

ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Week at St. Dominic's

Sunday, December 27 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

Benefactors; pro populo; Ken Wlaschin; Thomas McNeil

- ❖ Cinema at Seven "Miracle on 34th Street": 7:00 p.m./Aquinas Room

Monday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Benefactors; Eddie O'Connell; Monica Shroul Balsdon

- ❖ Lima Center Closed
- ❖ Prayer Group: 7:30 p.m./Parish Hall Kitchen

Tuesday, December 29 *The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Benefactors

- ❖ Lima Center Closed

Wednesday, December 30 *The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Benefactors

- ❖ Lima Center Closed
- ❖ Christian Meditation: 7:30 p.m./Siena Room

Thursday, December 31 *The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Benefactors

- ❖ Lima Center Closed
- ❖ Parish Office Closes at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Daily Masses: 6:30 & 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Benefactors

- ❖ Lima Center Closed
- ❖ Parish Office Closed
- ❖ Parish Mass at 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ All-Night Adoration: 9:00 p.m./Lady Chapel
- ❖ No Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., or 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ No confession today

Saturday, January 2 *St. Basil the Great*

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Benefactors; Klaia Family

- ❖ Docent Tour: 10:00 a.m./Main Church

Sunday, January 3 *Solemnity of the Epiphany*

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Benefactors; pro populo; Linda P. Vickroy; Joseph Klaia; Sophia Klaia

- ❖ Family Service Day: After 9:30 a.m. Mass/Parish Hall
- ❖ Cinema at Seven "The 13th Day": 7:00 p.m./Aquinas Room

Parish Collection

It costs \$31,300 each week to run St. Dominic's Church. Of this amount, Sunday collections and *AutoCheck* donations contribute approximately 63%, with the balance having to be made up from other sources. Our weekly goal is \$19,700.

Pray for our Sick

Rod Ahernaz, Barbara Amberg, David Anderson, Tim Anderson, Leo Benassinni, Megan Blake, Chris Borgzinner, LeVerne Brewer, Patricia Burgio, Miles Burnham, Patricia de Cassia Carmo, Mary Clark, Carmen Concepcion, Robert Contreras, James Cook, Richard Cooper, Sandra Couris, Raymond Crowder, Jonathan Curtis, Lance Daniels, Manuel Del Santo & Mary Debnhardt (family of Bella Finneman), Harold DeLuca, Jenifer Diers, Maria Ebert, Narcisa Aquino Estrellas, Isabelle Fletcher, Lori Formento, Suzy Geile, George Gibbons, Robert Hecksbeer, Barbara Holt, Buttons Hardy Jones, Thomas Adler Jones, Mary Kast, Sarah Koss, Peter Kruepfel, Jarrad Laden, Mary Francis Lasbury, Barbara Lattanzi, Eileen Magnes-Salcido, Lewis Masson, Marilen McIntyre, Bruce Miller, Linda Nadel, Pat Nathe, Susan Nelson, Ann Norlin, Marlene Padua, John Papas, Margaret Passanisi, Ida Pinto, Araceli Ramirez, Juanita Ridgely, Frank Riley, Linda Rivera, Warren Ryan, Fernando Sierras, Lillie Simms, David Smith, Sara Thomas, Samuel Tom, Claudine Utrecho, Barbara Von Liphart, Mildred Wallace, Mercedes Wilson, and the sick who are homebound, in our nursing homes or hospitals.

Pray for our Dead

Sister Mary Margaret McCarthy, O.P.

A Christmas Prayer

God our Father,
we rejoice on this feast of our salvation.
May we welcome Christ our Redeemer,
and meet him with confidence
when he comes in glory to be our judge.
We ask these prayers in Christ's name,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE. Last week, the Victorian Health Care Center on Pine St. honored Clarence & Delores Bennett who for many years have taken Communion to Catholic residents every week, and Fr. Francis Goode, O.P., who says Mass for residents monthly, for their dedicated service. We offer congratulations on the recognition of their commitment in ministering to our Catholic neighbors.

CHRISTMAS OVERFLOWING. Many thanks to our parishioners for the wonderful **Christmas gifts** donated through the Giving Tree. With board games, toy trucks, dolls, Lincoln Logs, gift cards, clothing, and many other gifts, our hallway was overflowing with abundance of your generosity. Also, thank you to the staff and students of St. Ignatius Preparatory High School who run the Christmas store, buy toys, bring food boxes, help families shop, and provide transportation for those who need it. With your help, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 300 families in our community.



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We are also grateful for the **financial contributions** made to Community Service. With this money we are able to help families stay in their homes by helping to pay rent and utility bills. Also, many thanks to Bruno Morelli and all of our volunteers who coordinated our **Christmas luncheon for 70 Lima Center guests**. After lunch, each of our guests received new clothing and personal items. We thank everybody who was part of making this happen.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL! The Parish Advent Party (hosted by the Community Life Commission) was a huge hit and a living example of the true spirit of community that thrives here! More than 200 parishioners of all ages gathered together in joy and unity to celebrate the spirit of Advent and to experience a glimpse of *Christmas around the World*. It was a grand evening as we delighted in an authentic international gourmet menu, bedazzled by wintry, wondrous ambiance, and entertained by Father Santa as we joined together in song. As parishioner Tim Farrell said that evening, "We talk about Heaven here and now, tonight is a bit of heaven here on earth!"

On behalf of the Community Life Commission and the Parish staff we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Lorraine Guzman (Party Planning and Culinary CEO) and Yvonne Resendez (Creative Design

Extraordinaire) for their outstanding leadership and creative imagination. Finally, and most importantly thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this year a truly unique and extraordinary experience. *Decor, Design, & Set-up Team:* Kelley Cutler, Mark McHugh, Shelley Goodale, and Vincent. *Culinary Team:* Ana Vilma Aquino, Eveline Kartawidjaya, Michelle Mokalla, Sarah Stutzman, Elisa Celli, Raul Rodriguez, Lisa Planca, Jordan Goldstein, Taylor Hoang. *Beverage Team:* Robert Keehan, Pat Rawa, Colleen Rawa, Elaine Pascale. *Welcoming/Greeting Team:* Diana Wild, Mari Pecci, Kerry Rockers and Joan Simmons. *International Music Compilation:* Kerry Rockers & Michelle Mokalla

SPIRITUAL & LITURGICAL LIFE

ALL NIGHT ADORATION is a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. It is scheduled to take place on *January 1, First Friday, from 9:00 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the following morning, in the Lady Chapel*. Most attendees spend one or two hours in prayer with the Lord. Because it occurs after the church is locked, contact Jim Burke at Jim@allnightadoration.org or 517-8172 to receive instructions to access the Church.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS, *Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m., Lady Chapel*. Word on Wednesday in January will consist of a beautiful prayer service with readings and music with members of the Solemn Mass Choir for the season of Epiphany.

FAMILY & CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION

JAN. 3: FAMILY SERVICE DAY. Families and youth are invited to the Parish Hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass to help make Christmas cards, enjoy cookies and cocoa, and practice carols for the Feast of Epiphany. Then, we will walk to California Convalescent Hospital and deliver our cards and sing carols to the residents there, returning by 12:30 p.m. Please respond to the Evite or RSVP with Michael Smith at dre@stdominics.org.

• **Normal FCFE classes resume on Jan. 10.**

YOUTH MINISTRY. Youth Group (grades 9-12) meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Siena Room. *Our next meeting is January 10.* We come together to meet new friends, play fun games, grow in the Catholic faith, and eat. Bring a friend! See www.stdominics.org/formation/youth for information.

FAMILY QUOTATION. "Father, We look to Your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the Holy Family of your Son in mutual love and respect, may we

come to the joy of our home in heaven.” (Catholic Votive Prayer for the Family)

ADMINISTRATION

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL. We thank the 500-plus parish families who have contributed to this year’s Appeal. **If you have an unpaid pledge balance, please complete your pledge by December 31, 2009.** Thank you for your support.

OUTREACH

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP. “Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4) You are not alone in your grief. Come receive hope and encouragement. A new group is forming now. Leave a message for Deacon Chuck McNeil at the parish office, (415) 567-7824 or via e-mail at cbmcneil@aol.com.

FORMATION

HOMILIES ONLINE. Starting in Advent, each week’s homily is on our web site at www.stdominics.org. You can listen to the most recent version on the home page, or go to www.stdominics.org/podcast for past homilies.

RECENTLY ENGAGED? Congratulations! To learn what steps are involved in preparing for marriage, go to www.stdominics.org/sacraments/marriage.asp. *To get started*, contact Karen Mitchell at 674-0449 for a wedding packet. To set a date, you need to submit a data form, date request form, and a deposit of \$200.

LANDINGS PROGRAM FOR INACTIVE AND ACTIVE CATHOLICS. Are you considering returning to the practice of your faith, but you have been away too long to know where to begin? Have you felt unwelcome or at odds with the church because of certain issues (such as divorce, birth control, or others)? Have you been attending Mass but not felt connected? Or, are you a practicing Catholic who can listen without judgment and speak with honesty about your own spiritual journey? **Landings** is a small group experience, designed for both inactive and practicing Catholics. For winter sessions, choose Tuesday or Thursday nights, beginning Feb. 2 or 4, ending April 13 or 15, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Please call or e-mail before Jan 23. For information, please contact: **Inactive Catholics:** Lee Gallery: 415-221-1288, leelgallery@sbcglobal.net; **Active Catholics** (need to attend 2 pre-session meetings, Sat., Jan. 23 & 30, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.) Ann Whitaker: 415-640-6854, apwhitaker05@aol.com; or Christina Gimlin: 415-816-4914, christina_gimlin@mcgraw-hill.com.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIVORCE RECOVERY COURSE offered by the Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area provides a chance to understand the emotional journey begun with the loss of a relationship. It will be held for seven Sunday evenings beginning January 10 and will meet at St. Bartholomew Church, Spirituality Center, 600 Columbia Dr, San Mateo from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The cost of \$45 covers book and materials. To register, call Joanne at (650) 347-0701, Gail at (650) 591-8452 or Susan at (415) 752-1308.

DID YOU KNOW? How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The “I” message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against him- or herself. The “I” message, simply diagrammed, says, “I feel [feeling] when [situation] because [reason.]” For example, you can say, “I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes because that could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation.” It is a much more constructive approach than saying, “You shouldn’t be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger.” For particular help you may call Barbara Elordi, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (415) 614-5504 or ElordiB@sfarchdiocese.org.

YEAR END GIVING

Be Aware of Gift Dates. Remember that only gifts made by December 31 can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. The gift date, or the date used for tax purposes, is the day you transfer control of the asset. As you consider your year-end giving, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Checks.** The mailing date is the date of the gift.
 - **Credit Cards.** The day the charge is authorized is considered the gift date. To make gifts by credit card, contact Mark Lizama at 415.674.0433 or visit us online at stdominics.org/donations.
 - **Pledges.** Pledges are deductible in the year they are fulfilled and not the year the initial pledge is made.
 - **Securities.** If electronically transferred, the gift date generally is the day the securities enter St. Dominic’s account. For securities transfer instructions, please contact Michael Rossi at michael@stdominics.org or 674-0435.
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Our Crèche, or crib, is beautiful and we are indebted to Albert Gavaller for its design and construction. Pope Benedict has these lovely words to offer. "The crib helps us to contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. St Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who 'though he was rich he made himself poor for us.' His poverty enriches those who embrace it, and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the Angel's words: 'Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.' This is still the sign for us too, men and women, of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."



CHRISTMAS SEASON

Solemnity of the Holy Family,

Sunday, December 27,

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of

God, Friday, January 1, 2010,

Parish Mass at 9:30 a.m.

(No other Masses this day)

Vigil Mass on Thursday,

December 31, at 5:30 p.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany,

Sunday, January 3, 2010,

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Solemnity of the Baptism of The Lord,

Sunday, January 10, 2010,

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

This marks the end of the Christmas Season
