

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
 Communications: Jay Cooney
 Secretary: Cecilia Treat
 Plant Manager: David Lear
 Custodian: Jose Vidaurri

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

Sunday	7:30 AM	Ochoa family, thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Emily Garma, birthday
	11:00 PM	Pro Populo
	1:00 PM	Maria Natividad Oviedo, †
	5:00 PM	Wilfredo D. Sibal, †
Monday	8:00 AM	Aurelio and Sabina Reyes, †
	6:00 PM	Greg and Julienne, wedding anniversary
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Caridad Victorio, †
	6:00 PM	Amelia Matias and Family, thanksgiving
Wed.	8:00 AM	Peter Zaslav, birthday
	6:00 PM	Jose Cuenca, †
Thursday	8:00 AM	Rufino and Purificacion Gutierrez, †
	6:00 PM	Ralph Lopez, †
Friday	8:00 AM	Gravin Stanislawski, †
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors
Saturday		Rogelio Tecson, †
		Hermenegildo Encarnacion, †
		Agaton and Suseta Ventura, †
		Asuncion Palad, †
Saturday	8:00 AM	George Henry Ferra, Jr., †
	5:00 PM	Emilia Farol, †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Today's Activities

Blood Pressure today
 Legion of Mary
 Filipino Breakfast

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

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM St. Mark Room
 Patricians Group Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Hall
 Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM CC Upper Hall
 Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building

Tuesday, January 28, 2019

RCIA 7:00 PM Adult Ed House
 Spanish Bible Study - 7:30 pm St. Mark Room
 Legion of Mary

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Legion of Mary
 Bible Study The Gospel of John by Fr. Donald
 9:00 AM Adult Ed Building

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Divine Mercy Meeting 9:00 AM Adult Ed
 QueensCare nurse 9:30 AM St. Mark Room Building
 Adult Confirmation 7:00 PM Adult Ed Building
 Christian Finance Classes 7:30 PM 6th grade classroom in the school
 Seasons of Hope -Bereavement Group 7:30 PM Guadalupe Room

Friday, January 31, 2020

Legion of Mary
 Light of Jesus Prayer Group Adult Ed Building 7:00 PM
 Grupo de Oracion 7:00 PM St. Mark Room
 Legion of Mary

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Legion of Mary
 Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM School Classrooms
 Liturgy Meeting 10:00 AM Adult Ed Building
 Alpha Meeting 2:00 PM Adult Ed Building

THE PATRICIAN GROUP MEETING
 January 27, 2020 (Monday)
 7:00 – 9:00 PM
 St. Dominic Church Parish Hall
 Topic of discussion: Evangelization
 Presenter: Br. Virgil Tan
 Moderator: Br. Eric Ramos
 Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Goode, OP
 Dinner will be served.



Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul

St. Dominic Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks the entire Parish for the monetary donations on the 5th Sunday: December 29, 2019 You were more than generous.

Your money supports the charity we perform here at St. Dominic. It is truly wonderful to be in a parish that supports the works of mercy. God bless you all.

St. Dominic's Annual Men's Retreat will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of March 13. Join us for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offers inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet reflection, Mass, Confession, and outdoor Stations of the Cross.

The retreat begins Friday evening with a buffet supper and concludes Sunday after morning Mass.

Date: March 13-15

Suggested donation: \$250 (\$50 non-refundable deposit)

Facilitated by: Passionist Retreat team

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Churchgoer or Disciple?

During the 1930's, before he was martyred by the Nazis, a Lutheran theologian named Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote what is now considered a classic Christian work called, "The Cost of Discipleship." In his book, he expressed in a powerful and unforgettable way the distinction between mere churchgoers and true disciples. Mere churchgoers are those who simply go to church without any real commitment and who are satisfied with what he calls "cheap grace." True disciples are those who are willing to pay the price to follow Jesus and seek "costly grace."

"Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. . . . Cheap grace means grace sold on the market The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost!... Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ..."



"Costly grace is the Gospel, which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a [person] must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son... Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ" (The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pp. 45ff).

Jesus himself told us that we have to pay a price to follow him, and that price is...everything: **"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27, 33).** I pray for St. Dominic's Parish to be filled with true disciples and not simply churchgoers.

Can God Really Forgive Me?

The answer to that question is always and forever, "yes!" However, sometimes, we do not accept God's forgiveness in our lives. The following is a very insightful reflection on the "bad" kind of guilt that leads us away from God versus the "good" kind of guilt that leads us to God.

"God's mercy is greater than our sins. There is an awareness of sin that does not lead to God but to self-preoccupation. Our temptation is to be so burdened by our sins and failings and so overwhelmed by our lack of generosity that we get stuck in a paralyzing guilt. This is the guilt that says: "I am too sinful to deserve God's mercy." It is the guilt that leads to introspection instead of directing our eyes to God. It is the guilt that has become an idol and therefore a form of pride.

"The question is: 'Are we like Judas, who was so overcome by his sin that he could not believe in God's mercy any longer and hanged himself? Or, are we like Peter who, in spite of his denials of Jesus, returned to his Lord with repentance and cried bitterly for his sins?'"

Prayer: Lord, cleanse me of my hard-heartedness. Help me embrace your infinite mercy and love in my life.

From *A Cry for Mercy* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, Doubleday Publishers, 1981. Printed in *Christ Our Hope – Daily Lenten Devotions*, published by Creative Communications for the Parish (www.creativecommunications.com).



**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!**

Join us on Sunday, January 26, 2020 between 10 a.m. and noon.
Visit classrooms.

Meet current students, teachers, and families.
Enjoy donuts and coffee or a delicious breakfast by the Filipino Ministry!

Hope to see you there!
Questions or would like to set up a private week-day tour? Call 323-255-5803 or email Mrs. Diaz at ediaz@stdominicla.us



**St. Dominic's School
Career Day**

info@stdominicla.us

Tuesday | 28th January | 2020

Do you want to inspire little minds?
We are looking for presenters to come and speak at our annual career day on Tuesday January 28, 2020. If you or someone you know would love to participate, please send an email to Jessica Goyhenetche at info@stdominicla.us.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Collection

January 19, 2020

\$ 14,770.90

Approximate Expenses
for the Week
\$20,474.15



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

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



Flu activity has remained high across the nation, sickening over 6 million people, and we're definitely seeing it here locally. We still have access to a limited number of FREE flu vaccines donated by Vons/Albertsons. Stop by the office to pick up a voucher (while supplies last) and take it to the Vons at 7311 N Figueroa St. to get vaccinated.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

¿Gracia Barata o Costosa?

Durante la década de 1930 un teólogo luterano alemán llamado Dietrich Bonhoeffer escribió lo que hoy se considera una obra clásica llamada "El Costo del Discipulado", antes de ser martirizado por los nazis. En su libro, expresó de una manera poderosa e inolvidable la distinción entre meros feligreses y verdaderos discípulos. Meros feligreses son aquellos que simplemente van a la iglesia sin ningún compromiso real y están satisfechos con lo que él llama la "gracia barata." Los verdaderos discípulos son aquellos que están dispuestos a pagar el precio de seguir a Jesús y buscan "la gracia cara."

"La gracia barata es el enemigo mortal de nuestra Iglesia. . . . Gracia barata significa gracia vendida en el mercado. . . . Los sacramentos, el perdón de los pecados, y los consuelos de la religión se tiran a precios rebajados. Gracia se representa como tesoro inagotable de la Iglesia, de la que se ducha bendiciones con manos generosas, sin preguntas o la fijación de límites. Gracia sin precio; ¡gracia sin costo! . . . La gracia barata es la gracia que nos otorgamos a nosotros mismos. La gracia barata es la predicación del perdón sin requerir arrepentimiento, bautismo sin disciplina de la iglesia, la Comunión sin confesión. . . . La gracia barata es la gracia sin discipulado, gracia sin la cruz, gracia sin Jesucristo vivo y encarnado. . .



*"La gracia cara es el Evangelio, que hay que buscar una y otra vez, el don que debe ser solicitado, la puerta a la que una persona tiene que llamar. Esta gracia es costosa porque nos llama a seguir, y es gracia porque nos llama a seguir a Jesucristo. Es costosa, ya que cuesta uno su vida, y es gracia porque le da al hombre la única vida verdadera. Es costosa porque condena el pecado y es gracia porque justifica al pecador. Por encima de todo, es costosa, ya que costó a Dios la vida de su Hijo... Cristianismo sin discipulado es siempre el cristianismo sin Cristo." (citado en *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*, Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Ave Maria Press, 2012, pp. 67, 82).*

Jesús mismo nos dijo que tenemos que pagar un precio para seguirlo, y ese precio es...todo: **"El que no carga su cruz y viene en pos de mí, no puede ser mi discípulo... cada uno de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes no puede ser mi discípulo"**(Lucas 14:27, 33). Rezo para que nuestra Parroquia de Santo Domingo esté llena de verdaderos discípulos y no simplemente feligreses.

¿Puede Dios Realmente Perdonarme?

La respuesta a esa pregunta es siempre y para siempre, "¡sí!" Sin embargo, a veces, no aceptamos el perdón de Dios en nuestras vidas. La siguiente es una reflexión muy perspicaz sobre el tipo de culpa "mala" que nos aleja de Dios en contraste al tipo de culpa "buena" que nos lleva a Dios.

"La misericordia de Dios es mayor que nuestros pecados. Hay una conciencia del pecado que no conduce a Dios sino a la auto-preocupación. Nuestra tentación es estar tan agobiados por nuestros pecados y faltas y tan abrumados por nuestra falta de generosidad que nos quedamos atrapados en una culpa paralizadora. Ésta es la culpa que dice: "Soy demasiado pecaminoso para merecer la misericordia de Dios". Es la culpa que conduce a la introspección en lugar de dirigir nuestros ojos a Dios. Es la culpa que se ha convertido en un ídolo y, por lo tanto, una forma de orgullo.

La pregunta es: "¿Somos como Judas, quien fue tan vencido por su pecado que ya no podía creer en la misericordia de Dios y se ahorcó?" O, ¿somos como Pedro que, a pesar de sus negaciones de Jesús, regresó a su Señor con arrepentimiento y lloró amargamente por sus pecados?"

Oración: Señor, límpiame de mi corazón duro. Ayúdame a abrazar tu infinita misericordia y amor en mi vida.

De: A Cry for Mercy por Henri J.M. Nouwen, Doubleday Publishers, 1981. Printed in Christ Our Hope - Daily Lenten Devotions, publicado por Creative Communications para la parroquia (www.creativecommunications.com).



SCIENCE & FAITH SERIES

DINNER & GUEST SPEAKER
6:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Br. Gregory Liu, O.P., Ph.D.



"How Studying Chemistry Helped Me Understand Aristotle & Thomas Aquinas"

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Have you lost a loved one?

JOIN FR. FRANCIS STARTING ON JAN 30

SEASONS OF HOPE

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

New participants are welcome!

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RSVP (323) 254 - 2519
MEETINGS IN GUADALUPE ROOM, FIRST COTTAGE



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HOSPITALITY EVANGELIZATION SERVICE

Fr. Donald Bramble Presents

BIBLE STUDY

STARTING WEDNESDAY JAN 29



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS
ADULT ED. BUILDING
9AM - 10AM



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