

# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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## 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**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM  1:30 PM 5:00 PM	Noel Lorca, birthday Mr. Leonor Maralit, † Gertrude Rickert, birthday Catherine and Joseph Carreon, thanksgiving Anita de los Reyes, † Pro populo
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM  6:00 PM	Bautista, Mangalis and Ferguson families  Ana Parker and family
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM	Mary Marquez, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Del Sipin Robert De Velasco
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Jonathan Lagmay Bob Brown, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors Rocky Wuthrich, Sr., † Marvin "Doddy" Bondoc, † Flora and Erlinda Ramirez, † Joaquin Jack Urbayo, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Benedicto B. Esguerra, birthday Michael and George Cerda, birthdays

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Today's Activities

Legion of Mary  
 Second Collection Today for our own  
 St. Vincent de Paul (Last Collection for 2018)

## This week at a glance

### Monday, December 31, 2018

New Year's Eve Dance 7:00 PM Parish Hall

### Tuesday, January 1, 2018

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



### Wednesday, January 2, 2018

Legion of Mary  
 Confirmation Year One 7:00 PM Lower Hall  
 Confirmation Year Two 7:00 PM Upper Hall  
 Health Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM St. Mark Room

### Thursday, January 3, 2018

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

### Friday, January 4, 2018

Legion of Mary  
 Grupo de Oracion 7:00 PM St. Luke Room

### Saturday, January 5, 2018

Fingerprinting 9:00 AM Adult Ed building  
 Dominican Film Club 6:30 PM CC Upper Hall  
 Legion of Mary 10:30 AM St. Luke Room

## COMING EVENTS

January 13	Mexican Breakfast
January 19	VIRTUS class
January 27	Filipino Breakfast

## Happy New Year!

As we prepare to celebrate Mary, Mother of God, and another revolution around the sun, the Dominican friars and Sisters of Notre Dame wish you and your family a very blessed and safe New Year. May 2019 see us all increase in our desire to do the will of God, which is always for our good, and may our love for Jesus and gratitude for his humble self-sacrifice on the cross increase our trust in Him. God bless us all!

## New Year's Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation in the Province of Los Angeles. We will have a vigil Mass for the solemnity on Monday, December 31 at 6 p.m. and one Mass on New Year's Day at 9 a.m. The office and all the facilities will be closed on New Year's Day.

## Merry Christmas!

Our parish has subscribed for another year to the dynamic online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will continue to have unlimited access to the best Catholic e-books, talks, videos and movies on any device, including your computer, smartphone, and tablet. There is no cost to you. This is the parish's Christmas gift to you that you can use throughout the year.

With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive bible studies on a variety of topics and inspiring audio talks. You'll find presenters like Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Scott Hahn, Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Tim Gray, Chris Stefanik and many more.

## Here's how you get connected to FORMED.

Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). You should see the registration box for parishioners. Now type in the parish code: Q77WZR (which is case sensitive). Set up a username, whatever username you'll remember, and a password. You can keep it simple now and change it later if you want. Now you are all set to use all the great Catholic programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in to <https://saintdominics.formed.org/>!

You can also use the FORMED app on your iPhone or Android and enjoy all the great Catholic content on FORMED, anytime, anywhere.

## Quote of the Week

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms. St Augustine



## *Pastor's corner*

On the 3rd of January, I will leave for Oakland, CA as a delegate to the 26<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter of the Western Dominican Province. This meeting is an essential part of governance within the Dominican Order. Every elected prior in the Province is a delegate, along with other delegates elected by the friars. There will be 20 delegates at the chapter, which will likely last two to three weeks. The structure of the Chapter is prescribed in our Constitutions and the Acts of previous Chapters. It begins with the invocation of the Holy Spirit and a three-day retreat.

Then the delegates are divided into four commissions which examine the legislation that guides our life, specifically in four areas: the Following of Christ, the Formation of the Brethren, Government, and Economic Administration. Oral reports are then given by ten different leaders in the Province, including the Provincial, the Novice and Student Masters, the President of our graduate school (Fr. Peter Rogers, OP!) and others. In addition, I have already received a dozen written reports to study before I leave.

After hearing about the state of the Province, the delegates caucus in preparation for the election of a new Provincial. Fr. Mark Padrez, OP, has been Provincial for two terms and thus, according to our Constitutions, cannot be re-elected. The new Provincial's name will be sent to Rome for approval by the Master of the Dominican Order. The next order of business is the election of a group called the diffinitors, a group of six friars who will, at the end of the Chapter, review the work of the Chapter and make recommendations to the Provincial for appointments to positions in the Province. The diffinitors are part of the new Council that advises the Provincial. Six more councilors are elected, as well, but are not part of the diffinitorium.

The commissions will review suggested legislation proposed by members, communities, or ministry groups in the Province, and, when ready, present their conclusions and resolutions to the whole chapter for discussion and for voting on whether to approve the legislation and make it binding on the members of the Province.

According to our Constitutions, the Chapter can last as long as a month, and even be extended for an additional fifteen days. However, our Provincial Chapters tend to last no longer than 2-3 weeks.

Please pray for me while I am away, and for the members of the chapter to be docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You will be in my prayers, as well. While I am gone you will be in the capable hands of Fr. Francis and Fr. Thomas. Fr. Cassian, the sub-prior of the Dominican community, will be acting superior in my absence. Please pray for them, as well, who will have extra work to do in my absence.

## 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)



## 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.

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. (We have 8 left).

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.

## EN EL HOGAR ESTÁ LA FAMILIA

La idea, el sueño y la realidad de lo que es familia es tan fuerte y perdurable que lo usamos para describir lo mejor de las relaciones humanas. Hablamos de una familia de naciones, de nuestra familia eclesial y parroquial. El mejor halago que podemos dar a un amigo o amable anfitrión es decirle que nos sentimos como en casa con su compañía, que nos sentimos parte de la familia.

Las familias son el primer crisol en el que se prueba y se fortalece el amor. Jesús mismo fue una de tres personas que vivía a la sombra del otro. Esta familia, como la nuestra, no siempre "lo hacía todo bien", pero siempre trataba. Estos tres amateurs celebraban un día de fiesta, y uno de ellos se perdió. Los otros dos se preocuparon bastante y se esforzaron grandemente para encontrar al tercero, un niño después de todo, que siempre buscaba el significado de su llamado. Encontró su vocación –hacer la obra del Padre– pero también volvió a casa con sus padres.

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## LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o *Sirácide* 3:2-7, 12-14.

Salmo — Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o *Salmo* 128(127).

Segunda lectura — Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o *Colosenses* 3:12-21 [12-17].

Evangelio — José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros (Lucas 2:41-52).

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## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El primer domingo después de la Navidad celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Los latinos somos un pueblo muy unido en familia. Para nosotros es más que un pequeño grupo compuesto de padre, madre, hijos e hijas. La familia para nosotros los latinos es un conjunto grande de abuelos, abuelas, tíos, tías, primos, primas, compadres, comadres, suegros, suegras y otros más además del padre, la madre y los hijos. Para los latinos una fiesta que celebra la familia de Jesús es la cosa más natural del mundo.

Extrañamente esta fiesta no es muy antigua. En realidad es una celebración que data de comienzos de la época moderna en el siglo XVII. Antes de estas fechas la familia de Jesús casi siempre era entendida como compuesta por Jesús, María y Ana (la madre de María). Se daba por hecho que José estaba por allí. Pero en el siglo XVII muchos perdieron sus padres pues tenían que ir a las fábricas a trabajar. Por eso el magisterio instituyó la conmemoración de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José para recordar a los padres cristianos su deber ante sus hijos y su esposa.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Martes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Viernes: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sábado: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



**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.



**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](http://saintdominics.org/young-adults) Facebook: @StDominicYAM To connect with us, email [ya@saintdominics.org](mailto:ya@saintdominics.org).



St. Dominic's QueensCare Parish Nurse is Jeanne Campoy-De Guzman, RN. Parish Nurse hours are 8am to 12:30 pm, last patient is at 12 noon.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Always keep your blind spots in mind**

Each week, more than 50 children are killed or injured when a driver backs up the car. In an overwhelming number of those cases, a parent, relative, or close friend is behind the wheel. It's devastating to think that a simple action could cause such harm to your child, but it happens far too frequently. Be aware of your 'blind spots' when you're behind the wheel — those areas you know are there, but can't see clearly from your mirrors. Check out what's happening around your vehicle before you get in. Make sure you know where your children are before you start your car. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "A Preventable Accident," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

VIRTUS

**"Protecting God's Children"**

January 19, 2019

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

If you would like to volunteer for the Church, and have not taken the Virtus Class, one is being offered on January 19. This is the full Virtus 3 hour class. This information has been given to the Archdiocese to be made available to other parishes. The class has limited space so it is important that you register as soon as possible. Registration must be made on line.

If you have let your Virtus lapse, (have not renewed within the 4 year period) then this is the class you need to take to become active again. Please sign up as soon as possible.



Our Sunday Collection for:

December 16, 2018  
\$16,764.00



Approximate Expenses for the Week  
\$20,474.15

**Online giving made easy for the**

**Fr. Paul Scanlon, O.P., Community Center**  
Interested in making your campaign gift/pledge online?

Go to <https://saintdominics.org/donate> or call the Parish Office 323-254-2519 to learn more.