

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"They found Mary and Joseph and the infant.
When the eight days were completed,
he was named Jesus."*

~ Luke 2:21

Sunday, January 1, 2023

**The Solemnity of Mary, the
Holy Mother of God**

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Serving Southwest Washington since 1852

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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 January 2	Tuesday January 3	Wednesday January 4	Thursday January 5	Friday January 6	Saturday January 7	Sunday January 8
FEDERAL HOLIDAY 8 a.m. Mass ONLY. NO confessions, Rosary or 12:10 p.m. Mass Cenacle Social 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	NO A.A. Meeting	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room Music Ministry Rehearsal 7 p.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room Holy Hour 7 p.m. Church	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	Donut Social After the 10:30 Mass Parish Mtg Room St. Dominic's Chapter of the Lay Dominicans Fraternity Meeting 11:45 a.m. Church Religious Movie Seminar 6:30 p.m. Conference Room Solemn Vespers 7 p.m. Church (immediately followed by a reception in the Parish Mtg Room)

Offertory — Week Ending December 25, 2022

Received	\$5,340
Budgeted	\$3,173
Deficit/Surplus	\$2,167

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:
 Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

Sanctuary Candle



*For the grace this week
 to entrust our lives to Mary,
 the Mother of God.*

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, January 1**
 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- Monday, January 2**
 8:00 a.m. St. Jude Novena in honor of New Year
 12:10 p.m. **FEDERAL HOLIDAY—NO MASS**
- Tuesday, January 3**
 8:00 a.m. † The repose of the soul of Greg Shuster
 12:10 p.m. St. Jude Novena in honor of New Year
- Wednesday, January 4**
 8:00 a.m. St. Jude Novena in honor of New Year
 12:10 p.m. For the health & healing of James Wilkinson
- Thursday, January 5**
 8:00 a.m. Mary Healey
 12:10 p.m. St. Jude Novena in honor of New Year
- Friday, January 6**
 8:00 a.m. St. Jude Novena in honor of New Year
 12:10 p.m. For health & peace for Bogomila Mireva
- Saturday, January 7**
 9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack



“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.” We make this petition on the first day of the year recalling that God the Father chose Mary to be the mother of his divine Son. Because he is God, she is rightly called the Mother of

God in his humanity for he takes his flesh from her. We are reminded on this 8th day of Christmas that she is uniquely positioned to intercede for us and all our needs because of her closeness to Jesus. We do well to entrust our lives and prayers to her everyday.

As we begin the new calendar year, I am pleased to announce the selection of 3 new members to the parish pastoral council: Jay Hurst, Doris Stukes, and Susan Timoney. Each one brings an experience and perspective of the parish representative of the demographics of the parish. Their gifts, talents, and expertise will provide an important resource to me as pastor to help us all live as disciples of Jesus, grow as a parish, and implement programming that serves the needs of our parish and our neighbors. These new members join the current council members: Philip Clarke, Tim Lang, Maggie Smith, and Carrie Traverso. Thank you to those people who made nominations of parishioners for consideration. All were good candidates. Those not selected will be retained on a list for future consideration when the need arises.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. In observance of this feast, chalk will be blessed and made available for the blessing of the home. In this blessing, prayer is made for good health and safety in the new year. Instructions will be provided.

Please consider participating in a new liturgical offering here at St. Dominic’s – Solemn Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Sunday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.). Vespers is the evening prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office) that is prayed daily by priests, consecrated religious brothers and sisters, and many lay people. The whole Office is the prayer of the Church and fulfills Jesus’ command to “pray always” (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). One of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council is a strong encouragement that all the faithful would join in this prayer as much as possible. In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy we read, “Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are

encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually” (SC art. 100).

Solemn vespers is a non-sacramental celebration of liturgical prayer. Anyone and everyone is welcome to the church to participate in the singing of the Psalms, listening to a brief Scriptural reading, and making prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. The celebration is an “easy” ecumenical offering of praise and worship of God. Inviting family members, friends, and neighbors is most appropriate. A printed program will be provided. Trained musicians and singers will provide leadership and talent. The entire service lasts 25-30 minutes.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

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Pastor

Christmas Schedule

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

Make sure to pick up your blessed Epiphany chalk!

You’re Invited

Solemn Vespers for Epiphany

7pm

Followed by a reception in the

Parish Meeting Room



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.

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.

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

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.

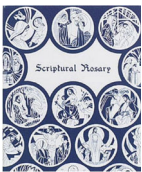
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For Those With A Hearing Impediment

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.



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.

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.**

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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,