

Saint Dominic,  
(Priest)  
3 August



### About Saint Dominic (1170-1221)

Saint Dominic was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop (Diego de Azevedo) in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy. This heresy claimed that matter, specifically the body, is evil. Dominic and his bishop (Diego) lived in extreme poverty and prepared with great diligence for the debates that they held with their opponents. It would not be an easy time for Dominic, because the suppression of Albigensian would be undertaken by invasion and war of a particularly savage kind. Nonetheless, Dominic continued to try to preach and persuade. He prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary for her assistance and was instructed by her to preach and pray the Rosary.

In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, what we now know as the Dominicans. This new Religious Order would be a mendicant order (relying solely on the charity of others), and their prime mission would be to preach against theological error. These men wore a black cape over their white habit as they went from town to town preaching the goodness of the body. Saint Dominic also established a group of Sisters to support the apostolate of the Dominican Friars. Dominic died at Bologna on 6 August 1221.

### What can we learn from Saint Dominic's life?

In some ways the time Saint Dominic lived in does not seem much different from our own. We have heresies that pervade in our own time which we need to combat, and we may not always feel able to do so. Dominic remained focused on the task at hand and did not let himself get sidetracked with unimportant issues which could very easily become distractions.

The Dominican Friars made a positive and lasting impact on life in mediaeval Europe. Saint Dominic encouraged his friars to engage in rigorous academic study. As a result of this, the Dominicans in particular altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West. Had Saint Dominic not come along, we may not have had Saint Thomas Aquinas and his great contribution to the Church and the world either. We must realize that in our lives sometimes the course of events is linked and without one event taking place another may not be able to bear fruit. Let us be thankful for the many wonderful people and experiences we have received in our life.

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<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13184b.htm>

Quote:

We must sow the seed, not hoard it.

Collect

May Saint Dominic come to the help of your Church  
by his merits and teaching, O Lord,  
and may he, who was an outstanding preacher of your truth,  
be a devoted intercessor on our behalf.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 9:57-62

'I will follow you wherever you go'

As Jesus and his disciples travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him,

'I will follow you wherever you go.'

Jesus answered,

'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.'

But he answered,

'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of  
God.'

Another said,

'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.'

Jesus said to him,

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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## Antiphon

This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

## Hymn for the Memorial of Saint Dominic

1. Saintly Dominic – ardent preacher  
**of the Lord’s Word, faithful and true,**  
instructing against a false teaching,  
that our bodies are evil through.  
Saint Dominic, through your daily prayer,  
in the Lord’s life you would share.

2. Saintly Dominic – head and founder  
of the brethren called to proclaim  
the Good News of our salvation  
**in a world that’s deaf to Christ’s Name.**  
Saint Dominic, through your daily prayer,  
in the Lord’s life you would share.

3. For help you would call on Our Lady,  
praying with her beads, day by day;  
teaching anyone who would listen,  
**they must follow in her Son’s Way.**  
Saint Dominic, through your daily prayer,  
in the Lord’s life you would share.

4. May we follow the example,  
of your daily penance and prayer,  
with charity doing our duty  
for those who are placed in our care.  
Saint Dominic, through our daily prayer,  
may we in the Lord’s life share.

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## Music Links to the Scripture Readings

### [Glory and Praise to Our God](#)

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