



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord  
January 11, 2026

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## THE TEAM

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### Pastoral Staff

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

### Parish Staff

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	Carrie Traverso
Daniel Padilla	Lori Tucker
Mitzi Sobash	Chris Varella

### Parish Finance Council

Kevin Ciocca	Carol Pica
Jim Courtney	Scott Warady



## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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### 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 – in Church)

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: 8:30 a.m.  
— 1:00 p.m .

### Church Hours

Daily 7:00am -7:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

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### Sunday, January 11th

8:00 a.m. St. Jude Novena in Honor of  
the New Year

10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

### Monday, January 12th

Priory 1 Ander & Dylan McGuire

Priory 2 Luke Popovich

12:10 p.m. † Albert Shipley

### Tuesday, January 13th

Priory 1 Kristina Grandon

Priory 2 † Liza Peñalosa

12:10 p.m. † Anne Shipps

### Wednesday, January 14th

Priory 1 Infant of Prague Novena

Priory 2 † Holy Souls

12:10 p.m. George Saleeby

### Thursday, January 15th

Priory 1 Infant of Prague Novena

Priory 2 Ronnie Popovich & Kathryn

12:10 p.m. Darrel Zak Chen

### Friday, January 16th

Priory 1 Infant of Prague Novena

Priory 2 Barbara & Dominic Cruz

12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

### Saturday, January 17th

Priory 1 Infant of Prague Novena

Priory 2 Ardedric

9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack

5:00 p.m. Pro Populo



## THE WEEK AHEAD

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### Monday, January 12th

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

7 p.m. Online Cenacle: The Bible and  
the Sacraments † Zoom

### Tuesday, January 13th

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

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

### Wednesday, January 14th

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

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus  
† Parish Meeting Room

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal † Choir Loft

### Thursday, January 15th

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

7 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions in Church

### Friday, January 16th

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

### Saturday, January 17th

9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group  
† Main Church

10:00 a.m. OCIA † Parish Meeting Room

### Sunday, January 18th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts

† Parish Meeting Room

6 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar -  
Plymouth Adventure † Parish Meeting Room



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Volunteers are needed** to take down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 12 beginning at 9 a.m. in the church.
- ◆ **Help feed the homeless at SOME – So Others Might Eat.** Meatloaf pans and the recipe are in the rear vestibule; and volunteers are needed to serve the meal on Saturday, January 31. Please contact the parish office.
- ◆ **The religious movie seminar** is tonight (on Sunday evening) at 6 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. The title is: The Dark Ages.
- ◆ **The Men's Fellowship** meets this Tuesday at 7 pm in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ The second collection next Sunday is for the capital repairs and maintenance of the church.
- ◆ The live poinsettia plants will be free for the taking after the 10:30 Mass this weekend.
- ◆ **Save the Date.** Sunday, January 25 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Meeting Room. **Special presentation on the painting of the church sanctuary.**

### Offertory for the week of January 4

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Received	\$2,802
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,044)



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eCatholic  
for one-time and recurring gifts

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

For the United States of America  
For the Health of Joe Biden

### IN MEMORY OF

My Mother & Father  
My Sister  
Anthony & Sara Ann Smith  
& Family  
John & Ella Burns & Family  
Carol Gallina  
Anne Overton  
Joseph & Esther Kearney  
Mariano Izagguire  
Madeline C. Durrett  
Elizabeth Coan  
Edmund J. Coan Sr.  
Harold Leich  
Frieda Askamp  
Salvatore & Madeline Ferraro  
Lynn & Eddie Ferraro  
Mattie & Irene Waddell  
Brady & Madeline Pultz  
My father Claude  
My Grandmother Doris  
My Grandmother Reva  
My Granddad Arthur  
My Uncle Dennis



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and conclude the Christmas season. Although the decorations are stored, Christmas joy and peace can remain with us throughout the year because the Incarnate Lord remains with us in the Holy Eucharist. He is truly present, Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We encounter his Real Presence in Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Communion. As Jesus taught, "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (Jn 6:55-56). There is a sacramental Incarnation of the Lord at every Mass. Bread becomes his Body, wine becomes his Blood. He is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Catechism 1324). In your prayer, consider how this sacramental Incarnation is an historical event in your life. Ponder how the Lord shares his life with you. Surrender to his truth and will for your life. Choose to be his disciple and follow him on the narrow way that leads to the fullness of life.

As we begin the new year, a new schedule and some new procedures are being implemented in the parish office. The office will be open Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer the telephone and to receive those who come in person. Years of experience provides the data that "full-time" hours are not necessary. (I know because my office is in the parish office area.) However, a priest is on call 24/7 for true sacramental emergencies when someone has become critically ill (heart attack, stroke, serious accident) or is actively dying and needs the final prayers and sacraments of the Church. The priest on call can be reached at the main parish telephone number by selecting the menu option. Additionally, appointments can be made outside of office hours, and the priest will be responsible to receive his guest(s). Voicemail will be answered in the morning of the next business day.

The new schedule helps with good stewardship of time and talent. The afternoon hours give the parish bookkeeper uninterrupted time to focus on the tasks at hand, which include bill payment, bank-statement reconciliation, and preparing monthly financial reports for the parish finance council. Please keep the new schedule in mind when calling or visiting.

A new person has been hired to work in the parish office. She is Kelly Hanlon and will begin on January 20. Volunteers will be helping in the office as their schedules allow. I am on vacation this week. I will look forward to seeing everyone next weekend.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*

# TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

## Cover Art:

The Baptism of Christ  
Master of the St. Bartholomew Altar  
(c. 1485-1500)

## Prelude:

Préambule  
from 24 Pièces en style libre, Livre I  
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557  
Attr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Motet after Communion

Sicut Cervus  
Palestrina (1525-1594)

*"As the deer thirsts for streams of water, so does my soul  
thirst for you. with our gifts, to worship the Lord."*

## LET US PRAY FOR:

### The sick and homebound

Maria Balotescu, Nora Courtney, Denny Lay-endecker, Heidi Long, Eileen Maturi, Alessia McGuire, Paul Semeraro, and Frances White

### The recently deceased

All the faithful departed

### Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around the world



*Please Join St. Dominic's Lay Fraternity for a  
Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection*

**Fr. Titus Mary Sanchez, O.P.**

*"Lectio Divina with Dominicans: How to  
Read Scripture for the Salvation of Souls"*

*Saturday, February 7, 2026*



10am - First Conference  
*In the Church*  
11am - Mass  
11:30am - Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
12:10pm - Benediction  
12:15 - Lunch in the Parish Hall  
1:00-1:45 - Confessions  
1:45 - Second Conference  
2:30 - Rosary

**St. Dominic Catholic Church**

630 E Street SW, Washington, D.C.

Please RSVP to Pia Pell at 571-268-6960

## Pope Leo's Intention for January

### *For prayer with the word of God*

Let us pray that praying with the word of  
God be nourishment for our lives and a  
source of hope in our communities, helping  
us to build a more fraternal and missionary  
Church.





# NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

Starts January 24

2nd and 4th Saturdays  
10:00-11:30 a.m.  
in the Parish  
Conference Room

Ends March 28

**Thousands sought Jesus during his life.  
Only a few followed him to Calvary.**

*What will you do?*

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.



  
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# St. Dominic Men's Fellowship

Regular meetings  
for prayer & discussion

Build Your Faith.  
Build Your Friendships.  
Build Your Parish.



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630 E Street SW  
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All men 18+ welcome —  
Catholic & non-Catholic.  
Email [office@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org)

# SUMMA STUDY GROUP

Exploring the Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas  
2026 Lecture Series



7:00-8:30 PM | St. Dominic Church SW DC  
Select Monday Nights After 6:40 PM Compline

Open to All Adults

Starting: Monday, January 5

Join the Dominican Friars for this year's lecture series:  
**Grace, Freedom, and the God Who Moves the Will**

Sign Up for Full Meeting Schedule



## First and Third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Email [office@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org) for  
more information.



## The Bible Timeline *The Story of Salvation*

JEFF CAVINS, SARAH CHRISTMYER, and TIM GRAY

## THE BIBLE *and the* SACRAMENTS



Join Us for an Inspiring  
Bible Study

Monday  
Nights  
at 7 p.m.  
on Zoom

THE SACRAMENTS  
SEEN IN THE  
LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

- ✦ Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
- ✦ Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith.
- ✦ Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity.

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