

# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"By your perseverance you will  
secure your lives."*

~ Luke 5-19

*Sunday, November 13, 2022*

*33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

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*Serving Southwest Washington since 1852*

## **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Associate Pastor: Father Bede Shipps, O.P.  
Deacon: Brother Dominic Koester, O.P.

Pastoral Associate: Margaret Maxwell  
Business/Facilities Manager: Ed Von Hagel  
Liturgical/Music Director: J.C. Cantrell

**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri

## **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

## **Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour:**

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

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

\* Or by appointment through the Parish Office

## **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: Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Devotions—Rosary Shrine of St. Jude

Rosary: 11:45 a.m. Monday—Friday

## **Community Fellowship with Coffee and Donuts:**

Each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, in the parish  
meeting room. All are welcome.

Monday November 14	Tuesday November 15	Wednesday November 16	Thursday November 17	Friday November 18	Saturday November 19	Sunday November 20
<b>Cenacle</b> 7 p.m. <i>(via Zoom)</i>		<b>Music Ministry Rehearsal</b> 6:30 p.m. <i>Church</i>	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b> 7 p.m. <i>Church</i>		<b>Scriptural Rosary</b> 9:45 a.m. <i>Church</i>	<b>Donut Social</b> After the 10:30 Mass <i>Parish Meeting Room</i>  <b>Religious Movie Seminar</b> 6:30 p.m. <i>Parish Mtg Room</i>

**Advent Church Decorating**

Volunteers needed to help decorate the Church for Advent on Saturday morning, November 26th at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Church.



**Sanctuary Candle**



*For the repose of the souls of  
Walter and Frances Wierzbicki.*

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:**

Fr. Jordan Turano, O.P.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Elysia Branson, Donald Wright, Bryon Matthews and Mary Blackstone.

**This Week's Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, November 13**

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Billy Kormos
- 8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors
- 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Monday, November 14**

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Walter & Frances Wierzbicki

**Tuesday, November 15**

- 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of St. Dominic
- 12:10 p.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Wednesday, November 16**

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. † Richard Curtiss

**Thursday, November 17**

- 8:00 a.m. † Louise Kormos
- 12:10 p.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance

**Friday, November 18**

- 8:00 a.m. Poor Souls Mass Remembrance
- 12:10 p.m. Special Blessings for Catherine Cantrell on her birthday

**Saturday, November 19**

- 9:00 a.m. † John Jacobs



As we approach the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of the new year with Advent, the parish staff, parish pastoral council, finance council, and I are continuing efforts to understand the current state of affairs in the parish and to offer opportunities for revitalizing the parish. One such opportunity is for parishioner participation in the liturgical ministries at holy Mass. There is great need for volunteers in the area of music for singers and instrumentalists. Even a commitment for Christmas will be welcome so that our liturgies may be particularly beautiful and give fitting worship to God for the gift of his Son. We also have need for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, ushers, and altar servers. The needs are different for each of our Masses, so a healthy cohort of volunteers will help with scheduling in a reasonable manner. Training is provided for all ministers. Please contact JC Cantrell, the director of music, for more information and to register ([music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)).

With the mention of liturgical ministries, there are a couple of details to communicate. First, the need for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) occurs only when a priest or deacon (the ordinary ministers) are not present and there is a need. In those Masses where the deacon or a concelebrating priest is present, the EMHC will need to defer even when he/she is scheduled. Such deference maintains good order in the liturgy and respects the proper roles of everyone present. Second, the distribution of the Precious Blood of Jesus is a practice that remains "suspended" under the current liturgical guidelines of the Archdiocese. The decision reflects a prudent approach as we enter into the flu season and wait to see the impact of the coronavirus and its effects during the winter months. Obviously, this directive impacts on the number of EMHCs needed for Mass.

Volunteers are needed on a periodic basis to help clean and decorate the church for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These efforts require only a few hours of time on a particular day. The announcement is always published in the bulletin. Other periodic occasions are helping with the distribution of Coats for Kids and preparing the gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree to be taken to the police precinct.

More opportunities include the monthly church cleaning on the second Saturday of the month and helping with the maintenance of the church gardens and grounds. All supplies are provided. Please contact the parish office for additional information. As Grandma used to say, "Many hands make light work." Together, we can serve the Lord and one another, building fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

This past week, I participated in a 3-day priests' convocation for the Archdiocese of Washington. These were days of personal prayer and spiritual renewal, an opportunity to discuss items of concern with the Cardinal Archbishop, to receive some ongoing formation, and to strengthen the fraternal bonds among the priests. I was helped to learn what is happening in our local church and to renew friendships with some of the priests whom I remember from my previous tenure as pastor. Collaboration among priests and parishes strengthens our witness and work as a church. I see such collaboration with our neighboring parishes of St. Peter's on Capitol Hill and St. Vincent de Paul. We'll see what develops. Stay tuned.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.  
Pastor

## Church History

The top left side of the first double window to the south side of the church celebrates the birth of our patron St. Dominic. St. Dominic was born into a noble family around 1170 in Caleruega in Castile. He died on August 6th, 1221, on the Feast of the Transfiguration. While reflecting on St. Dominic's life, Pope Benedict said: "This great saint reminds us that a missionary fire must always burn in the heart of the Church, which drives incessantly to take the first proclamation of the Gospel and, where necessary, to a new evangelization: Christ is, in fact, the most precious good that men and women of all times and all places have the right to know and to love!"



— Courtesy of Mary Moran

Offering — November 6, 2022

Sunday Offertory Collection	\$4,121.00
Weekday Offertory Collection	\$291.00
Maintenance & Capital Repair Collection	\$730.00
All Saints Day Collection	\$1,020.00
ADW Retired Priest Fund Collection	\$745.00

**Coming Soon! New Offertory Collection Format.**

Religious Movie Seminar

Join us each Sunday evening in the Parish Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. for a new movie, now through March 26, 2023. See the parish website for the weekly movie title.



Choir & Ensemble Members Needed

The Choir and Ensemble need additional choristers to serve our community. With additional singers, we can better support the sung prayer of our community.

Although rehearsals for the Christmas Season start in early December, we would like you to volunteer now and “raise a joyful song to the Lord.”

Visit our website at <http://www.stdominicchurch.org/liturgical-ministries.html>, for more information or contact JC Cantrell through the Parish Office or by email: [music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org).

Lay Ministers of the Mass

The Lay Ministries of Lector and Acolyte have an acute need for additional help. Volunteers are needed for the Weekday (daily Masses) and weekend Masses.

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Your service as a Lay Minister will be a blessing to all.

*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.*

Coats for Kids



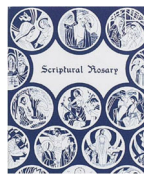
The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for this year's Coats for Kids. The Knights will use the funds raised to buy coats for children in the Southwest/Southeast area. To donate, you may use [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) or make a check out to St. Dominic Church, write “Coats for Kids” in the subject line, and drop in the collection basket.

Toys for Kids

We will be working with the First District Police Department to give toys to children in the area. The Giving Tree is at the back of the church. Simply take an ornament and bring the unwrapped gift to the church NO LATER THAN Sunday, December 4th. The gifts will be distributed to neighborhood children at the DC Police Christmas party.



Scriptural Rosary



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.

For Those With A Hearing Impediment

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. Kindly return the receiver to the Music Director after Mass so that it can be sanitized and made available for others.

