

# 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  
 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**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Bran'd Hutalla Estella, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:30 AM	Josefina Carreon, thanksgiving
	12:00 PM	Joel Bustamante, †
	1:30 PM	Fr. Paul Scanton, OP, †
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 PM	Trinidad Sangalang, †
	9:00 AM	Amelia Matias and Family Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Luz S. Reyes, †
	6:00 PM	Mario Farol, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Bella San Agustin, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Mario Muralles, †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Francisco Jugo, †
	6:00 PM	April Marie Castro, thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Banawa Sisters, birthday
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, Friends and benefactors Norma Cabral Ong, † Mario and Jimena Guemo, † Carlos Mayorico E. Caliwara, † Soledad Canicula Binza, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Martin Nunn
	6:00 PM	Magdalena Angelo, †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Today's Activities**

NO Blood Pressure Today  
 Legion of Mary  
 Filipino Breakfast

**This week at a glance ...****Monday, May 27, 2019**

Holiday - One Mass only at 9:00 am  
 The office and facilities are closed

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

RCIA 7:00 pm in the Adult Ed House  
 Spanish Bible Study 7:30 PM St. Mark Room  
 Legion of Mary  
 FFPD Meeting 6:00 PM Adult Ed Building

**Wednesday, May 29, 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 St. Mark Room

**Thursday, May 30, 2019**

**NO** QueensCare Nurse  
 Divine Mercy Ministry 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building  
 Bereavement Group - 7:30 pm Guadalupe Room

**Friday, May 31, 2019**

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

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Legion of Mary  
 Fr. Cassian's Book Club 10:00 AM  
 Guadalupe Room

**COMING EVENTS**

June 9	Fr. Cassian's 50th Anniversary Celebration
June 9	Archdiocese Priests Retirement Collection
June 30	Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

**Hello St. Dominic Parish Community,**

My name is Natalia Rodriguez and I've been a part of this loving community since I began kindergarten, so St. Dominic is a place that I hold close to my heart. I began as a student at the elementary school from kindergarten here until 8th grade and now attend La Salle College Preparatory in Pasadena as a junior going into senior year. It was at St. Dominic School that I became a part of **Girl Scouts**, which is what brings me here today. As a Girl Scout in the level of ambassador, it is my turn to work for my **Gold Award**. What is a Gold Award? it is 90 hours of service to the community that will have a long lasting impact.

For my project I have chosen to work with Mrs. Diaz to help create a renewed atmosphere for St. Dominic and its students. What I've accomplished so far is redo the white barrier wall outside St. Dominic School, re-painted the mural near the playground, re-painted the school library wall, and will add new books and decorations to make it more welcoming. I did this with the help of my fellow Girl Scouts, volunteers, and my family.

Sincerely,  
 Natalia Rodriguez



**¿NO ESTAS BAUTIZADO?  
 ¿TE FALTA HACER TU PRIMERA COMU-  
 NIÓN Y/O TU CONFIRMACION?**

**Jóvenes y adultos**

La Parroquia de Santo Domingo  
 en el programa de español les invita

Los requisitos son:

Acude a la oficina parroquial  
 Presenta tu acta de nacimiento  
 Inscríbete gratis.

**Nota:** Iniciamos en Septiembre de 2019

**¡INSCRIBETE YA!**

### A Message from Fr. Roberto

#### Meet Our New Bishop

*On Thursday, May 16, Fr. Alex Aclan, was ordained a bishop. He is now the bishop of the San Fernando region, which is our region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Here is some biographical information about our new bishop.*

Bishop Alejandro "Alex" Aclan was born February 9, 1951 in Pasay, Philippines. He has experienced several career paths starting in his native Philippines and continuing through his 1982 arrival in Southern California, a time when he, his retired father and two younger sisters joined his mother and another sister living in Covina.

Already 31, the third of eight children to Geronimo and Emerencia, Alex had a spiritual awareness growing up in a home that bordered his neighborhood church. He was taught in high school by Salesians and earned a degree from the University of Santo Thomas in Manila which is staffed by Dominicans.

The goal was to study medicine, which had been his father's dream until he became a heralded fighter pilot in the Philippine Air Corps. Instead, Alex's degree in medical technology in 1971 led him to the new world of data programming and systems analysis. From there, he moved up the ranks to banking management, both in the Philippines and in the U.S.

As he and his family attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Covina, another vocation opportunity came his way. At age 37, he answered a calling to enter St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, and five years later was ordained a priest by Cardinal Roger Mahony. Bishop Aclan reflects on how those previous professions were there for a purpose: "I once thought I would be a physical doctor, a doctor of the body, and I've ended up a doctor of the soul," he says. "In computer programming, I now see that it was God's way of teaching me administration – preparing job descriptions, interviewing candidates, finding the right people. This is one of the important demands of a priest today."

With a fluid ability to speak English, Filipino and Spanish, Father Alex spent time from the mid- 1990s as an associate pastor at St. Finbar in Burbank and St. John of God in Norwalk before accepting an assignment in 2001 as the pastor at St. Madeleine in Pomona. From 2014 through 2018, he was the Vicar for Clergy to promote the continuing formation of spiritual and physical well-being for all priests and deacons. In 2017, Aclan was formally elevated to "Prelate of Honor," or monsignor.

Having worked 25 years in the L.A. Archdiocese, he took a sabbatical starting in late 2018 that was to extend through the 2019 Easter season as he awaited his next assignment, anticipating a new pastor role. But a call from the Apostolic Nuncio in Washington D.C., brought the news that he would be an auxiliary bishop in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, just the second Filipino-American ever to have this title in the United States after his good friend and current Salt Lake City Bishop Oscar Solis.

As he prepares to serve the San Fernando Region, the effervescent servant with a quick laugh and easy smile said he would like all to know he is always open to listening. "When I'm with people, I want to them to know I'm still Father Alex. I don't want people to feel distant. I am also here to help heal division and find reconciliation, which is something I learned long ago in the seminary – the bishop, more than anything, is a symbol of unity within the church. That's the impression I would love to give people now in these times where there may be hurt or alienation." He also wants to continue a focus on evangelization to harvest more fruit from the labor "of transforming pew Catholics into committed Christians, getting people from Point A to Point B, for all ages. We've seen wonderful results, and there's still a lot of work to be done there compared to what's possible. But I am optimistic."



**Attention Potential Candidates.**

St. Dominic Parish is searching for a new custodian.

Should be able to work five days a week,  
Climb up a ladder to 20 feet,

Help set-up table and chairs for parish functions.

Assist church organizations with weekly requests.

Help at the school when requested.

Sweep and mop floors

Clean parish hall kitchen when needed.

Empty all trash containers within the premises.

Maintain restroom facilities.

If interested, please inquire in the parish office.

Thank you.

**May is National Foster Care Awareness Month**

There are currently 28,000 children in foster care in Los Angeles County, the highest number in the nation.

- 21% of foster children in LA are under the age of 2
- Upon aging out of foster care without a family, 1/3 of youth will become homeless, 1/5 will become incarcerated, and 70% of trafficked youth come from the foster care system. Every child deserves a loving family. We are adopted sons and daughters of God, and we know that the family is the basic building block of society. These kids need the love of a family to support them and nurture them to their full potential.

**Fr. Cassian's Book Club**

This month we will read and discuss the book *House of Names*, a novel by Colm Toibin.



We will meet at the Guadalupe Room on June 1, 2019 at 10:00 am.

**The Cabrini Literary Guild will be delighted to have all members and their guests join us at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon to present our annual grants to worthwhile charities.**

**Reservations: Mary Andrade at [mary-andrade@att.net](mailto:mary-andrade@att.net)**

**Luncheon & Program 12:00 – 2:00 pm  
Oakmont Country Club  
3100 Country Club Drive  
Glendale, CA 91208**

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

**REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

### **Conoce a Nuestro Nuevo Obispo**

*El jueves 16 de mayo, P. Alex Aclán, fue ordenado obispo. Ahora es el obispo de la región de San Fernando, que es nuestra región de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles. Aquí hay alguna información biográfica sobre nuestro nuevo obispo.*

El Obispo Alejandro "Alex" Aclán nació el 9 de febrero de 1951 en Pasay, Filipinas. Ha experimentado varias carreras en su país natal, Filipinas, y hasta su llegada en 1982 a el sur de California, cuando él, su padre jubilado y sus dos hermanas menores se unieron a su madre y otra hermana que vivía en Covina.



Ya con 31 años, el tercero de ocho hijos de Geronimo y Emerencia, Alex tenía una conciencia espiritual al crecer en una casa que bordeaba la iglesia de su vecindario. Los salesianos le enseñaron en la escuela secundaria y se graduó en la Universidad de Santo Tomás en Manila, Filipinas, que cuenta con personal dominicano. El objetivo era estudiar medicina, que había sido el sueño de su padre hasta que se convirtió en piloto de caza en el Cuerpo Aéreo de Filipinas. En cambio, el título de Alex en tecnología médica en 1971 lo llevó al nuevo mundo de la programación de datos y el análisis de sistemas. A partir de ahí, avanzó a la gerencia bancaria, tanto en Filipinas como en los EE. UU.

Mientras él y su familia asistían a la Iglesia Católica del Sagrado Corazón en Covina, se le presentó otra oportunidad de vocación. A los 37 años, respondió a una llamada para ingresar al Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo, y cinco años más tarde fue ordenado sacerdote por el cardenal Roger Mahony. El obispo Aclán reflexiona sobre cómo esas profesiones anteriores estaban allí por un propósito: "Una vez pensé que sería un médico físico, un médico del cuerpo, y terminé siendo un médico del alma", dice. "En la programación de computadoras, ahora veo que fue la forma en que Dios me enseñó la administración: preparar descripciones de trabajo, entrevistar candidatos, encontrar a las personas adecuadas. Esta es una de las demandas importantes de un sacerdote hoy".

Con una habilidad fluida para hablar inglés, filipino y español, el Padre Alex pasó un tiempo desde mediados de la década de 1990 como pastor asociado en San Finbar en Burbank y San Juan de Dios en Norwalk antes de aceptar una asignación en 2001 como pastor en Santa Magdalena en Pomona. Desde 2014 hasta 2018, fue Vicario del Clero para promover la formación continua del bienestar espiritual y físico para todos los sacerdotes y diáconos de la Arquidiócesis. En 2017, Aclán fue elevado formalmente a "Prelado de Honor" o monseñor.

Después de haber trabajado 25 años en la Arquidiócesis de L.A., tomó un sabático a fines de 2018 que se prolongaría durante la temporada de Pascua 2019 mientras esperaba su próxima asignación, anticipando un nuevo papel de párroco. Pero una llamada del Nuncio Apostólico en Washington DC, trajo la noticia de que sería un obispo auxiliar en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, apenas el segundo filipino-estadounidense en tener este título en los Estados Unidos después de su buen amigo y actual obispo de la Ciudad de Salt Lake en Utah, el Obispo Oscar Solís.

Mientras se prepara para servir a la región de San Fernando, el sirviente efervescente con una risa rápida y una sonrisa fácil dijo que le gustaría que todos supieran que siempre está dispuesto a escuchar. "Cuando estoy con personas, quiero que sepan que todavía soy el Padre Alex. No quiero que las personas se sientan distantes. También estoy aquí para ayudar a sanar la división y encontrar la reconciliación, que es algo que aprendí hace mucho tiempo en el seminario – el obispo, más que nada, es un símbolo de unidad dentro de la iglesia. Esa es la impresión que me encantaría darle a la gente ahora en estos momentos en que puede haber dolor o alienación". También quiere continuar enfocándose en la evangelización para cosechar más frutos del trabajo "de transformar a los católicos tibios en cristianos comprometidos, de llevar a las personas del Punto A al Punto B, para todas las edades. Hemos visto resultados maravillosos, y todavía hay mucho trabajo por hacer en comparación con lo que es posible. Pero soy optimista".





Collection  
May 19, 2019 - \$13,965.50

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

**2 Corinthians 9:6**



Approximate Expenses  
for the Week  
\$20,474.15

**DISCERNMENT DAY:** Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on July 20, 2019 at their monastery at 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/](http://www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events/) or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at [vocations@opnunsmenlo.org](mailto: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.

### Season of Hope - Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group has started another 6 week group meeting.

They meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Guadalupe Room. The last meeting will be June 13.

Feel free to attend at any time.



### Health Ministry News

Free Life Enrichment Classes offered by the Braille Institute for those experiencing low vision. Maximum 15 per class. Sign up for one or all in the Parish Office **by June 2nd**.

**June 6:** Understanding Vision Loss & the Emotional Impact

**June 13:** The Business of Living! You and your Home...

**June 20:** Getting Around Town! Basic Low Vision Traveling Techniques

**June 27:** Staying Connected! Books, Smart Devices, & Writing Aides

**All sessions are from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Adult Ed Building.**

Our blood drive for Children's Hospital LA on May 19th was very successful—71 people checked in and 53 units of blood were collected. Thanks to everyone who helped!

We trained 58 people in CPR/AED/First Aid on Saturday May 11th.

Thanks to the numerous parishioners who volunteered to donate their deposit to the Health Ministry. This defrayed the \$67.50 cost per person and will enable us to offer more classes.



St. Dominic's QueensCare Parish Nurse is Jeanne Campoy-De Guzman, RN.

Parish Nurse hours are 8am to 12:30 pm, Thursdays, last patient is at 12 noon.

Our parish nurse Jeanne will be on vacation from May 30 through June 20. A list of other QueensCare Parish Nurse sites and the address for the QueensCare Clinic on York Blvd. will be available in the Parish Office.