The first summer of my priesthood, my mother and I visited the Philippines. This was effectively the first time I had ever visited, because when I visited when I was five-years-old, all I remember was bouncing a basketball. It was an amazing experience. Being that both my parents came from sizeable families, I had met swarms of extended family on both sides, saw the home in which my father grew up, said Mass at the chapel where my father was baptized, preached at the church where my parents were married, and on and on. What was funny, too, was that I got to know the Rite of Blessing a New Home very, very, VERY well—being the only priest in the family, I was asked to bless every home that my family owned in the entire province. I think I did seventeen house blessings that month.

And getting to know each part of my family was personal, touching, and subtle all the same time. Yes, I was the honored guest at each of these parties. But most importantly, I had the opportunity to meet my family. Remember, the last time I was in the Philippines was when I was five—I knew hardly anyone! This being said, it was beautiful to meet every one of these families, and be introduced to their glories and their struggles, their glad tidings and their darkness. Yes, indeed, I get to understand the nuances of the “Molano craziness” (dad’s side) versus “Cruz craziness” (mom’s side), but what was truly eye opening and touching was seeing the light and dark of each of these smaller parts of my entire family tree.

When we celebrate a feast like the Holy Family, as we are right now, I tend to contemplate, specifically, the moment soon after today’s Gospel. Namely, I contemplate the moment Joseph is waking up Mary and the Child and they are fleeing for their lives. Because for that family, it was hardly about unicorns and plush toys. One way to contemplate today’s feast is thinking about the controversy and derision both Joseph and Mary endured when Mary came back to Nazareth 3-months pregnant (with no one knowing who the father was). Or why Joseph
wanted to “divorce Mary quietly.” Or the fact that Joseph was humiliated to house his family in a barn when they made it to Bethlehem. All too often, when we think of the Holy Family, we are content with setting them in the creche scene, static and plastic. Yet, the Holy Family was (and is) dynamic, endured glory and darkness, suffered as well as rejoiced. Whether it receiving magi and shepherds, fleeing for Egypt, coming back from Egypt, receiving criticism, or even losing the Son of God for nearly a week, this family experienced nearly everything. In those few verses in which we enter into the Holy Family’s life, we experience the fullness, basically, of most familial dynamics.

Lastly, please pray with me for healing among all broken families. Christmas and New Year’s, with all its lights and gladness, is sometimes a dark and difficult time for some in our community and world.

Either way, may we seek the intercession and example of this Holy Family, and may this Family be OUR family too, relying on their prayers and help to transform us into the saints we are called to be.

~ Fr. Isaiah Mary

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**HELP PREPARE FOR EPIPHANY: Epiphany Packet assembly.** Monday, December 30, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Siena Room. My mother taught me, “many hands make light work.” Join parishioner Mary Lou Cranna put together 1000+ Epiphany packets to be distributed on January 5, 2020. Morning treats will be available. Please RSVP by calling (415) 269-4681 or send an email to mlcranna@comcast.net. All are welcome!

**NEW YEAR’S EVE PRAYER VIGIL AND MASS.** Tuesday, December 31, 10:30 pm, Church Nave. Join Fr. Anthony Rosevear, O.P., Novice Master, and the novices as they welcome 2020 with prayer, reflection, and song. The Prayer Vigil begins at 10:30 pm followed by Mass at 11:30 pm celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. A simple reception follows in the Siena Room. Join us!

**FIRST FRIDAY AFTERNOON ADORATION:** Friday, January 3, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, Friar’s Chapel. All are welcome to join us in prayer before the Lord every First Friday of the month. The afternoon First Friday Adoration is in the Friar’s Chapel, located directly behind the main altar.

**FIRST FRIDAY EVENING ADORATION:** Friday, January 3, 8:00 pm to 12:00 Midnight, Lady Chapel. To become a volunteer guardian or submit a prayer request, visit FirstFridayAdoration.com. Join us today!

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Saturday, January 4, after the 8:00 am Mass, Lady Chapel. All are welcome to the monthly Anointing of the Sick after the 8:00 am Mass.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PARISH ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM.** Become a supporting member of the parish through our online giving program, e-Offering. Make one-time or recurring donations for Sunday offerings, Community Outreach Services, Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, and other programs. Make your donations through a checking account or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American
IN OUR PARISH

Express, and Discover accepted. Visit our website: www.stdominics.org and click the DONATE button on the top bar on the homepage to get started. Or visit the parish office and complete a brochure. Thank you for your stewardship!

CASHLESS GIVING IS HERE: Want to make a donation but forgot your wallet? Don't carry cash? You can still donate to St. Dominic's using the mobile app Venmo. Our name = Saint Dominics, or our username = @stdominics. Just download the App to start making your donation. Thank you for your support of St. Dominic's Church!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS. The weekly deadline for bulletin articles, event announcements, names for our sick and deceased list, etc. is 10:00 am on Tuesday.

Email bulletin@stdominics.org, or fax the article to (415) 567-1608.

Due to the upcoming holidays, submissions should be sent at least a week ahead of the usual deadline or sooner.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA classes will be on break Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 and New Year’s Eve, Tuesday, December 31. We will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

PRACTICAL FAITH, Weekly on Sunday, 10:40 – 11:30 am, Aquinas Room. Join Br. Matthew Wanner, O.P. for Practical Faith during the Children's Faith Formation classes. This time will help all to grow in knowledge of our deep and rich faith, delve into scripture and form community. This is open to all, but primarily for parents of children, so some young ones will be present. We will begin at 10:40 each Sunday, so check your kids into class, grab a coffee and bring your questions! Currently, we are examining principles of mystical theology through the lens of the Song of Songs.

ST. DOMINIC’S CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD AND NURSERY. Please note that our Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Nursery will be closed during the 9:30 am Family Mass on the following weekend:

- December 29

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM - LEVEL II ATRIUM FUNDRAISER. We are looking to expand our CGS program to include a Level 2 Atrium for 6-9 year olds. This Montessori method uses a hands-on approach to teach our children about the life and parables of Jesus, the liturgical seasons, the Liturgy, and how to meditate and pray. A plaque will be placed in the school and will recognize donors in categories of $1000+, $500+, $250+ and $100+. You may donate at the Parish Office via check, cash, or credit card, or online by scrolling down on our main page at www.stdominics.org. Thank you for your generosity!

TEEN MINISTRY. Teen Ministry will be on hiatus starting Sunday, December 15 through Sunday, January 5, 2020. We will resume on Sunday, January 12, 2020 after the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass.

COMMUNITY LIFE
Join one of the active parish groups here at St. Dominic’s in the New Year. Contact information is listed below:

**Young Adults (20s & 30s)**
**Email:** youngadults@stdominics.org
Weekly meetings on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall or dinner after the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Our first meeting of 2020 will be on Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall

**3040s Group**
**Email:** 3040s@stdominics.org

**Friends in Christ Group**
**Email:** FIC@stdominics.org

**FIC January Lecture:** "Reasonable Faith: Belief as Trust in Reliable Testimony" by Fr. Bernhard Blankenhorn, Thursday January 16, 2020, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

It can be difficult to justify our faith, to ourselves or to others. In a scientific age, faith may look superstitious. In an age of critical thinking, faith appears to be naïve.

This talk will propose that faith relies on knowledge based on testimony. Fr. Bernhard will consider the conditions by which we can reasonably accept the truth claims of witnesses, such as the apostles and saints. A vision of faith as reasonable draws on Scripture, the wisdom of the saints, and arguments offered by some contemporary philosophers.

ALL are welcome. Light refreshments served.

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**St. Dominic’s Men’s Club:**
**Email:** mensclub@stdominics.org

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner,** Saturday, January 25, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall. All parishioners, associate members, neighbors and friends are welcome to the Annual Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the St. Dominic’s Men’s Club. Tickets will be in January after the weekend Masses and available online. Watch for the bulletin announcement and get your tickets early!

**Second Spring Seniors Group:**
**Call:** Helene Speedie at (415) 814-2730.
We resume our monthly potluck luncheon on Wednesday, February 5, 11:00 am, Parish Hall.

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**OUTREACH**

**Jail Outreach Ministry.** “I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:36. We provide two prayer services each week to the men and women incarcerated in the San Francisco County Jail.

The volunteer application process takes about three (3) months with training and supervision provided. After the application process is completed, volunteers typically are in ministry once a month for a 1-2 hour duration. We ask for a 2-year commitment.

For more information on this ministry, contact Deacon Chuck McNeil via email: deaconchuck@stdominics.org.

**Emergency Overnight Shelter.** St. Dominic’s is hosting the overnight emergency shelter during the winter season, which started on December 3. We need volunteers to stay with our homeless guests in the Siena Room at night. Contact Br. Michael James at (415) 567-7824 Ext. 117 for more details.
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FORMING. Have you recently experienced the death of someone you love? Consider attending our 12 week closed support group. The group is now forming, and requires a pre-group meeting with the Facilitator. We will meet on Sundays, 3:30 - 5:30 pm and led by Deacon Chuck McNeil and Sr. Maggie Glynn FSP. For more info or to set up a pre-group meeting, contact: Deacon Chuck McNeil, (415) 505-9114 or email him at deaconchuck@stdominics.org

ST. DOMINIC’S HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME MINISTRY. There are a number of nursing homes in our parish boundaries. For those of you who would like to visit the sick and elderly, as well to give communion and help Fr. Christopher Wetzel and Fr. Isaiah Mary Molano with saying Mass at these various places, call the parish office at (415) 567-7824 and leave a message for Fr. Christopher or email him directly at frchristopher@stdominics.org.

COMPANIONS FOR HEALTH CARE. We seek to companion and support St. Dominic’s parishioners through the medical care system by assisting, clarifying, or instructing. If you need assistance or support navigating medical appointments or transportation to and from outpatient procedures, call (415) 567-7824 ext. 106 or email c4health.sd@gmail.com.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS! Do you need a ride to and from medical appointments?
- We have a call list of 14 volunteers and 8 ready and willing volunteers
- Call our Companions for Healthcare number, (415) 567-7824 ext. 106 or email at c4health.sd@gmail.com today! Please give 3-5 days ADVANCE notice so that we can arrange a ride.

LIMA CENTER’S ONGOING CLOTHING AND TOILETRY DRIVE Our drop-in center for the homeless is always in need of men's new underwear, socks, t-shirts, jeans (sizes 30 – 34) and toiletry items (such as travel size shampoo, deodorant and razors). Check out our online wish lists to see what we need and get it shipped directly to the Lima Center. Or, check them when you're out shopping and then drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Due to space constraints, we cannot accept dress slacks and shirts, women's or children's clothing. Thank you for your support through all the seasons.

Dollar Days (get an instant tax-receipt)
https://www.dollardays.com/stdominicslima center/wishlist.html

Amazon (send us your receipt and we’ll apply it to your parish account)
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26 PMLFUE37XPZ

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

MARRIAGE PREP CLASS I: Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 pm, Aquinas Room. MARRIAGE PREP CLASS II: Thursday, January 9, 7:30 pm, Siena Room. St. Dominic's offers classes for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Parishioners Katharine and Dino Ornido teach the classes. RSVP is required, email: ornido@stdominics.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Monday, January 20, 7:00 pm, Aquinas Room. Open to all registered parishioners and associate members. Parents and Godparents must
attend. No reservations are required. Deacon Chuck McNeil teaches the class.

**Marriage Preparation – NFP Class:**

*Tuesday, January 21, 7:30 pm, Aquinas Room.* Attend the “Introduction to Natural Family Planning” for engaged couples being prepared here at St. Dominic’s. No reservation is required. This class is taught by a Couple to Couple League Certified Volunteer Teaching Couple.

**Music & Liturgy**

**Lector Ministry Opportunity.** *Tuesday, January 14, 6:15 pm, Church Nave.* We will be conducting microphone testing for people interested in becoming lectors. This is a prerequisite to our full two-session lector training program. The session will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:15 pm. If you would like to explore whether this would be a suitable ministry for you, please contact Mariana Rexroth at mariana@stdominics.org to sign up and receive materials. The training program sessions will then be held on Saturdays, January 18 and February 1, at 9:30 am; both sessions are required.

**Spiritual Life**

**Spiritual Reflection Emails:** If you would like to receive a short daily spiritual reflection to start your weekday, email Deacon Dan Rosen at deacondan@stdominics.org

**Spiritual Direction Available.** A spiritual director accompanies you in your prayer relationship with God and helps you discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life. A spiritual guide offers spiritual counsel and wisdom. St. Dominic’s has two trained, experienced parishioners who have offered their time at no cost. For Spiritual Direction, call Diana Robinson at (415) 730-4783 or email gioia1106@gmail.com. For Spiritual Guidance, call Alfredo Neira at (415) 515-1650 or email aeneira@yahoo.com.

**Save the Date Events**

**Third Annual Retreat for Women:** Your Mind as Sanctuary, a retreat for women directed by Br. Matthew Wanner, O.P., *Tuesday, February 4, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Parish Hall.* Neither angels nor demons have access to the human mind, our inviolable sanctuary, our locked garden. Yet, as St. Gregory of Nyssa reminds us, this garden also has a vulnerable fountain that needs to be protected so that its purity may remain inviolate for the Bridegroom. Just how do we care for this sacred garden? How do we protect the pure well-spring of our fountain? Inner prayer cleanses troubled thoughts, but how often do we feel disoriented or bogged down on our path toward spiritual vibrancy? If you are wondering how to step beyond the curtain of your present condition in view of greater purity and deeper peace in Christ, then you will benefit from this retreat, specifically designed for women living in a fragmented and disoriented age. Seal the fountain, guard the garden.

Cost is $50.00, which includes light breakfast and boxed lunch by Boudin Sourdough Bread Co. Adoration and Confessions available. Contact Kathy Folan for more information: kathy@stdominics.org or call (415) 567-7824 ext. 111.

**St. Dominic’s Men’s Club** head to San Jose for a Sharks Game.

*Saturday, March 7, 2020 & Saturday, March 28, 2020.* We are planning a group trip to S.A.P. Center to root on the San Jose Sharks.
Sharks. If you are interested in joining us at “The Tank” email mensclub@stdominics.org for details.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: Pilgrimage to Poland and Italy, April 21 – May 2, 2020. Due to popular demand, we’ve opened a few more spaces on our parish pilgrimage in celebration of the 100th anniversary of St. John Paul II's birthday! Don't miss out on joining Fr. Michael Hurley and Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez on this inspirational journey. Brochures are available in the Parish Office, or call CTS at (866) 468-1420 for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CORNER

Serving As A Census 2020 Advocate Through Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is partnering with other local nonprofits to raise awareness about the upcoming Census 2020 and the importance for everyone being counted. Census Advocates will receive training in January on how to communicate effectively about Census 2020. From February through April they will reach out to the local community to encourage Census participation. Time commitment is flexible. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a Census Advocate or want to learn more, contact Jane Ferguson Flout, Director of Strategic and Community Partnerships, at (415) 972 -1227 or send an email to: jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MISSION SAN JOSE

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT WITH FR. BARTHOLOMEO W HUTCHERSON, O.P.
Tuesday, December 31, 7:00 – 10:30 pm, Dominican Center, 43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra) Fremont, CA 94539. Welcome in the New Year with a retreat in the East Bay hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose with Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P. The retreat will be at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality. Register by next Saturday, December 28, 2019, by calling (510) 933-6360 or online: http://bit.ly/2019NewYrRtrt.

GOLDEN GATE BOYS CHOIR

Boys Choir Auditions

The Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers (GGBC) is now accepting applications for their 2020 season for boys between the ages of 7-18 years. GGBC provides choral, English hand bells, and chimes instruction, individual vocal and performance training, music theory, and a dedicated mentorship program (several who attend St. Dominic’s). The choir serves a diverse group of boys from throughout the Bay Area and is a member of Pueri Cantores, an international Catholic choral organization. Membership includes performance and travel opportunities. San Francisco rehearsals are on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Church, Steiner & Green. For more information, contact Linda Behnke (415) 517-3813, Sue Ann Wercinski (415) 845-6563, ggbcbr@aol.com, or www.ggbc.org.
MINISTRIES AND GROUPS AT ST. DOMINIC’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Looking to get more involved at St. Dominic’s in the New Year? Join any of our many groups and ministries. We are always looking for volunteer Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and catechists for our Family and Children Faith Formation. Or, join one of our many groups and meet your fellow parishioners.

Put on your calendar some of the annual events such as the Spaghetti Dinner in January, St. Patrick’s Dinner in March, Seder Meal in April, Parish Picnic in August, and our Christmas Party in December, all hosted by our groups.

Visit our website to get contact information; make the call or send that email today.

Website: www.stdominics.org

PEER MINISTRIES
Youth Ministry
Young Adults (20s & 30s)
3040s Group
Friends in Christ
Men's Club
Second Spring
Special Events

FAMILY MINISTRIES
Children's Faith Formation
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sacramental Preparation
Mary's Nursery
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Practical Faith on Sundays
RCIC and RCIA-for-Youth

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES
Returning Catholics (Landings)
RCIA
Torch (Small Groups)
Coed Adult Bible Study
Women's Bible Study

MUSIC MINISTRIES
Family Choir
Traditional Choir
El Coro en Español
Contemporary Choir

OUTREACH MINISTRIES
Community Service
Consolation & Grief Ministry
County Jail Outreach Ministry
Lima Center Homeless Ministry
Sandwich Program
Social Justice Committee

LITURGY & PRAYER MINISTRIES
Altar Servers & Mass Coordinators
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Greeters and Ushers
Christian Meditation
Adoration
AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Si 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Tibon Mouton†; Pro Populo†; William John Regan†; The volunteers at St. Dominic’s Catholic Church

Coffee Minute after the 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses & 1:30 pm Mass/Siena Room
No Children’s Liturgy of the Word Dismissal, Children’s Faith Formation Classes, Youth & Teen Ministry today.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Michael Richmond†; Winifred Dias†
Parish Office closed
Food Pantry: 9:00 am/Parish Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Estelita Mendoza; Ariel E Morales†
Parish Office closes at 3:00 pm
New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm/Church Nave
New Year’s Eve Prayer Service: 10:30 pm/Church Nave
New Year’s Eve Vigil Mass: 11:30 pm/Church Nave

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Ga 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Pro Populo†
Parish Office closed
Parish Mass: 9:30 am/Church Nave

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzhen, bishops & doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1,2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Benefactors & those Resting Here; James Mays†; James Mays†

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Michael Richmond†; Linda P. Vickroy†; Deceased Dominicans, family, friends and benefactors
First Friday Afternoon Adoration: 2:00 pm/Friar’s Chapel
First Friday Evening Adoration: 8:00 pm/Lady Chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Winifred Dias†
Anointing of the Sick: after the 8:00 am Mass/Lady Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ep 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Connie Vargas†; Jose Guillermo Munoz†; Estelita Mendoza; Ardith Parra†
Coffee Minute after the 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses & 1:30 pm Mass/Siena Room
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, CFF Classes & Youth Ministry resume
No Teen Ministry tonight

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:
Harold Ackerman, Ricardo J. Alfaro II, Tim Anderson, David Arrowsmith, MD, Suzanne Avila, Clarence Bennett, Ben Bongers, Philip Braanzuela, Walter Brautigan, Mary Ann Brautigan, Virginia Breen, William Bush, Janet Capriviza, Zenaida Cardenas, Donna Casey, Yolanda Chankuo, Francisco Chavez, Maria Chavez, Ralph Cipolaro, Deacon Mike Curran, Sr. Cathryn deBack, Kekulawela Delia, Rico Delodovici, Marti Dinan, Carolyn Douglas, Greg Eklund, Mike Febr, Cecilia Gadzinski, Susy Geile, Christina Giles, Carol Glenn, Karen Gniadek, Anna Ivonne Guerrero, Elmer Guerrero, Sonia Guerrero, Elizabeth Hamilton, John Holt, Kathleen Hynes, Maria Istel, Carl Jamerson,

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Parishioners & Associate Members are invited to submit names via email to bulletin@stdominics.org or by calling the main parish number. Due to space limitations, names will be listed for up to six months.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:
Sean Matthew Benedict STS2 (SS) Navy; Major Paul Carico, USAF; Lt. Lj Tom Cullen; Captain Thomas Dudro, USMC; James McLaughlin, Captain, U.S. Army; Staff Sgt. Blake Miller, USAF; Marcel Louis Munoa, USAF; PFC Ian O’Leary, Army National Guard; Richard Salles, First Lieutenant, US Army; Erik Van Growski, USAF.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD:
Joseph Klammer, Libra Pascale

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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To sign up: FirstFridayAdoration.com

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Monthly First Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

- Morning Prayer: Weekdays 7:15 am
- Evening Prayer: Daily 5:00 pm

**ROSARY**

- Weekdays After the 8:00 am Mass
- Wednesday 7:00 pm Young Adults Group
- Saturday 7:40 am before the 8:00 am Mass
- Sunday 1:00 pm, after the St. Jude Pilgrim Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sunday Thirty minutes before Mass including Saturday Vigil Mass

Weekdays Call for an appointment, (415) 567-7824

**PARISH OFFICE**

- Telephone (415) 567-7824
- Monday CLOSED
- Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Website www.stdominics.org
Email info@stdominics.org
Pastor’s email frmichael@stdominics.org
St. Dominic's Christmas

by Fr. Michael Hurley, O.P.

'Twas the night before Christmas
and all in God's Church
are gathered with St. Dominic
at his entrance door perch
The wreath neatly trimmed
with four candles full blazing
The sheep in the manager and oxen are grazing
Upon straw which adorns our crèche set with care
In hopes that the Christ child soon will be there

Now the story of Christmas begins with an apple
And Adam & Eve and their sinful grapple
For power, control and selfish desire
Bedeviled in mind by the old snaky liar
Not trusting in God who would always provide
They grasped for themselves
divine laws they defied
And in that first sin death fell upon us
As a curtain of doom dinged in dank darkness
Yet God does not leave us to our own devices
But promised a savior
who could make us righteous
God's plan for salvation required some thought
Lest His loving intentions soon come to naught
For God could have saved us in various ways
But he chose to redeem us by becoming a babe
So on that night clear in Bethlehem's fields
Stunned shepherd's awakened
to thunderous peals
Of praise and rejoicing and melodious glories
Singing peace and goodwill
by their hymnful stories
For God our Good Father sent his heavenly host
By calling aloud to every spiritual outpost
On Michael, On Gabriel,
On Dominions and Thrones
On Raphael, On Cherubs let none be alone
For on this night holy my son appears
Not to all but to those who search far and near
In places surprising and most unexpected
For every lit home and warm inn had rejected
Mary and child there was simply no room
We're busy and harried back to life let's resume

So weak cold and fragile at home in a cave
In poverty stricken heaven's road he did pave
With the straw of the manger to teach us the path
And to open our minds to a spiritual math
For the greatness of man is not in our strength
But in living God's love
and going to great lengths
To show other's small tokens
of what God's love means
By dying to self and awakening dreams
Which cleanse us afresh
from the great me, me, me
With his grace from sin's shackles, we are set free
So born amongst livestock in swaddling meekness
God became flesh to show power in weakness
Now Christ's coming to earth
was not just long ago
He desires to live in us also although
We too can fall into the dangerous trap
Of losing tight focus from our spiritual map
In these final few days we're often so busy
Distracted and full of holiday tizzy
Of shopping & cooking in the seasons bright din
We too say to Jesus there's no room in our inn
So in those hectic moments
when we walk a tightrope
Let's remember the promise
that gives us our hope
That the curse of the garden
has been transformed into blessing
By all who acknowledge their sin by confessing
Our great need for him who is our savior
Through his grace and power
we can change our behavior
On this night before Christmas
we make a good start
By opening our eyes and preparing our hearts
To receive gifts from Him in whom we believe
For to those who expect Him we will receive
So we join with the angels as we say it again
Glory, peace and goodwill and joyous

Amen!