

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

Third Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.”

Luke 3:16



THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 12



DONUT SOCIAL

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

Sunday, December 12

RELIGIOUS MOVIE SEMINAR



"The Nativity"

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

- **6:30pm**—Parish Meeting Room

Monday, December 13

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.

Thursday, December 16

St. Dominic Young Adults

For all young adults in their 20's and 30's

Confessions & Adoration

- **7pm** — In the Church
- **7:40pm** — Group Discussion —
"The Joyful Mysteries: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple"
- **8:20pm** — Fellowship

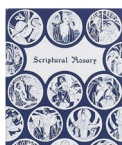


MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH GROUP

The *Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Faith Discussion Group* will be on hiatus the month of December and will meet next on **Tuesday, January 11th at 7pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. We look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

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 19th** — After the 10:30am Mass until 12:30pm
- **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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



The next collection for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry will be the weekend of **December 25th & 26th**.

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.

CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAY MASSES

Christmas Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 24th: **9am**
- Christmas Eve Mass: **5pm Vigil**
- Dominican Community Christmas Mass: **9pm** (*Public welcome to attend.*)
- December 25th: **10:30am ONLY**



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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — *“Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.”* (Zephaniah 3:14-18a)

Psalms — *“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”* (Isaiah 12)

Second Reading — *“Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God.”* (Philippians 4:4-7)

Gospel — *“John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely.”* (Luke 3:10-18)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

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 Nicolichia, 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
Mary Ann Hope*

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	12/5/2021	\$2,792.00
Capital Repair & Maint. Collection	12/5/2021	\$590.00

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 12

- 5:00pm Vigil In gratitude for the music ministry at St. Dominic
- 8:00am Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30am People of the Parish
- 5:00pm Diane Coleman Phillips

Monday, December 13

- 8:00am † Deceased relatives, friends & benefactors of Bogomila Mireva
- 12:10pm † Sr. Clare Mary Nie

Tuesday, December 14

- 8:00am Fr. Norbert Keliher, O.P.
- 12:10pm Doris Stukes

Wednesday, December 15

- 8:00am † Charles C. Smith
- 12:10pm † All deceased members of the Nie Family

Thursday, December 16

- 8:00am Amanda & Elizabeth Maxwell
- 12:10pm † All deceased members of the Tchong Family

Friday, December 17

- 8:00am Marion Maxwell
- 12:10pm Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 18

- 9:00am Christmas Novena

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 rehearsals will be held in the church on Wednesdays, December 15th and 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 church's bronze bell was installed in 1888 and continues to ring to signal Sunday Masses and to sound the somber call for funerals. The bell also rings at Easter, the greatest celebration for Christians, as well as to honor national moments of mourning and jubilations. ~ 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.

MASS TODAY—DECEMBER 12, 2021 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When people come to John the Baptist asking “What should we do?” he says in effect: “Live generously and honestly with others, and don’t live for material satisfaction only.” With that advice, “the people were filled with expectation, asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.” What follows, however, is John’s revelation not of what they must do, but what Christ will do: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire,” and will bring his winnowing fan to clear out the chaff of sin from our souls. Our anxiety dissipates and rejoicing floods in when we realize our salvation comes from “a mighty savior” who “renews us in his love.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke — 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply. “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs on his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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

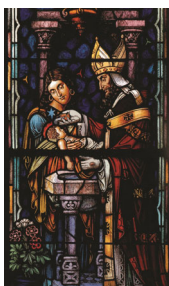
- 9:45am

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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