

**WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED.**

**April 30, 2017**

**Pastor's Desk**

We finally completed the latest Bible Study, "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," this past Tuesday night. Our next series, "A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother," will begin on May 9<sup>th</sup> and continue on Tuesday nights in the parish hall from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, concluding on June 27<sup>th</sup>. As I've mentioned before, Mary has traditionally held a very high place in our Catholic faith and spirituality and many, many devotions have sprung up around her, some of which rely on a less than doctrinal foundation. This program will help to ground us in a biblical understanding of Mary and her role in the story of Salvation. You can register on our parish website.

The Easter season brings with it a series of celebrations of the First Holy Communion for the children in our parish. This weekend at the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and at the 9:00 am Sunday morning Mass we celebrate First Communion for the children in our Religious Education Program. On May 13<sup>th</sup> the children from St. Vincent's Elementary School will receive their First Holy Communion. And on May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate First Communion with the children in our Hispanic community. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. This is an important time in their lives and our prayer always is that the Eucharist will become for them a regular, weekly source of spiritual nourishment as they move along in life.

The Church celebrates Easter for fifty days – in our fast-moving culture, a very long time to sustain anything. I hope that the promise of Life we celebrate at Easter will continue to be a source of hope and joy throughout this sacred time and will find a deep place in your heart always.

**God Bless, Fr. Gary**

<u>Mass intentions during May 1st – May 7th</u>			<u>Liturgical Ministers on the weekend of May 6th – May 7th</u>		
Mon.	8:00	Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Paul Duensing Lena Busch	Sat. 5:00 pm	- Lector	Bill Kneiss
Tues.	8:00	Fr. Don Burnett, Leo Lavio		Eucharistic	Michael Nistler, Anna Santos, Joanne Longaker
Wed.	8:00	Judith Fomasi		(Cup)	Don and Pat Vachini, Alena Kosewic
Thurs.	8:00	Hilda Sickles		Altar Minister	(CB)Vivian Schafbuch(1)Ofelia Rains(2)
Fri.	8:00	Catherine and Everett DeGraffenreid Quintin Ponce, Jr., Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Joe Fitzgerald, Paula Louise Moore Maria Lavio, Edward Degan	Sun. 7:30 am	- Lector	Michael Filice
Sat.	8:00	-		Eucharistic	Mary McCaffrey, Gloria Marcucci, Carolyn Maloney
	5:00	Frank Catania		(Cup)	Michael Filice, Andy Isetta, Carol King
	7:30	Cesar Morales, Salvador and Jesus Barajas Virginia Contreras, Isabel Gopar		Altar Minister	(CB)(1)Konnor Ronick(2)Sullivan Henry
Sun.	7:30	Mary Rose Merten	Sun. 9:00 am	- Lector	Heidi Sturla
	9:00	-		Eucharistic	Christine Bessmer, Angelo and Elise Telucci
	10:30	Gonzalez Family (L)		(Cup)	Linda Mahoney, Nancy Mughannam, Kathy DeBernadi
	12:00	Ana Rosa Hernandez, Luz Helena Borrero Lilia Martinez	Sun. 10:30am	-Lector	(CB)Eva English(1)Luke Vollert(2)Faith Brown
				Eucharistic	Rob Janes
				(Cup)	Joe dos Ramos, Ann Markovich, Diane Miller
				Altar Minister	Anna dos Ramos, Deacon
					(CB)Johnie Storms(1)Riley Matson(2)



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** A Living Rosary, celebrating Our Lady's one hundred year anniversary of appearing at Fatima, will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 pm, at St. James Church, 125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma, CA 94954. For questions, contact Pat Carr at (707) 762-1797.

**PETALUMA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FAIR** on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 12-4 pm at Lucchesi Community Center. We invite you to join us in welcoming Petaluma residents to increase their engagement in the life of our community based on the values of respect, appreciation, and understanding of diversity and toward the goals of a sustainable environment, inclusive economy and the provision of assistance to those in need. If you are a group or organization that has specific, concrete and immediate volunteer opportunities for Petaluma residents, please plan to attend. Don't miss out! Time is short. For all ages and all backgrounds. Family friendly, kids activities, interactive participation! To request an exhibitor space (sliding scale \$25-\$100), click on this link to complete the application: <https://form.jotformpro.com/70765897634978>.

**ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH** has weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays after the 8:00 am daily mass until 12 noon. Funerals or other Eucharistic celebration may overrule the Exposition. Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Spanish is held the first Saturday of every month after the 7:30 pm Mass until 6:00 am. Please use the sacristy door. All are welcome.



**Catholic Cursillo Movement** - Want a Catholic friend? Come join us. Develop friendships, enjoy singing and fellowship, hear how other Catholics are living their life of holiness and pray as a group before the Blessed Sacrament. Fellowship gatherings of Catholics are held generally twice a month in Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park. Catholic Cursillo is a movement within the Catholic Church based on friendship. Dates are Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 pm at St. Eugene's, Santa Rosa. Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at St. Elizabeth Seton, Rohnert Park. The next Catholic Cursillo women's weekend is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Angela Center. For more information, call Debbie Simonson at 904-463-1070 or email at [debjean13@aol.com](mailto:debjean13@aol.com). Our website is: <http://www.catholiccursillomovementofsantarosa.com/>





**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1ST – MAY 7TH**  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES** - It is time to register or re-register!

**We offer an intergenerational process for the entire parish from 3 to 103 years old.** This is a continuous lifelong approach where the various generations learn from one another, with catechesis, the Catholic faith and tradition through meals, community building, prayer, home activity kits (with the weekly Sunday scripture readings), and celebration of the mass, the heart of our faith. In other words, together the parish community hands down the faith, beliefs, traditions and practices from generation to generation. We welcome and invite you to join us as we begin our eleventh year of our study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For the school year of 2016 – 2017, we will focus on Part Three: Life in Christ; Section Two: The Ten Commandments.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Dylan Rivers Sherk, Gianna Kapri Fadelli, Gavin James Rocco and Juliette Sarah Noelle Perry who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**CONFIRMATION:** Today and this week are the last confirmation classes for this school year. Please look at



the wonderful camps and mission trip for the summer. Really great stuff! Talk to Louise or email her: LouiseMartin2@yahoo.com. I am

praying you have a blessed summer. Don't forget about God and Mass, because He did not forget to wake you up this morning! Come back to re-register for next year in July. High school leadership preparation will begin in August for our fall retreat. Turn in your Youth Leader application form asap. Thank you Bernadette Crnich, Amy Lane, Juana Flores and Carmen Silva. I could not do all of this without you!

**EUREKA MISSION TRIP:** Three week-long trips offered on June 25th-30th and July 9th-14th and July 16th-21st. For high school/college students. Work with the inspirational Betty Chinn and the Eureka homeless. For more information or to register go to youth@srdioocese.org or call at (707) 566-3343.

**YOUTH ON A MISSION:** Norcal Catholic discipleship and evangelization training for high schoolers from all over California from July 20th - 23rd at Cal Maritime Academy, Vallejo. "YOAM" brings together youth from eight different dioceses for a challenging journey of discipleship and evangelization, outfitting them with the skills necessary to minister in their parish, communities, and most importantly their next steps after graduation. Cost is \$295. For more information, call at (707) 566-3371.

**THE DOMINICAN CHORALE**-conducted by Francisco Ortiz, **TODAY, Sunday, April 30th, 5:00 pm** at St Vincent's Church. General admission is \$20, \$15 for seniors, and under 18 years is free. Tickets are available online or you may purchase at the door. For more information, call at (415) 482-3579 or go to www.dominican.edu/chorale.



**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:  
 Sunday Basket: \$8,154  
 On-Line Giving: 3,075  
 Total: \$11,229

The second collection for the Maintenance fund was \$3,579. Thank you for your generous donations.

**THIS WEEK** there will be a much-needed second collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. We truly need your support to provide food for the needy people living in our parish area. Each month we give \$10 food vouchers to over two hundred families. Your financial support makes this worthy mission possible. If you would like to join our small group, please call Jim Dougherty at 762-7216.

**Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions**

**PARISH SCHOOL NEWS**

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** - at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall **THIS WEEKEND** Saturday and Sunday, April 29th -30th from 8:00 am -3:00 pm. Stop by for some bargains/treasures before or after the Butter and Egg Days Parade or Antique Faire!



**TUITION RAFFLE** - To Benefit St. Vincent de Paul High School. This year SVHS is sponsoring an exciting new \$15,000 Tuition Raffle! This is a great opportunity to support the school, while at the same time having up to \$15,000 in tuition for ANY accredited California K-12 school or CA College/University. One winner will be selected on **May 26, 2017**. You need not be present to win. Thank you in advance for your support and good luck!

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** for the Fall of 2017 for grades K-8. Please visit our website at [www.SVELEM.org](http://www.SVELEM.org) or call 762-6426 for information on tours, shadow days and applications.



**GET ON THE BUS** is a program sponsored by the Restorative Justice department of dioceses throughout California. This program takes children to visit their parents who are inmates in California prisons on Mother's Day and Father's Day. This visit is a contact visit which allows the parent to hold their children, share a meal with them and play with them. It is a special time for parents and children. To help support this program there will be a **RAFFLE** for quilts. Raffle tickets will be sold at St. Vincent's on Sunday, May 7th at all the masses. Your support is appreciated.



**Wine, Women & Word** - Petaluma Catholic Community Gatherings. We invite all women of faith for social



nights of fun and fellowship!  
 Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
 Thursday, July 27, 2017  
 Thursday September 28, 2017  
 Thursday, November 16, 2017

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Vincent Parish Hall, Howard and Western Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952. Wine and non-wine beverages, savory and sweet snacks. Come with your friends, sisters, mothers and godmothers to meet new friends, sisters, mothers and godmothers. For more information, call Joanne Ferris at (707) -481-6431 or [jferrispetaluma@gmail.com](mailto:jferrispetaluma@gmail.com).