Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

- Luke 4:18
Candlemas

February 2nd is exactly 40 days after the birth of Jesus. According to the gospel, Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days (inclusive) after his birth to complete Mary’s ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Torah.

Join us on Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. On Saturday, February 2nd at the 9:00am Mass we will process into the church from the back, with lighted candles. This is an opportunity for you to bring your candles from home to have them blessed.

Read more about Candlemas on page four.

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center

Our next collection of diapers, wipes and formula for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center will be the weekend of February 2nd & 3rd.

You may place your donation of diapers, wipes and formula, in front of the pulpit. Please show your support for young families who have chosen life.

Fr. Bernard is Moving On

A farewell for Fr. Bernard Timothy is planned for Sunday, February 3rd after the 10:30am Mass.

Join us in the Parish Meeting Room to wish him well.

Lay Dominicans

There will be a Lay Dominican Fraternity Meeting on Sunday, February 3rd
- 12pm in the Priory Chapel
- 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Church Cleaning

Our next monthly church cleaning will be Saturday, February 9th after the 9:00am Mass. New Volunteers are always welcome.

We are looking for people to help manage our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating at least 3 times a year. Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church. If you are interested, please email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

St. Peter School Gala & Auction

The annual St. Peter School Auction & Gala event will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 6:30pm at District Winery located at 385 Water Street SE, Washington, DC 20003. St. Peter’s look forward to seeing members of the parish community there.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit https://501auctions.com/stpeterschoolcauction.

Presidents Day

Federal Holiday: Monday, February 18th Presidents Day

The Parish Office will be closed. There will be no Confessions or 12:10pm Mass.

Chili Cook-off

Do you make great chili? Register for our delicious annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 23rd. If you don’t make chili, but like to eat it, become a judge!

To obtain more information, email social@stdominicchurch.org or call 202-554-7863.

If you would like to have more opportunities to socialize with fellow parishioners, please consider joining the Hospitality Committee. To do so, contact social@stdominicchurch.org for more information.
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The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy... do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God’s word.

**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

**Psalm** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

**Gospel** — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives.

## The Presentation of the Lord or “Candlemas Day”

Candlemas Day is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. After the 40 days, the mother goes to the temple for the rite of purification, which included the offering of a sacrifice — a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a pigeon or turtledove for a sin offering, or, for a poor couple who could not afford a lamb, two pigeons or two turtledoves.

Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to “redeem” their first-born son among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me’” (Ex 13:1). Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, “Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner. He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: “This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed — and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare” (Lk 2:34-35). So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas”.

### Readings for the Week

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Faith Direct

Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help.

Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Dominic Church with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: DC117.

Church History

The 5th double window on the north side of the church includes a depiction of Blessed Reginald Receiving Scapular on the lower left. Reginald of Orleans (1180-1220), a doctor of laws, was a prominent public figure and distinguished scholar before becoming a Dominican. Reginald’s example and eloquent preaching attracted many young men to the Dominican Order to Italy and later in Paris.

~ Courtesy of Mary Moran
Pray for the Sick

Doris Baldwin, Debra Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kirstofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Helen G. Hewit, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannan, Mona Hennessey, Mary Hogan, Karla Humbles, Marilyn Jarvis, June Jaeger, Maureen Kish, C. Richard Kotulak, Ray Leslie, Andrea Martin, James F. McGrath, III, Mary McMorrow, Rose Montas, Richard Pane, Tomas Ramirez, Maria DeJesus Sanchez, Bruce Sanowar, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Scarpulla, Frances White, Saundra Yates, and the other sick of the Parish and Priory.

Sanctuary Candle

For Fr. Bernard Timothy, O.P. and his new assignment

Arrangements to donate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week for $15 or a Mass Intention for $10 can be made in the parish office.

The Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 27
8:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
5:00pm Mary Healey

Monday, January 28
8:00am William Kormos (D)
12:10pm Deceased Dominican Sisters

Tuesday, January 29
8:00am Bohdana Krawick (D)
12:10pm Dick Wong (D)

Wednesday, January 30
8:00am David Putnam
12:10pm Audrey McQuillan

Thursday, January 31
8:00am Philip Akers
12:10pm John Paul Williams

Friday, February 1
8:00am Lane Sayles
12:10pm Irene Butchkosky (D)

Saturday, February 2
9:00am Catie Fedoryka
5:00pm Danylo Fedoryka

Staff and Dominican Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph

Parish:
Pastor: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Bernard Timothy, O.P.

Parish Ministries:
Altar Servers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Alice Serar
Lectors: Kathryn Aldridge
Music: JC Cantrell
RCIA: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
St. Dominic's Cenacle: Fr. Hyacinth Cordell, O.P.
Social Concerns, The St. Martin de Porres Society & Community Events: Cecilia Daly
Gardening Angels: Elysia Branson
Young Adults: Katie Brizek

Parish Pastoral Council Members:
A new Parish Council is currently being formed. Look for a new list with photo coming soon.

Parish Finance Council Members:
Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, MaryJane Morrow, Ria Nicole Robinson

Parish Staff:
Business / Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel
Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell
Worship Coordinator: JC Cantrell

Friars in Residence:
Prior: Fr. Jacob Restrick, O.P.
Brother: Patrick Foley, O.P.
Welcome
No matter how long you’re planning to be in the neighborhood, please consider this your home. Fill out a registration form found in the vestibule of the church or on the website, or stop by the parish office.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses
- 5:00pm Vigil (Saturday)
- 8:00am
- 10:30am (followed by coffee and donuts in the Parish Meeting Room)
- 5:00pm

Weekdays
- Monday—Friday:
  - 8:00am
  - 12:10pm (followed by the veneration of a relic of St. Jude on Fridays)

Holy Days
- Monday—Friday:
  - 8:00am
  - 12:10pm
  - 7:00pm

Saturday:
- 9:00am

Confession Times

Sunday
- Following the 10:30am Mass

Monday-Friday
- 11:55am—12:30pm

Saturday
- 4:30pm

Administration of the Sacraments

Please Contact the Parish Office

Baptism: “Parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks” (Code of Canon Law, 867§1).

Matrimony: “And the two shall become one flesh” (Mark 10:8).

Holy Eucharist at Home: When a fellow parishioner is in the hospital or unable to attend Mass.

Anointing of the Sick: Those facing serious illness or entering the hospital.

Church Hours

Sunday
- 7am—6pm
- 7am—3:30pm
- 8am—6pm

Mon—Fri
- 7am—6pm

Sat
- 7am—6pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday
- 9:00am—1:00pm
- 8:30am—5:00pm
- Closed

Mon—Fri
- 8:30am—5:00pm

Sat
- Closed

Catholic Schools

St. Peter School
- 422 3rd St SE
- Washington, DC
- (202) 544-1618
- www.stpeterschooldc.org
- Grades K—8

Waterfront Academy
- 60 I Street SW
- Washington, DC
- (202) 484-0044
- www.waterfrontacademy.org
- Montessori 18months—Grade 8

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.

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