

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:

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	V. Velasco and Sons, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Mari Lou Agustin, †
	10:30 AM	Anna Wood and Family, thanksgiving
	12:00 PM	Pro Populo
	1:30 PM	Luis Antonio Calero, †
	5:00 PM	Godofredo Castillo, Sr., †
Monday	8:00 AM	Diane Hoffner, †
	6:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Arnold and Mary Grace Gumabay, Wedding Anniversary
	6:00 PM	Maxima Pipo Cardenas, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Richard and Victor Alabanza, †
	6:00 PM	Miguel Huerta-Rivera, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Dr. Mariano M. Ordonez, Jr., †
	6:00 PM	Hermogenes Orijuela, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Eumelia Guzman, birthday
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, Friends and benefactors David L. Trotter, † Maria Trinidad Segura, † Alva Marie Argonza, † Norman Camp, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 PM	Alfredo and Concepcion Henriquez., †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or
 (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
 Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

Today's Activities

St. Vincent De Paul Bundle Sunday
 Divine Mercy Sunday 5:00 PM Mass followed by
 reception in the parish hall.

This week at a glance ...

Monday, April 29, 2019

Soul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall
 The Patricians 7:00 PM St. Luke Room
 Evening Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Legion of Mary
 Bible Study - Story of Salvation 9:15 AM
 Parish Hall
 Young Adult adoration time in church 7:00 PM,
 Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building
 RICA 7:30 PM Guadalupe Room
 Hispanos en Accion 7:30 PM Adult Ed House
 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, May 2, 2019

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

Friday, May 3, 2019

Grupo de Oracion 7:30 PM St. Luke Room
 Light of Jesus Prayer Community 7:00 PM
 Adult Ed Building

Saturday, May 4, 2019

First Communions in church
 Legion of Mary

COMING EVENTS

May 26 Filipino Breakfast
June 9 Fr. Cassian's 50th Anniversary
 Celebration

Did you Know?

Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training

Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained about 330,000 adults to *proactively* protect children and young people from child sexual abuse and reporting misconduct. In addition, over 165,000 children and young people receive safe environment training annually. In 2018, the Office of Safeguard the Children launched its new "Empowering God's Children & Young People" Program, which empowers children and young people by giving them the knowledge and tools to keep themselves safe and teaches them to tell a parent, guardian or safe adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or confuse. For more information, visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.



St. Vincent de Paul
 TODAY is Bundle Sunday
 April 28 - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

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.

The Mother's Day Dance, on May 18, sponsored by the Hispanos en Accion, has been cancelled.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Thanks

Thanks to so many of you who helped out in one way or another during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It is so heartening to see your generosity and goodness in serving others. From planning, organizing and setting up all the special events these last couple of months, to ministering and jumping in when needed, to cleaning up afterward, you are dedicated, hardworking and inspiring. Whether helping during our special liturgies or social events and fundraisers, in the public eye or behind the scenes, we simply could not do all we do without you – Thank you and God bless you!

I also want to thank our parish and school staffs for their energy, creativity and dedication and who give even more than usual during these intensely busy and demanding holy days. A special thanks to my Dominican brothers for their preaching and teaching, their leadership, their ministry at the altar, in the confessional and in visiting the sick, and for their brotherhood and support.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your deep faith which is so evident during this holy season, for attending our special celebrations, and for your many words of encouragement, prayers, gifts, cards and good wishes. It is a joy to celebrate our faith in the risen Lord Jesus with you here at St. Dominic's.

We Cannot Control God

During the Easter season, our Gospels recount the various resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus to his followers. Some of the common elements of these appearances are that Jesus seems to come out of nowhere, is not recognizable at first and then leaves as suddenly as he appeared. Even though his disciples are overjoyed at seeing the risen Lord, they are also often frightened, puzzled and even disturbed.

Similarly, when Jesus breaks into our lives suddenly – whether at joyful moments or in times of crisis and struggle – we too can be perplexed and unsettled. Perhaps we need to remember what the apostles had to learn for themselves: the risen Jesus is not under our control. He comes and goes in our lives according to a script not of our making or choosing – he is

beyond our control, certainly beyond our manipulation, and we just cannot figure Him out at times. The older I get and the more experienced I become, the more I believe that our God is good, loving and forgiving; but also the more I realize that God is mysterious. Jesus tries to explain to Nicodemus in the following passage from the Gospel of John that God is like the wind which we cannot control: *"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit (Chapter 3, vs. 8)."* Sometimes we delude ourselves into thinking we have a better idea of how, when, where and why God should work in our lives. However, we have to remember, God is the potter; we are only the clay in his hands (see Jeremiah 18:1-6).

While we cannot control God, we can be sure of his loving presence, especially during difficult times. The loving, forgiving, non-judgmental presence of the risen Lord is one of the most consistent and important elements of all his resurrection appearances. And just as he was present, loving and understanding toward his confused and fearful disciples 2,000 years ago, so he is toward us today. Jesus never promised his followers answers to their questions or solutions to their problems. He simply invited them to follow him, to enter into the mystery of faith, and to take a leap into the darkness with him. During this Easter season, we rejoice that Jesus is risen from the dead and that we too can overcome our struggles and find new life and new possibilities. And, even though we do not always understand God's ways, let us pray for the faith to trust that God knows what he is doing, and **"let go and let God."**



<http://christianculturecenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Jesus-Is-Alive.jpg>



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Goodbye St. Dominic's

With a heavy heart I have to announce I will be leaving St. Dominic's Parish June 15th to return to Chicago and the Central Province of St. Albert the Great. My time in the Western Province of the Holy Name of Jesus has been spiritually beneficial and sustaining, but I need to return to my own province. My time in Tucson and Los Angeles have been ministerially rewarding whether with college students at the University of Arizona or here. I will begin teaching again in the fall, returning to Fenwick High School, a place I taught from 2000 – 2006. While I have enjoyed my ministries in between I have always missed teaching. So returning to something I love will be a blessing. I have come to believe that young people need a good and positive influence on their moral development and I feel adequate to the task ahead.

St. Dominic's is a wonderful parish! I have experienced love and acceptance here in a way I have never experienced prior. There is lots of hope here and potential. I have great confidence in the future with the pastoral staff and the Dominican friars who do so much for the parish community. There is a spirit of generosity that I pray will continue to flourish among you. You have much to offer. The parish is a gift.

Thank you for welcoming me. I will miss you all. God bless you and continue to follow the gospel that leads us all to salvation.

Father Thomas

SAINT DOMINIC'S BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive to benefit the
Children's Hospital in Los Angeles,
Sunday, May 19 - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Saint Dominic's Parish Hall
2002 Merton Ave., Los Angeles

To Register: Sign up after mass, April 27-28, in the Parish office or
See Appointments Link below (Link can be found on the St. Dominic website landing page)

<https://www.chladonateblood.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=3249&opidh=A5A57D834744C6FE0C25116CF925B6D4&idt=43558.7939236>

Donor must be over 18 years old or 17 years old with completed parental consent packet
Donor must weigh at least 110 pounds. (17 year olds must weigh over 120 pounds)
Donors PLEASE eat a hearty, low fat meal before donating blood.
Donors must present a valid picture I.D.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Agradecimientos para Cuaresma, Semana Santa y Pascua

Gracias a tantos de ustedes que ayudaron de una u otra manera durante la Cuaresma, Semana Santa y Pascua. Es tan alentador ver su generosidad y bondad al servir a los demás. Desde la planificación, organización y preparación para todos los eventos especiales de estos últimos meses, a ministrar y ofrecerse cuando sea necesario, a la limpieza después, ustedes son dedicados, trabajadores e inspiradores. Ya sea ayudando durante nuestras liturgias especiales o en eventos sociales o para la recaudación de fondos, en frente de todos o en el fondo, simplemente no podríamos hacer todo lo que hacemos sin ustedes – ¡gracias y Dios los bendiga!

También quiero agradecer a nuestro equipo pastoral de la parroquia y de la escuela por su energía, creatividad y dedicación y que dan aún más de lo normal durante estos tiempos especiales que son intensamente ocupados y exigentes. Unas gracias especiales a mis hermanas y hermanos dominicos por su predicación, enseñanza y su liderazgo, por su servicio en el altar, en el confesionario, en la comunidad y por su hermandad y apoyo.

Finalmente, gracias a todos ustedes por su profunda fe que es tan evidente durante esta temporada santa, por asistir a nuestras celebraciones, y por sus muchas palabras de aliento, oraciones, regalos, comida, bebida, tarjetas y buenos deseos. Es una alegría celebrar nuestra fe en el Señor Jesús resucitado con ustedes aquí en Santo Domingo.



<http://inlaquesh.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/pascuas.jpg>

No Podemos Controlar a Dios



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Durante el tiempo de Pascua, nuestros Evangelios narran las varias apariciones a sus seguidores de Jesús resucitado. Algunos de los elementos comunes de estas apariciones son que Jesús aparece de la nada, no se reconoce al principio y luego se va tan repentinamente como apareció. Aunque sus discípulos se llenan de alegría al ver al Señor resucitado, a menudo también están asustados, desconcertados e incluso perturbados. De manera similar, cuando Jesús interviene en nuestras vidas repentinamente – ya sea en momentos de alegría o en momentos de crisis y lucha – también nosotros podemos quedarnos perplejos e inquietos. Tal vez tenemos que recordar lo que los apóstoles tuvieron que aprender por sí mismos: el Jesús resucitado no está bajo nuestro control. Viene y va en nuestras vidas de acuerdo con un plan que no es de nuestra creación o elección: está fuera de nuestro control, ciertamente más allá de nuestra manipulación, y simplemente no lo podemos entender a veces.

Cuanto más viejo soy y cuanto más experiencia tengo, más creo que nuestro Dios es bueno, amoroso y clemente; pero también más me doy cuenta de que él es un Dios misterioso. Jesús trata de explicar a Nicodemo en el siguiente pasaje del Evangelio de Juan que Dios es como el viento que no podemos controlar: *“El viento sopla por donde quiere, y oyes su sonido, pero no sabes de dónde viene ni adónde va; así es todo aquél que es nacido del Espíritu” (capítulo 3, vs.8)*. A veces nos engañamos a nosotros mismos al pensar que tenemos una mejor idea de cómo, cuándo, dónde y por qué Dios debe obrar en nuestras vidas. Sin embargo, debemos recordar que Dios es el alfarero; no somos más que el barro en sus manos (véase Jeremías 18: 1-6).

Si bien no podemos controlar a Jesús, de todos modos podemos estar seguros de su presencia amorosa, especialmente en tiempos difíciles. Esta presencia amorosa del Señor resucitado que perdona y no juzga es el elemento más consistente e importante de todas sus apariciones después de la resurrección. Y así como él estaba presente, amoroso y comprensivo hacia sus discípulos confundidos y temerosos hace 2,000 años, así lo es hacia nosotros hoy. Pidámosle entonces, por la fe de confiar que Dios sabe lo que hace, y dejemos que Dios actúe en nuestras vidas como Él quiera. Jesús nunca les prometió a sus seguidores respuestas a sus preguntas o soluciones a sus problemas. Simplemente los invitó a seguirlo, a entrar en el misterio de la fe y dar un salto a la oscuridad con él. Durante este tiempo de Pascua, nos regocijamos de que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos y que nosotros también podemos vencer nuestras luchas y encontrar una nueva vida y nuevas posibilidades. Y, aunque no siempre comprendamos los caminos de Dios, recemos por una fe que confíe en que Dios sabe lo que está haciendo, y “soltarnos las riendas.”

Season of Hope -
Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group will meet again for 6 weeks beginning May 2nd.

They meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm
In the Guadalupe Room



Collection

April 7, 2019 - \$16,086.00
April 14, 2019 - \$18,376.34
April 21, 2019 - \$33,150.00
(Easter)
Holy Land - \$2,192.00

for



Approximate Expenses
the Week

\$20,474.15

CPR/AED/First Aid Class May 11th

A community CPR/AED/First Aid class (not healthcare provider BLS) will be held on Saturday May 11th from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. Participants will get a 2-year national certification that meets all OSHA requirements. As a reminder, a person's life was saved at St. Dominic's in January because bystanders trained in CPR and use of the AED responded quickly!

This class will be free for St. Dominic's parishioners, teachers, and school parents (paid for by the Health Ministry from funds raised at the Silent Auction). A \$30 deposit will be required to reserve your spot and will be refunded at the end of the class. No shows will forfeit the deposit, as we still have to pay for the spot. The value of the class is \$67.50 per person, and anyone who is not a parishioner, teacher or school parent at St. Dominic will pay this amount to attend.

A Sign-up sheet will be in the parish office.

St. Dominic's
Children's Faith Formation
(323) 254-2519

REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration begins April 27, 2019 for the 2019-2020 year of Children's Faith Formation. Classes begin Saturday, September 14, 2019. We are committed to helping the children develop a closer relationship with God. We do this by teaching the children through education, traditions, and modeling tools to live their faith. We accomplish this by working together with the families and our entire Church community.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday thru Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Please call to schedule evening appointments)

WHAT TO BRING:

A copy of baptism certificate
Emergency phone numbers of three adults other than parents

FEE SCHEDULE:

\$80.00 1st Year Sacrament Preparation
\$90.00 2nd Year Sacrament Preparation (First Communion)
\$50.00 Post Sacrament – Returning Students
(\$15.00 bank fee applies for all returned checks)