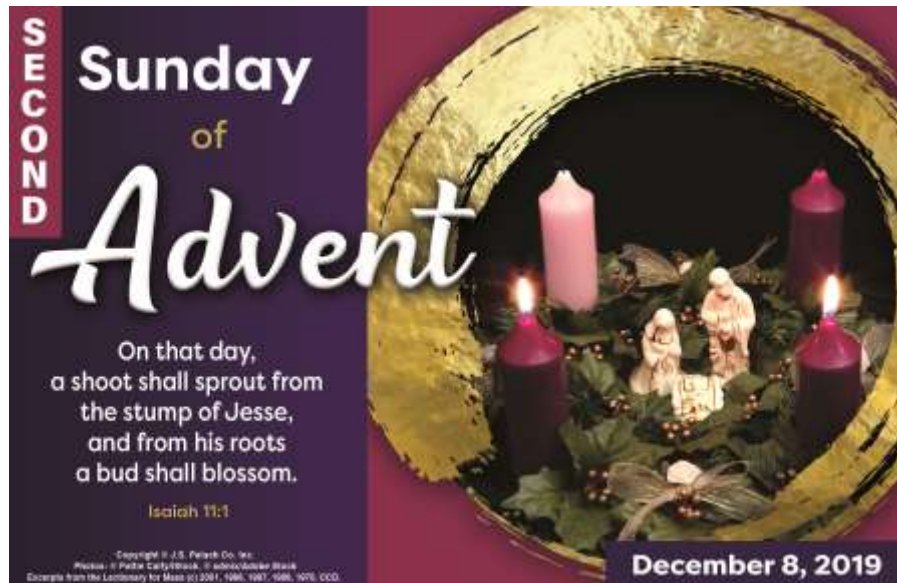


# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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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  
 Jay Cooney  
 Patricia de Vera  
 Michelle Pérez  
 Christina García

**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	Pro Populo
	9:00 AM	Eddie De Castro
	11:00 PM	Kathryn Shannon Sheehy, †
	1:00 PM	Benjamin Meade, healing
	5:00 PM	Lucy Ortega
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Pro Populo, †
	6:00 PM	Cheeboy Conner, †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Etsuko Morohoshi, healing
	6:00 PM	Virginia Q. Chua, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Claire Kim, †
	6:00 PM	Jeremy Atienza, birthday
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Bayani Talag Pacheco, †
	6:00 PM	Charmaine Velasco Meade, birthday
	7:30 PM	Heidi Slojewski, birthday
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Lourdes Tan Lao, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and Benefactors
		Maria de la Luz and Raul Urbano Robles, †
		Souls uin Purgatory, †
		Erlinda Kucera, †
		Flora Gilbuena, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Noemi Yuzon, †
	5:00 PM	Jeffrey Montoya, †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Today's Activities**

Blood Pressure today  
Legion of Mary  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
Sister Joyanne Art Show  
Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 3:00 PM Parish Hall

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

**Monday, December 9, 2019**

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall  
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 PM St. Mark Room  
Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

Blessed Sacrament Confraternity Meeting  
Mass at 11:00 AM followed by lunch in Hall  
RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House  
Legion of Mary  
Virgin of Guadalupe Novena 7:00 PM Parish Hall

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

Legion of Mary  
Young Adult Adoration time in church 6:30 PM,  
followed by meeting at 7:30 PM St. Mark Room  
Filipino Ministry Meeting 6:30 PM Adult Ed  
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

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe  
6:00 AM in Church  
Queens Care Nurse 8:00 AM St. Mark Room  
Divine Mercy Group Meeting 9:00 AM Adult Ed  
Love Ministry 4:00 PM St. Mark Room  
Virgin of Guadalupe Celebration 7:00 PM Mass  
in Church, followed by Reception in Parish Hall

**Friday, December 13, 2019**

Light of Jesus Prayer group 7:00 PM Adult Ed

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

Annual Lectors Meeting Retreat 8 AM  
CFF Classes 9:00 AM School  
Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Meeting  
6:00 PM Adult Ed Building

**COMING EVENTS**

December 16-23 Posadas

**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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CONFRATERNITY**  
Our general meeting on Tuesday, December 10, will start with the Holy Mass at 11:00 am.

Lunch and business meeting will follow in the Parish Hall after. Catered lunch is \$12 per person.

Please call Salome Pangilinan at 626-375-7345 for reservation as soon as possible by Sunday, December 8.

Thank you!

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We had a successful Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale on Sunday, November 27.

**Thanks a lot to the kind support of many parishioners!**

*Whatever funds the Confraternity raise are used to help defray the cost of materials/maintenance needed in the Sacristy and Sanctuary. God Bless us all!*

A Message from Fr. Roberto

An Explanation of Some of the Symbols in the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Sun** — Golden rays from the sun, behind her, signify that she is the “Mother of Light” and greater than the Aztec sun god, whom she eclipses.

**Eyes** — Our Lady’s eyes are downcast expressing humility and deference to one who is greater; in fact, her entire posture conveys humility. This shows that even though she is superior to the great Aztec sun god, she is still submissive to the one true God who is above all.

**Mantle and tunic** — Mary’s turquoise, starry mantle represents the heavens while her rose-tinted, flowery tunic symbolizes the earth. The mantle also indicates that she is royalty since only the native emperors wore cloaks of that color.

**Moon** — The Virgin stands on a crescent moon. The Aztec word for Mexico, “*Metz-xicco*,” means “in the center of the moon.” The moon also symbolizes the Aztec moon god, fertility, birth and life.



**Clouds** — In the image, the Virgin is surrounded by clouds, showing that she is from heaven. The indigenous greeted people they believed came from God with the expression: “Among fog and among clouds.”

**Black ribbon** — The black ribbon around Mary’s waist shows that she is pregnant, ready to give birth to her Divine Son. For the Aztecs, the trapezoid-shaped ends of the ribbon also represented the end of one cycle and the birth of a new era.

**Four-petaled jasmine** — The only four-petaled flower on Mary’s tunic appears over her pregnant womb. The four-petaled jasmine represents the Aztecs’ highest deity, Ometéotl. It shows the Virgin of Guadalupe as the Mother of God and marks her womb as the place where God (Jesus) is to be found.

**Angel** — An angel with eagle’s wings appears below Mary’s feet. According to Aztec belief, an eagle delivered the hearts and the blood of sacrificial victims to the gods. The angel holds up the pregnant Virgin, signifying that the child in her womb is the offering that pleases God.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA**

DATE	INTENTION	RESPONSIBLE
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

**Novena de Posadas**

<i>Día y hora</i>	<i>Responsables</i>
<b>Diciembre 16</b> <i>Lunes 7:00pm</i>	<i>Elvira Fierra y Fam. Martina Barrientos y Fam.</i>
<b>Diciembre 17</b> <i>Martes 7:00pm</i>	<i>Anita Vadillo Rosita Chang Alma v</i>
<b>Diciembre 18</b> <i>Miércoles 7:00pm</i>	<i>Blanca Bonilla, Verónica Aceves y Blanca Meza</i>
<b>Diciembre 19</b> <i>Jueves 7:00pm</i>	<i>Ministerio de Hospitalidad Y Grupo de Oración</i>
<b>Diciembre 20</b> <i>Viernes 7:00pm</i>	<i>Familia Silva</i>
<b>Diciembre 21</b> <i>Sábado 7:00pm</i>	<b>Presentación de la Tradicional Pastorela</b> <i>Ministerios: Proclamadores de la Palabra, Eucaristía y Música.</i>
<b>Diciembre 22</b> <i>Domingo 7:00pm</i>	<b>Posada Comunitaria</b> <i>Hispanos en Acción Antonia y Pascual Jaramillo y Fam.</i>
<b>Diciembre 23</b> <i>Lunes 7:00pm</i>	<i>Familia de St Dominic</i>

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

Una Explicación de Algunos Símbolos en la Imagen de La Virgen de Guadalupe

El Sol – Rayos del sol detrás de ella significa que ella es la "Madre de la Luz" y mayor que el dios azteca del sol, a quien ella eclipsa.

Los Ojos – Los ojos de la Virgen están mirando hacia abajo expresando humildad y deferencia a uno que es mayor que ella; de hecho, toda su postura transmite humildad. Esto demuestra que aunque ella es superior al gran dios del sol azteca, ella sigue siendo sumisa al único verdadero Dios que está por encima de todo.

El Manto y La Túnica – El manto estrellado de color turquesa de María representa el cielo, mientras que su túnica de flores de color rosa simboliza la tierra. El manto también indica que ella es realeza, ya que sólo los emperadores nativos llevaban mantos de ese color.

La Luna – La Virgen de Guadalupe está de pie en medio de la luna, y no es casual que las raíces de la palabra México en náhuatl son "Metz-xic-co" que significan "en el centro de la luna". También es símbolo de fecundidad, nacimiento, vida. Marca los ciclos de la fertilidad femenina y terrestre.



Las Nubes – En la imagen, la Virgen está rodeada de nubes, lo que demuestra que ella es del cielo. Los indígenas saludaban a las personas que creían que venían de Dios con la expresión: "Entre la niebla y entre las nubes."

La Cinta Negra – La cinta negra alrededor de la cintura de María muestra que está embarazada, lista para dar a luz a su Divino Hijo. Para los aztecas, los extremos trapezoidales de la cinta también representan el final de un ciclo y el nacimiento de una nueva era.

La Flor de Cuatro Pétalos – Es el símbolo principal en la imagen de la Virgen, y es el máximo símbolo náhuatl que representa la presencia de Dios, la plenitud y el centro del espacio y del tiempo. En la imagen, la flor presenta a la Virgen de Guadalupe como la Madre de Dios y marca su vientre como el lugar donde se encuentra a Nuestro Señor Jesús.

El Ángel – Un ángel con alas de águila aparece debajo de los pies de María. De acuerdo a la creencia azteca, un águila entregaba el corazón y la sangre de las víctimas sacrificadas a los dioses. El ángel sostiene la Virgen embarazada, lo que significa que el niño en su vientre es la ofrenda que agrada a Dios.



"Join us on Christmas Eve for our annual Christmas Concerts! Saint Dominic Music Ministry invites you and your family to an evening filled with holiday music as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The first concert begins at 7:00pm (featuring the eleven o'clock choir) followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

The second concert is at 10:00pm (featuring the nine o'clock choir with orchestra) followed by Mass of the Night at 11:00pm.

Both events will be held in the church.

Admission is free. All are welcome!"



THE FR. PAUL SCANLON, OP COMMUNITY CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who had performed, participated in coordinating, serving, helping, and supporting the SOUNDS of JOY CONCERT in one way or another, to make it a truly successful parish community event! We cannot thank you all enough for giving whatever it took to make this happen, for spending your time, sharing your wealth(\$\$\$) and your talents, and most of all, your heartfelt APPLAUSE, to make the evening one that we will remember for a long time.

Because of your generosity, we made a net proceed of \$12,520.00, to help reach our goal of \$1,855,000.00.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, especially Fr. Roberto who stole the show!!!



**Fr. Cassian's Book Club**

This month we will read and discuss the book *"Everything I never told you,"* a novel by Celeste Ng.

We will meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, December 21, at 10:00 am.**



Thank you to those parishioners who supported the St. Dominic School Wreath fundraiser. If you were not able to secure a pre-ordered item, some of the items from the catalog may be available for purchase after Sunday mass on 12/15 (while supplies last). We look forward to having you stop by the table!



*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.*

