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# St. Dominic Catholic Church & School

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## A PRAYER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

*- Monseñor José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles*

**Dominican Community:**

Rev. Roberto Corral, OP, Pastor  
 Rev. Francis Goode, OP, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Donald Bramble, OP, Prior and Parochial Vicar  
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 Rev. Cassian Lewinski, OP, Retired  
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**Parish Staff:**

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael Finocchiaro, OPL  
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 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	Natividad M. Garcia, †
	11:00 AM	Charlotte mKay Brown, †
	1:00 PM	Pedro Velasco, birthday
	5:00 PM	Emelda Rojo, †
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 AM	Jose P. Tiopianco, †
	6:00 PM	Fr, Alex Muddu, birthday
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM	Marina Munoz, †
	6:00 PM	Jose Cuenco, †
<b>Wed.</b>	8:00 AM	David L. Trotter, †
	6:00 PM	Raymundo Cuenco, †
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM	Narciso and Aurora Salandanan, †
	6:00 PM	Jon Scher, thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM	Joseph Carreon
	6:00 PM	Deceased Dominican Friars, parents, friends and benefactors Jelly Bean Feleo, † Antonio Castiullano Mutia, † Suseta Halili Ventura, † Rufina and Oscar Rodriguez †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Sadeeka Razooki
	5:00 PM	Victor and Gina Maningo

**(Important: These Masses will be celebrated in the private chapel of St. Dominic's Priory. All the written intentions will be honored. Thank you for your understanding.)**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

## SCHEDULE UPDATES

### PARISH RESOURCES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

**CHURCH HOURS:** Daily: 7:00am - 7:00pm

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday: 3 PM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Weekends: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH:

Wednesday: 5pm - 6pm, Friday: 5pm - 6pm, Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**ADORATION IN THE CHURCH:** Sunday: 7:30am - 6:00pm

### EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED:

**DAILY & SUNDAY MASS:** Mass has been cancelled from March 17- March 29, 2020.

### MINISTRY ACTIVITIES:

All Ministry Activities are currently cancelled or postponed. More info to come.

### SAINT DOMINIC SCHOOL:

The School is closed. Please see the letter from our Principal in this bulletin.

### QUEENSCARE NURSE:

There will be no nursing services until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING SACRAMENTS & APPOINTMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE: 323.254.2519, or email [info@saintdominics.org](mailto:info@saintdominics.org)**

**FOR MORE UPDATES & RESOURCES PLEASE VISIT OUR COVID-19 PAGE ON THE WEB:**

<https://saintdominics.org/emergency>

A Message from Fr. Roberto

### **Pandemic Gratitude?**

*This message is from a recent email I received from Lynch Development Associates ©Copyright 2020. It is very appropriate for this difficult time we are experiencing:*

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“Pandemic Gratitude?” It seems like an odd thing to say during these times. What are we supposed to be grateful for – supply shortages, long lines, widespread cancelations, fear, uncertainty, panic?

While these reactions are very understandable, let's take a step back and look at this through our Lenten lenses. While the COVID-19 virus is causing one pandemic, how about Lent causing a pandemic of a different kind, one of gratitude and action. Each Lent we are called to **Pray, Fast and Give Alms**. We are grateful for the opportunity to focus on the gifts we have been given, reflect on how to use these gifts responsibly for the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth, and then act. So, firstly, for what can we show gratitude?

### **We are grateful and PRAY for...**

- Government leaders who have taken bold actions to keep us safe.
- The technology that allows us to stay informed and connected – even when we are encouraged to maintain social distance.
- Medical science and the researchers who are working around the clock to find a cure.
- Medical personnel, doctors, nurses and first responders who are on the front lines risking their own health to care for those who are affected.
- School administrators and teachers who are working to continue the education of our youth as seamlessly as possible.
- Custodial, maintenance and cleaning staff who work endless hours to disinfect and sanitize our buildings.
- The Pope, Bishops and all our Clergy who continue to provide for our spiritual nourishment.
- All those who are actively placing the common good ahead of personal gain.
- The return to health of all those affected, their caretakers, medical providers and those working for a cure.

While we can pray and be grateful for all of those who are working to ensure our health and safety, it is natural to feel overwhelmed and, perhaps, that there is nothing we can do to help. But, in reality, there are many ways to use our gifts given to us by our generous God to come to the aid of others.

### **Continuing our Lenten journey, we can FAST from...**

- Selfishness by purchasing more than we really need so that others can have what they need.
- The panic and anxiety that surrounds us and remain calm and responsible.
- Negative thoughts and trust in the Lord's love and strength for us to move forward following the advice of our local leadership.
- Self-centered actions fueled by fear and turn ourselves outward to contribute to community awareness and solutions.

### **And finally, we can practice GIVING ALMS and performing acts of charity to...**

- Assist our neighbors, especially the elderly and most vulnerable, by shopping for them and taking care of their errands when they cannot.
- Remember to wash our hands for at least twenty seconds. Instead of singing, why not pray The Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary? *That will be a bit longer than twenty seconds, but a few more moments of prayer won't hurt!*
- Be mindful that while many of us cannot attend Mass at this time, we can still save and mail our offertory gift to our parish or bring it with us when we are able to return, to continue the mission of our Church.
- Stay home if we don't feel well or if we are instructed to do so.

Do you recognize something here? Aren't these all things we are called to do anyway as responsible members of society? Yes, there is fear and uncertainty, but it is also a time to focus on the scriptural mandate to **“Be Not Afraid.”** For in these times, and all times, we know and trust in God's Word, **“the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”** (Jn 1:5) It is a time to use our gifts responsibly to face not only this, but all the challenges in our lives.

## ***DONATION APPEAL:***

Due to the cancelation of Masses at Saint Dominic Church, our weekly collection will be greatly affected. Online Giving is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Just visit our website, [www.saintdominics.org](http://www.saintdominics.org), and click the **DONATE** button at the top.

Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the Parish. And you won't have to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!



Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time.

### A message from our St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP Appeal)

Due to the mandatory cancelation of Masses, the monetary donation to help our Saint Vincent De Paul Society fund could be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you very much for your contributions. You make it possible for us to do our work to help others.

#### **Helpful Links and Information**

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Updates on COVID-19

Help prevent the spread of coronavirus in L.A.

Los Angeles County Health Dept

USCCB Statements on Coronavirus

LAUSD hotline for families to call with questions about COVID-19: 213-443-1300

#### **The following government webpages offer further updates:**

LA County

Ventura County

Santa Barbara County

School Information from the California Department of Public Health

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

##### **Early abuse identification is key**

We can do our best to ensure that the children in our community are as safe as possible, and one critical way is to take immediate action at the first hint of improper behavior by an adult towards a child. Be familiar with ways in which perpetrators attempt to groom children, their parents, and church communities so that you can recognize and interrupt such behaviors promptly. Paying attention to changes in behavior, appetite, or demeanor in the children we know is also important as these cues may be reflective of a child's distress. For more information, visit: <https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Early-Identification-Is-Crucial.pdf>.

Un Mensaje de Padre Roberto

### ¿Gratitud Pandémica?

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"¿Gratitud pandémica?" Parece algo extraño decir en estos tiempos. ¿Por qué debemos estar agradecidos: escasez de suministros, largas colas, cancelaciones generalizadas, miedo, incertidumbre, pánico?

Si bien estas reacciones son muy comprensibles, demos un paso atrás y analicemos esto a través de nuestras lentes cuaresmales. Si bien el virus COVID-19 está causando una pandemia, ¿qué tal si la Cuaresma causa una pandemia de otro tipo, una de gratitud y acción? Cada Cuaresma estamos llamados a orar, ayunar y dar limosnas. Estamos agradecidos por la oportunidad de centrarnos en los regalos que se nos han dado, reflexionar sobre cómo usar estos regalos responsablemente para la promoción del reino de Dios aquí en la tierra, y luego actuar. Entonces, en primer lugar, ¿por qué podemos mostrar gratitud?

Estamos agradecidos y ORAMOS por...

- Líderes gubernamentales que han tomado medidas audaces para mantenernos a salvo.
- La tecnología que nos permite quedarnos informados y conectados, incluso cuando se nos anima a mantener la distancia social.
- La ciencia médica y los investigadores que trabajan las 24 horas para encontrar una cura.
- Personal médico, médicos, enfermeras y socorristas que están en primera línea arriesgando su propia salud para cuidar a los afectados.
- Administradores escolares y maestros que trabajan para continuar la educación de nuestros jóvenes de la mejor manera posible.
- Personal de mantenimiento y limpieza que trabajan interminables horas para desinfectar nuestros edificios.
- El Papa, los obispos y todos nuestros clérigos que continúan proveyendo nuestro alimento espiritual.
- Todos aquellos que están colocando activamente el bien común antes que la ganancia personal.
- El retorno a la salud de todos los afectados, sus cuidadores, proveedores médicos y los que trabajan por una cura.

Si bien podemos orar y estar agradecidos por todos aquellos que trabajan para garantizar nuestra salud y seguridad, es natural sentirse abrumado y, tal vez, que no hay nada que podamos hacer para ayudar. Pero, en realidad, hay muchas maneras de usar nuestros dones que nos dio nuestro Dios generoso para ayudar a otros.

### Continuando nuestro camino de Cuaresma, podemos AYUNAR de...

- El egoísmo al comprar más de lo que realmente necesitamos para que otros puedan tener lo que necesitan.
- El pánico y la ansiedad que nos rodea y mantenernos tranquilos y responsables.
- Pensamientos negativos y confiar en el amor y la fortaleza del Señor para que podamos avanzar siguiendo los consejos de nuestro liderazgo local.
- Las acciones egoístas alimentadas por el miedo y enfocarnos hacia afuera para contribuir a la conciencia comunitaria y las soluciones.

### Y finalmente, podemos practicar el DAR LIMOSNA y realizar actos de caridad por...

- Asistir a nuestros vecinos, especialmente a los ancianos y los más vulnerables por ir al mandado por ellos y cuando no pueden.
- Recordarnos de lavarnos las manos por lo menos durante veinte segundos. En lugar de cantar, ¿por qué no rezar el Padre Nuestro y el Ave María? ¡Eso será un poco más de veinte segundos, pero unos pocos momentos más de oración no dolerán!
- Tener en cuenta que si bien muchos de nosotros no podemos asistir a Misa en este momento, aún podemos guardar y enviar por correo nuestra donación a la parroquia o traerla con nosotros cuando podamos regresar, para continuar la misión de nuestra Iglesia.
- Quedarnos en casa si no nos sentimos bien o si se nos indica que lo hagamos.

¿Reconoces algo aquí? ¿No son todas estas cosas lo que estamos llamados a hacer de todos modos como miembros responsables de la sociedad? Sí, hay miedo e incertidumbre, pero también es un momento para enfocarse en el mandato bíblico de "No tengas miedo". Porque en estos tiempos, y en todos los tiempos, conocemos y confiamos en la Palabra de Dios, "la luz que brilla en la oscuridad, y la oscuridad no la ha vencido" (Juan 1, 5). Es el momento de usar nuestros dones de manera responsable para enfrentar no solo esto, sino todos los desafíos en nuestras vidas.



## A message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has made the decision to close all schools through at least March 31, effective Monday. This closure applies to all grade levels and programs including preschool and daycare. All school related events & practices are cancelled and/or postponed. Teachers are sending students home with all workbooks, textbooks, etc. today.

**Learning will continue over the coming weeks.** The faculty will be taking today and Monday to plan. Distance learning will officially begin on Tuesday. ALL students will need access to the following:

- A device that can reliably connect to the internet. A webcam and headphones may also be nice to have. Chromebook, iPad or desktop will all work. Phones are hard to work on (especially if typing is involved which will often be the case). A printer and scanner may help, but not necessary.
- Some of our students, especially younger students, will need an adult available to help them from time to time.
- **If you do not have internet at home OR if you do not have a reliable device, please reach out to the school.** We are able to deploy an iPad to families that need it, these iPads will be able to complete any of the online learning lessons, and have cellular data plans, so they are always connected to the Internet.

The school office will remain open. Families who have absent students will be able to come in and pick up materials. We will also set up a pick up/drop off system in the event that additional materials or copies are needed for distance learning.

**Much more information will be forthcoming about the format and platform for distance learning.** Please keep an eye on Parent Square for this information.

I am acutely aware that this closure may cause a hardship for many families. Please let me know if we can support you in any way.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Emily Diaz  
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