

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.

May 21, 2017

Pastor's Desk

This weekend we celebrate the third and last group of young people in our Hispanic Community making their First Holy Communion. Please keep in your prayers all the young people who have made their First Communion during this Easter season. Please also remember the teens in both our English and Hispanic speaking communities who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Palm Sunday weekend and the adults who were baptized, confirmed, and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Our prayers are that this step in their journey of faith will lead to a lifelong growth and spiritual maturity in their growth as Christian disciples.

I announced two weeks ago that the previous week I had sent a letter to our bishop and met with him about retirement from administrative duties as pastor of the parish and our two schools after 48 years of pastoral ministry and almost 23 years here as pastor. I had given him the date of August 1st but needed to wait until he confirmed a date for me. This week, I received a letter from him and he has agreed that my retirement will commence on August 1st. At this point we do not know who my successor as pastor will be, but once I know I will let you know.

Life has been very busy here, especially with many changes happening at our two schools so I really haven't had time to absorb it all yet. After school graduations are over, I will be able to focus more on the immediate preparation for the transition into the next chapter of my life. In the meantime I will continue to do what I've been doing the last 23 years here, and I will keep you informed as things develop.

God Bless, Fr. Gary

<u>Mass intentions during May 22nd – May 28th</u>			<u>Liturgical Ministers on the weekend of May 27th – May 28th</u>	
Mon.	8:00	Alba Rebizzo, Joe Fitzgerald	Sat. 5:00 pm - Lector	Donna Piezzi
Tues.	8:00	-	Eucharistic	Bernadette Crnich, Joanne Longaker, Pat Donegan
Wed.	8:00	-	(Cup)	Darlene DeBernardi, Jill and Jeff Tuttle
Thurs.	8:00	Luz Helena and Magdalena Borrero	Altar Minister	(CB)Joseph Skubic(1)(2)
		Empera Gutierrez, Dazio Lavio	Sun. 7:30 am – Lector	Gloria Marcucci
Fri.	8:00	Olga de Perez, Fr. Don Burnett	Eucharistic	Sharon Dado, Andy Isetta, Marie Fletcher
Sat.	8:00	-	(Cup)	Carolyn Scherini, Don Patterson, Michael Filice
	5:00	John Radtkey, Harold Isaac	Altar Minister	(CB)(1)Sullivan Henry(2)
	7:30	Jorge Arturo Barajas	Sun. 9:00 am - Lector	Lucas Berry
		Jose de Jesus Enriquez Gutierrez (L)	Eucharistic	Al Cattalini, Isabel Craft, Anne Jones
Sun.	7:30	Family of Michelle Williams (L)	(Cup)	Josie Mazzucotelli, Judy Spencer, Joan Cattalini
	9:00	Al Caletti, Maria Della Santina	Altar Minister	(CB)Sena Mughannam(1)Eva English(2)Luke Vollert
	10:30	Jose Vargas (L)	Sun. 10:30am-Lector	Alice Forsyth
	12:00	Rebeca Porras	Eucharistic	Noreen Tiernan, Diane Miller, Evelyn Adams
			(Cup)	Denise Lempriere, Deacon
			Altar Minister	(CB)Riley Matson(1)Jenna Mankowski(2)



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

will be hosting - *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* Bible study in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays through June 27th. Why is Mary so **Important** to Us? As Catholics, we have a profound reverence for the Blessed Mother. We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in the Rosary, and in Marian devotions. We honor her with special feasts celebrating the significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and homes. The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. Cost for the study guide is \$25.00. You may wish to "pay it forward" by donating a small amount to help someone else's registration fee. To pay online, go to www.svdppetaluma.org and click on the red DONATE button. For more information or to register for the study, call the Rectory Office at 707-762-4278 or via the parish website: www.svdppetaluma.org

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS - A presentation will take place on the origin and content of the Spirituality of St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit Order. This spirituality is based on scripture and a personal relationship with Christ. It is an ideal way for Christians to live their faith while daily engaged in this busy and distracting world. On Wednesday, **May 31st at 7 pm**, St. Rose Parish Hall, Rm. A. Presenter: Pat Dillaway, Spiritual Director at The Sister Antonia Spiritual Enrichment Center and some lay friends trained and living the Spirituality. This is an information evening only. All are welcome. No charge. Thank you for all your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 546.1781 or [of: ficeec@sonic.net](mailto:ficeec@sonic.net).

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! BRING THE WORLD HOME Our host families represent the diversity of American culture, but they all share one thing in common: their lives have been changed by welcoming an international exchange student into their home. Being a host family is as rewarding for you as it is for the student. You learn about another culture, provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a young person from across the globe, and form a relationship that will stay with you and your family forever. Earn money by making referrals! Let us know about a caring family and we will pay you \$200 when they host with us. Refer as many families you like and earn more! For more information, call Mary Haller at (707) 696-8410 or mary.haller@efexchangeyear.org



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22ND – MAY 28TH

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a;



ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED at all Masses especial-

ly at the Sunday 7:30 am. and 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity for youth to participate in a Liturgical Ministry. This ministry is for all youth entering 4th Grade through High School. To participate or for more information, call Rose-Marie at 762-4278 ext. 14.



CONGRATULATIONS - to **Luciana Ann Cheek and Luca Philip de La Torre** who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

CONFIRMATION: 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 the 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.

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@srdioecese.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.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN-Our Farmers Market will start on Sunday, June 4th after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses. Please make a note that they will be held at the garden this year. Remember you are free to contribute your fruits and veggies to the market as well. We moved four of the picnic tables that have been recently restored to the adjoining field by the BBQ. Please use them for meetings, picnics, scout events, etc. For more information on the garden, contact Lois at 477-9411 or lpearson056@gmail.com



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.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket: \$9,854
On-Line Giving: 1,738
Total: \$11,592

Thank you for your generous donations.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Maintenance fund.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

St Vincent de Paul High School in Petaluma is excited to be hosting a variety of programs this summer such as a week long Science Discovery Camp, Debate Camp, Volleyball Camps, Vacation Bible School and more. See all of our programs at svhs-pet.org/summerprograms/ or email jsvitak@svhs-pet.org for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to our second grade students at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School who received their First Communion last weekend. It was a beautiful ceremony filled with love, joy and family.



CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN PETALUMA



wishes to extend an invitation to join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 10:00 am. It will be a special occasion to join in prayer for all those who have died in war that we may live in peace, and for all who are buried in our cemetery. Mass will be held in the Mausoleum at 304 Magnolia Avenue. Refreshments to follow Mass.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Petaluma is happy to announce the new area for ground burial called **All Souls**. The development of this area will begin Tuesday, May 23rd. Catholic Cemeteries will offer a discount on Pre-Need arrangements through June 23rd, 2017. Please contact the office to schedule an appointment at (707) 762-8462. Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and by appointment only.

SAVE THE DATE! Memorial Day, Monday May 29th. Honor our Veterans event, hosted and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at Calvary Catholic Cemetery Chapel, 2930 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa. Mass begins at 10:30 am. Please contact, Bob Nickel at (707) 481-2267 for additional information.

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.

