PASTOR’S CORNER

WALKING THROUGH HOLY WEEK

From Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday: The mysteries of our salvation come alive.

It’s been nearly a month since San Francisco directed the ordinance to “shelter in place.” As we limit our social interactions and continue to practice healthy habits, the days of the week tend to run together. Our familiar routines have been jumbled and our day-to-day schedules can be simultaneously both surreal and monotonous.

In this time of quarantine, we enter into Holy Week. Even in this pandemic, Holy Week is not cancelled or postponed. Though we will not have public Masses and liturgical events, the mysteries of our salvation unfold for us as we remember the saving actions of our Lord. For our part, even as we practice social distancing, we have to be intentional in entering into the mystery of our salvation. More than ever we need this Holy Week in order to encounter the power and presence of Christ’s unconditional love. 

As this week unfolds, I invite you to reflect daily on the last events of Christ’s life, for it is by this reflection that we open ourselves to the graces of the season.

Palm Sunday: The feast of the Passover is near. Jerusalem is bursting with all those who have come from far and wide to celebrate the remembrance of their Exodus from Egypt and to look forward to the coming of the Messiah. Amid the bustling of preparation, some wonder if the Teacher will come for the Passover. He does not disappoint. The crowds spot Jesus while he is still a way off, riding on a colt (as Isaiah prophesied - Is 62:11), and they give him a royal welcome: They spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road (Mt 21:8). And all the while they cried: Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord (Mt 21:9). As he enters Jerusalem, Jesus is acclaimed as the Son of David, the king who is to restore the prosperous kingdom that David enjoyed 1,000 years earlier. But not all share in this joyful proclamation, and they try to silence the crowd. Jesus responds: I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out! The King has entered the holy city. But Jesus is not the sort of king that the people expect: he does not liberate them from the hated Roman occupation. This king comes to conquer sin and death with the weapons of service, obedience and love, love unto death.

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Holy Monday-Wednesday: After his royal entry, Jesus spends much of the next three days teaching and preaching in the Temple: and he enters the Temple with a splash. Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those engaged in buying and selling there. He overturned tables, seats and even fashioned a whip to aid in this cleansing. My house shall be a house of prayer but you have made it a den of thieves. It was a direct attack against the Sadducees, the priestly class, who had a monopoly on all liturgical transactions and dealings. For the Sadducees this effrontery was the final straw. The chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to put him to death, yet they feared him. The crowds are spellbound by his teaching and he continues to teach them at length, to confound the traps of the Pharisees (the theologians), and even prophesy about his death and resurrection. But on Wednesday, the chief priests get a break: Judas Iscariot, who was disillusioned with Christ, conspires with them to betray his teacher. The scene is set for the end of the week.

Holy Thursday-Saturday: Knowing that the hour of betrayal is near and as part of the Passover ceremonies, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples. By washing the feet of the apostles, he reveals that his authority and his mission are rooted in the loving obedience of service. Further, in the institution of the Eucharist, he shows the depths of his love: for he never abandons his followers but is always present to us in this Sacrament. And it is with this same love that Jesus allows himself to go through his Passion and Death. Amid the betrayal of Judas and the denials of Peter, amid the brutal scourging and the mockery, amid the pain and suffering of humiliating crucifixion, we see the horrors of sin and the love that Christ has for us in offering His life so that he can then offer us forgiveness and mercy. His mission is clear: to make all things new whatever the cost. And it is by entering into the events of this Holy week that our lives are transformed: for those who perseveringly trod shoulder-to-shoulder with Christ through the joys and sorrows, the love and agony of this Holy Week find themselves transformed with him by the power of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.


~Fr. Michael

MAKING HOLY WEEK HOLY WITH TENEBRAE

WHAT IS TENEBRAE?
Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. With Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a series of historical transforming events is put into motion; events which lead from the Upper Room of the Last Supper to the hill of Golgotha where Jesus is Crucified. In order to enter more fully into the sacred mysteries of this Holy Week, our Catholic prayers give us
many traditions to help us. One such tradition is Tenebrae. Tenebrae is the name given to the prayers of the Church (Divine Office) during Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday as they were observed prior to the reform of Holy Week by Pope Pius XII in 1955. Dominicans have continued to pray Tenebrae each year as a particular tradition of our Order. From the Latin word for “darkness,” Tenebrae is prayed during the morning hours of shadow in order to reflect the darkness of this sacred and sober time. With the only light in the Church coming from a large candelabra (called a hearse), the gloom of our surrounding unites our prayers to the suffering Christ, and all those experiencing the darkness of life.

**How Do We Pray Tenebrae?**

Since its inception in the 7th century, Tenebrae has taken many forms. In the contemporary rite, this Office contains five Psalms and one Canticle. In keeping with the darkness of the surroundings, these six prayers are penitential in tone. After each psalm or canticle, a set of candles is extinguished, representing the fleeing of the Apostles, until there is only one lit candle left, the “Christ candle.” During the Benedictus on Saturday, the Christ candle is taken away signifying the burial of Jesus. The psalms are separated by three lessons taken from the Book of Lamentations, a collection of poems which grieve over the Babylonian destruction in 587 B.C. of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the captivity of the people of Israel. By describing the horrible situation which they now endure, the poems exhort the Israelites to mourn for having turned away from God to worship foreign, pagan Gods. The great “Prayer of Jeremiah,” which ends Tenebrae on Saturday, is a plea to God to remember His covenant and rescue His chosen people, despite their waywardness. The chanting of these Lamentations is powerful. The mournful, if haunting tone connects us with those moments in our own lives when we have fallen. The final line of each Lamentation rings out with soulful purpose: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.”

**When Do We Pray Tenebrae?**

Tenebrae begins at 8:00am Thursday through Saturday of this week. You are invited to join us via our YouTube livestream channel and immerse yourself in the mysteries of Holy Week.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCljN GVgewigSdWVDjcaehRA

As we pray Tenebrae, we make these psalms and lamentations our own. We seek pardon for our own sins, as well as the whole world. We reflect on any of the ways in which we as human beings have turned away from being the image and likeness of God. We unite ourselves and our suffering with the suffering of Christ and those in physical, emotional and spiritual need. We turn again to our God as the source of our life, our love, and our hope.

**St. Dominic’s Church Hours:**

12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM

**Live Streaming Morning & Evening Prayer, Daily & Sunday Mass:**

- **Morning Prayer:** 7:15 AM
- **Mass:** 8:00 AM
- **Evening Prayer:** 5:00 PM
**Palm Sunday**

Blessed palms will be available at the church doors on Sunday, April 5 starting at 12:00 noon.

- Take only one palm per household.
- Take the necessary precautions when handling the palms.
- Practice the prescribed safe distancing.

**Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions are being accepted online. Visit the parish website: [www.stdominics.org](http://www.stdominics.org) and click the Mass Intention link.

- Enter a name of a person or family.
- Indicate Living or Deceased.
- The Mass will be scheduled on the first available date.
- We are blessed to have many concelebrants at our 8:00 am daily Mass to pray for the Mass Intentions of the day.

**Shrine of St. Jude**

The Shrine of St. Jude gift store in the church is closed. Candles are available by calling the St. Jude Shrine Office or online. The candles will be lit in the church by a St. Jude Shrine staff member.

Call (415) 931-5919 or visit their website: [www.stjude-shrine.org](http://www.stjude-shrine.org).

**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 Express, and Discover accepted. Visit our website: [www.stdominics.org](http://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!

CHILDREN & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based curriculum that uses a hands-on approach to pass on the faith to our children. Using materials beautifully created by our own parish artists and catechists, children explore the life and teachings of Jesus, the items and gestures of the Mass, the history of salvation, and the Kingdom of God. We have had a Level 1 Atrium for 3-6 year olds for the past 12 years. This year, St. Dominic's has been working hard to take it to the next level with a Level 2 Atrium for 6-9 year olds in our First Communion class, and our hope is to one day have a Level 3 Atrium for 9-12 year olds. Thanks to the incredibly generous donations of many, we have raised the funds to grow our program. We are now looking for volunteer catechists willing to learn this beautiful method of passing on the faith to the future of our Church. The training for the catechists is so enriching that Mother Teresa insisted that all novices in the Missionaries of Charity receive this formation to deepen their own faith lives - that's how powerful it is! St. John Paul the Great, after viewing the Atrium in Rome said, "That is the most beautiful homily I have ever witnessed. It is proof that really the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the children."

We have two catechist formations this summer. Each level has 12 days of formation in order to be certified, split over two summers.

- Level 1, Part 1 will be taught by Dr. Ruth Ohm Sutherland, Friday, June 26 - Wednesday, July 1, 2020.
- Our Level 2, Part 1 formation will be taught by Jennifer Bell and Emma Kane from Monday, August 17 - Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Registration and details will be available soon. Please contact Kathleen Folan if you are interested and/or to apply to be a catechist for the 2020-21 school year. kathy@stdominics.org or (415) 567-7824 x111.

OUTREACH

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. Nursing Home Ministry is suspended.

Volunteer Opportunity for Companions for Healthcare. Many of our parishioners have difficulty getting to their medical appointments. Ministering in Companions for Healthcare needs 1-3 hours of your time. The parishioners are grateful because of their needs they do not have to navigate public transportation or ridesharing. Connecting with the parishioner for a short car ride is very rewarding. Can you help out a parishioner who needs assistance getting to medical appointments? Do you have
an employer that can give you volunteer hours so you can give a ride? Do you have a couple of hours during the day? All rides are arranged in advance and can be scheduled around your availability. Please volunteer by contacting Mary Lou at c4h.sd@gmail.com.

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

The Lima Center still continues to function with reduced services, giving out a hot meal, sandwiches and snack bags to the homeless from 10:00 – 11:00 am on Tuesday through Friday. We have approximately 25-45 guests drop by each day, and we could use help obtaining items for distribution.

We need sandwich fixings: sliced bread, lunch meat, sliced cheese, mayo, mustard, peanut butter and jelly.

We also need items for the snack bags and distribution of the hot food that is being prepared.

Check out what we need on our Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1I KEJWAAJK1NF?ref_=wl_share

You don't need to purchase the items from Amazon, or even the quantity shown. But if you see any of the items that we need while you are shopping, or items that would be easily substituted, we'd appreciate it. You can drop them off at the Parish Hall at 9am Tuesday thru Friday. And remember to bring your receipt so we can include it in your parish contributions, or reimburse you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LAY MISSIONARIES: Pray for the St Francis Xavier Lay Missionaries with Fr. Isaiah Mary. Fr. Isaiah Mary has formed a prayer team for Lay Missionaries Tricia Bolle and Matthew Rorhback. These traditional missionaries share the joy of the Gospel in various parts of Asia. They are currently ministering in Calcutta and Darjeeling, awaiting to enter Hong Kong to be with our brothers and sisters. To know more about this ministry or the prayer team, please email Fr. Isaiah Mary at isaiahmary@stdominics.org.

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.

INNER HEALING. A giant leap towards holiness requires a spiritual, intellectual, and ecclesial undertaking. “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph 6:12). Authority and the sword of the Holy Spirit accompany each child of God. Learn to pray with success in the Most Holy Name of Jesus for victory with the 5 Gospel Keys in the UNBOUND prayer model. Don’t be unarmed this LENT without the assistance of the church, as you contend for holiness with the reality of the spiritual warfare inside yourself, within your family and in others.

After this year’s flu season, the Freedom in Christ Conference will be rescheduled. However, the battle for our souls is daily and unavoidable. Arm yourself with a private UNBOUND prayer session at www.5keystofreedom.com or call 424.IAM.FREE (424.426.3733).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CENSUS 2020: Show Your Community Some Love. Ensure that every member of your household is counted in Census 2020, including infants.

All communities need love and support to grow and thrive. Join Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations and social services in participating in the Census 2020, which can help bring a whole lot of heart to your community when it comes to jobs and road maintenance as well as funding critical social service programs that San Francisco residents rely on like affordable housing, early childhood education and food and nutrition assistance. The Census helps communities get funding they need so show your community some love and pledge to participate in the

HELP STUDENTS WITH HOMEWORK: Maureen & Craig Sullivan Youth Program. Monday – Friday, 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Catholic Charities CYO Home, 10th & Mission, San Francisco. Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help 3-5th graders with reading and homework at our Maureen and Craig Sullivan Youth Program. Make a difference by helping our staff provide academic enrichment activities that address educational gaps and shape the future for these children. A commitment of once a week is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard at BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.

VOLUNTEER WITH SENIORS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADULT DAY SERVICES. Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers help the Catholic Charities with enrichment activities for adults and seniors with memory issues. Hours and days are flexible hours, a commitment of once a week is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LELAND HOUSE: Celebrate resident’s birthdays. Bring sweets and birthday cards to celebrate the birthdays happening that month for formerly homeless residents living with chronic HIV/AIDS at Catholic Charities Leland House in San Francisco. Contact Volunteer Manager Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org or (415) 972-1236 to sign up for the monthly celebration or to learn more.

Or provide companionship to residents by playing cards, bingo, board games or just chatting – your company is so valuable. Hours and days are flexible. A commitment of twice a month or more is desired. Contact Brandon Shepard at BShepard@catholiccharitiessf.org or call (415) 972-1274 to learn more.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Monday to Saturday at 1650 Valencia St., Sunday at 1522 Bush St., started February 26 through April 5 8:00 am – 8:00 pm daily. Join us during Lent for 40 Days for Life/San Francisco! As part of a global movement, pray with us, quietly and peacefully, at the steps of Planned Parenthood for women and their unborn. Come or sign up for a weekly hour at: website: www.40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco, email: SF40daysforlife@gmail.com.
SUNDAY, APRIL 5  Palm Sunday
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Veronica Tin Thi Nguyen†; Jose Antonio Orozco†; Joachim Jung Jun Kim†; Margaret Woulfe†
- Church hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Morning Prayer (live stream): 8:00 am
- Mass (live stream): 9:00 am
- Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 6
Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Teblez Nabute; The People of Italy
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
- Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
- Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
- Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15+17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Teblez Nabute; Front line Health Care Workers
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
- Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
- Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
- Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31+33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Brigitta Collins†; Those serving the Poor & Homeless
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm
- Morning Prayer (live stream): 7:15 am
- Mass (live stream): 8:00 am
- Evening Prayer (live stream): 5:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Pro Populo
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
- Tenebrae (live stream): 8:00 am
- Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper (live stream): 5:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10
No Masses on Good Friday
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 3:30 pm
- Tenebrae (live stream): 8:00 am
- The Passion of Our Lord (live stream): 4:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Ezk 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-57
Gen 1:1-2 or 1:1, 26-31 with Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10+12, 13-14, 24+35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22, Gen 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 with Ps 16:5+8, 9-10, 11; Exod 14:15-15:1 with Exod 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 This reading and psalm are obligatory.
Isa 54:5-14 with Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b; Isa 55:1-11 with Isa 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 with Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezek 36:16-17a, 18-28 with Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Epistle: Rom 6:3-11; Alleluia Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Gospel: Mt 28:1-10
Benefactors & those Resting Here
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm
- Tenebrae (live stream): 8:00 am
- Easter Vigil Mass (live stream): 8:30 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 12  The Resurrection of the Lord
Ac 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9
Benefactors & those Resting Here; Pro Populo; Nicolosa Coronado†
- Church hours: 12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm
- Morning Prayer (live stream): 8:00 am
- Easter Vigil Mass (live stream): 8:00 am

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS:
Harold Ackerman, Tim Anderson, David Arrowsmith, MD, Suzanne Anila, Carol Barnett, Clarence Bennett, Ben Bongers, Lynne Borter, Philip Branzuela, Walter Brautigan, Mary Ann Brautigan, Virginia Breen, William Bush, Janet Capriviza, Zenaida Cardenas, Donna Casey, Yolanda Chankeno, Francisco Chavez, Maria Chavez, Ralph Cipolaro, Deacon Mike Curran, Sr. Cathryn deBack, Maria D Degiovanni, Kekulawela Delia, Rico Delodovici, Marti Dinan, Carolyn Douglas, Greg Eklund, Cecilia Gadzinski, Suzy Geile, Christina Giles, Carol Glenn, Karen Gniadek, Anna Iromne Guerrero, Elmer Guerrero, Sonia Guerrero, Elizabeth Hamilton, John Holt, Dao Howell, Chella and
Lisa Hoyos, Kathleen Hynes, Maria Istel, Carl Jamerson, Gail Johnson, Leota Jones, May Jordan, Shirley Liano, Eileen Magnes-Salcido, Sue Mangiameli, Rose Claire Mangini, Marilyn McIntyre, Miecle McLaughlin, Lily Mejia, Stacy Middleton, Martha Montenegro, Sheila Doyle O’Day, David Oliverio, Janet Paige, Elaine Pascale, Ron Peterson, Sarah Plantenberg, Tim Pursell, Janel Rhea, Linda Rivera, Carl Rock, Leonor Rouse, Maria Salas, Connie Scheidecker, Rose Sullivan, Harry Sweet, Lori Thelen, Roosevelt & Victoria Thomas, John Tusch, Teola Watson, Charles Williams, Jerome Williams, Hana Yago and the sick who are homebound, in nursing homes and hospitals.

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:

PRAY ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME
Doctors, nurses & health care professionals; first responders

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD:
All those who have died from the Coronavirus pandemic

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MASSES & LITURGIES
SUSPENDED FOR NOW
Sunday 7:30 am—Quiet Mass 9:30 am—Family Mass 11:30 am—Solemn Choral Mass 1:30 pm—St. Jude Pilgrim Mass (Spanish) 5:30 pm—Mass with Contemporary music 9:00 pm—Mass by candlelight
Weekday 6:30 & 8:00 am, 5:30 pm—St. Jude Mass Saturday 8:00 am & 5:30 pm—Vigil for Sunday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Weekday 6:15—7:00 pm Monday & Wednesday, Lady Chapel
First Friday 2:00—4:30 pm, Friars Chapel 8:00 pm—12:00 Midnight, Lady Chapel
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 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 until April 7, 2020
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am—9:00 pm; closed for lunch 12:30—1:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 9:30 am—5:30 pm; closed for lunch 12:30—1:30 pm
Website www.stdominics.org
Email info@stdominics.org
Bulletin bulletin@stdominics.org
Pastor’s email frmichael@stdominics.org
Dear St. Dominic’s Community,

As you are aware, the Bay Area counties have issued a “shelter in place” order for the purpose of limiting the spread of the coronavirus. Based on this new ordinance and in consultation with the Archdiocese, I want to keep you updated on the latest with regard to our schedule.

**Masses/Confessions:** All daily and weekend public Masses and Confessions are suspended until at least Tuesday, April 7; however, the priests of St. Dominic’s will continue to celebrate Mass and honor all the intentions for the daily and weekend Masses. Every day for at least the next three weeks, we will live stream one mass daily at 8:00 am (approximately). The live stream will begin at 7:15 am with our chanted Morning Prayer followed by Mass. At 5:00 pm, we will be livestreaming our Evening Prayers. These liturgies will be hosted at our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCljNGvG WjigSdWVDicaeHRA

Also, I made a video, in conjunction with our Province, on how to make a spiritual communion. For the video in its entirety, and other spiritual resources in the face of this pandemic, visit: https://www.opwest.org/coronavirus/.

Moreover, you can keep connected with preaching and spiritual support and resource through our podcast:


**Lima Center:** We will continue to serve our homeless and at-risk guests. Our services and hours will be modified to ensure health of both our volunteers and guests. We will give “to-go” food boxes Tuesday – Friday from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Also those in need of gift cards or food bags can call (415) 567-7824 to make an appointment for pick up.

**Parish Office:** The parish office will continue to be closed until at least April 7. We will be checking email and voicemail throughout the day. For emergencies, call (415) 567-7824 and our answering service can direct you directly to a Dominican friar.

**Parish Events:** All parish events onsite are suspended. There are some groups that are connecting virtually to pray and connect. For example, if you would like to join in virtual Stations of the Cross or Rosary email our Friends in Christ group at: fic@stdominics.org

As other opportunities for virtual prayer and connection emerge, they will be announced on our website https://stdominics.org.

**Church availability:** Our beautiful St. Dominic Church will remain open as a place for private prayer from 12:00 Noon – 5:00 pm. For those of us who are feeling disconnected in this time of prudent “self-distancing,” I invite you to come and connect with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Find a quiet place to pray. Lift your heart to Lord. We’re open so you can connect.

Finally, as I noted in my previous letter, we should never doubt the power of prayer. As a parish, we are asking God thought the intercession of St. Raphael for protection and healing from the coronavirus. I invite you to join me in this daily prayer.

**Prayer for St. Raphael’s Intercession**

*Good Saint Raphael, blessed archangel, who healed the earth, we humbly implore your powerful intercession with Jesus through Mary.*

*We pray for the healing of the sick,*
*and for safety and good health for all from the coronavirus.*

*Bless our doctors and nurses;*  
*receive the souls of the dead into their heavenly reward*  
*and console all who are in pain or mourn.*

*We ask these intercessions through the merits of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Keep calm. Keep safe. Keep close to Christ.**

~ Fr. Michael