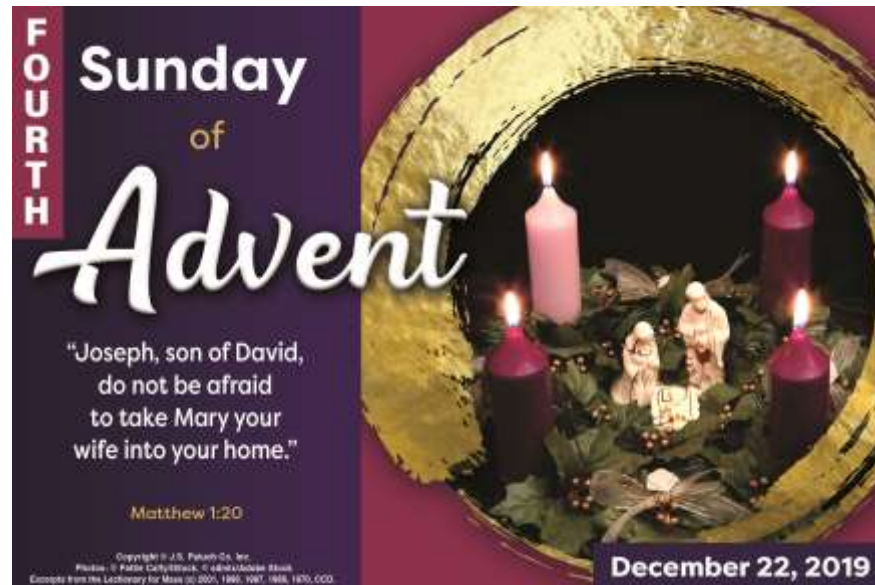


St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

2002 Merton Ave., Los Angeles CA 90041
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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	Merlie Mae Sotto, birthday
	9:00 AM	Flora caranto, †
	11:00 PM	Pro Populo
	1:00 PM	Enrique Cabrera, †
	5:00 PM	Flora Caranto, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Gregario M. San Agustin, †
	6:00 PM	Mario Muralles, †
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Fernando Zamora, †
	5:00 PM	Martin Craughwell, †
	7:30 PM	Leon and Luz Cosico Castillo, †
Wed.	11:00 PM	Ng Bing King & Ang Kiong Te †
	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	Cornelia and Arsenio Lavilla, †
Thursday	12:00 PM	Noel Lorca, birthday
	5:00 PM	David L. Trotter, †
	9:00 AM	Florence Manning, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Vicente and Lourdes Ezpeleta, †
	6:00 PM	Manuel Espiritu and deceased loved ones Lilia Conner, † Eustacio S. Castro Sr., † Joselyn Pijano, † Adelaida Ilano Unico, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	Jon Scher, for his intentions
	5:00 PM	Rocky Wuthrich, Sr. †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Today's Activities

Blood Pressure today

Legion of Mary

Posadas 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall

This week at a glance**Monday, December 23, 2019**

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

St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting

7:00 PM St. Mark Room

Posadas 7:00 PM Parish Hall

Legion of Mary

Tuesday, December 24, 2019Christmas Concert 7:00 PM, Mass at 7:30 pm
in ChurchChristmas Concert 10:00 PM, Mass at 11:00 pm
in Church**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

All facilities are closed

Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
(Spanish) and 5:00 PM**Thursday, December 26, 2019**

All facilities are closed

One Mass only at 9:00 AM in church

Friday, December 27, 2019

Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Legion of Mary

COMING EVENTS

December 31	New Year's Eve Dance
January 26	Filipino Breakfast

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Our group's vision is to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Our goal is to become a source of spiritual strength, where you can process the grief, ease the pain and receive comfort as you recover from divorce. Please join our ongoing support group and no charge. Newcomers are welcome.

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church
1501 Fremont Avenue; Cardinal Manning Room
South Pasadena, CA 91030
More information contact: Charley Cerutti; cpcjr2@gmail.com or 626-799-8908
Meetings start Thursday, January 9, 2020: 7-9:00 pm (2nd & 4th Monday)

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.

A Message from Fr. Roberto

En nombre del Equipo Pastoral de la parroquia y de los dominicos – Laicos, Hermanas y Frailes – me gustaría desearles a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una Feliz Navidad y un Año Nuevo santo y lleno de bendiciones.

An Invitation to Those Who Don't Go to Church Regularly

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special, warm Christmas greeting to those of you who come to Mass only once in a while or perhaps not at all, and I thank you for taking the time to read this note. I greet you as someone who is looking for meaning and happiness in life, as we all are. Many of us find that meaning and happiness in our lives through our faith and through attending church; many others find their fulfillment in other ways. There are numerous reasons people do not go to church on a regular basis, and I am sure you have yours. It may be that you have been hurt by the Church – by the institution itself, by one of its priests or ministers or by family members or others whose hypocrisy offended you or whose judgments made you feel unworthy and unwanted. Perhaps you have been one of those who have experienced the Church as cold and insensitive or as denigrating you in some way. Or you might disagree with some of its teachings or simply consider the Church to be irrelevant to your life and your needs. You might be one of those who have found what you are looking for elsewhere – in another Christian denomination or in a non-Christian religion or belief system. Or perhaps you have just drifted away and don't think about church very much at all and don't feel a need for religion in your life.

Your reason for not attending church regularly is between you and God, and I do not intend here to defend Catholicism or any other religious belief. Every religion, every church, every human organization has a dark side, and the Catholic Church is no exception. The Church is a far-from-perfect expression of God's love, mercy and goodness. Sometimes the Church blocks God's love as much as it reveals it. The Church has a long history, filled with both grace and sin, and we who make up the Church on earth often do not do a very good job of representing God. Nobody does. We need to admit that. Carlo Carretto, a renowned Italian spiritual writer, in his old age, wrote the following Ode to the Church:

*How much I must criticize you, my church, and yet how much I love you!
 You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone.
 I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.
 You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.
 Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, and yet I have never touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.
 Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face-and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!
 No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.
 Then too – where would I go? To build another church?
 But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.
 No, I am old enough. I know better!*

Perhaps you can relate to some of his sentiments. Whatever your past experience has been with the Catholic



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Church and with religion in general, I would like to invite you to come back. Try us again. Or, if you have never belonged to the Catholic Church, try us. Many of us are excited by the words and example of our Pope Francis. Perhaps he will continue to lead the Church in ways you will find more helpful. Maybe this time you will find life in the Church and be able to drink in some of its graces. Maybe this time you will find it in you to forgive the Church for its faults, and see why Jesus picked such an imperfect vehicle to carry on his presence. Maybe this time you will be able to see in the Church what Jesus saw in it – an imperfect body made up of men and women like you and me, full of sin, full of ourselves, petty, small-hearted, less-than-sincere, miserly, and tainted, but also full of grace, full of Christ, big-hearted, sincere, generous, and pure; a group of men and women worth dying for – and belonging to. Come be with us. Come home to Jesus. Please visit <http://www.catholicscomehome.org/> for more information.

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TWO FREE SERVICES FOR YOU

WE'RE PLEASED TO OFFER THESE TOOLS FOR FREE, NO GIFTS TO THE FRIARS ARE REQUIRED.

Don't have a Will?Visit **FreeWill.com/opwest** to create one.

Protect your loved ones and assets by using this secure online tool to easily create a last will and testament.

Age 70 1/2?Visit **FreeWill.com/qcd/opwest** to make a gift from your IRA.

This simple online tool will help you complete the right form for a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Dominicans or your parish, which can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution.

You can use these tools to help the Dominicans or
St. Dominic's!



DOMINICAN FRIARS
Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

DID YOU KNOW?

Building active listening skills with children

Building your active listening skills with the children in your life can help you communicate more effectively with them, and it can also clue you in to any suspicious or potentially dangerous relationships in their lives. Active listening lets the speaker know that you have heard, understood, and valued what he or she said. Often, children don't feel this way, but with a few easy tactics, you can change that, building a relationship of trust and respect. As an active listener, be sure to make eye contact while the child is speaking. Ask follow-up questions and check in to make sure you both understand what's being said. Avoid "yes or no" questions and instead ask open-ended questions that will keep the conversation going. For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Children are to be Seen and Heard," at <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

Desarrollando habilidades para escuchar activamente a los niños

El desarrollar sus habilidades para escuchar activamente a los niños en su vida puede ayudarle a comunicarse con ellos con mayor efectividad, y además puede ayudarle a descubrir cualquier relación sospechosa o potencialmente dañina en sus vidas. El escuchar activamente le deja saber al orador que usted le ha escuchado, entendido y que usted valora lo que él o ella le ha dicho. Con frecuencia, los niños no se sienten escuchados, pero con unas pocas tácticas fáciles usted puede cambiar eso, construyendo relaciones de confianza y de respeto. Como un escuchador activo, asegúrese de ver al niño a los ojos mientras él o ella estén hablando. Haga preguntas de seguimiento y en ocasiones repita para asegurarse que ambos entienden lo que se ha dicho. Evite hacer preguntas cuyas respuestas solo sean "sí o no" y en su lugar haga preguntas de las que se puedan obtener respuestas amplias para que siga la conversación. Para más consejos, obtenga una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Children are to be Seen and Heard" (A los niños se les debe ver y escuchar) en <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

En nombre del Equipo Pastoral de la parroquia y de los dominicos – Laicos, Hermanas y Frailles – me gustaría desearles a ustedes y a sus seres queridos una Feliz Navidad y un Año Nuevo santo y lleno de bendiciones.

Una Invitación a Aquellos que No Asisten Regularmente a la Iglesia

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para ofrecer un saludo especial y cálido esta Navidad a aquellos de ustedes que vienen a misa solo de vez en cuando o tal vez nunca, y les doy las gracias por tomar el tiempo a leer esta nota. Les saludo como alguien que está en busca de sentido y de felicidad en la vida, como lo somos todos. Muchos de nosotros encontramos el significado y la felicidad en nuestras vidas por medio de nuestra fe y por asistir a la iglesia; otros muchos encuentran su felicidad en otras maneras. Hay muchas razones porque la gente no va a la iglesia de manera regular, y estoy seguro que tú tienes las tuyas. Puede ser que hayas sido herido por la Iglesia – por la propia institución, por uno de sus sacerdotes o ministros o por miembros de tu familia u otras personas cuya hipocresía te ofendió o cuyos juicios te hicieron sentir indigno y no querido. Tal vez hayas sido uno de los que han experimentado a la Iglesia como fría e insensible o que han sentido denigrado de alguna manera. O quizá estés en desacuerdo con algunas de sus enseñanzas o, simplemente, consideres a la Iglesia irrelevante para tu vida y tus necesidades. Puedes ser uno de los que han encontrado lo que buscas en otra parte – en otra denominación cristiana o en una religión no cristiana u otro sistema de creencias. O tal vez simplemente te hayas alejado y no pienses mucho en la iglesia y no sientas la necesidad de la religión en tu vida.

Tu razón por no asistir a la iglesia regularmente es entre tú y Dios, y no pretendo aquí defender al catolicismo o a cualquier otra creencia religiosa. Cada religión, cada iglesia, cada organización humana tiene un lado oscuro, y la Iglesia Católica no es una excepción. La Iglesia es una expresión muy imperfecta del amor, la misericordia y la bondad de Dios. A veces, la Iglesia bloquea el amor de Dios tanto como lo revela. La Iglesia tiene una larga historia, de ambos la gracia y del pecado, y nosotros, que formamos la Iglesia en la tierra a menudo no hacemos un buen trabajo de representar a Dios. Nadie lo hace. Tenemos que reconocerlo. Carlo Carretto, un famoso escritor espiritual italiano, en su vejez, escribió la siguiente “Oda a la Iglesia:”

Cuánto tengo que criticarte, mi iglesia, y, sin embargo, ¡cuánto te amo!

Tú me has hecho sufrir más que nadie y, sin embargo, debo más a ti que a nadie.

Quisiera verte destruida y sin embargo, necesito tu presencia.

Tú me has dado mucho escándalo y sin embargo sólo tú me has hecho comprender la santidad.

Nunca en este mundo he visto algo más débil, más falso, y sin embargo nunca he tocado nada más puro, más generoso o más hermoso.

Incontables veces he querido cerrar la puerta de mi alma en tu cara, y sin embargo, ¡todas las noches, yo he rogado que me podría morir en tus brazos seguros!

No, no puedo estar sin ti, porque yo soy uno contigo, aunque no por completo.

Luego, también – ¿dónde iría? ¿A construir otra iglesia?

Pero yo no podría construir una sin los mismos defectos, porque son mis defectos. Y de nuevo, si yo fuera a construir otra iglesia, sería mi iglesia, no la iglesia de Cristo.

No, soy bastante viejo. ¡Yo sé mejor!

Tal vez puedas relacionarte con algunos de estos sentimientos. Sea cual sea la experiencia que hayas tenido en el pasado con la Iglesia Católica o la religión en general, me gustaría invitarte a volver. Haz la prueba de nuevo. O, si nunca has pertenecido a la Iglesia, pruébanos. Muchos de nosotros estamos emocionados por las palabras y ejemplo de nuestro Papa Francisco. Ojalá que siga conduciendo a la Iglesia en maneras que tú encontrarás más útiles. Quizás esta vez encontrarás vida en la Iglesia y serás capaz de beber algunas de sus ricas gracias. Quizás esta vez podrás perdonar a la Iglesia por sus errores, y ver por qué Jesús escogió un vehículo tan imperfecto para continuar su presencia. Quizás esta vez podrás ver en la Iglesia lo que Jesús vio en ella – un cuerpo imperfecto compuesto por hombres y mujeres como tú y yo, llenos de pecado, llenos de nosotros mismos, mezquinos, pequeños de corazón, insinceros, avaros y contaminados, pero también llenos de gracia, llenos de Cristo, grandes de corazón, sinceros, generosos y puros, un grupo de hombres y mujeres por los cuales vale la pena morir – y a los cuales vale la pena pertenecer. ¡Ven con nosotros! Ven a casa; ven a Jesús. Para mayor información, véase <http://www.catolicosregresen.org/>.



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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*

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.



St. Dominic's QueensCare Parish Nurse is Hyun Song, RN.

Parish Nurse hours are Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Collection

December 8, 2019
 \$19,321.00



Approximate Expenses
 for the Week
 \$20,474.15