From that time on Jesus went to preach,
“Repent, the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
~ Matthew 4:17

Sunday, January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff
Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Associate Pastor: Father Bede Shipps, O.P.
Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell
Business/Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Liturgical/Music Director: J.C. Cantrell
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.
**The Week Ahead**

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**St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church**
On January 25th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The story of his conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a powerful and prolific preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is nothing short of a miracle. The Acts of the Apostles tell us of his numerous journeys to establish and encourage Christian communities; his letters to some of those communities provide divine revelation and wisdom that informs so much of what we believe as Christians.

The celebration of this feast is the culmination of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. St. Paul describes the nature of this unity in the Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4. Here is an excerpt: “…live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (1-6).

This exhortation invites all of us not only to pray for Christian Unity, but also to persevere in the work of ongoing conversion in our own lives so that we may be instruments of unity. With the help of God’s grace, we can experience an encounter with Jesus that calls us into a greater adherence to his teaching and way of life. Consider, for example, St. Paul’s words to bear “with one another through love.” Not always easy in families and in communities. A word, a gesture, a decision, a failure to listen can easily wound and divide. A lack of mercy, patience and compassion can cause a self-righteousness that fails to walk with people in the complications of their lives.

The topic of Christian unity was addressed at the Second Vatican Council in the Decree on Ecumenism. The Decree told Roman Catholics in clear and unambiguous terms: “In certain special circumstances, such as in prayer services for unity and during ecumenical gatherings, it is allowable, indeed desirable, that Catholics should join in prayer with their separated brethren. Such prayers in common are certainly a very effective means of petitioning for the grace of unity, and they are a genuine expression of the ties which even now bind Catholics to their separated brethren.”

So today the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity belongs to all Christians who are sincerely interested in the fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer at the Last Supper “that all may be one.” (cf. John 17:21) Let us pray to the Lord – alone and with other Christians – that the Holy Spirit will heal all that divides the members of the Body of Christ. The Lord Jesus spoke to St. Paul as he traveled on the road to Damascus and changed his heart. Let us ask the Lord to change our hearts first, as well as the hearts of all Christians, so that we may live in his love and be united in his Holy Spirit.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

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

Oh Lord, as we work together to build your empire, let us be the light that leads the world to you.

God, teach us to be good role models to the people around us, so that when they see you and your love within us, they would want to know you more and more.

God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family.

Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.

Intentions for both Mass and the Sanctuary Candle are available now. Contact the Parish Office Monday through Friday, at (202) 554-7863 or by emailing us at office@stdominicchurch.org. The standard Mass Intention donation is $10 and the Sanctuary Candle is $15. Announced Mass Intentions are available for every month in 2023 as well as Unannounced Masses. There are also plenty of weeks available for the Sanctuary Candle.
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.

**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](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.

**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.

**Archdiocese of Washington’s Website**

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**Black History Month Liturgy**

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