Mary set out and traveled to the hill country
in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

## Mark Your Calendars!

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<td>Our Religious Movie Night returns on Sunday, January 6 @ 6:30 p.m. where we will feature: <strong>St. John the Baptist de la Salle: The Patron Saint of Teachers</strong></td>
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<td>Epiphany, the Feast of the Three Kings</td>
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<td>The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.</td>
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<td>New this year! Take a piece of blessed chalk for your own Epiphany house blessing.</td>
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**March for Life**

This year’s March for Life is Friday, January 19th.

- **Program**
  - 12:00pm—Rally
  - 1:00pm—March up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court and Capitol Building

More information to come in next week’s bulletin.
**This Week:**

**Sunday, December 23**

**Religious Movie Seminar**

*Joyeux Noël*

*6:30pm*—Parish Meeting Room

- Diane Kruger, Benno Fürmann, Guillaume Canet (2005)
  116 minutes. Nominated for Best Foreign Film in Britain and America.

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**Tuesday, December 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Mass Times:**

- Christmas Eve
  - 5:00pm
  - 9:00pm

- Christmas Day
  - 10:30am
  * (Parish Office Closed)

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**Thursday, December 27**

**Social Night**

*St. Dominic Young Adults*  
*For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s*

- *7:00pm*—Adoration and Confessions (Church)
- *7:40pm*—Ice Skating
Memories and Dreams

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure traveling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord’s words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.
Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all.
Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Readings for the Week

Monday:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Tuesday:
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday:
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Stewardship

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St. Peter School News

May all the joy of that glorious night, When the King of Kings was born, Be a blessing to you all year long.

Merry Christmas from the St Peter School Family!

Social Justice

Sign up sheets and baking pans for the December 29th SOME meal are in the main vestibule. Because so many people will be out of town for Christmas, please consider making an extra dish to ensure we have enough meatloaves and macaroni and cheese to feed 350 people.

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.

The Christmas party hosted by the DC Police was a well-attended success. Thank you to everyone who donated toys to help make Christmas a bit brighter for children in need and their families.

Leave a Legacy

Please remember St. Dominic Church in your will and estate planning. Your thoughtfulness will enable the parish to continue its presence, ministry, and outreach in Southwest Washington.

Church History

The church’s bronze bell was installed in 1888 and continues to ring to signal Sunday Masses and to sound the somber call for funerals. The bell also rings at Easter, the greatest celebration for Christians, as well as to honor national moments of mourning and jubilations.

- Courtesy of Mary Moran

Attention Weekday & Weekend Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please review your personal calendars and volunteer to fill the vacancies in the December/January schedule — consider it a gift to the Christ-child!

REMINDER: December 24th falls on a Monday. Sunday, December 23rd (4th Sunday of Advent) will have the “normal Sunday” schedule of Masses.

Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or by e-mail music@stdominicchurch.org if you need assistance or have questions regarding the schedule.

All of following Parish masses need Lay Minister volunteers:

- Monday, Dec 24: 5:00 p.m. — Christmas Vigil Mass
- Monday, Dec 24: 9:00 p.m. — Christmas Vigil Mass
- Tuesday, Dec 25: 10:30 a.m. — Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Choir Rehearsal

All who wish to sing as part of the Christmas Mass Choir are encouraged to attend the final rehearsal:

Monday, Dec 24, 3:30 p.m.

Worship

We are blessed by the presence of many visitors and guests each week. Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the Song for Sending Forth (recessional).

Please silence your cell phone: As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please silence/turn off your cell phone when you arrive in the church.

Sung Mass Responses: Our community’s sung and spoken responses during the ritual prayers of the liturgy are a core element of our communal prayer.

- All weekend masses use the sung mass responses of the Missa Simplex, starting with the Kyrie [found in the Blue Hymnal (#133) or the Breaking Bread Book (insert pg. 2)]. Reminder: The Gloria is not sung on Sundays of Advent.
- The other mass parts follow the Kyrie.
Pray for the Sick
Doris Baldwin, Debora Brownlee, Jerome Buke, Col. Roscoe Campbell, Kristofer Chowbay, Danny Chowbay, Barbara Dever, Helen G/Hewit, Thomas Geron, Jazz Goff, Carmen Gowers, Marion Halwick, Patricia & Patrick Hannon, Mona Hennesey, 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 the sick and homebound of our parish

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

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:
Simon Ciccarillo, Patricia D’Antonio, Robert Davis, Margaret MacLeod, Mary Moran, Sean Robinson, David Stewart, Andrew Vasile, Joe Wasiak

Parish Finance Council Members:
Simon Ciccarillo, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons, Mary Jane 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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23
8:00am Christmas Novena
10:30am People of the Parish
5:00pm Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

Monday, December 24
8:00am Christmas Novena
5:00pm Dorethea Bussey & James Dixon (D)
9:00pm People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25
10:30am Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 26
8:00am Benefactors of Dominican Sisters of OLS
12:10pm Radka Gicheva (D)

Thursday, December 27
8:00am Brent Kuch
12:10pm Chirdon Family

Friday, December 28
8:00am Benefactors of Dominican Sisters of OLS
12:10pm Mary Esther Gaines (D)

Saturday, December 29
9:00am Deceased Dominican Sisters
5:00pm Benefactors of Dominican Sisters of OLS
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.

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)

Saturday:
- 9:00am

Holy Days
- 5:00pm Vigil
- 8:00am
- 12:10pm
- 7:00pm

Consecration 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 Mon—Fri Sat
- 7am—6pm
- 7am—3:30pm
- 8am—6pm

Parish Office Hours
Sunday Mon—Fri Sat
- 9:00am—1:00pm
- 8:30am—5:00pm
- 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

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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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