

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42



THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 19

DONUT SOCIAL



Join us after the 10:30 Mass
for coffee, donuts and fellowship
in the Parish Meeting Room

Sunday, December 19

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR

"The Nativity"

Featuring

Andrew Buchan & Tatiana Maslany
Released in 2010 and runs 120 minutes

- **6:30pm**—Parish Meeting Room



Monday, December 20

ST. DOMINIC CENACLE

Join Cenacle, via Zoom, as they continue watching

"THE CHOSEN"

SEASON TWO

- **7pm** — via Zoom

See the parish website for the Zoom link. This is NOT an in-person meeting.



Friday, December 24

- Daily Mass — 9am
- Christmas Eve Mass — 5pm Vigil
- Dominican Community Christmas Mass — 9pm
(Public Welcome)



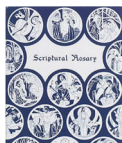
Saturday, December 25

- 10:30am **ONLY**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY PRAYER GROUP



Can we interest you in joining our group to pray for your intentions? We are a small group, but growing. We meet **after the 9am Mass every Saturday** at the back of St. Dominic Church to say the Scriptural Rosary.

Each week, a different member leads the group and we pray for their petition and national or world intercession.

No rosary necessary. We will provide you with a Scriptural Rosary booklet to use. We look forward to your joining us.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Advent, we will be adding additional times to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us at one of the following times:

- **December 20th, 21st & 22nd** — 8:30am until 12:10pm

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS



It takes a host of volunteers to prepare our lovely church for Christmas. We are seeking volunteers to help us decorate the Church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 23rd at 9:30am.**

If you are able to help, please meet us at the front of the church.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Family Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 26th: **8am, 10:30am, 5pm**

Holy Mother of God Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 31st: **NO** Vigil Mass
- January 1st: **9am Mass ONLY**

Epiphany Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- Saturday, January 1st: **NO** Vigil Mass
- Sunday, January 2nd: **8am, 10:30am, 5pm**



CAPITOL HILL PREGNANCY CENTER

Our next collection of practical baby items such as diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of **January 1st & 2nd.**



Please leave your donation in front of the Ambo at the front of the altar.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting those families that choose life.

CHURCH CLEANING



We will clean the church on **Saturday, January 8th** after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

We are looking for people to help organize our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating at least three times a year. Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church.

If you are interested in organizing a team, please e-mail social@StDominicChurch.org or call (202) 554-7863.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The next collection for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry will be the weekend of **January 29th & 30th.**



Please make sure your items are unopened and have not expired. Food items will be distributed to our neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast communities. As always, your generosity is always appreciated.

SOME



We are pleased to report that the organization, So Others Might Eat (SOME), will resume providing meals to those in need beginning in January 2022.

Previously, St. Dominic parishioners have been so generous in preparing (meatloaves and macaroni and cheese) and/or serving meals at SOME and we are excited to get the ball rolling once again. As in the past, we will provide meals in months with a fifth Saturday. In 2022, that will include the months of January, April, July, October and December.

You'll find the sign-up sheets, baking pans and recipes in the main vestibule of the church.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — *"From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."* (Micah 5:1-4a)

Psalms — *"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."* (Psalm 80)

Second Reading — *"We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all."* (Hebrews 10:5-10)

Gospel — *"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Luke 1:39-45)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Saturday: **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

PRAY FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

Please pray for the sick and recently deceased parishioners and family members of the Parish and Priory.

Sick: Francis & Phyllis Chesley, James McGrath, Lynn McGrath, Ernest Yambot, Pat L., and Christina Cateuro

Deceased: Fr. Andrew Nicolichchia, O.P., Carol Stim, June Jaeger, Alfredo Lobianco, Lauren Morris, Yvonne Parker, Patricia Lucas, Charlie Colman, Timothy Gipe, Doris Baldwin, Gloria Goodwin, Rose Montas, and Elsie L. Fleming.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



*In honor of
Jimmy D. Baluyot*

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Candle for a week for \$15 or a Mass Intention for \$10 can be made in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Collection	12/12/2021	Not available
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/12/2021	Not available

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

The next 2nd collection will be on the weekend of:



- **December 18th & 19th** — St. Dominic Maintenance & Capital Repair Fund

OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS



Consider the gift of a Mass Intention for friends, family or loved ones this Christmas.

Dates beginning in January 2022 are available now. Contact the Parish Office, Monday - Friday, at (202) 554-7863, 8:30am to 5pm or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org for 2022 dates.

THE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 19

- 5:00pm Vigil † George Kormos
- 8:00am Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30am Christmas Novena
- 5:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, December 20

- 8:00am Christmas Novena
- 12:10pm Abraham Fetahi

Tuesday, December 21

- 8:00am Christmas Novena
- 12:10pm † Fr. Alexander Di Lella, OFM

Wednesday, December 22

- 8:00am Christmas Novena
- 12:10pm † All Souls

Thursday, December 23

- 8:00am Christmas Novena
- 12:10pm † Deceased relatives, friends & benefactors of Bogomila Mireva

Friday, December 24

- 9:00am † Nancy Turano
- 5pm Intention of the Celebrant
- 9:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, December 25

- 9:00am Intention of the Celebrant

2022 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

2022 Calendars now available at the back of the church as you come through the main vestibule, on the table to your right, and in the Parish Office. Get them while they last!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Invitation to all to join the parish Christmas Choir! The Christmas Choir will be singing at the 5pm, December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass.

To prepare for the Christmas celebration, Christmas Choir rehearsal will be held in the church on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7pm.

All are invited to join — singers and instrumentalists. Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org for information.

PARISH ENSEMBLE

Our parish Ensemble meets Sunday at 4pm to prepare for the 5pm Mass.

All are invited to join — singers and instrumentalists. Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org for information.

PARISH CHOIR

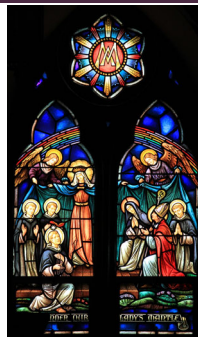
The parish choir meets Sundays at 9:30am in the choir loft to prepare for the 10:30am Mass.

All are invited to join the choir — all voices are treasured.

Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org for information.

CHURCH HISTORY

The three windows to the right of the St. Cecilia Rose Window (above the Choir loft) are best seen standing in the far South (E Street side) aisle near the front of the church. Collectively, the windows are entitled "Under Our Lady's Mantle." The rainbow above Mary reminds us of the covenant between God and "every mortal being that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:17)



~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

FOR THOSE WITH HEARING IMPEDIMENT

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with an over-the-ear speaker for use at the Mass. Please inform a Music Minister (Director or Cantor) if you would like to use one of the receivers, and it will be provided. Please return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized and made available for others.



ATTENTION WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND ACOLYTES, LECTORS, USHERS, AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lectors and Acolytes continue to be needed at many weekday and weekend Masses. The MSP app and MSP website make it easy to request a substitute, and even easier to volunteer to fill a vacancy.

As a service to our community, we request all Lay Ministers to please check the MSP website or app for ministerial vacancies and volunteer to fill a vacancy whenever you attend Mass.

Please check MSP for the current schedule of Advent and Christmas Season liturgies for your projected assignments.

If any Lay Minister has a question regarding the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) web-site or app, please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org.

WORSHIP

Sung Mass Responses: Our community's sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a core element of communal prayer.

- At all weekend masses, we are singing the Mass Setting *Mass of the Patriarchs* found in the hardcover blue hymnal starting with the Kyrie (#163). The other mass parts follow the Kyrie.

Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the Recessional Hymn.

Kindly silence your cell phone: As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please silence/turn off your cell phones when in the church.

And please, no clapping. We do this for the glory of God, not our own.

When people come to John the Baptist asking “From a barren, elderly woman John the Baptist will be born, and from a small and insignificant place our Ruler shall come forth. Through the blessed fruit of Mary’s womb, “we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” In him, God’s “greatness reaches to the ends of the earth.” In these final days of Advent, the closeness of the expectant Mary makes us leap like John the Baptist in his mother’s womb. As we beg, “let us see your face and we shall be saved,” we know that in Mary’s maternal presence our prayer is already being answered. Our Savior, who “shall be peace,” comes to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke — 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

ST. DOMINIC STAFF

OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Jordan Turano, OP (*Pastor*)
Fr. Bede Shipps, OP (*Associate Pastor*)

PARISH STAFF:

JC Cantrell (*Worship Coordinator*)
Ed Von Hagel (*Business/Facilities Manager*),
Margaret Maxwell (*Pastoral Associate*), Mary Lou Cantrell (*Musician*) and Nathan Ringcamp (*Organist*)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Phillip Clarke, Tim Lang, Chris Nodes, Maggie Smith & Carrie Traverso

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Duane Ford (*Accountant*), Michael Grace, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons
& Josef Neusser

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS AT ST. DOMINIC PRIORY

DID YOU KNOW? There are 27 Dominican Friars living here at St. Dominic’s Priory (the building attached to the Church): 1 Prior/Pastor, 4 Retired priests, 1 priest on parish staff, 3 professors, 1 Mission Preacher, 1 Special Ministries priest, 1 Student Master (in charge of the Deacons)/Professor, 1 Supply Work Priest, 1 Procurator (Priest responsible for procuring goods), 1 Cooperator Brother (who helps out is the parish), 4 Newly Ordained, and 8 Deacons (who God willing will be ordained to the priesthood in May 2022).

We have a multi-generational house and we fund our house through our work as professors, Mission preaching, outside ministries and parish salaries (at this point, 1.5 salaries for 2 people). So things can be tight and your generosity to the Parish has been and continues to be wonderful. I would simply ask that you remember the priory and the Friars in your giving and remember us in your estate planning. The Dominican Friars have been serving the community and the Parish of St. Dominic’s since 1852. Please don’t forget about us when making your final arrangements.



WELCOME

No matter how long you're planning to be in the neighborhood, please consider this your home. Fill out a registration form found in the vestibule of the church or on the website, or stop by the parish office.



SUNDAY MASSES

- 5:00pm Vigil (*Saturday*)
- 8:00am
- 10:30am (*followed by coffee and donuts in the Parish Meeting Room*)
- 5:00pm

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS

- Monday—Friday:*
- 8:00am
 - 12:10pm
- Saturday:*
- 9:00am

HOLY DAYS

- 7:00pm Vigil
- 8:00am
- 12:10pm



CONFESSION TIMES

SUNDAY

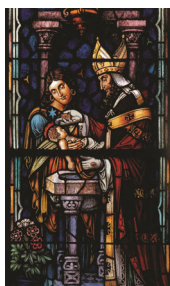
- 9:45am

MONDAY-FRIDAY

- 11:45am—12:10pm

SATURDAY

- 4:30pm



ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please Contact the Parish Office

Baptism: "Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks" (*Code of Canon Law, 867§1*).

Matrimony: "And the two shall become one flesh" (*Mark 10:8*).

Holy Eucharist at Home: When a fellow parishioner is in the hospital or unable to attend Mass.

Adoration: Thursday from 7-7:30pm (Church)

Anointing of the Sick: Those facing serious illness or entering the hospital.



CHURCH HOURS

SUN—FRI

- 7am—7pm

SAT

- 8am—7pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON—FRI

- 8:30am—5:00pm



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Our mission is to preach the Gospel and make disciples, and glorify God through the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, build up the communion of the Church, and serve others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

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