

# 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  
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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	Departed Souls of Legionaries
	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	11:00 PM	Nellie D. Teodoro, †
	1:00 PM	Norma Chavez, †
	5:00 PM	Charlotte Kay Brown, †
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Gaulfrido Ruiz, †
	6:00 PM	Aurea Conducto, special intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	May and June Castro, 25th Wedding Anniversary
	6:00 PM	Maybelyn A. Dino, thanksgiving
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	Rafael Hutalla, †
	6:00 PM	Eric Ventura and Francis Benedict Puanco, birthdays
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	John Hernandez, †
	6:00 PM	Wilfredo D. Sibal, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Fely Serrano, thanksgiving
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, Parents, friends and Benefactors
		Letty Alfonso, †
		Julian Kowalski, †
		Jose Cuenco, †
		Elvis Del Mundo, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	John Stephano, †
	5:00 PM	Anna Wood and family, thanksgiving

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Today's Activities**

Blood Pressure today

Legion of Mary

Posadas

Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Meeting  
after each Mass in the Adult Ed Building

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

**Monday, December 16, 2019**

Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM Upper Hall

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Meeting with head ushers in Church at 7:00 PM

Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed building

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

FFPD Christmas Party 6:00 PM Adult Ed Building

RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

Legion of Mary

Confirmation Team 6:30 PM Adult Ed building

Christian Formation and Evangelization 6:35 PM  
Guadalupe Room

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

School Christmas Program 7:00 PM in Church

Young Adult Ministry meeting 7:30 PM

St. Mark Room

**Thursday, December 19, 2019**

Divine Mercy Group Meeting 9:00 AM Adult Ed

Queens Care Nurse 9:30 AM St. Mark Room

School Christmas Program - PS - TK - K

Church 3:00 pm

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

Simbang Gabi celebrated at the 6:00 PM Mass

Followed by reception in parish hall

Posadas 7:00 PM Lower Hall

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

CFF Christmas event 9:00 AM Parish hall

Ushers meeting 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building

Anointing Mass 11:00 AM in church

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

**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 & 15 (after each mass)

December 15 Spanish Mass in Parish Hall

For any questions please call:

David Lear 323-377-6795

Saint Dominic Church

Hospitality Evangelization Service

For Catholics in need of healing and prayer

**ANOINTING MASS**

*All are welcome!*

Saturday December 21

In the church

11:00 AM



**COMING EVENTS**

December 16-23 Posadas

## A Message from Fr. Roberto

**Christian Finance Classes – Financial Peace University**

78% of Americans live from paycheck to paycheck.

7 out of 10 couples do not budget consistently.

Almost 2/3 of Americans would struggle to pay for a \$1,000.00 emergency.

Whether these statistics apply to you and your financial situation or not, finances are an important part of our lives, and, therefore, an important part of our faith. So, **I will be facilitating “Financial Peace University (FPU)” classes at St. Dominic’s for nine Thursdays in a row beginning January 9 at 7:30 p.m. and finishing March 5.** The cost is \$89.00 for the course, and you will find that it will be a wise investment that will make a huge difference in your financial and spiritual wellbeing. If you cannot afford that cost, please contact me. **Go to [www.fpu.com/1097088](http://www.fpu.com/1097088) to sign up. You can also contact me at my email for more information, [pastor@saintdominics.org](mailto:pastor@saintdominics.org).**

**Young Adults Group**

St. Dominic’s is inviting all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s to form a group to support each other in your Catholic faith. We are kicking off this group on **Sunday, January 12, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a free dinner and a talk on Religion and Science by Br. Paschal Strader, OP, a former astrophysicist and now a Dominican student brother.**

Any young adults who are liturgical ministers are invited to serve at that 5:00 Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in serving at that Mass.

**Jesus – A Cute Little Baby or the Christ and Lord of the Universe?**

I enjoy watching and listening to parents, grandparents and teachers explaining the Nativity scene and Christmas to children. This beautiful feast has so many elements that can captivate a little child’s imagination: a bright star, magi from the East, shepherds, angels, animals, Christmas trees, gifts, carols, special Masses, lots of traditional customs and foods, and a cute little baby Jesus lying in his manger. And it is heartwarming to see children express their love for the Christ child. I imagine that for many of us our Christmas celebrations take us back to those childhood memories of family, friends and traditions.

While it can be very special to see Christmas through the eyes of a child, I think it is also important for us adults to move beyond a childish and sentimental approach toward Christmas as “waiting for the baby Jesus” or “celebrating Jesus’ birthday.” As mature Christians, we need to understand and celebrate Christmas in the context of Jesus’ ultimate mission of establishing the reign of God and calling us to a discipleship of encounter and surrender to him. We must resist the temptation of keeping Jesus as a sweet little baby who asks little of us; the challenges in our lives and the suffering and injustices in our world are too imposing for us to settle for an infantile gospel.

To paraphrase Fr. Richard Rohr, a well-known Franciscan priest and lecturer, when we speak of Advent or preparing for Christmas, we’re not talking about waiting for a little baby to be born. We’re in fact welcoming the universal, cosmic Christ—the crucified and risen Lord of all creation (Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:11). Christ who is forever being born in the human soul and history. It is this Jesus to whom we say during Advent: “Come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20)!



**Fr Donald, our preacher, asks:**

How is the good news of God’s surprising new directions and creativity, a challenge for us?

When has God stood you up on your feet and made you sing out loud?

When has God been overly patient with your indecision?

When have you been stymied and paralyzed instead of doing something brave?

How is coming to church like coming to a construction site?

Am I afraid of distraction or do I really pray through them?

How am I overly cautious and afraid today?

**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.</i> <i>Martina Barrientos y Fam.</i>
<b>Diciembre 17</b> <i>Martes 7:00pm</i>	<i>Anita Vadillo</i> <i>Rosita Chang</i> <i>Alma Vasquez</i>
<b>Diciembre 18</b> <i>Miércoles 7:00pm</i>	<i>Blanca Bonilla, Verónica Aceves</i> <i>y Blanca Meza</i>
<b>Diciembre 19</b> <i>Jueves 7:00pm</i>	<i>Ministerio de Hospitalidad</i> <i>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:</i> <i>Proclamadores de la Palabra, Eucaristía</i> <i>y Música.</i>
<b>Diciembre 22</b> <i>Domingo 7:00pm</i>	<b>Posada Comunitaria</b>  <i>Hispanos en Acción</i> <i>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

#### **Clases de Finanzas Cristianas - Financial Peace University**

El 78% de las personas viven de un sueldo a otro.

7 de cada 10 parejas no tienen un presupuesto constante.

Casi 2/3 de las personas tendrían dificultades para pagar una emergencia de \$1,000.00.

Ya sea que estas estadísticas se apliquen a usted y a su situación financiera o no, las finanzas son una parte importante de nuestras vidas y, por lo tanto, una parte importante de nuestra fe. Por lo tanto, **facilitaré las clases de "Financial Peace University (FPU)" en St. Dominic's durante nueve jueves seguidos a partir del 9 de enero a las 7:30 p.m. y terminando el 5 de marzo.** El costo es de \$89.00 por el curso, y descubrirá que será una inversión inteligente que marcará una gran diferencia en su bienestar financiero y espiritual. Si no puede pagar ese costo, contácteme. **Vaya a [www.fpu.com/1097088](http://www.fpu.com/1097088) para registrarse. También puede contactarme en mi correo electrónico para obtener más información, [pastor@saintdominics.org](mailto:pastor@saintdominics.org).**

#### **Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos**

St. Dominic está invitando a todos los adultos jóvenes de entre 20 y 30 años a formar un grupo en inglés para apoyarse mutuamente en su fe católica. Comenzaremos este grupo el **domingo 12 de enero, comenzando con las 5:00 p.m. Misa, seguida de una cena gratis y una charla sobre Religión y Ciencia por el Hno. Paschal Strader, OP, un ex astrofísico y ahora un fraile estudiante dominico.**

Todos los jóvenes adultos que sean ministros litúrgicos están invitados a servir en esa Misa de las 5:00. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial si está interesado en servir en esa Misa.

#### **Jesús: ¿Un Lindo Bebé o el Cristo y Señor del Universo?**



Disfruto mirar y escuchar a los padres, abuelos y maestros explicando el Nacimiento y la Navidad a los niños. Esta hermosa fiesta tiene tantos elementos que pueden cautivar la imaginación de un niño pequeño: una estrella brillante, los Reyes Magos del este, pastores, ángeles, animales, árboles de Navidad, regalos, villancicos, Misas especiales, muchas costumbres y comidas tradicionales, y un lindo pequeño bebé Jesús acostado en su pesebre. Y es conmovedor ver a los niños expresar su amor por el niño Jesús. Me imagino que para muchos de nosotros nuestras celebraciones navideñas nos llevan de vuelta a los recuerdos de la infancia de familiares, amigos y tradiciones.

Si bien puede ser muy especial ver la Navidad a través de los ojos de un niño, creo que también es importante para nosotros los adultos ir más allá de un enfoque infantil y sentimental hacia la Navidad como "esperar al niño Jesús" o "celebrar el cumpleaños de Jesús". Como cristianos maduros, necesitamos entender y celebrar la Navidad en el contexto de la misión final de Jesús de establecer el reino de Dios y llamarnos a un discipulado de encuentro y rendición a él. Debemos resistir la tentación de mantener a Jesús como un pequeño bebé dulce que nos pide poco; los desafíos en nuestras vidas y el sufrimiento y las injusticias en nuestro mundo son demasiado imponentes para que nos conformemos con un evangelio infantil.

Utilizando las palabras del P. Richard Rohr, un conocido sacerdote franciscano y locutor, cuando hablamos de Adviento o de prepararnos para la Navidad, no estamos hablando de esperar a que nazca un bebé. De hecho, estamos dando la bienvenida al Cristo cósmico universal, el Señor crucificado y resucitado de toda la creación (Hechos 2, 36; Filipenses 2, 11). Cristo que nace para siempre en el alma humana y la historia. Es a este Jesús a quien le decimos durante el Adviento: "¡Ven, Señor Jesús" (Apocalipsis 22:20)!





*New Year's Eve Dance*  
 Tuesday, December 31  
 St. Dominic Parish Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 pm  
 Dinner at 7:30 pm  
 \$30.00 per person

*Attire is Semi Formal*

*Come and join in Sharing the Blessings that are Plenty and Welcome 2020!! Tickets are available in the Parish Office.*

*Christmas Eve Mass Schedule*

*5:00 pm Children's Mass  
 Children's Choir*

*7:30 pm - Contemporary Choir*

*11:00 pm Mass - Adult Choir*

*Christmas Day Schedule*

*8:00 am Mass*

*10:00 am Mass*

*12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)*

*5:00 pm Mass*



*The Parish Office & Facilities  
 are closed on  
 Thursday, December 26*

**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.**



*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 and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or in the parish office.*

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!

