

St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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Mass Times

Sunday

7:30 AM
9 AM
11:00 AM
1:00 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 1:00 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. Roberto or Fr. Francis, 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 323-254-2519

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. Donald Bramble, OP, Prior and Parochial Vicar
 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 Hernández,
 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: Jose Vidaurri

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	Family of De Cesare, †
	9:00 AM	Mr. Bob Brown, †
	11:00 PM	Robert Calabin, †
Monday	1:00 PM	Maria de Jesus Saucedo, †
	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
	8:00 AM	Florida Naval, †
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Michelle Cabalu-Zaslav, birthday
	8:00 AM	Casiana Tagamolila, †
	6:00 PM	Ester and Ramon Gonzales, †
Wed.	8:00 AM	Brugada Alcantara family, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Melita Busante, healing
Thursday	8:00 AM	Fortunata Dizon, †
	6:00 PM	Mercedes De Guzman, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Juanita and Nicanor Alvarez, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and Benefactors
Saturday	8:00 AM	Melecia and Manuel Javat, †
		Sheila P Quilantang, †
		Rufino and Purificacion Gutierrez, †
		Aureliano G. Coronel, †
		Ambrosio and Nena Salonga, †
	5:00 PM	Eva Sanchez, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Today's Activities

Blood Pressure today
 Legion of Mary

This week at a glance ...**Monday, December 2, 2019**

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall
 Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House
 Legion of Mary
 Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Legion of Mary
 Young Adult Adoration time in church 6:30 PM,
 followed by meeting at 7:00 PM St. Mark Room
 Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall
 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, December 5, 2019

Divine Mercy Group Meeting 9:00 AM Adult Ed
 Building
 Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Friday, December 6, 2019

Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall
 Light of Jesus Prayer group 7:00 PM Adult Ed
 Building

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Family Advent Retreat
 Alpha Ministry meeting 2:00 PM Adult Ed
 Building
 Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall

COMING EVENTS

December 3-11 Virgen of Guadalupe Novena
 December 8 Retirement Fund for Religious

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is looking for First Responders, Police, Fire, Medical personnel, Military personnel or any parishioner who can respond in an emergency.

These individuals will become part of a team to help the ushers during an emergency at YOUR attended mass.

If this is your calling, please attend the 30 minute meeting, in the Adult Ed building, after your normally attended mass.

Meeting date: December 14 & December 15
 (after each mass)

December 15 Spanish Mass in Parish Hall

For any questions please call:

David Lear 323-377-6795

Having Health Care Coverage is now the Law! Open Enrollment Information.

Governor Newsom signed a bill into law last month, that will take effect January 1, 2020 requiring all Californians to have health care coverage, either through an employer, under the marketplace exchange system (Covered California), or qualify for Medicare and Medi-Cal. Those who do not have insurance may be subject to fines. Informational sessions are being offered by the Health Ministry at the church for your convenience. Open enrollment for Medicare ends December 7th and Covered California ends January 15th. Here are some links and our insurance expert presenters' contacts to help you:

Clara Bayeh, CR Partners Insurance Services LLC: 888-665-8588

or clara@crpagency.com (www.crpagency.com)

Daniel Hernandez, Stella Insurance Agency: 323-

533-3731 or dhernandez@stellainsurance.com

Covered California, California's health marketplace: <https://www.coveredca.com/apply/>

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Our Lady of Guadalupe



The actual *tilma* which hangs in the Basilica in Mexico City.

The feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII in 1945 – is December 12 each year. This was the date of the final apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego (pictured at right), the humble Aztec, at Tepeyac in Mexico City in 1531 at which she left the famous miraculous image on his *tilma* – the apron-like garment he wore. Juan Diego’s actual *tilma* image of Mary (pictured at left) continues to be on display at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City which is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world.

There are many marvelous aspects to this apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary that I would like to highlight. Next week I will give an explanation of some of the symbolism contained in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Artist’s rendering of the apparition in 1531.

Conversion of the Aztecs: During the twelve years from the time of the Spanish conquest of Mexico (1519-21) to the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531), very few of the indigenous Aztecs had converted to the Catholic Faith. But after the apparition, six million Aztecs converted to Catholicism within six years, and many more millions in the years that followed! This is due, in part, to the image of tenderness and the message of love and acceptance Our Lady of Guadalupe conveyed to the Aztecs compared to the harsh treatment they had received from the Spaniards. To this day, Our Lady continues to bring many people closer to Jesus and to the Catholic faith with her tender care and prayers.

Miraculous Image: The image was “imposed” onto Juan Diego’s *tilma* – a porous and coarse cactus material similar to burlap. The normal life expectancy of this garment was 10 or 20 years under normal conditions; however, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has survived for 484 years! This is even more amazing considering that the image was not placed under protective glass until 1647 – 116 years after the apparition. So, during all those previous years it was left exposed to the elements in a hot and humid environment plus years of smoke from candles, oil lamps and incense – not to mention the thousands of people who touched it with their hands or other objects. In 1921, a bomb was detonated on an altar under the image by anti-Catholic forces. In that blast even though a cast-iron cross next to the image was twisted out of shape and the marble altar rail was heavily damaged, the *tilma* was unharmed! To this day the image remains intact, undamaged and the colors are still vivid.

Scientific Investigations: The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been scientifically investigated several times through the centuries by artists, scientists and scholars. In 1977, the *tilma* was examined using infrared photography and digital enhancement techniques. Unlike any painting, the *tilma* shows no sketching or any sign of outline drawn to enable an artist to produce a painting. Further, the very method used to create the image is still unknown. The image is inexplicable in its longevity and method of production.



The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City

--Next week: a brief explanation of the symbolism in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe--

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA

DATE	INTENTION	RESPONSIBLE
Tuesday Dec. 3 7:00 PM (Bilingual Eng./Span.)	For the vocation and mission of the consecrated	Order of Preachers (Priests and religious sisters) Filipino Community
Wednesday Dec. 4 7:00 PM	For Family Unity	Spanish Lectors
Thursday Dec. 5 7:00 PM	For all governments in the world	Spanish Hospitality group
Friday Dec. 6 7:00 PM	For the sick	Spanish prayer group
Saturday Dec. 7 7:00 PM	For the mission of the laity in the world	Spanish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Sunday Dec. 8 3:00 PM (Aztec dancers)	For all children and young people	Spanish music ministry
Monday Dec. 9 7:00 PM	For those who have left their faith	Guadalupanos
Tuesday Dec. 10 7:00 PM	For world peace	Spanish Bible study group
Wednesday Dec. 11 7:00 PM	For our parish community	Hispanos en acción

FIESTA



Thursday December 12: ***Mañanitas a la Virgen*** at 6:00 AM in church followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

English Mass at 6:00 PM followed by the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe Play in English

Spanish Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe Play in Spanish

After Mass Reception in the Parish Hall

VIRTUS Classes available

If you are involved in ANY ministry in the name of St. Dominic's Church, or that meets at St. Dominic's, you need to have current VIRTUS certification.

Saturday January 11, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Adult Ed Building

"Protecting God's Children"

Tuesday January 14, 2020 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Adult Ed Building,

"Keeping the Promise Alive"

"Protecting God's children" is the initial three-hour class, "Keeping the Promise Alive" is the 90-minute recertification course for those who have already completed the initial course. If you took your last course in 2014 or earlier, you will need to take the "Protecting God's Children" course again.

Register for the classes in the parish office or at www.virtusonline.org. St. Dominic's is located in the San Fernando Pastoral Region.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto



La Virgen de Guadalupe

El día de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – declarada patrona de las Américas por el Papa Pío XII en 1945 – es diciembre 12. Esta fue la fecha de la última aparición de la Virgen a Juan Diego (en la foto a la derecha), el humilde Azteca, en el Tepeyac en la Ciudad de México en 1531 en la que dejó la famosa imagen milagrosa en su tilma. La imagen actual de la Virgen María en la tilma de Juan Diego (en la foto a la izquierda) sigue en exhibición en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de Méxi-



co, que es el lugar de peregrinación católica más visitado del mundo. Hay muchos aspectos maravillosos de esta aparición de la Santísima Virgen María que me gustaría destacar. También la siguiente semana daré una explicación del simbolismo contenido en la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

La Conversión de los Aztecas:

Durante los doce años desde el momento de la conquista española de México (1519-21) a la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (1531), muy pocos de los indígenas aztecas se habían convertido a la fe católica. Pero después de la aparición, ¡seis millones de aztecas se convirtieron al catolicismo dentro de seis años, y muchos millones más en los años que siguieron! Esto se debe, en parte, a la imagen de ternura de la Virgen de Guadalupe y el mensaje de amor y aceptación que transmitió en comparación al duro trato que habían recibido los aztecas de los españoles. Hasta el día de hoy, Nuestra Señora continúa trayendo a muchas personas más a Jesús y a la fe católica con su tierno cuidado y oraciones.

La Imagen Milagrosa: La imagen fue “impuesta” en la tilma de Juan Diego – un material poroso y grueso de fibra de magüey similar a arpillera. La esperanza de vida normal de esta prenda era de 10 o 20 años en condiciones normales; sin embargo, ¡la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ha sobrevivido durante 484 años! Esto es aún más sorprendente teniendo en cuenta que la imagen no se colocó bajo un cristal de protección hasta 1647 – 116 años después de la aparición. Así, durante todos esos años anteriores se dejó a la intemperie en un ambiente caluroso y húmedo, y aparte fue expuesta por años al humo de velas, lámparas de aceite e incienso – ¡por no hablar de las miles de personas que la tocaron con sus manos u otros objetos! Además, en 1921, una bomba fue detonada en un altar debajo de la imagen por las fuerzas anti-católicas. Mientras que una cruz de hierro fundido junto a la imagen fue torcida fuera de forma y la baranda de mármol del altar fue gravemente dañada, ¡la tilma no se dañó en lo absoluto! Hasta el día de hoy la imagen se mantiene intacta y sin daños, y los colores son todavía vivos.



La Basílica de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México

Investigaciones Científicas: La imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ha sido científicamente investigada varias veces a través de los siglos por artistas, científicos y académicos. En 1977, la tilma se examinó utilizando fotografía infrarroja y técnicas de mejora digitales. A diferencia de cualquier pintura, la tilma no muestra dibujo o cualquier signo de contorno dibujado para permitir un artista a producir una pintura. Además, el método utilizado para crear la imagen es aún desconocido. La imagen es inexplicable en su longevidad y el método de producción.

--La próxima semana: una breve explicación del simbolismo de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe--

ALPHA is back!

We will begin a new series of Alpha sessions in our parish very soon.

We are inviting people who would like to serve to a meeting on **Dec. 7, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Adult Ed Building.**

For more information, please contact Sunshine at: 323-829-0353.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan



Fulfill your life-long dream of visiting the Holy Land. Join parishioners from St. Dominic Church and other neighboring parishes on a 12-day pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land from **April 21 to May 2, 2020**. See and walk the sites where Jesus Christ was born, did His ministry, and performed His many miracles, starting with His first--the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. Make unforgettable memories as you visit the Rose Red City of Petra and the original site in Jordan where Jesus was baptized. Visit Bethany, the Dead Sea, the Wailing Wall, the Holy Sepulchre, and Jerusalem.

The price of the tour is a very affordable \$3,499 per person and includes roundtrip airfare from LA, first class hotel accommodations, daily breakfasts and dinners, all entrance fees per itinerary, and daily Mass celebrated by the tour chaplain, Fr. John Paul Pragasam. Other applicable fees (travel insurance, tips, and offerings) are not included.

Don't miss this experience of a lifetime. Seats fill up fast so reserve yours early. Call Salome Pangilinan at (626) 375-7345 or Tessie Gonzales at (323) 255-2925 or (323) 702-7289. For more details, email Tessie at teresitagonzal6453@att.net.

**Sr. Joyanne's
12th annual
Art Show**



**December 8, 2019
Convent next to the Church
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Special gift items this year, 5x7 coffee table paintings. Perfect for those special Christmas gifts. Credit cards welcomed.

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a \$10 donation in the name of a loved one, that name will be posted on our bulletin boards. Print the name

clearly on the outside of an envelope, with your donation. Bring it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. It is a \$10 donation per name.

