



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Celebration of Holy Mass

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays | 12:10 p.m.

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.
Sunday | 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Liturgical Schedule ~ Priory Chapel

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Monday - Friday | 7:00 a.m.
Saturday | 7:30 a.m.
Sunday | 8:00 a.m.

(Holy Mass following Lauds

Monday - Saturday)

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Monday - Sunday | 5:30 p.m.
Rosary precedes Vespers each day at 5:10 p.m.

Compline (Night Prayer)

Monday - Friday | 6:40 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday | 7:00 p.m.

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, December 7th

8:00 a.m. † Beth Hope
10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude
Benefactors

Monday, December 8th

Priory 1 Taliaferro Family
Priory 2 Brooke & Dane Miller Family
12:10 p.m. † Zita Marie-Catherine
7:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 9th

Priory 1 Bill & Anne Burleigh
Priory 2 Bill & Anne Burleigh
12:10 p.m. Janet Chapman

Wednesday, December 10th

Priory 1 Walsh & Kenney Families
Priory 2 Janet Chapman
12:10 p.m. † Margaret Hoffman

Thursday, December 11th

Priory 1 Daniel Porting
Priory 2 Laura Porting
12:10 p.m. Susan Yaden

Friday, December 12th

Priory 1 Stephen Krogh
Priory 2 Diane Coleman
12:10 pm Diane Coleman Phillips

Saturday, December 13th

Priory 1 Meagan Gitchell
Priory 2 † Holy Souls
9:00 a.m. Laura Walker
5:00 p.m. † Judy Heckman



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 8th

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

Tuesday, December 9th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Men's Fellowship
‡ Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 10th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus
‡ Parish Meeting Room
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ‡ Choir Loft

Thursday, December 11th

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

Friday, December 12th

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

Saturday, December 13th

9:30 a.m. Lay Dominican Advent Day
of Recollection
9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group
‡ Main Church
10:00 a.m. OCIA ‡ Parish Meeting Room
10:00 a.m. Saturday Cenacle
‡ Parish Meeting Room

Sunday, December 14th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts
‡ Parish Meeting Room
6:00 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar:
"Helena: First Pilgrim to the Holy Land"
‡ Parish Meeting Room

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All Giving Tree gifts must be brought to the church today before 12 p.m.!
- **Thank you** to everyone who made meat-loaves and contributed to the SOME meal. We provided a hot lunch for 220 people. Our next SOME meal will be Saturday, January 31, 2026.
- **Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be at 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we honor and celebrate our Blessed Mother.
- **The Funeral Mass for Angelo Zangla** is Wednesday, December 10th. Visitation at 1:00 p.m. and Mass at 2:30 p.m. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Meeting Room.
- **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.

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.

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; Angelo Zangla, Sr., husband of Anna Mae; All the faithful departed

Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around the world



Offertory for the week of November 30

Received	\$2,746
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,000)



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Retirement Fund for Religious

Why We Ask

- In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- Only 4 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement; 45 percent have 25 or fewer members. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel.
- Today, religious past age 70 outnumber religious younger than age 70 by nearly three to one.
- There are 21,296 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2024, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$56,600 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$96,000 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual total cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1.1 billion.
- In 2024, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$9,090, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$23,704.

How Donations Help

- Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest it for future needs. Since the first collection, US Catholics have donated more than \$1 billion.
- Since the collection began, \$900 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. An additional \$103.7 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities.
- In addition to direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual collection underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.
- Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while allowing them to continue important ministries to the People of God.



From left: Brother Jordan Coonen, OP, 84; Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86; Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.

Statistics on women and men religious were obtained from the NRRO database of participating religious institutes as of December 31, 2024. Visit usccb.org/nrro to access a full statistical report.



National Religious Retirement Office

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TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

Cover Art:

Pieter Bruegel the Elder,
The Sermon of St. John the Baptist (1566)

Prelude:

Alma Redemptoris Mater
Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes
Op. 45, No. 5

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Postlude:

Postlude in F Major

J. K. F. Fischer (1656-1746)

New Men's Fellowship Forming at St. Dominic

Join us on December 9 at 7 pm
in the Parish Meeting Room
for prayer, conversation & the **first gathering**
of a new men's fellowship at St. Dominic Church.

This meeting is formative —
your ideas will help shape what this group becomes.

We will also discuss practical strategies for Advent
to finish the season with purpose.

All men 18+ welcome — Catholic & non-Catholic.

Come ready to pray.
Come ready to share.
Come ready to build.



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Build Your Friendships.
Build Your Parish.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

DECEMBER 24: No Rosary, Confessions, or Mass at 12:10 p.m.

DECEMBER 24: Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5:00 p.m.
(Carols begin at 4:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER 24: Christmas Mass During the Night at 9:00 p.m.
(Carols begin at 8:30 p.m.)

DECEMBER 25: Christmas Mass During the Day 10:30 a.m. only
(Carols begin at 10:00 a.m.)

DECEMBER 31: Vigil Mass of Mary, Mother of God at 5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 1: Mass of Mary, Mother of God at 10:30 a.m. only

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 Hanukkah"*



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

THANK

As of Thursday, December 4th

at noon:

\$17,460 raised by 31 donors

58% complete

\$30,000 Goal

The 1:1 match has been extended to December 9 by the benefactors. Double your gift with this opportunity. Visit the parish website and click on the Giving

Tuesday logo; or use the QR code below.



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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.