“Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God”

*Baruch 5:5*
## This Week:

### Sunday, December 5

**Religious Movie Seminar**

*“Herod the Great”*

Featuring
Edmund Purdom, Massimo Girotti, Sandra Milo & Elena Zareschi

Released in 1959 and runs 93 minutes

- **6:30pm** — Parish Meeting Room

### Monday, December 6

**St. Dominic Cenacle**

Join Cenacle, via Zoom, as they continue watching

*“The Chosen”*  
**Season Two**

- **7pm** — via Zoom

*See the parish website for the Zoom link. This is NOT an in-person meeting.*

### Tuesday, December 7

**A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

With Bro. Dominic Koester, OP

- **7pm** — In the Parish Meeting Room

### Wednesday, December 8

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- **7pm** Tuesday (Vigil)  
- **8am & 12:10pm**

Proceeded by Confessions & the Rosary @ 11:45am

### Thursday, December 9

**St. Dominic Young Adults**

*For all young adults in their 20’s and 30’s*

Confessions & Adoration

- **7pm** — In the Church

- **7:40pm** — Group Discussion —  
  “The Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation in the Temple”

- **8:20pm** — Fellowship
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Please make sure your items are unopened and have not expired. Food items will be distributed to our neighbors in the Southwest and Southeast communities. As always, your generosity is always appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar

Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group

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 back of St. Dominic Church 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.

Church Decorating for Christmas

It takes a host of volunteers to prepare our lovely church for Christmas. We are seeking volunteers to help us decorate the Church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23rd at 9:30am.

If you are able to help, please meet us at the front of the church.

Christmas & Holy Day Masses

Christmas Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 24th: 9am
- Christmas Eve Mass: 5pm Vigil
- Dominican Community Christmas Mass: 9pm (Public welcome to attend.)
- December 25th: 10:30am ONLY

Holy Family Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 26th: 8am, 10:30am, 5pm

Holy Mother of God Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- December 31st: NO Vigil Mass
- January 1st: 9am Mass ONLY

Epiphany Masses at St. Dominic are as follows:

- Saturday, January 1st: NO Vigil Mass
- Sunday, January 2nd: 8am, 10:30am, 5pm

Church Cleaning

We will clean the church on Saturday, December 11th after the 9am Mass. New volunteers are always welcome.

We are looking for people to help organize our monthly cleaning. Ideally, we would have several volunteers to commit to coordinating at least three times a year. Please help maintain our beautiful, historic church.

If you are interested in organizing a team, please e-mail social@StDominicChurch.org or call (202) 554-7863.

Advent @ St. Dominic

Please join us for

Theology and Carols:
A Theology of Joy in Christmas Carols with Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.
Saturday, December 11th at 7pm in the Church
Confessions @ 6:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Advent, we will be adding additional times to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join us at one of the following times:

- December 19th — After the 10:30am Mass until 12:30pm
- December 20th, 21st & 22nd — 8:30am until 12:10pm

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**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — “Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy.” (Baruch 5:1-9)

**Psalm** — “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” (Psalm 126)

**Second Reading** — “May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ.” (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11)

**Gospel** — “John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:1-6)

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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**Pray for the Sick & Deceased**

Please pray for the sick and recently deceased parishioners and family members of the Parish and Priory.

**Sick:** James McGrath, Lynn McGrath, Ernest Yambot, Pat L., and Christina Cateuro

**Deceased:** Fr. Andrew Nicolicchia, O.P., Carol Stim, June Jaeger, Alfredo Lobianco, Lauren Morris, Yvonne Parker, Patricia Lucas, Charlie Colman, Timothy Gipe, Doris Baldwin, Gloria Goodwin, Rose Montas, and Elsie L. Fleming.

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**Sanctuary Candle**

*In honor of Aidan Nevers
from your loving grandparents.*

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

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**Stewardship**

| Offertory Collection | 11/28/2021 | Not available |
| Capital Repair & Maint. Collection | 11/28/2021 | Not available |

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**Upcoming 2nd Collection**

The next two 2nd collection will be on the weekend of:

- **December 11th & 12th** — ADW Retirement Fund for Religious
- **December 18th & 19th** — St. Dominic Maintenance & Capital Repair Fund

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**Offering Mass Intentions**

It is thought that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrations for the same intention after death.

Dates beginning in January 2022 are available now. Contact the Parish Office, Monday - Friday, at (202) 554-7863, 8:30am to 5pm or email us at Office@StDominicChurch.org) for 2022 dates.

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**The Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 5**

- 5:00pm Vigil: Special intentions of Bogamila Mireva
- 8:00am: People of the Parish
- 10:30am: † Frank Fernandes
- 5:00pm: Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

**Monday, December 6**

- 8:00am: † Deceased relatives, friends & benefactors of Bogamila Mireva
- 12:10pm: Michael and Joyce Tchong & Family

**Tuesday, December 7**

- 8:00am: Dionisia Velasco
- 12:10pm: Josie and John Wang & Family
- 7:00pm: † Theodore Rasay

**Wednesday, December 8**

- 8:00am: Br. John Mary Winter, OCD
- 12:10pm: † Lula Mahone

**Thursday, December 9**

- 8:00am: Dianne Beer
- 12:10pm: † Clara Mahone

**Friday, December 10**

- 8:00am: † Zdena Neusser
- 12:10pm: † Edward Tchong

**Saturday, December 11**

- 9:00am: Donna and Steven Carroll

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**Sanctuary Shirp**

*Offered Collection | 11/28/2021 | Not available*
**Church History**

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~Courtesy of Mary Moran

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**Parish Christmas Choir**

Invitation to all to join the parish Christmas Choir! The Christmas Choir will be singing at the 5pm, December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass.

To prepare for the Christmas celebration, Christmas Choir rehearsals will be held in the church on Wednesdays, December 8, 15, and 22 at 7pm.

All are invited to join — singers and instrumentalists. Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org for information.

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**Parish Ensemble**

Our parish Ensemble meets Sunday at 4pm to prepare for the 5pm Mass.

All are invited to join — singers and instrumentalists. Please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org for information.

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**Parish Choir**

The parish choir meets Sundays at 9:30am in the choir loft to prepare for the 10:30am Mass.

All are invited to join the choir — all voices are treasured.

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**Parish Office**

The parish has a number of personal listening system receivers with an over-the-ear speaker for use at the Mass. Please inform a Music Minister (Director or Cantor) if you would like to use one of the receivers, and it will be provided. Please return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized and made available for others.

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

Lectors and Acolytes continue to be needed at many weekday and weekend Masses. The MSP app and MSP website make it easy to request a substitute, and even easier to volunteer to fill a vacancy.

As a service to our community, we request all Lay Ministers to please check the MSP website or app for ministerial vacancies and volunteer to fill a vacancy whenever you attend Mass.

Please check MSP for the current schedule of Advent and Christmas Season liturgies for your projected assignments.

If any Lay Minister has a question regarding the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) website or app, please contact JC Cantrell thru the Parish Office or e-mail him at Music@StDominicChurch.org.

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**Worship**

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

- At all weekend masses, we are singing the Mass Setting *Mass of the Patriarchs* found in the hardcover blue hymnal starting with the Kyrie (#163). The other mass parts follow the Kyrie.

Out of solemn respect for the Mass, we follow the custom of remaining at our places within the church until the conclusion of the Recessional Hymn.

**Kindly silence your cell phone:** As an overt act of courtesy (and respect for the prayer of all), please silence/tur off your cell phones when in the church.

**And please, no clapping:** We do this for the glory of God, not our own.
All these names—Pontius Pilate, Herod, Annas, and Caiaphas—belong in the Passion of Christ. So then why do we hear them now before his birth? To remind us of why the Lord was born: “Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross” (Saint Leo the Great). The winding road that Christ makes straight is the way to Calvary. With Christ we want to “advance secure in the glory of God, with his mercy and justice for company.” We do that this Advent by asking God to complete the work he has begun in us. The “affection of Christ Jesus” moves us to embrace every sacrifice that prepares in us the way of the cross, confident that “God is leading us in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke — 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

St. Dominic Staff

OUR PRIESTS:
Fr. Jordan Turano, OP (Pastor)
Fr. Peter Fegan, OP (Vicar)
Fr. Bede Shipps, OP (Associate Pastor)

PARISH STAFF:
JC Cantrell (Worship Coordinator)
Ed Von Hagel (Business/Facilities Manager),
Margaret Maxwell (Pastoral Associate), Mary Lou Cantrell (Musician) and Nathan Ringcamp (Organist)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Phillip Clarke, Tim Lang, Maggie Smith & Carrie Traverso

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Duane Ford (Accountant), Michael Grace, Jackie Griffin, Eileen Lyons & Josef Neusser

The Dominican Friars at St. Dominic Priory

DID YOU KNOW? There are 29 Dominican Friars living here at St. Dominic’s Priory (the building attached to the Church): 1 Prior/Pastor, 4 Retired priests, 2 priests on parish staff, 3 professors, 1 Mission Preacher, 1 Special Ministries priest, 1 Student Master (in charge of the Deacons)/Professor, 1 Supply Work Priest, 1 Procurator (Priest responsible for procuring goods), 1 Cooperator Brother (who helps out is the parish), 4 Newly Ordained, and 8 Deacons (who God willing will be ordained to the priesthood in May 2022).

We have a multi-generational house and we fund our house through our work as professors, Mission preaching, outside ministries and parish salaries (at this point, 1.5 salaries for 3 people). So things can be tight and your generosity to the Parish has been and continues to be wonderful. I would simply ask that you remember the priory and the Friars in your giving and remember us in your estate planning. The Dominican Friars have been serving the community and the Parish of St. Dominic’s since 1852. Please don’t forget about us when making your final arrangements.
**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

**MASS TIMES**

**Weekdays**
- Monday—Friday:
  - 8:00am
  - 12:10pm

**Saturday:**
- 9:00am

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

**Concentration Times**

**Sunday**
- 9:45am

**Monday-Friday**
- 11:45am—12:10pm

**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.

**Adoration:** Thursday from 7-7:30pm (Church)

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

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

**Waterfront Academy**
- 222 M Street SW   Washington, DC
- (202) 484-0044
- www.waterfrontacademy.org
- Montessori 18 months—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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