

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"The Word became flesh and made
his dwelling among us."*

~ John 1:14

Sunday, December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

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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 December 26	Tuesday December 27	Wednesday December 28	Thursday December 29	Friday December 30	Saturday December 31	Sunday January 1
FEDERAL HOLIDAY 8 a.m. Mass ONLY. NO confessions, Rosary or 12:10 p.m. Mass Cenacle 7 p.m. (via Zoom)	NO A.A. Meeting	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room NO Holy Hour	A.A. Meeting 12 p.m. Parish Mtg Room	Scriptural Rosary 9:45 a.m. Church	NO Religious Movie this evening.
Parish Office CLOSED all week. Office reopens on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.						

Save the Date!

Join us for Solemn Vespers at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2023 (Epiphany Sunday), followed by a reception in the parish meeting room.



Offertory — Week Ending December 18, 2022

Received
Budgeted **Numbers unavailable this week**
Deficit/Surplus **due to sickness.**

Let Us Pray For...

THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND:

Frank & Phyllis Chesley and Bogomila Mireva.

Sanctuary Candle



For our parish: That we will recommit ourselves to attending Sunday Mass and to receiving the sacraments regularly and devoutly.

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

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Novena

Monday, December 26

8:00 a.m. † Rosario Scordo

12:10 p.m. **FEDERAL HOLIDAY—NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Brent Kuch

12:10 p.m. Matthew Deigan

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 a.m. † Fr. Alexander Di Lella, OFM

12:10 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

Thursday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Timothy Daniel Dingman

12:10 p.m. † William Floyd Dixon

Friday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Anthony Michael Artusa

12:10 p.m. † Fr. Alexander Di Lella, OFM

Saturday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant



Merry Christmas! How blessed we are to gather as the St. Dominic parish family for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. He is the reason for our hope and joy in a world that can be dark and sad in so many ways. So often we call out to God for help; have a powerful desire that God would change our circumstances; or are frustrated that God allows evil and sickness instead of preventing these challenges. Indeed, we are keenly aware that human life is fragile and vulnerable, and our hearts yearn to see God – and to see him work in a mighty way.

As we gather for this Christmas feast, we bring all these “realities” with us and find the cause of our joy in God’s response to the demands of our hearts. In the birth of Jesus, our God is made manifest to the world. He has united himself to our human nature. He has become flesh. He has made his home among us. In truth, we can look at God in the face through his infant son. I don’t know about you but looking at him is disarming. His face draws human tenderness out of my heart. His small, sleeping body inspires me to silence. His vulnerability causes the desire to hold him. Looking at him overcomes the incessant looking at myself and thinking about myself. Without saying a word or doing a thing, God touches my life and changes me.

This Christmas encounter with Jesus fully human and fully divine is the essence of our parish life here at St. Dominic’s. He is present when we gather for worship, celebrate the sacraments, study sacred Scripture, participate in faith formation programs, and engage in works of service within and outside of the parish. God continually draws near to us in every facet of our lives. He offers himself to us. He offers us love, grace, and mercy. He offers us strength and consolation as we face our trials, questions, weaknesses, fears, worries, anxieties, and frustrations.

Regular participation in parish life draws us into a more personal and vibrant relationship with God. He loves us. He desires friendship and communion with us. He supports daily life with grace and strengthens our hope. As we approach a new year when many people make resolutions, I invite you to find support for your resolutions here at St. Dominic’s. Would you like to grow in your prayer life? We can help you. Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? We can help you. Would you like to find support for your vocation as husband/father or wife/mother? We can help you.

You have come for Christmas Mass, and it is good that you are here. You are always welcome here throughout the year. Encounter Jesus here through worship, prayer, study, and service. You remain in my prayers for a holy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.

Fr. George P. Schommer, O.P.

Pastor

Christmas Schedule

FEDERAL HOLIDAY

December 26: 8 a.m. Mass **ONLY**

No confessions, Rosary or 12:10pm Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

December 31: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

January 1: 10:30 a.m. Mass **ONLY** – No confessions

EPIPHANY (January 8)

Epiphany Sunday Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m. on Sunday

Make sure to pick up your blessed Epiphany chalk!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Roy E. Campbell will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10 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 are invited to register with the parish office to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary **NO LATER THAN** Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Contact the parish office at (202) 554-7863 and let us know if you will be attending the Mass or just want a certificate. **It is important that you call us rather than emailing because we will be asking you a few questions to complete the registration process.**

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.

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.

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

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.

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Nathan's Organ Prelude & Postlude



Prelude: No. 2 "Cantabile" from Trois Pièces pour le Grand Orgue - César Franck (1822-1890)

Postlude: V. Final from Symphonie No. 1, Op. 14 - Louis

Vierne (1870-1937)

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 for others to use.



Lost & Found

Last chance! Lost items may be retrieved at the parish office. Current items will be discarded on December 31st. Call the parish office to inquire at (202) 554-7863.



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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.