The Lord is King, robed with majesty.

Psalm 93
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
Assistant to the Music Director - J.C. Cantrell

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

Church and Parish Office
Addresses & Hours
Church — 501 6th Street, SW
Parish Office/Priory — 630 E Street, SW
Washington, DC  20024
Phone:  (202) 554-7863
Fax:  (202) 554-0231

Web address — www.StDominicChurch.org
E-mail — Office@StDominicChurch.org
FaceBook — stdominicchurchdc

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.

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.
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and offer a sacrifice of praise and worship to God who calls each of us to share in his own blessed life through his Son and in the grace of the Holy Spirit. The celebration of this feast engages our faith to believe that Christ is not a king of dominance or subjugation. Pope emeritus Benedict XVI writes: “The feast of Christ the King is therefore not a feast of those who are subjugated, but a feast of those who know that they are in the hands of the one who writes straight on crooked lines.” Today’s feast reminds us that Jesus Christ has dominance over the power of sin and death. Through his death and resurrection, he liberates us in his grace from the dominance and subjugation of Satan. Through his death and resurrection, Christ reveals to us his power and authority. Whatever the sins of our past life, Christ redeems us and makes of us a new creation.

Origen, a priest of the 5th century, says that “…it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect….If we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ.” In short, we have more to fear when sin rules in our hearts because sin deprives us of freedom and true human flourishing. Sin deprives us of the life of God. Christ conquers the power of sin and fills us with his Spirit which produces in us the fruits of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness [and] self-control” (Gal 5:22-23). When we possess these virtues, we are then fully human and fully alive.

Accepting Jesus Christ as King of the Universe engages our minds and hearts into a divine way of thinking and a divine way of acting. Through Christ, we enter into “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace” (Preface of Christ the King). Our submission to his authority in our lives protects the new life and freedom we have received from him, beginning with baptism. Each of us must choose to accept and honor the authority of Christ over our lives. When we do, he will look after us and guide us. In this relationship, he will bring us freedom, joy, and peace.

On this Thanksgiving Day weekend, gratitude fills our minds and hearts for the generous Providence of God in our personal lives and in the life of our parish. In just over one year since my return as pastor of the parish, generous parishioners and other benefactors have provided the resources for us to begin expanding our sacred music program with the hire of a full-time director of music, to welcome 5 people into our Becoming Catholic process, to establish new home cenacles for adult faith formation on the Eucharist, and to make some capital improvements within the church. And, we have greatly decreased the deficit in our budget.

This year, the parish will again participate in the efforts of Giving Tuesday through the I Give Catholic platform. Two benefactors have come forward and offered matching gifts totaling $20,000 for the benefit of the parish. Every gift given will be matched dollar for dollar, which gives us the possibility of raising $40,000. The proceeds will be divided in half – 50% for the development and expansion of the sacred music program with paid, professional singers; and 50% for the replacement of doors, some of which are rotting or have become inoperable (see door pictures below). Visit the parish website to make your gift and return often to track the progress to our goal. The giving portal is now available. You do not have to wait until Tuesday. Together, we can fund the mission and outreach of the parish. Thank you.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.
Pastor
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**Sanctuary Candle**

That the culture of life proclaimed by Christ the King will reign in every human heart.

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

**Let Us Pray For...**

**THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:**
Frank & Phyllis Chesley, 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.
You must have registered in advance for this event.
Offertory

Week Ending November 19, 2023

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Electronic Giving Options

- Faith Direct
- Venmo

Mass Intentions Availability

Plenty of 2023 dates through the remainder of the year still available as well as dates in 2024! Or, if the date of your Mass intention isn’t important, nor does it need to be mentioned during the Mass or in the bulletin, “unannounced” Masses are also available. “Unannounced” Masses are said by the Friars in their chapel and in the other small chapels within the Priory and are said within one year of the intention request.

Contact the Parish Office, at (202) 554-7863 or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org.

Limited Sponsorship Opportunity

Help St. Dominic Church paint and stencil the 37 façade pipes of the Roosevelt Organ. A donation of $5,000 per pipe can be made in gratitude, in honor of, or in memory of a person or organization. A donor recognition plaque will be installed.

Contact the parish office for the full brochure or visit the website. Payments can be made over a period of 4 months.

Our Link is Active NOW!

Support St. Dominic Church

Our advanced giving phase has started and continues right into #GivingTuesday on November 28, ending at 11:59 p.m.

Scan the QR code above or visit:
https://washington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-dominic-catholic-church-washington
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~ Courtesy of Mary Moran

**Church History**

The Grand Altar Windows feature St. Dominic in the outer window on the right hand of the Sacred Heart of Christ. Note the hound with a flaming torch on St. Dominic’s left side. Before Dominic’s conception, St. Dominic’s mother had a vision of a hound with a flaming torch setting the world on fire.

Giving Tree Volunteers

Volunteers are needed this Sunday after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to wrap and deliver the Giving Tree gifts to the District 1 Metropolitan Police Department. If you are able to help, please email Social@StDominicChurch.org.

Available Now — 2024 Calendars

A limited supply of 2024 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 from the parish office. There aren’t many left, so get yours now.

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

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St. Oscar Romero
Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

We will be collecting your donations of practical baby items like diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center at each Mass next weekend, December 2-3, 2023.

Place your items in front of the Ambo 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.

Thank you for showing support for those families that have chosen life!

Christmas Dinner for Those Who Are Alone This Christmas or In Need

Again this year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be providing Christmas Dinner for those who are alone or in need. If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, please call the parish office at (202) 554-7863 no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023.

We will need their name, address (with apartment number if appropriate), city, state, zip code, telephone and the number of meals. These meals are for delivery only.

Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage

This year, Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00 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 must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

Sant’Egidio — First Friday, December 1

"I was hungry and you gave me food." (Mt. 25:35)

Serve Christ in those in need.

On the First Friday of each month, join St. Dominic Parish and the Community of Sant’Egidio to bring food and conversation to our friends living on the streets.

If you can say “hello” and hand someone a sandwich, you’ll do great at this ministry—please join us!

When: First Friday of Every Month | Gather between 6:00-7:00 pm | Distribute food between 7:00-8:30 pm

Where: Meet at St. Stephen Martyr Church | 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037

For more info, contact Tim Lang at timlang700@gmail.com.