

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"Jesus will be born of Mary,
the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David."*

~ Matthew 1:18

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth 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 19	Tuesday December 20	Wednesday December 21	Thursday December 22	Friday December 23	Saturday December 24	Sunday December 25
Confession 8:30 a.m. Church	Confession 8:30 a.m. Church	Confession 8:30 a.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Church Decorating 9:30 a.m. Church	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	No Religious Movie this evening. Movies resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.
A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Holy Hour 7 p.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room		
Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)		Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church				

Offertory — Week Ending December 11, 2022

Received	\$5,198
Budgeted	<u>\$3,173</u>
Deficit/Surplus	\$2,025

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Barbara Anne Dever, 10/17/2022

THE RECENTLY MARRIED:

Connor Gibb & Megan Hays

THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Augustine L. Hurst, Child of Jules & Elizabeth Hurst

Sanctuary Candle



For the grace this week to welcome the presence of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 18

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Marion Maxwell
- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, December 19

- 8:00 a.m. † Andrew Killgore
- 12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 12:10 p.m. Abraham Fetahu

Wednesday, December 21

- 8:00 a.m. † Robert Koetz
- 12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 22

- 8:00 a.m. Christmas Novena
- 12:10 p.m. Ari My-An Sorbi

Friday, December 23

- 8:00 a.m. † Robert Joseph Maturi
- 12:10 p.m. Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 24

- 9:00 a.m. † Nancy Turano
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Novena
- 9:00 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we enter a full week of preparations for the celebration of Christmas. Amid the commercialism and secularism that has come to surround this season, I have found silence as a welcome opportunity for prayer and reflection on the profound significance of the Lord's coming. "Jingle Bells" and "Here Comes Santa Claus" do not speak to the longing for peace and the tranquility that comes with order according to God's design. The war in Ukraine and wars in other parts of the world, the mass shootings and other acts of violence, the hunger and starvation of peoples in different parts of the world, the dire circumstances of migrants and refugees, and the uncertainty of the economic future – just to name a few of the "problems" in the world – cause my heart to resonate with the longing for God's intervention expressed through the prophet Isaiah. The name "Emmanuel" is proclaimed this weekend, announcing that "God is with us." His name is hope and consolation for us. In my previous time as pastor here, there were a couple of parishioners who regularly used this name when signing off from a conversation or an email message. I thought it unique at the time, but now I am more cognizant of its significance.

Our hope and our strength are that God is with us in the midst of all that is wrong with the world, in our families, and in our hearts. He comes in human flesh to be united with us in our human condition in every way but sin so that he can save us from our sins. To experience this grace of salvation, each of us must allow the Lord to enter into our every facet of our lives. We are invited to surrender our lives to him, to repent of our sins and disobedience, and to trust that his Divine Providence will heal and restore what is wounded and broken in our relationship with him and others.

In this last week of Advent, I encourage each person to allow the Lord to enter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are additional times when priests will be available; and an appointment can be made if none of the scheduled times meet the need. Prepare the way of the Lord by removing the obstacles of sin and offering him an acceptable dwelling place in your heart. Take time for silent prayer and reflection. His coming is the most perfect gift we can receive.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24: 9 a.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. Vigil – No confessions

Christmas Mass During the Night: 9 p.m.

Christmas Mass During the Day:

10:30am **ONLY** – No confessions

FEDERAL HOLIDAY

December 26: 8 a.m. Mass **ONLY**

No confessions, Rosary or 12:10pm Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

December 31: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

January 1: 10:30 a.m. Mass **ONLY** – No confessions

EPIPHANY (January 8)

Epiphany Sunday Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. on Sunday

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10 a.m., at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples are invited to register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary **NO LATER THAN** Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Contact the parish office at (202) 554-7863 and let us know if you will be attending the Mass or just want a certificate. **It is important that you call us rather than emailing because we will be asking you a few questions to complete the registration process.**

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

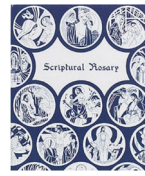


Prelude: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming) - Johannes Brahms (1833-1897).

Postlude: Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come) - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712).

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.



Scriptural Rosary

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 Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary to say the Scriptural Rosary.

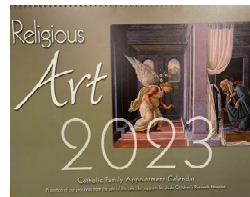
Each week, a different member leads the group and we pray for their petition and national or world intercession. No rosary necessary. We will provide you with a Scriptural Rosary booklet to use. We look forward to your joining us.

Lost & Found

Last chance! Lost items may be retrieved at the parish office. Current items will be discarded on December 31st. Call the parish office to inquire (202) 554-7863.



2023 Religious Art Calendars



A limited supply of 2023 Religious Art Calendars are available on the table as you walk into the church from the main vestibule. These calendars are free for the taking while supplies last and cannot be reserved or mailed to anyone.

We offer a big thank you to Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory for sponsoring the printing of these calendars.

Save the Date!

Join us for Solemn Vespers at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2023 (Epiphany Sunday).



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.