



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

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THE TEAM

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Father George P. Schommer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar: Father Bede Shipps, O.P.

Parish Staff

Executive Assistant: Saskia Nevlud
Pastoral Associate: Sister Margaret Andrew Baker, O.P.
Pastoral Associate: Br. Cassian Iozzo, O.P.
Communications: Elissa Krieg
Music Director: Noah Lovold

Parish Pastoral Council

Philip Clark	Doris Stukes
Tim Lang	Susan Timoney
Daniel Padilla	Carrie Traverso
Mitzi Sobash	Chris Varella

Parish Finance Council

Kevin Ciocca	Carol Pica
Jim Courtney	Scott Warady

SACRAMENTS

Celebration of Holy Mass

Saturday | 9am ; 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8am ; 10:30am
Weekdays | 12:10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday | 11:45am - 12:10pm
Thursday | 7:00pm-7:45pm
Saturday | 4:30pm - 5:00pm
Sunday | 9:45am - 10:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday | 7:00pm-8:00pm

Liturgical Schedule ~ Priory Chapel Lauds

Monday - Friday | 7:00am
Saturday | 7:30am
Sunday | 7:30am
(Holy Mass following Lauds
Monday - Saturday)

Vespers

Monday - Sunday | 5:30pm
Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10pm

Administration of the Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office

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; 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.

Parish Office Hours
Monday- Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Church Hours
Daily 7:00am -7:00pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 30th

8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Benefactors
10:30 a.m. † Poor Souls

Monday, December 1st

Priory 1 † Marie Shipley
Priory 2 Peter Traverso
12:10 p.m. † James P. Grace

Tuesday, December 2nd

Priory 1 Lee Money
Priory 2 † Rev. Charles H. Muzzey
12:10 p.m. Mr. Mike Edwards

Wednesday, December 3rd

Priory 1 † Rev. Charles H. Muzzey
Priory 2 Francis Xavier
12:10 p.m. † Irv Rokke

Thursday, December 4th

Priory 1 † Rev. Charles H. Muzzey
Priory 2 Janet Chapman
12:10 p.m. John Lafferty

Friday, December 5th

Priory 1 Luisa
Priory 2 Christin Lafferty
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

Saturday, December 6th

Priory 1 Lisa Marie Heineman
Priory 2 Marilyn Traverso
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 1st

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. "The Bible and the Sacraments"
Monday Cenacle
† Zoom (Contact office for link)
7 p.m. Summa Study Group
† Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 2nd

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Bible Timeline † Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 3rd

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal † Choir Loft
7 p.m. Inquiry † Conference Room

Thursday, December 4th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Holy Hour & Advent Talk in Church

Friday, December 5th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room

Saturday, December 6th

9 a.m. Mass & Jubilee Morning Retreat —
The Saints as Witnesses of Hope
9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group
† Main Church
10:00 a.m. OCIA † Parish Meeting Room

Sunday, December 7th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts
† Parish Meeting Room
6:00 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar:
"Ben Hur" (continued)
† Parish Meeting Room



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Same Address, New Website:** A new website for the parish is live. It is the beginning of developing a more robust source of information and invitation to participate in the life of the parish. Check it out!
- The Hallow app offers ways to grow in prayer and meditation during Advent. Visit hallow.com/pray for resources to help you find peace during this season.
- The funeral Mass for Fred McGrath III is Friday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m.

LET US PRAY FOR:

The sick and homebound

Nora Courtney, Denny Layendecker, Heidi Long, Eileen Maturi, Alessia McGuire, Paul Semeraro, and Frances White

The recently deceased

Fred McGrath, III, husband of Cindy; David Shaw, husband of Mercedes; All the faithful departed

Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around the world

Pope Leo's Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude:

Triptych, Op. 58, No. 2: Communion

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

Attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Offertory for the week of November 23

Received	\$2,845
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,001)



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thrive, and share God's love.



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From the Pastor's Desk


On this Thanksgiving Day weekend, gratitude fills our minds and hearts for the generous Providence of God in our personal lives and in the life of our parish. Looking back over the last year, generous parishioners and other benefactors have provided the resources for us to replace the interior and exterior doors of the church, complete the restoration of the historic Roosevelt organ with the repainting and stenciling of the façade pipes, expand our sacred music program with the hiring of trained singers as cantors and section leaders in the choir, and welcome Sister Margaret Andrew as a Pastoral Associate to work with the OCIA, Evangelization efforts, and Summa Study Group. In the coming year, the Dominican community intends to become more present at Masses and other parish events. Men and women continue to come to the parish with the desire to become Catholic; and engaged couples are coming for marriage preparation and to celebrate their weddings in our beautiful church.

Most people come to St. Dominic's for Mass or Confession. Doing so is the primary way that they can encounter Jesus in the sacraments. Celebrating the Mass with reverence, dignity, beautiful music, and orthodox preaching touches the soul and directs one's attention to the transcendent God and heavenly realities. We do all we can to worship God in a manner worthy of him and sacred music has a special purpose in the liturgy. To support the ongoing development of the sacred music program, the parish will again participate in the efforts of Giving Tuesday through the *I Give Catholic* platform. Your financial generosity enables us to continue to hire trained singers for the choir. These cantors support the Mass with the singing of hymns and Psalms. As section leaders, they support our volunteer choir members in choral singing, which sometimes includes some complex compositions.

Bishop Robert Barron recently wrote that "beauty is an especially important route of access to the divine today, because in our postmodern framework, appeals to the other two classic transcendentals – namely, the true and the good – often fall on deaf ears. ... *Lead with beauty!* Unleash it, lift it up, and let it draw your soul and the souls of those around you to Christ – the paragon of all beauty." We have much to offer here at St. Dominic's in the realm of beauty – gothic architecture, legible stained-glass windows, a unique tabernacle, an exquisite-sounding pipe organ, etc. And, we have the beauty of prayerful and committed parishioners who quietly live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The potential and opportunity to invite all peoples to encounter Jesus has been entrusted to us through the means of beauty. Let us thank God for the generations of benefactors who made great personal sacrifices to build, maintain, and enhance the beauty of our church and parish. Let us honor them with sacrifices of our own that give glory to God and draw others to know, love, and follow Jesus.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

Fr. George, O.P.




Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

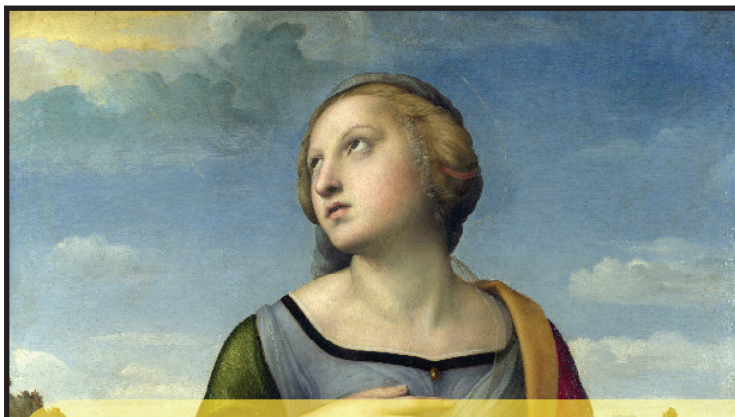
Retirement Fund for Religious

Visit retiredreligious.org/3035photos to meet the religious pictured.
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St. Dominic Church Advent Giving Tree



All gifts must be returned to St. Dominic Church by **Sunday, December 7** for wrapping and delivering.




St. Catherine of Alexandria & The Hope of Truth

Schedule

- 9:00 am Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Titus Sanchez, OP
- 9:45 am Fr. Basil Burroughs, OP: "The Other Catherine"
- 10:30 am Fr. Nicholas Ingham, OP: "Truth, Hope & Joy"
- 11:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12:00 pm Veneration of Relics

Reception to Follow
 RSVP using QR Code or email:
stdomevent@gmail.com



Saturday, December 6
 at St. Dominic Church

Advent Day Of Recollection

December 13, 2025

St. Dominic Church
 630 E Street SW, Washington, DC
 Retreat Led By:

Fr. Gregory Maturi, O.P.

"Christmas As The Christian Hannukah"



- 9:30 Gather in church
- 9:45 First talk in church
- 10:45 Mass
- 12:00 Lunch in Parish Hall
 (Lunch is provided by Fraternity 503)
- 12:45 Confession available in the church
- 1:30 Second talk in church
- 2:15 Rosary in Parish Hall

All are welcome. Please RSVP to Pia Pell (571) 268-6960



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DECEMBER 2, 2025

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ST. DOMINIC CHURCH
ADVENT TALK SERIES

THE PROMISED MESSIAH: PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING



7 PM THURSDAYS DURING HOLY HOUR

December 4: "Behold the Lamb of God"

The Promised Savior from Sin, Br. Cassian Iozzo, O.P.

December 11: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet"

The Promised Prophet, Fr. Louis Bethea, O.P.

December 18: "Look, your king is coming to you!":

The Promised King, Fr. Ephrem Reese, O.P.