our local Vons Pharmacy located at 7311 N. Figueroa St.

Pick up a voucher at the parish office and take it to Vons Pharmacy to receive the flu vaccine--free

to those without insurance or access to health care until vouchers are gone!

HORARIO DE LAS POSADAS EN LA PARROQUIA SANTO DOMINGO - 2018

Diciembre 16	Parish Hall	7:00 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



¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente "Domingo *Gaudete*" o de la "Alegoría". El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de "alégrense siempre en el Señor", y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, "la temporada de la alegría". Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

¿SABÍA QUE?

Todos somos hijos de Dios, y todos necesitamos protección

Si bien una parte importante de la prevención del abuso y la explotación sexual está dirigida a mantener a los niños pequeños seguros, el foco y el objetivo del programa "Protegiendo a los niños de Dios" es mantener a todas las personas seguras, incluidos los adultos. Al conocer las señales de advertencia de los diferentes tipos de abuso y al tomar medidas para eliminar el abuso y ofrecer protección y apoyo, podemos ayudar a los más vulnerables entre nosotros, sea quien sea. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS®, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community" (No se olvide de proteger a los adultos vulnerables de su comunidad), visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articulos.aspx>.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Martes:	Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Miércoles:	Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Jueves:	Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes:	Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Sábado:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Domingo:	Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45



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.



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 **our last Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 11:00 p.m.** It will be preceded by a choral and orchestral concert at 10:00 p.m.. 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



Rams vs Eagles
TODAY - Sunday,
December 16
Start time 5:00 pm
Community Center
Upper Hall
All are invited

FREE Pizza and Drinks

Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Group to Begin

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship. It meets for six weeks, at two different dates and times. They will meet on Thursdays and Saturdays beginning on Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 pm and again on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 am.

For more information you can call the parish office at 323-254-2519.



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.**

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.



Our Sunday Collection for:

December 9, 2018
\$16,263.66

Approximate Expenses for the Week
\$20,474.15