



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1, 2026

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[www.stdominicchurch.org](http://www.stdominicchurch.org)

## THE TEAM

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### Pastoral Staff

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

### Parish Staff

Executive Assistant: Kelly Hanlon  
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, February 1st

8:00 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude  
Benefactors  
10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

### Monday, February 2nd

Priory 1 Taylor Corbett  
Priory 2 † Avis Cook  
12:10 p.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Jose Piedad  
Arango

### Tuesday, February 3rd

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
Priory 2 Christopher & Kay Tooze  
12:10 p.m. Karin Tooze

### Wednesday, February 4th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
Priory 2 Dave Jennings  
12:10 p.m. † The Holy Souls

### Thursday, February 5th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
Priory 2 Linus Tooze  
12:10 p.m. † Jules W. Hurst II

### Friday, February 6th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
Priory 2 Drew Shields  
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

### Saturday, February 7th

Priory 1 Our Lady of Lourdes Novena  
Priory 2 † Anniversary of Deceased  
Parents  
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack  
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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### Monday, February 2nd

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room  
7 p.m. Online Cenacle: The Bible and  
the Church Fathers † Zoom  
7 p.m. Summa Study Group  
† Parish Meeting Room

### Tuesday, February 3rd

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

### Wednesday, February 4th

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

### Thursday, February 5th

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

### Friday, February 6th

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

### Saturday, February 7th

9:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary Prayer Group  
† Main Church  
10:00 a.m. OCIA † Parish Meeting Room

### Sunday, February 8th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts  
† Parish Meeting Room  
6 p.m. Religious Movie Seminar -  
Maid of Salem † Parish Meeting Room



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The presentation on painting the sanctuary is moved to **Sunday, February 22 at noon** in the Parish Meeting Room.
- ◆ **DELAYED: Donation acknowledgement letters** for the calendar year 2025 will be mailed in the next few weeks. All who donated \$250 or more should expect a letter. Please contact the parish office if there is a discrepancy or a letter was not received. If you need your donation amount sooner, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ **A short pilgrimage to The St. John Paul II Shrine on Harewood Road NE** is being planned for February 16 for families. The time spent at the Shrine would be from 11:30 until 3:00 p.m. Families could drive together from St. Dominic's, leaving at 11:00, or meet us at the Shrine. The time there would include Mass, an indoor picnic lunch, and a guided tour of the St. John Paul II Exhibit. Please contact Sister Margaret Andrew (202-853-4133 or [srmargaretandrew@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:srmargaretandrew@stdominicchurch.org)) if you are interested in this Presidents' Day trip.



## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hosted by the Office of Family Life with Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala as principal celebrant, this Mass celebrates the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of Sacramental Marriage. Couples are invited to register with the parish office by February 6, 2026, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long they have been married. We will mail certificates to parish offices by the end of February. If anyone is interested in registering, please contact Kelly at [office@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:office@stdominicchurch.org).

### **Mass Commemorating the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita and Presentation on Human Trafficking**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the African Catholic Association (ACA) invite you to a vigil Mass commemorating the Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita on February 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Bishop Evelio Menjivar, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, presiding. The liturgy will be followed by a presentation on human trafficking, with particular attention to how major sporting events can unintentionally create conditions that increase the risk of exploitation. If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to register here for the presentation. Please note that the virtual option includes only the presentation and remarks; it does not include the Mass.



The Thomistic Institute in Washington, D.C. presents:

# Why Our Lady Loved to Read

A lecture by  
**Dr. Zena Hitz**  
(St. John's College)

**Feb 25**  
**7PM**

**Catholic Information Center**  
1501 K St. NW, Washington, DC 20005  
Refreshments to follow



This lecture is free and open to the public. Scan the QR code to visit our site at [www.thomisticinstitute.org](http://www.thomisticinstitute.org) for reminders from the Thomistic Institute for lectures in DC, plus the latest TI news.

Come to an *Entering Canaan*

## DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING



Healing is Possible  
PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY



For more information, contact:  
[hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org) or 301-982-2008

Do you have unresolved feelings about your abortion or use of the abortion pill?

You are not alone! Healing is possible!

**April 25, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET**

Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

Suggested donation \$40.00 (financial assistance available)

For more information contact [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org) or 301-982-2008.



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

## Black History Month with St. Vincent de Paul

14 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

**FEB**  
**7**

11am — A Legacy of Faith Celebrating Black Catholic History and Heritage at SVDP A Panel Discussion & Social SVDP Parish Hall

**FEB**  
**21**

5pm — Archdiocese Annual Mass Celebrating Black History Month St. Joseph Catholic Church 2020 St. Josephs Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

**FEB**  
**27**

7pm — A screenings of *A Place at the Table: African-Americans on the Path to Sainthood*, a documentary about the 6 Black Catholics on the path to sainthood (SVDP Parish Hall)

**All are invited to Share, Learn, and Celebrate**

## Come and See 2026 Permanent Diaconate

Could you be called to be a deacon?

Come and see - Permanent Diaconate



Candidates & wives at St. Raphael's after the Institution of Lector, with Bishop Campbell and the attending priests & deacons

Candidates at St. Edward the Confessor after the Institution of Acolyte



If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, please join one of our meetings about the diaconate and check our website <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/> for more details and requirements.

Please Register at the website above or using the QR Code.

Saturday, January 17, 2026, 6:30 pm, St. John the Evangelist, Clinton (Bilingual English & Spanish)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, St. Aloysius, Leonardtown

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 7-8:30 pm, St. Camillus, Silver Spring (English & Spanish)

Sunday, January 25, 2026, 12 pm, after 10:45 am Mass, St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, St. John the Evangelist, Silver Spring

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, St. Joseph, Largo

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, Holy Redeemer, Northwest DC

Sunday, February 8, 2026, after 10 am Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Southeast DC

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, St. Mary, Piscataway

Friday, February 20, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, Our Lady of the Visitation, Darnestown

Sunday, February 22, 2026, after 12 pm Mass, St. Mark the Evangelist, Hyattsville (English & Spanish)

Monday, February 23, 2026, 7 to 9 pm, St. Martin of Tours, Gaithersburg (English & Spanish)

Saturday, February 28, 2026, after 5 pm Mass, Sacred Heart, La Plata

Saturday, March 7, 2026, 5 pm in the church after 4 pm Mass, Resurrection, Burtonsville

More locations may be added – please check the website, or the QR Code registration link for details. <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>

# TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

## Cover Art

Card in collection of the Boston Public Library  
*Anonymous*

## Prelude

Berceuse, from 24 Pièces en style libre,  
Opus 31

*Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

## Postlude

Grand plein jeu, from Suite du Premier Ton  
*Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)*

## Motet after Communion

Jubilate Deo

*Orlando di Lasso (1530-1594)*

*"Sing joyfully to God, all the earth.*

*Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with great joy,  
for the Lord is our God."*

## LET US PRAY FOR:

### The sick and homebound

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

### The recently deceased

Lynn McGrath; All the faithful departed

### Military Services

All those serving our in our country and around the world

## Pope Leo's Intention for February

### *For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support,  
never losing strength and hope.



## Offertory for the Week of January 25

Received	\$2,145
Budgeted	\$3,846
Deficit/Surplus	(\$1,701)



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# 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



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

This weekend, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington begin their participation in the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. As your pastor, I want you to know that I support this Appeal because of its direct support for outreach to the poor and marginalized, faith formation, catechesis, and evangelization. There is a Statement of Accountability that reads, "100% of your donation is restricted to the programs and ministries that are a part of the Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose." As you know, we are a small parish, but we have a big heart. Many parishioners have compassion for those less fortunate; yet, as a parish with limited facilities and personnel, we cannot address those needs. Supporting the Appeal is a way for us to be united with fellow Catholics to see Christ in our neighbor and serve him. The outreach to others will extend farther when we pool our financial resources together. Please, read through the literature received in the mail or provided in the pews and consider a sacrificial gift to the Appeal.

Lest you be taken by surprise, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season is just 2 ½ weeks away. For a parish observance, we will have the weekly prayer of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church. Beforehand, a soup and bread supper will be served in the Parish Meeting Room beginning at 6 p.m. More information will be forthcoming but now is a good time to plan and prepare for your personal Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Thank you to Darren, Lori, Ana, Larue, Arnold, and anyone else who helped with the snow removal. The task was challenging over multiple days, especially because of the ice on top of the snow. We are doing our best to clear access to the church. Please understand that there is little to nothing we can do about the mounds of snow that remain after street plowing. Please exercise caution and prudence around the church property.

Let us love one another and pray for each other,

*Fr. George, O.P.*



# St. Dominic Men's Fellowship

Regular meetings  
for prayer & discussion

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



St. Dominic Church  
630 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

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

*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

# 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

# NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

Starts January 24

2nd and 4th Saturdays

10:00-11:30 a.m.

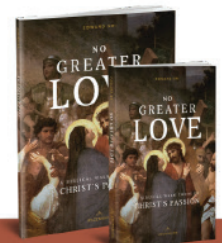
in the Parish  
Conference Room

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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