

# 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  
 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	Ian and Celia Bardwell, Thanksgiving
	9:00 AM	Esther Ortega, †
	11:00 PM	Yvonne Mulally, †
	1:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Hugo Lozano, birthday
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Rosemarie Sy Sherman, †
	6:00 PM	Anita M. Hermogeno, †
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Francis Sy Su, birthday
	6:00 PM	Jose C. Ochoa, Sr., †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	David Shapiro, †
	6:00 PM	Jon Scher and family, thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Lilia Cabalu Luna, birthday
	6:00 PM	Senena Villar Diño, †
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Herbert and Norbert Maneval, † Jocelyn Pijano, † Grace Taylor, † Ernesto and Rosario Abrahan, †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Randy and Remedios Noland, †
	5:00 PM	Victor and Juanita Alabanza, †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30- 34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Today's Activities**

Blood Pressure today  
Legion of Mary

**This week at a glance...****Monday, February 3, 2020**

Legion of Mary 7:00 PM St. Mark Room  
Saul to Paul Men's Group 7:00 PM CC Upper Hall  
Bible Study 7:30 PM Adult Ed Building

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

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

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

Legion of Mary  
Bible Study The Gospel of John by Fr. Donald  
9:00 AM Adult Ed Building  
Young Adults Adoration time in church 6:30 PM  
Confirmation Year One 7:00 PM Parish Hall  
Confirmation Year Two 7:00 PM Upper Hall  
Health Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM St. Mark Room  
Hispanos en Accion 7:30 PM Adult Ed House

**Thursday, February 6, 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, February 7, 2020**

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

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

Legion of Mary  
CFF Reconciliation Retreat Year 2 Parish Hall  
Dominican Laity 7:30 AM Adult Ed Building  
Alpha Meeting 2:00 PM Adult Ed Building

**The Blessing of the Throat  
on the feast of St. Blaise  
will take place on**

**Monday February 3, 2020  
At 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM Masses**

**Blessed Sacrament Confraternity**

**February 11, 2020** - Our General meeting will highlight BSC birthday celebration for all of us.

The day starts with The Holy Mass at 11:00 AM followed by catered lunch and general meeting in the Parish Hall.

Cost of lunch \$12.00 /person.

Please call Salome Pangilian @ tel # 626-375-7345 for reservation as early as possible before February 9. Thank you!



**February 7, 2020** - First Friday Praying for Priests starts at 3:00 PM during exposition of the Holy Eucharist. Please come and pray with us. Thank you!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The importance of making rules

As parents, we want our children to see us as their allies and teachers, not just the people who lay down the law. But sometimes, rules are more effective — rules are simple and easy to remember, and leave no room for error. When it comes to your child's safety, rules are critical. And when it comes to your child's body, rules can help them understand how to protect themselves from predators. Establishing rules about who can see or touch their bodies is an important part of preventing child sexual abuse. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Sometimes a rule is more effective than a discussion" from <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

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

**Where Are You, God?**

Kobe Bryant's tragic death – and that of the other passengers with him – last Sunday has certainly had a great impact on many of us. In addition to so many recent calamities in our world – fires, disease, earthquakes, hurricanes, etc. – the question above can easily pop into our minds. It can seem that God is absent, unconcerned or even that God does not exist. As I have mentioned in past homilies, ***God does not cause evil and God does not punish us, so none of these things is a punishment from God.*** Rather, they are simply part of the price we humans have to pay for living in an imperfect world. We are told in Genesis that the world is beautiful and good; yet it is still imperfect. Our human bodies are amazing organisms; yet our bodies and genes are also imperfect. So babies are sometimes born with inexplicable imperfections and people sometimes get sick with cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and other terrible diseases simply because our imperfect bodies are susceptible to them.



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This world and this life are not perfect because they are not supposed to be. Only in heaven will we – and all of creation – find perfection: ***“For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope”*** (Romans 8:19-20). In the meantime, God accepts the imperfect natural laws that guide this imperfect universe, this imperfect world and our imperfect bodies, and we must live with these imperfections as best we can.

A few years ago, I read a very insightful and challenging book with the irreverent title, *“Where the Hell Is God?”* by a Jesuit priest named Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ (Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ: 2010). He has some very good insights that I hope we find helpful at this time as well as at other difficult

moments in our lives. Fr. Leonard, in the preface of his book, gives a list of what he calls “seven steps to spiritual sanity when we are tempted and give in to the temptation to ask, ‘Where the hell is God?’”

1. ***God does not directly send pain, suffering, and disease. God does not punish us.***
2. ***God does not send accidents to teach us things, though we can learn from them.***
3. ***God does not will earthquakes, floods, droughts, or other natural disasters. Prayer asks God to change us to change the world.***
4. ***God's will is more in the big picture than in the small.***
5. ***God did not need the blood of Jesus. Jesus did not just come “to die,” but God used his death to announce the end to death.***
6. ***God has created a world that is less than perfect, and in which suffering, disease, and pain are realities; otherwise, it would be heaven. Some of these problems we now create for ourselves and blame God.***
7. ***God does not kill us off.***



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So what does God do when terrible things happen to us and to our world? I really believe that God suffers with us. God is right there crying with us, holding us, consoling us and strengthening us. That is the kind of God we have because **“God is love”** (1 John 4:8).



Checkout our new **Historical Image Gallery** on the [www.saintdominics.org](http://www.saintdominics.org) website. You can access the page from the "History" tab on the top menu bar.

Do you have old photos or film of Saint Dominic Church? Maybe wedding pictures or an 8mm film from a family baptism? If so, we need you help! 2021 is the Centennial year for Saint Dominic Church and we're collecting old photos, videos and anything historical about Eagle Rock and the parish. Please call the church office or contact us at [communications@saintdominics.org](mailto:communications@saintdominics.org).



Collection January 26, 2020

\$14,815.50



Approximate Expenses

for the Week

\$20,474.15

### A Mission, Entrusted to Our Care

The Together in Mission campaign is an opportunity for people across the Archdiocese to join together as one united voice. Thousand of men and women just like you make a sustainable monthly commitment because they believe in the hope that will be given through classrooms, from pulpits, on the streets and through the sacraments.

Will you join the generosity of others in our community? Will you continue to keep our story alive and fill the pages with hope and compassion? And if you have never given, will you make a pledge of \$25 per month?

### DIA DE LA AMISTAD

El domingo 16 de Febrero, estaremos celebrando el Día de la Amistad o Día de San Valentín. Con ese motivo, tendremos un convivio estilo "Pot Luck" en el Salón Parroquial después de la Misa en Español. Les invitamos a todos a compartir en comunidad trayendo su platillo favorito, y a pasar un rato agradable con nuestros amigos, familiares y compañeros feligreses – Pueden traer su platillo antes de la Misa en Español directamente a la cocina del Salón Parroquial.



### Fr. Cassian's Book Club

This month we will read and discuss the book "*The Dreamers*", a novel by Karen Thompson Walker.



We will meet at the Guadalupe Room on **Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 10:00 am.**



## Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

## ¿Dónde Estás, Señor?

La trágica muerte de Kobe Bryant – y la de los otros pasajeros con él – el domingo pasado ciertamente ha tenido un gran impacto en muchos de nosotros. Además con tantas calamidades recientes en nuestro mundo (incendios, enfermedades, terremotos, huracanes, etc.), la pregunta anterior puede surgir fácilmente en nuestras mentes. Puede parecer que Dios está ausente, despreocupado o incluso que Dios no existe. Como he mencionado en homilías pasadas, ***Dios no causa la maldad y Dios no nos castiga, así que ninguna de estas cosas es un castigo de Dios.*** Más bien, son simplemente parte del precio que los humanos tenemos que pagar por vivir en un mundo imperfecto. En Génesis se nos dice que el mundo es bello y bueno; Sin embargo, sigue siendo imperfecto. Nuestros cuerpos humanos son organismos asombrosos; Sin embargo, nuestros cuerpos y genes también son imperfectos. Así que los bebés a veces nacen con imperfecciones inexplicables y las personas a veces se enferman de cáncer, diabetes, Alzheimer y otras enfermedades terribles simplemente porque nuestros cuerpos imperfectos son susceptibles a ellas.



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Este mundo y esta vida no son perfectos porque no se supone que lo sean. Sólo en el cielo, nosotros y toda la creación encontraremos la perfección: ***“Porque la creación espera con ansiosa expectación la revelación de los hijos de Dios; porque la creación está sujeta a la futilidad, no por su propia voluntad, sino por el que la sometió, con esperanza”*** (Romanos 8, 19-20). Mientras tanto, Dios acepta las leyes naturales imperfectas que guían este universo imperfecto, el mundo imperfecto y nuestros cuerpos imperfectos, y debemos vivir con ellos de la mejor manera posible.

Hace unos años, leí un libro muy perspicaz y desafiante con el título irreverente, ***“¿Dónde Diablos Está Dios?”*** Por un sacerdote jesuita llamado P. Richard Leonard, SJ (Prensa Paulista, Mahwah, NJ: 2010). Él tiene algunas ideas muy buenas que espero que nos resulten útiles en este momento, así como en otros momentos difíciles en nuestras vidas. P. Leonard, en el prefacio de su libro, da una lista de lo que él llama “siete pasos hacia la sanidad espiritual cuando somos tentados y cedemos a la tentación de preguntar, ‘¿Dónde diablos está Dios?’”

1. ***Dios no envía directamente dolor, sufrimiento y enfermedad. Dios no nos castiga.***
2. ***Dios no envía accidentes para enseñarnos cosas, aunque podemos aprender de ellos.***
3. ***Dios no desea terremotos, inundaciones, sequías u otros desastres naturales. La oración pide a Dios que nos cambie para cambiar el mundo.***
4. ***La voluntad de Dios está más en el panorama general que en el pequeño.***
5. ***Dios no necesitaba la sangre de Jesús. Jesús no sólo vino a “morir”, sino que Dios usó su muerte para anunciar el fin de la muerte.***
6. ***Dios ha creado un mundo que no es perfecto, y en el cual el sufrimiento, la enfermedad y el dolor son realidades; de lo contrario, sería el cielo. Algunos de estos problemas ahora creamos para nosotros mismos y culpamos a Dios.***
7. ***Dios no nos mata.***



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Entonces, ¿qué hace Dios cuando suceden cosas terribles a nosotros y a nuestro mundo? Realmente creo que Dios sufre con nosotros. Jesús está ahí llorando con nosotros, sosteniéndonos, consolándonos y fortaleciéndonos. Esa es la clase de Dios que tenemos.



## 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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