

# 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. Roberto Corral, OP, Pastor Pro Tempore  
 Rev. Francis Goode, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Thomas Saucier, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Prior (retired)  
 Rev. Jude Eli, OP, In residence  
 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  
 Jacque 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:**

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 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	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Anita M. Hermogeno, †
	10:30 AM	Ulidan Morales Afalla, †
	12:00 PM	Yolanda Felipe, †
	1:30 PM	Jorge Calderon Zavala, †
	5:00 PM	Ashley A. Abad, †
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Sadeeqa Razooqi, †
	6:00 PM	Olga Loya, Birthday
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Pedro and Fatima Velasco, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Eduardo del Rosario, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Franco Pallasigue, †
	6:00 PM	Marshall Martin Nunn, †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Eugenio Villazor, †
	6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Bonifacio Uy
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and benefactors Leon and Luz Castillo and family, † Tomas V. Santos, † Eugene Edward Fabiero, † Charlotte Kay Brown, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Hermie Lavilla, birthday
	5:00 PM	Juan S. Valencia, †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Today's Activities**

Blood Pressure Screening  
 Legion of Mary  
 St. Vincent de Paul

**This week at a glance ...**

**Monday, April 1, 2019**

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM CC Upper Hall  
 Stations of the Cross in Spanish 7:00 in church

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

Spanish Bible Study 7:30 PM St. Mark Room  
 RCIA 7:00 pm in the Adult Ed House  
 Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

Bible Study - Story of Salvation 9:15 AM Parish Hall  
 Legion of Mary  
 Young Adult adoration time in church 7:00 PM,  
 Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building  
 RICA 7:00 PM St. Catherine Room (in Spanish)  
 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  
 Hispanos en Accion 7:30 PM Adult Ed House

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

QueensCare nurse St. Mark Room 8:00 AM  
 Divine Mercy 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building  
 Communion and Liberation 7:00 pm St. Mark  
 Bereavement Group 7:30 PM Guadalupe Room

**Friday, April 5, 2019**

Light of Jesus Prayer Community 7:00 PM Adult Ed  
 English Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM in church  
 Grupo de Oracion 7:00 PM St. Luke Room

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Children's Faith Formation Classes 9:00 AM  
 Lent Retreat (in Spanish) 8:30 AM Parish Hall  
 Legion of Mary Day of Recollection 9:00 am  
 Upper & Lower Hall - Community Center  
 Filipino Ministry 10:00 am St. Mark Room

**COMING EVENTS**

<b>April 7</b>	<b>Catholic Relief Collection</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Holy Land Collection</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

**Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection, next week, April 7, and help Jesus in disguise.**

Your donations help our brothers and sisters In the United States feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees, through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants, through the Catholic Legal Immigration network, Inc.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers, through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

And Around The World give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger, through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services.

Envelopes will be put in the pews. Your donation can be put in with your regular collection.

**FORMED KIOSK IS NOW OPEN**

The FORMED kiosk will be in the church vestibule after Sunday masses. Volunteers are on hand to assist you choose from a variety of English and Spanish resources such as inspirational books, religious CDs, prayer booklets and more. Please stop by and know more about our Catholic faith.

**Season of Hope - Bereavement Group**

The Bereavement Group is meeting again. They meet on Thursday evenings. They will Continue to meet until April 4.

7:30 pm  
 Guadalupe Room



A Message from Fr. Roberto

Pleasure or Happiness?

Which do you prefer: pleasure or happiness? Many of us would probably choose pleasure. Why? Because pleasure tends to be based on instant gratification, and it is usually easy to achieve. For example, eating a wonderful meal or a decadent dessert, getting a massage, reading a great book or seeing a great movie or listening to your favorite music are all things that can give us pleasure.

Happiness, on the other hand, is not so instantaneous or easy to achieve; it usually takes time and hard work on our part. Think of some things that bring you happiness; for example, having a meaningful relationship with someone, being in good shape, seeing your kids succeed, etc. Not so easy, correct? So, pleasure is easier, but happiness lasts a lot longer. Pleasure is not a bad thing; in fact, it is often a good thing. But it can become a distraction to our spiritual growth and a real problem in our lives if we make pleasure our first priority or an end in itself.

You and I were made primarily for happiness not just for pleasure, and the transformation we speak about as Christians – especially during Lent – leads to happiness but not necessarily to pleasure. God wants you to be happy, but in order to find that happiness you have to do the hard work of giving up serving yourself and of seeking pleasure at all costs.

**Throughout the Bible, we are often presented with a choice: choose God and God’s ways and you will find happiness and life; choose yourself and choose the pleasures of the world and you will eventually find unhappiness and spiritual death.** This is the meaning behind the challenge that Jesus gives when he says: **“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (Matthew 16:24-25). For Jesus, “saving your life” means saving your false self and putting your ego first.** It may give you short-term pleasure to do that, but in the long run you will lose any kind of life that is worth living.



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The way of your false self is the way of pleasure. The way of Jesus is the way of transformation and happiness. It takes lots of hard work, but it is oh so worth it. So, what do you really desire: pleasure or happiness, yourself or Jesus, death or life? What you truly desire is what you will eventually get. So, this Lent, pray for the desire to desire the right thing.



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Help defray the cost of our Easter Flowers by making a \$10 donation in the name of a loved one. Print the name, clearly, on an envelope or paper and deposit in the collection or the parish office. **These names will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.**



Collection  
March 24, 2019  
\$13,753.50

Approximate Expenses for the  
Week  
\$20,474.15



- > **The Health Ministry, in collaboration with QueensCare Health and Faith Partnership held our third Health Fair on Saturday, February 16th. The education and screenings offered addressed the top 10 health concerns in our community. It was a great success!**
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- > We had 200+ people pass through and the following free screenings and services were conducted:
  - > ~American Heart Association - 15 blood pressures and 20 attendees at Dr. Megan Loo's Heart Health and Hypertension Talk
  - > ~Dr. Shapiro - lots of chiropractic screenings and 13 referrals
  - > ~LA County Dept of Health - 52 hands- free return CPR demos and lots of materials
  - > ~Adventist Health Glendale - 95 stroke surveys and 75 carotid ultrasounds
  - > ~Jennifer Robles, OTR -4 cane, 2 walker, 2 backpack fittings, and 11 attendees at her Caring for the Caregiver talk
  - > ~Northeast Mental Health Services - 1 family assessment and lots of information
  - > ~Councilman Huizar's office - 200 reusable grocery bags (some of which will be used by a Girl Scout to support the homeless)
  - > ~QueensCare - 75 osteoporosis and 63 cholesterol/blood glucose testing (the HM funds previously raised by the Silent Auction paid for testing supplies at \$10/person)
  - > ~Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital Wound Care Center - 45 peripheral neuropathy testing (plus 100 reusable grocery bags)
  - > ~USC Verdugo Hills Hospital - 72 stroke and risk assessments and lots of flyers on free healthy eating seminar
  - > ~Walmart Pharmacy - 20 vaccinations (shingles, TDAP, flu, Hepatitis A&B, MMR, pneumonia)
  - > ~Sean Ramirez Social Media Impact on our Children - 18 participants
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- > Three stories demonstrate the impact of this event on individuals and families:
  - > ~A school child brought his grandmother and listened while she was educated and screened for stroke...so he could help her.
  - > ~A man wasn't feeling well so a parishioner told him to come to the Health Fair. He came, was screened, and referred for treatment of a TIA (mini-stroke).
  - > ~A family drove from Santa Clarita for the family mental health assessment when friends called and told them about the services. They said the information received will help their family member get better treatment and keep them from going to the ER so much.
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- > Our deep gratitude goes to the community agencies who provided free education, materials, giveaways, screenings, and referrals. Thank you to the Light of Jesus ministry for preparing and serving food and refreshments; Dave and Aiden for help setting up; Sir Michael's for late night installation of the banner over Colorado Blvd; Councilman Huizar's office; students from two schools of nursing (west Coast University and LA County College of Nursing) parish office staff; and the time, talents, and treasure of countless volunteers.

**Vía Crucis en Español - Cuaresma 2019**

El Vía Crucis en Español se rezará los siguientes Lunes y Miércoles de Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. aquí en la iglesia :

Lunes 1 de Abril

Lunes 8 de Abril

Lunes 15 de Abril

Educación para la salud en español y Presión Arterial después de la misa en español el domingo 7 de abril, de 2:45 pm a 3:45 pm.

Después de la presentación "Salud del corazón e hipertensión", por Marina Pulido, Se tomará presión arterial para los que deseen.

En el Edificio de Educación para Adultos.

**Retiro Cuaresmal**

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Sábado 6 de abril: 8:30 AM-5:30PM

Domingo 7 de abril: 8:30 AM-1:30PM

Lugar: Salón Parroquial

Cooperación para material: \$5.00

*Por favor trae alimentos para compartir (potluck)*

Es necesario que confirmes tu asistencia con la Hna. Lidya Hernandez, O.P. o en la oficina parroquial.

**TE ESPERAMOS!**

**Mensaje de P. Roberto**

¿El Placer o La Felicidad?

¿Qué prefieres: el placer o la felicidad? Muchos de nosotros probablemente elegiríamos el placer. ¿Por qué? Porque el placer tiende a basarse en la gratificación instantánea, y por lo general es fácil de lograr. Por ejemplo, comer una comida maravillosa o un postre riquísimo, recibir un masaje, leer un buen libro o ver una gran película o escuchar tu música favorita son todas cosas que nos pueden dar placer.

La felicidad, por otro lado, no es tan instantáneo o fácil de lograr; por lo general toma tiempo y trabajo duro de nuestra parte. Piensa en algunas cosas que te hacen feliz; por ejemplo, tener una relación significativa con alguien, estar en buena forma, ver que tus hijos llegan a tener éxito, etc. No es tan fácil,

¿verdad? Así, el placer es más fácil, pero la felicidad dura mucho más tiempo. El placer no es algo malo; de hecho, a menudo es una buena cosa. Pero puede convertirse en una distracción para nuestro crecimiento espiritual y un problema real en nuestra vida si hacemos placer un fin en sí mismo o nuestra primera prioridad.

Tú y yo fuimos creados principalmente por la felicidad no sólo por el placer, y la transformación de la que hablamos como cristianos – sobre todo durante la Cuaresma – lleva a la felicidad, pero no necesariamente al placer. Dios quiere que seas feliz, pero para encontrar esa felicidad tienes que hacer el trabajo duro de renunciar a servirse a ti mismo y de la búsqueda del placer a toda costa.

A lo largo de la Biblia, a menudo se nos presenta una opción: elegir a Dios y a los caminos de Dios y encontrarás la felicidad y la vida; elegir a ti mismo y elegir a los placeres del mundo y tarde o temprano encontrarás la infelicidad y la muerte espiritual. Este es el significado del desafío que Jesús implica cuando dice: **“El que quiera seguirme, que renuncie a sí mismo, cargue con su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera asegurar su vida la perderá, pero el que sacrifique su vida por causa mía, la hallará” (Mateo 16, 24-25).** Para Jesús, **"asegurar su vida" significa salvar tu "yo falso" y poner primero tu ego. Te puede dar placer a corto plazo, pero en el largo plazo perderás cualquier tipo de vida que vale la pena vivir.**

El camino de tu yo falso es el camino del placer. El camino de Jesús es el camino de la transformación y de la felicidad. Se necesita mucho trabajo duro, pero sí vale la pena. Así que, ¿qué es lo que realmente deseas: el placer o la felicidad, a ti mismo o a Jesús, la muerte o la vida? Lo que realmente deseas es lo que eventualmente conseguirás. Por lo tanto, en esta Cuaresma, ora por el deseo de desear lo correcto.



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April showers bring ??? The SVdP truck of course. Bundle Sunday is **Sunday April 28, 2019**. The truck will be parked right here at St. Dominic in the parking lot and you can drop your bundles off.

A lovely Lenten practice is to start a bag for bundle Sunday. Each week place items such as clothing, shoes etc. that you **really do not use or need** in the bag. Your bag will be ready when the truck rolls up on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The store does not accept baby carriers or car seats. There is also not room in the truck for really large items. Please call **1 800 974-3571** to schedule a pick up for large items such as refrigerators, sofas or exercise machines. SVdP is a 501C 3 charity so items are tax deductible.

**Please start bundling for Sunday April 28, 2019.**

**Health Education in Spanish and BPs following the Spanish mass on Sunday, April 7th 2:45 to 3:45 pm, Adult Ed Building**

Hold the date and come after mass for the "Spanish Heart Health and Hypertension" talk by Marina Pulido, senior nursing student from the University of San Francisco, Orange County campus.

Blood pressure checks will be conducted following the presentation.

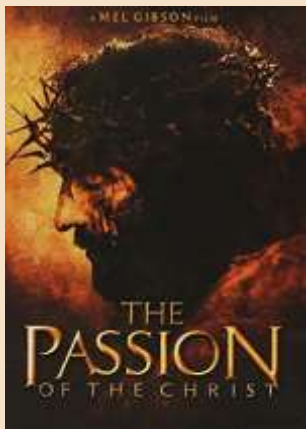


St. Dominic's QueensCare Parish Nurse is Jeanne Campoy-De Guzman, RN. Parish Nurse hours are 8am to 12:30 pm, last patient is at 12 noon.

**Together in Mission**  
Parish Goal: \$88,900.00

If you and your family have not had the opportunity to make your pledge, I ask that you complete a pledge card found in the pews, or make your pledge online by visiting [www.archla.org/give](http://www.archla.org/give).

Your gifts to **Together in Mission** ensure that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to a Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support **Together in Mission**.



**DOMINICAN FILM CLUB**  
**Saturday, April 13th, 6:30 pm**  
presents  
**"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"**

Now every 2ND SATURDAY NIGHT EACH MONTH, all are welcome for a screening and discussion of a movie. This month join us for our second annual Lenten screening of Mel Gibson's 2004 epic THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST. This prayerful and powerful

biblical drama stars Jim Caviezel as Christ, and chronicles the final twelve hours of his life, ending with his passion and death on Calvary. Watch with us on **Saturday, April. 13th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Adult Ed. Building**. This screening is a great way to begin Passion week as we draw closer to the Lord in contemplation of the great Lenten Mystery.