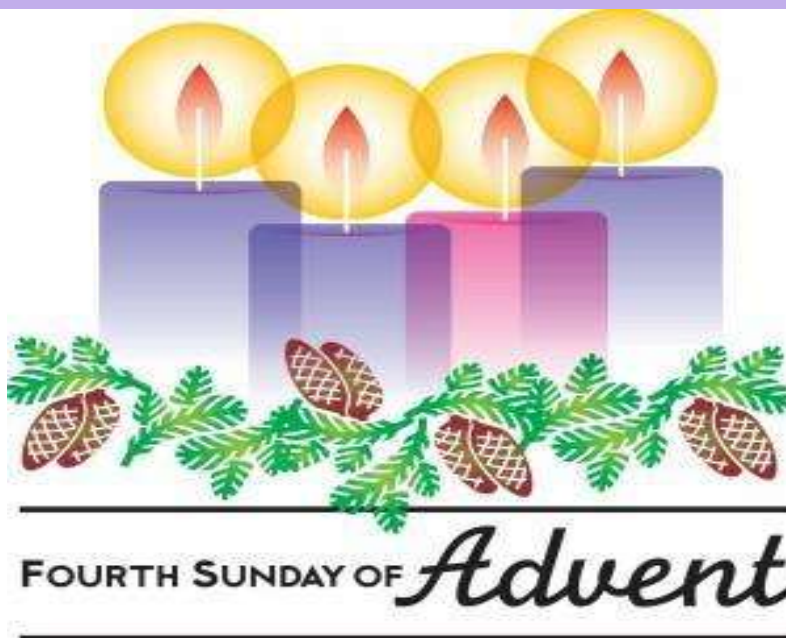


St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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*Blessed are you
among women
and blessed is the
fruit of your womb!*

Luke 1, 39-45

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	Babu Ramos, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Robert Meurer, †
	10:30 AM	Benjamin Peleo Sr., and Dolores Peleo Castro, †
	12:00 PM	Senen Zapanta Jr., †
	1:30 PM	Pro Populo
Monday	5:00 PM	Senen M. Zapanta, †
	8:00 AM	Rafael Hutalla, †
	5:00 PM	Josephine Feliciano, birthday
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Lourdes and Conrado O. Mejia, †
	11:00 PM	Chang Cheng Tun and Ang Kiong Te, †
	8:00 AM	Flora Gilbuena, †
	10:00 AM	Benjamin Huerta, †
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Jocelyn Pijano, †
	1:30 PM	Florence Manning, †
Thursday	9:00 AM	Hermie Bernardo, thanksgiving
	8:00 AM	Celso Cuenca, †
Friday	6:00 PM	Robert Andrei Resurreccion, Thanksgiving
	8:00 AM	Gregorio M. San Agustin, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors
		Corazon Dino, †
		Lilia Conner, †
	Lydia Celaya and Abelina Mendez, †	
	Albino and Teofista Argenal, †	
	Elena Galgo, †	
Saturday	8:00 AM	Angel and Mirna Ramirez, 49th Wedding Anniversary
	5:00 PM	Lolita S. Cabral, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	<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>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]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Today's Activities

Legion of Mary
Posadas

This week at a glance**Monday, December 24, 2018**

The office will close at 12:00 noon today
See Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Office & Facilities Closed
See Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Office and Facilities Closed
One Mass only at 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 27, 2018

QueensCare nurse 8:00 AM
Divine Mercy Ministry 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building
Communion and Liberation 7:00 St. Mark Room
Legion of Mary

Friday, December 28, 2018

Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Fr. Cassian's Book Club 10:00 AM Guadalupe Rm.

COMING EVENTS

December 31 New Year's Eve Dance

Quote of the Week

The entire Bible ends on a note not so much of triumph and completion as longing and expectation: "Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20) From the very beginning of the Christian dispensation, followers of the risen Jesus have been waiting. Paul, Augustine, Chrysostom, Agnes, Aquinas, Clare, Francis, Newman and Weil have all waited for the Second Coming, and hence have all been Advent people. Bishop Robert Barron, *Vibrant Paradoxes*, p. 272

DID YOU KNOW?**Keep an eye on those Christmas candles**

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December — the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean. For more tips, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

Discernment Day with the Corpus Christi Dominican Nuns

The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 19, 2019 at their monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests. For more information and to register visit www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events/ or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and more! The event is free and all meals will be provided.



Pastor's corner

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb.
Luke 1:41

The Parish Pastoral Council has been working for over a year on a pastoral plan for the parish. The process we are using is the same one used by the Western Dominican Province and is an iterative process, meaning that we will be continually evaluating how well we are achieving our goals and modifying or adding to them as we go. The council identified three general areas to focus on initially, the first of which is Hospitality. We know that in an age in which people are leaving the Church, others are also seeking God in the hopes of finding peace, meaning, direction, forgiveness and belonging. The parish staff, independent of the parish council, have also identified Hospitality as an area for improvement, so the Holy Spirit seems to be nudging us in this direction. A few of the ways we'll address this priority are:

- Better signage around the facility to help visitors find their way around;
- A welcome packet and regular gatherings of new parishioners at our Mexican breakfast;
- Greeters in addition to ushers at Mass;
- Information in the bulletin specifically for new members;
- An opportunity to greet people before the beginning of Mass;
- Sending out mailers to new apartments with information about St. Dominic's and our various service projects (HOPE dinner, lunch program, Dolores Mission);

This list is not exhaustive, but gives you an idea of what the Parish Council has recommended after reviewing the results of our surveys and our "town hall" meeting this summer. Look for some of the yellow cards reminding us of this priority!

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!

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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.

Dates & Times: (Place: Guadalupe Room)

Thursdays - 7:30 - 9:30 pm

January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14

Saturdays - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

January 12, 19, 26
February 2, 9, 16

Provincial Chapter

Fr. Michael is a delegate to the Western Dominican Provincial Chapter, which begins January 4 and will last between two to three weeks. Please pray for the twenty friars who will be gathering in chapter to elect a new Provincial and Provincial Council and review the legislation that guides the life of the brothers in the Province.



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!

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.

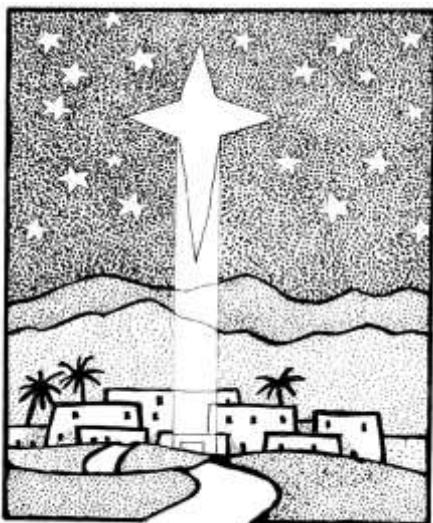
RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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¿SABÍA QUE?

Vigile las velas navideñas

El doce por ciento de los incendios en el hogar causados por velas ocurrirán en diciembre. La combinación de un mayor uso de velas y decoraciones inflamables no es buena, especialmente si las velas no se usan de manera segura. Nunca deje velas encendidas en una habitación en la que no esté alguien o mientras esté durmiendo. Limpie el área antes de encender una vela, asegurándose de que la llama esté contenida, de que no haya nada inflamable cerca y de que la vela esté fuera del alcance de los niños. Si tiene planes de encender su chimenea, revise su chimenea para asegurarse de que esté limpia. Para obtener más consejos, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter/holiday>.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
- Martes: 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]
- Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18
- Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35
- Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52



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

SEVEN FREE GIFTS



GIFTS ARE WONDERFUL, NOT ONLY TO RECEIVE, BUT ALSO TO GIVE .

THERE ARE SEVEN *GIFTS* THAT ANY-ONE CAN GIVE BECAUSE THEY

ARE **FREE**.....

THE GIFT OF PRAISE. GIVING SOMEONE A SENSE OF THEIR OWN WORTH THROUGH A SINCERE COMPLIMENT.

THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING GIVING A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO A HEART THAT IS HURTING.

THE GIFT OF CONCESSION GIVING OTHERS THE RIGHT TO BE RIGHT, SOMETIMES YOU WIN BY NOT WINNING.

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE. GIVING A "THANK YOU" THAT CAN BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY.



THE GIFT OF ATTENTION GIVING YOUR UNDIVIDED INTEREST, ATTENTION AND TIME, NO MATTER WHAT THE DISTRACTIONS.

THE GIFT OF INSPIRATION GIVING A POSITIVE THOUGHT THAT UPLIFTS AND ENCOURAGES ANOTHER IN LIFE.

THE GIFT OF PERSONAL PRESENCE. GIVING YOURSELF TO BE WITH SOMEONE TO SHARE A MOMENT.

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 Guadalupe Room (formerly called the Religious Education Building), on **December 29, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

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 to sign up to have these videos delivered to you each day. Don't forget our parish code: Q77WZR.