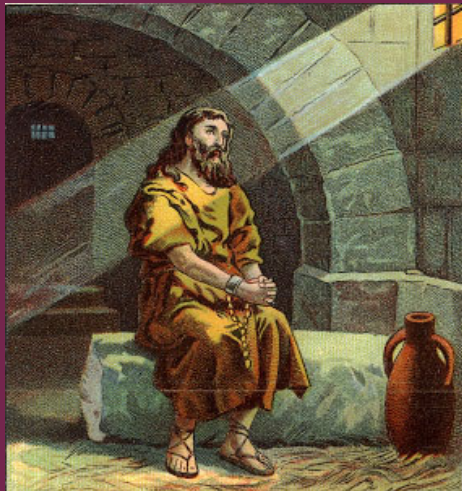


ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"Are you the one who is to come
or should we look for another?"*

~ Matthew 11:3

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

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Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

Parish Staff

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

Celebration of Holy Mass

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil of Sunday)
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
(8:00 a.m. only on a Federal Holiday)
Holy Days: See Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

Administration of the Sacraments

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

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office. A minimum of six months preparation is required by the Archdiocese.

Holy Eucharist at Home: Contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday—Friday

Community Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts:

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish meeting room. All are welcome.

Monday December 12	Tuesday December 13	Wednesday December 14	Thursday December 15	Friday December 16	Saturday December 17	Sunday December 18
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	Second Collection: ADW Retirement Fund for Religious All Masses
Cenacle 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Holy Hour 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		Theology & Carols: Hope & Joy in Advent and Christmas Hymns 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Donut Social After the 10:30 Mass <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>
						Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>

Offertory — Week Ending December 4, 2022

Received	\$4,831
Budgeted	<u>\$3,173</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$1,658

Giving Tuesday Final Results

The grant total raised on Giving Tuesday is \$47,850 through the generosity of 114 donors. Thank you!

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley, Larry & Mary Ann Hope and Bogomila Mireva.

Sanctuary Candle



For all Christian families: that they may bear witness to the hope that is born from the fruit of love.

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

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 11

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil † Deceased members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic
- 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 5:00 p.m. Cecile Tchong

Monday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic
- 12:10 p.m. Diane K. Coleman Phillips

Tuesday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. † Ralph Lee
- 12:10 p.m. † Frances B. Pasibe

Wednesday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mark Mioduski
- 12:10 p.m. Doris Stukes

Thursday, December 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Vincent Francis Maturi
- 12:10 p.m. Michael Joseph Maturi

Friday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Amanda & Elizabeth Maxwell
- 12:10 p.m. † George Kormos

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Novena 1/9



Today is the third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon that comes from the Letter to the Philippians wherein St. Paul writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” The antiphons and

readings direct our attention to the closeness of the Lord who comes to save us from sin and death. He comes to fulfill the prophecies and promises given so long ago that God will come to make right all that is wrong with the world including all that is wrong, wounded, and broken in our own hearts. To do so, God invites us and all humanity to turn back to him and surrender our lives to his kingship and authority. As he says through the prophet Ezekiel: “I do not wish the sinner to die, but to turn back to me and live”(33:11).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sure way of repentance, encountering the merciful Lord, and receiving the grace of forgiveness and absolution from sin. There is a great neglect and lack of use of this sacrament in the lives of Catholics; and this is lamentable. How easily we say that nobody is perfect, which means nobody is sinless (except the Blessed Virgin Mary). The lack of perfection means that we often sin in our thoughts and words, in what we do, and in what we fail to do. Proverbs reminds us that “though the just fall seven times, they rise again”(24:16). The humble confession of our sins to the Lord through the instrumentality of the priest allows the Lord to save us and raise us up.

Next Sunday, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the 10:30 Mass in addition to the usual time before Mass. The sacrament will also be available after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday the following week (December 19, 20, and 21). We have the regular times on the weekdays at 11:45 a.m.; Thursday evening at 7:00; and Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Remember the exhortation of St. John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord and make use of the multiple times offered to the parish to be reconciled with God through the gift of this sacrament. The coming of Jesus in the flesh reveals that God desires to be reconciled and united with each of us. The invitation to encounter the living and merciful Lord is made; each of us must respond.

Thank you to all who supported the Giving Tree initiative to provide toys for needy children at Christmas. We transported 2 truckloads and 3 carloads of gifts to the local precinct of the police department for distribution.

That’s amazing generosity. God bless all who gave a gift.

God bless you with the graces of the Advent season. Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, OP
Pastor

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Dominic Church, while shopping on Amazon.com. When you shop at Smile.Amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as you normally do on Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) to St. Dominic’s. Eligible products will be marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on that product’s detail page.

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Lost & Found

Lost items may be retrieved at the parish office. Current items will be discarded on December 31st. Call to inquire.



Choir & Ensemble Members Needed

The Choir and Ensemble need additional choristers to serve our community. With additional singers, we can better support the sung prayer of our community.

Visit our website at <http://www.stdominicchurch.org/liturgical-ministries.html>, for more information or contact JC Cantrell through the Parish Office or by email: music@stdominicchurch.org.

Lay Ministers of the Mass

The Lay Ministries of Lector and Acolyte have an acute need for additional help. Volunteers are needed for the Weekday (daily Masses) and weekend Masses.

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Your service as a Lay Minister will be a blessing to all.

Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude



Prelude: Of the Father's Love Begotten (Divinum mysterium) - Wilber Held (1914-2015).

Postlude: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn (Lord Christ, the Only Son of God) - J.S. Bach

(1685-1750).

For Those With A 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. Kindly return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized for others to use.



Advent & Christmas @ St. Dominic's

2022



Sundays of Advent
(November 27, December 4, 11, 18)
Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. on Sunday

Advent Day of Recollection
Saturday, December 3
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Parish Meeting Room & Church)

Advent – Theology & Carols
Saturday, December 17
7 p.m. (Church)
6:30 p.m. Confessions

Regular Time for Confession
Sundays: 9:45 a.m.
Weekdays: 11:45 a.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Extra Time for Confession
December 18: After the 10:30 a.m. Mass
December 19, 20 & 21: After the 8 a.m. Mass

Church Decorating for Christmas
Friday, December 23
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
December 24: 9 a.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. Vigil
Christmas Mass During the Night: 9 p.m.
Christmas Mass During the Day:
10:30am **ONLY**

HOLY DAY MASSES (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)
December 31: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
January 1: 10:30 a.m. Mass **ONLY**

EPIPHANY (January 8)
Epiphany Sunday Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. on Sunday

Make sure to pick up your blessed Epiphany chalk!



Lo! He comes...

THE DOMINICAN FRIARS INVITE
YOU TO:

**Theology & Carols:
Hope and Joy in Advent &
Christmas Hymns**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

Time: 7 p.m. (Confessions at 6:30 p.m.)
Where: St. Dominic Catholic Church
501 6th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024
Metro: L'Enfant Plaza
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St. Dominic Church is a Christ-centered, Roman Catholic, and Dominican parish for the people of Southwest, DC and beyond.

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.