

*Christ humbled himself.
Because of this God
greatly exalted him.*



St. Dominic Church

March 24, 2024

Pastoral Staff

Father George P. Schommer, O.P., Pastor
 Father Bede Shipps, O.P., Parochial Vicar
 Ms. Maggie Friedmann, Pastoral Ministry Intern

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate - Margaret Maxwell
 Business/Facilities Manager - Ed Von Hagel
 Music Director - Denny Layendecker
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Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clarke	Doris Stukes
Jules Hurst	Susan Timoney
Tim Lang	Carrie Traverso
Maggie LaPrairie	

Parish Finance Council

Thomas Bolger	MJ Morrow
Jim Courtney	Carol Pica
Michael Grace	Scott Warady

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 or Website

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

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

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday
 (not on Federal holidays)

Scriptural Rosary: 9:45 a.m. Saturday

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**
 Please contact the Parish Office.
- **Anointing of the Sick or Prayers for the Dying**
 Please contact the Parish Office.

Church & Parish Office Addresses & Hours

Church — 501 6th Street, SW
 Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20024
 Phone: (202) 554-7863
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 FaceBook — [stdominicchurhdc](https://www.facebook.com/stdominicchurhdc)

Parish Office Hours
 Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Church Hours
 Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Saturday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Sunday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Federal Holidays: 7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Community Fellowship with Coffee & Donuts

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass,
 in the parish meeting room
 (unless otherwise noted).
 All are welcome.



Today, we begin Holy Week, a very significant time in the liturgical year. The Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.

These are the days when the love of God for each of us is poignantly portrayed in all that Jesus says and does. He willingly enters into his Passion and Death for our salvation and redemption. He is raised from the dead on the third day in victory over the power of sin and death.

Today, the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. The blessing of the palm branches and our jubilant singing of the processional hymn unites us with the mystery of God's love for us. We sing "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest" (Entrance Antiphon). We sing with fervor and celebrate with joy this holy day; we confidently enter into this Holy Week during which we recall the great events of our salvation and redemption.

Why do we have such fervor, joy, and confidence? We believe and experience in our lives that the death of Jesus has washed away our sins and his Resurrection has purchased our justification. We live on the other side of the Resurrection and now live in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Most certainly, we confess and acknowledge that it was our sins that he bore; it was our sufferings that he endured. St. John teaches us: "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 Jn 1:9).

Forgiveness and new life in Christ are the gifts we receive through confession of sin and faith in Jesus as the Son of God raised from the dead. The love that is revealed and offered to us through the events celebrated during Holy Week intends to penetrate our hard and sinful hearts. Why? Because love, not coercion or punishment, changes our hearts to love, follow, and obey the One who has first loved us. The grace of salvation gives us the hope that Christ will continually transform us so that we, too, may participate in the victory and freedom of the Resurrection.

Confessions During Holy Week

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available **only** Monday through Wednesday this week. Priests will be available for the additional time of 8:30 a.m. following the morning Mass; at the usual time at 11:45 a.m. Monday through Wednesday; during the Lenten devotions on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.; and at the Lenten devotion on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Notice About Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his resurrection (Source: USCCB).

Reverence for Blessed Palm

During the Palm Sunday liturgies, palms are blessed and distributed to the congregation. Because the palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away (they may be burned or buried). Displaying blessed palms in the home is a long-standing Catholic practice.

The full schedule for Holy Week and Easter is published in this bulletin. Please consider all the opportunities available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Masses, and liturgical prayers. They are occasions of encounter with the Lord who offers many graces.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor

Monday March 25	Tuesday March 26	Wednesday March 27	Thursday March 28	Friday March 29	Saturday March 30	Sunday March 31
Confessions: 8:30 am & 11:45 a.m.	Confessions: 8:30 am & 11:45 a.m.	Confessions: 8:30 am & 11:45 a.m.	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>	Parish Office Closed—Good Friday	Becoming Catholic 10 - 11:30 a.m. <i>Parish Conf Room</i>	Celebration of the Resurrection 10:30 a.m. <i>Church</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>	Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper Evening Mass 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Morning Prayer 9:00 <i>Church</i> A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i> Stations of the Cross 12:10 p.m. <i>Church</i> Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m. <i>Church</i>	Morning Prayer 9:00 <i>Church</i> Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8 p.m. <i>Church</i>	NO Donut Social

Sanctuary Candle



*For the repose of the soul
of Felicia Garcia Taliaferro
by Gloria Taliaferro*

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

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Dr. Tseghai Berhe, Nora Courtney, Eileen Maturi, and Frances White.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICES:

All those serving in our country and around the world.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

All of our beloved dead.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 24

- 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Logan Icnacio
- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, March 25

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Joyce K. S. Babiak

Tuesday, March 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Ulla Brit Ringstrom
- 12:10 p.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance

Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Special Intention of the Donor

Thursday, March 28

- 7:30 p.m. Priest's Intention

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

- 8:00 p.m. People of the Parish

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Holy Week & Sacred Paschal Triduum

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - March 28
Evening Mass - 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29
Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross - 12:10 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30
Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 p.m. (2 1/2 hrs)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - MARCH 31
Celebration of the Resurrection - 10:30 a.m. Mass
ONLY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7

**Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Devotion
& Confessions - 3:00 p.m.**

Offertory

Week Ending March 10, 2024

Received	\$3,183.00
Budgeted	\$3,846.00
Deficit/Surplus	(\$663.00)

Disposing of Blessed Palm Leaves

Anyone wishing to dispose of old, blessed palm leaves are welcome to bring them to the church and deposit them in the basket found on the table as you walk into the church through the main vestibule.



Did you know we burn the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday?

Electronic Giving Options



Faith Direct



venmo

Poor Box



Donations to the parish Poor Box can be made by using the envelope in your packet, Faith Direct, dropping it off at the Parish Office, Venmo or by giving it to one of the priests. Your generosity enables the parish to assist the poor with one-meal gift cards, rent assistance, utility assistance, and other important, local social concerns and organizations.

Thanks from the Little Sisters of the Poor



The Little Sisters of the Poor wrote to let us know that through their collection efforts at our Masses on Ash Wednesday, they collected a total of \$2,613.55. They greatly appreciate the generosity of our parishioners. Your generosity enables the Sisters to help protect and care for this city's needy poor seniors — some of society's most vulnerable.

Good Friday 2nd Collection

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a **Collection on Good Friday**, to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The tragic events that started on October 7, 2023, have brought many disastrous consequences, including a greatly increased need for support for the Christian community. People need support for everything, including medicine, surgeries, food, and school tuition. During such a difficult time, support of this important collection is essential. It enables the Church to reach out beyond parish communities to support those helping to keep the Christian faith alive in the land where it was born. Thank you for your generosity!



Mass Intentions - Now Available Online

Mass intention for 2024 are available by calling the parish office (202/554-7863), by emailing the parish office (office@stdominicchurch.org), or by visiting the parish website and clicking on the "Mass Intentions" header.



ONLY intentions for "Announced Masses" are available online and payable by credit card. You will still need to contact the parish office for "Unannounced" and "Gregorian Mass" intentions.

CREDIT CARD payments now accepted for ALL transactions.

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

The parish Pastoral Council convened for its monthly meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2024. All the members but one were present. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

In the area of “old” or continuing business, Father George reported that the training process for the St. Paul Street Evangelization has been going well. Most of the Pastoral Council members are participating in this training. They have found the process formative and helpful. Because of the upcoming holy days, Father George has sent out information and links for independent work to keep the group on track. The group hopes to schedule a day soon to venture out and put into practice what has been learned.

The Cenacle groups are continuing to meet. One group meets on Zoom; two other groups meet in person. The recent topics have been on the Holy Eucharist to support the National Eucharistic Revival in the USA. Cenacle groups will be invited to continue meeting and independently determining the topics of learning. Father George will be a resource for guidance and recommendation for materials. All Cenacle groups remain open to parishioners and friends of the parish. Efforts will be made to promote the individual Cenacles with an invitation. Additional groups will be formed, if possible, in Advent and Lent to continue the expansion of home Cenacle groups.

The OCIA has been going very well. We have 2 Catechumens for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Two other participants will receive Confirmation and First Eucharist on the Second Sunday of Easter. There are 2 possible candidates for the program next year.

The celebrations for the 750th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas Aquinas went very well and were well attended. The Dominican community in the priory, the pastoral team of the parish, and the Thomistic Institute all collaborated to honor this Dominican saint to the glory of God. Council members commented that the Mass was beautiful and uplifting.

The parish continues to utilize the website, Flocknote, and the bulletin to communicate news, events, and information. The printer has been repaired and functions

once again. The bulletin is printed in house. Using an outside printing company is cost prohibitive when the printer is out of service.

Councilmembers had a long discussion regarding the monthly Solemn Sunday Vespers. All commented that the prayer is beautiful, and some wished that more people would come to experience it. Options to continue included getting a volunteer choir to provide the music, changing the time of Vespers, having Solemn Vespers on fewer occasions. There was no consensus regarding continuing or discontinuing. Further conversations are needed.

The pastor and the council members will host a “meet and greet” reception after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 14 (the usual time for coffee and donuts). Parishioners will have the opportunity to hear from council members and to offer their own comments on the topics presented. All parishioners are invited to save the date and time and participate in this important gathering for the life of the parish.

Father George concluded the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.



“Only the person who entrusts himself totally to God finds true freedom, the great, creative immensity of the freedom of good.”

—Pope Benedict XVI
From his book *God is Ever New*



Visit St. Dominic’s website!

Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena

This weekend, we join the Dominican friars and hundreds of people associated with them to pray the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage Novena for the third of nine months. The prayer can be found here or prayer cards can be found in the church literature racks and at the entrances of the church.



*God our Father, we thank you
for the gift of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom
we are adopted as your beloved sons
and daughters.*

*At Pentecost you poured
out the Holy Spirit
upon Our Lady and the Apostles
while they were at prayer.*

*Pour out that same Holy Spirit upon us
as we meditate upon the mysteries of Christ
contained in the Most Holy Rosary.*

*Enlighten our faith, strengthen our hope,
and set us ablaze with love for you and our neighbor.*

*Graciously grant us St. Dominic's own zeal
for the salvation of souls.*

Bless the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage.

*May it lead many souls to Jesus through Mary,
so that we may know you and your saving power
now and for all eternity.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!
St. Dominic, pray for us!*

Learn more
and sign up!



THE SEVEN-CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

A Tradition Dating from the Middle Ages Continues in "Little Rome"

MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY

2024 PILGRIMAGE SITES

*Feast of the Institution of
the Most Holy Eucharist*

The tradition of visiting the seven major basilicas of Rome on Holy Thursday is an ancient practice.

This year, Brookland continues its own Seven-Church Pilgrimage, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose at each site after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

All the faithful are welcome to join in the pilgrimage.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue NE
7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Catholic University of America St. Paul's Chapel in Caldwell Hall
8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine
3900 Harewood Road NE
8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Dominican House of Studies
487 Michigan Avenue NE
9:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Saint Anthony of Padua Church at Margot Hall
3400 12th Street NE
8:30 p.m. to Midnight

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
1400 Quincy Street NE
8:30 p.m. to Midnight

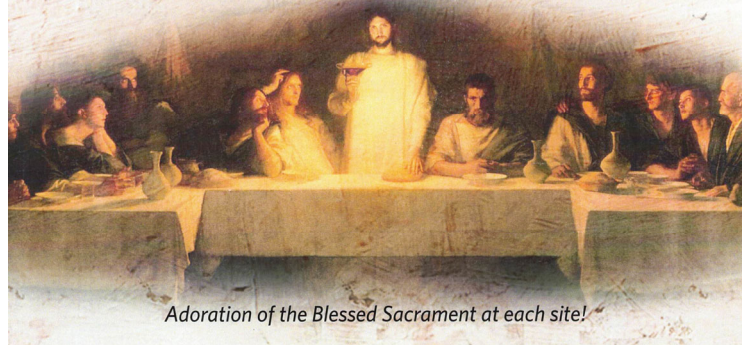
Saint Clare's Convent and Adoration Chapel
3900 13th Street NE
8:30 p.m. to Midnight

Centro Maria Chapel
650 Jackson Street NE
9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Saint Anselm's Abbey
4501 South Dakota Avenue NE
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Capuchin College
4121 Harewood Road NE
8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saint Joseph's Seminary
1200 Varnum Street NE
9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at each site!

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



We will be collecting your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry the **weekend of March 30 & 31.**

Make sure your items are unopened and have not expired. Your donations will be shared with those in need in Southwest & Southeast. Place your items in front of the pulpit at the front of the church or you are welcome to drop off donations at any time during normal business hours in the parish office.

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.