



# ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 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

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, March 22nd

8:00 a.m. Lenten Mass Remembrance  
10:30 a.m. Rosary Shrine of St. Jude Benefactors

### Monday, March 23rd

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 Brian Digman  
12:10 p.m. † Souls of the Nguyen Family

### Tuesday, March 24th

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 Rachel Stamm  
12:10 p.m. Thanksgiving to God for the year 2025

### Wednesday, March 25th

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 Debbie Kenney & Family  
12:10 p.m. Blessings for 2026 for all members of the Nguyen family

### Thursday, March 26th

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 Cecilia Vander Woude  
12:10 p.m. † Anton Long Ba Nguyen

### Friday, March 27th

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 All Intentions  
12:10 pm † Michelle Ramstack

### Saturday, March 28th

Priory 1 Lenten Mass Remembrance  
Priory 2 Kennedy  
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Ramstack  
5:00 p.m. Pro Populo



## THE WEEK AHEAD

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### Monday, March 23rd

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, March 24th

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

### Wednesday, March 25th

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

### Thursday, March 26th

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

### Friday, March 27th

12 p.m. A.A. Meeting † Parish Meeting Room  
6 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper † Parish Meeting Room  
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross † Main Church

### Saturday, March 28th

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

### Sunday, March 29th

After 10:30 a.m. Mass Coffee & Donuts † Parish Meeting Room



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Old palm branches may be brought to the church for burning in the Easter fire or for proper disposal. A basket is in the rear of the church at the center doors.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities is having a FREE tax prep clinic February 1st - April 15th at our main office - 924 G ST NW Washington, DC. If your income is under \$69,000, have IRS-certified volunteers prepare and review your tax return for FREE! Scan the QR code or email FSN@cc-dc.org to request an appointment!



## TODAY'S ART & MUSIC

### Cover Art

The Raising of Lazarus  
*Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1310-11*

### Prelude

No. 1 from 8 Pièces Modales  
*Jean Langlais (1901-1991)*

### Postlude

Interlude in G Major  
*Dom Gregory Murray (1905-1992)*

### Motet after Communion

De Profundis Clamavi  
*Estêvão Lopes Morago*

*"Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice."*

### Pope Leo's Intention for March

*For disarmament and peace.*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### Offertory for the Week of March 15

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| Offertory | \$2,231  |
| Budgeted  | \$3846   |
| Deficit   | (\$1615) |



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for one-time and recurring gifts

**Tenebrae**  
OFFICE OF SHADOWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026  
7:30 PM  
DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES

CONFESSIONS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

## LET US PRAY FOR:

### The sick and homebound

Maria Balotescu, Nora Courtney, Berhanu Hailu, Denny Layendecker, Heidi Long, Eileen Maturri, 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

**“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”**

## Save these dates!

April 12

*Divine Mercy Sunday with devotions and confessions beginning at 3 pm.*

May 3

*May Crowning after the 10:30 Mass.*

May 8

*Organ rededication concert events beginning at 6 pm.*

June 7

*Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic.*



### 2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please support local families by donating a bag of non-perishable items for the 2026 Lenten Food Drive. Fill your bag with items from the list to help ensure pantries receive what they need.

Thank you for answering the call to serve those in need!  
To learn more, scan the QR Code



#### COLLECTION DETAILS

Simply fill a bag with food and bring it on March 28-29:

**Dried Grains and Legumes**  
(rice, dried beans, lentils, corn tortillas, flour, etc.)

**Canned Proteins**  
(tuna, peanut butter, salmon, chicken)

**Pasta Sauces**  
(pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese)

**Soups**  
(beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey, rice)

**Canned Vegetables - Low Sodium**  
(mixed, green beans, corn, tomatoes)

**Whole Grain Cereals**  
(cheerios, cornflakes, raisin bran, plain oatmeal)

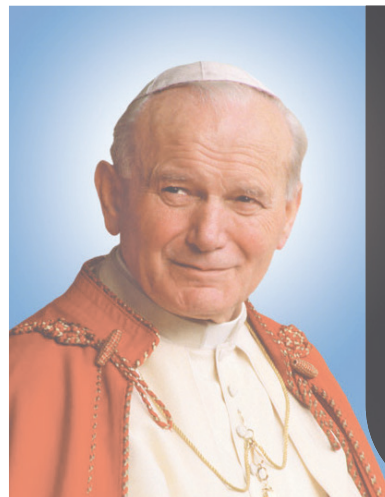
**Canned Fruits**  
(pineapple, peaches, pears, applesauce)

**Snacks**  
(raisins, nuts, cookies, crackers, popcorn)

**Cooking Oils**  
(vegetable oil, olive oil, canola oil, Smart Balance)

## A Four-Part Survey of Love & Responsibility

Hosted by the St. Dominic Men's Fellowship



St. John Paul II's **Love & Responsibility** laid the foundation for modern teaching on love, marriage & the moral life.

This four-part series invites our men to examine the text closely & uncover what it reveals.

For more information, please reach out to: [stdomevent@gmail.com](mailto:stdomevent@gmail.com)

#### SESSION I (February 10)

Love vs. Use — Why Love Requires Responsibility

#### SESSION II (February 24)

Freedom, Desire, and Self-Mastery

#### SESSION III (March 10)

Chastity and the Integration of the Person

#### SESSION IV (March 24)

Marriage, Fidelity, and Love as Self-Gift

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

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.

No scheduled confessions Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*April 2*

Evening Mass 7:30 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY

*April 3*

Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross - 12:10 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 p.m.

### HOLY SATURDAY

*April 4*

Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 p.m. (2 1/2 hrs)

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

*April 5*

Celebration of the Resurrection - 10:30 a.m. Mass

## *Parish Pastoral Council Minutes*

The Parish Pastoral Council convened for a regularly scheduled meeting on March 1, 2026. After prayer, the minutes of the February meeting were approved without changes.

Father George reported to the council members that the two Dominican deacons living in the priory will be going out to evangelize on two weekends in March. They will position themselves near the Safe-way and the Waterfront Metro station. The deacons will have materials inviting people to the Thursday night Holy Hour and the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

The council continued its conversation about a parish mission. A time in early June was proposed but we have learned that it will conflict with the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage to be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Washington on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The council recommended that the parish participate in the Archdiocesan event on Saturday and then celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi the next day (Sunday, June 7), followed by a parish picnic.

Reports were given regarding the Cenacle groups, the Summa Study group, the Men's Fellowship, and the Bible Timeline study series. All are going well. The OCIA is entering into final preparation of the participants for the Easter sacraments. The Inquiry meetings, which welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming Catholic, have not had good participation. Those who have indicated interest do not attend or respond to communication outreach. We will continue to offer this opportunity and attempt to understand what keeps those interested from attending. The Lenten soup and bread suppers, followed by Stations of the Cross, have been growing in attendance.

Flocknote continues to be an effective communication tool. Parish leaders are learning how to use Flocknote for their needs. Elissa Krieg (communications) has set up a process for submitting materials for publication.

Regarding capital projects, the sanctuary gate is complete and has received appreciation from parishioners. The renovation of the Lourdes shrine is nearing its beginning. It will take 8-10 weeks to complete. The altar that was there was donated to Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Bethesda, MD. The presentation of the sanctuary painting project on Sunday, February 22 generated questions and support. Funding for this project has come from non-parishioners who nevertheless desire to support the parish. Painting the sanctuary is the first phase of interior painting. A future phase will focus upon the nave of the church.

Father George sought the advice of the council on a recommendation to move the parish Holy Hour to Tuesday evening. The recommendation came from a parishioner who noted that few parishes have Eucharistic adoration on a Tuesday. If we have the Holy Hour on Tuesday, we may garner more participation. Input will be sought from those who regularly attend the Holy Hour on Thursday. Any change will be implemented late in the year at the beginning of the liturgical year. The council also discussed having a preaching series at the Holy Hour during special liturgical seasons such as Advent and Lent.

The council considered and recommended a regular cycle of training for the Lectors at Mass – perhaps quarterly. It was observed that we need greater consistency in the way the lectors fulfill their responsibilities and move in and out of the sanctuary. Additionally, lectors can learn from one another regarding volume, pace, and diction.



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 7 p.m. in the Church

Join us for a Lenten Soup & Bread Supper  
at 6 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room

*Sign up to help:*

