

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.

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020

Mass intentions during March 23rd - March 29th

Mon.	8:00	Jose Murguia, Donald Stane, Stephen Favor
Tues.	8:00	Ed Greeott (L), Elham Stavrinides (L)
Wed.	8:00	Maria and Rafael Ponce Family (L) Ed Greeott (L), James Rennie
Thurs.	8:00	Frances Catherine Moore Fitzhugh William Moore, Paula Louise Moore
Fri.	8:00	Departed Souls Empress - Nursing Home
Sat.	8:00	Henrietta Blue
	5:00	Sarah O'Sullivan (L), Lydia Piehl
	7:30	Ninos que no nacieron, Patricia Hely Angelina Bautista, Vicente Ordaz Eliosa Gutierrez
Sun.	7:30	Charles Petersen, Rita Petrowitz
	9:00	Dario Mazzetta
	10:30	-
	12:00	Familia Larrieta (L), Familia Paredes Lopez) Ricardo Solorio, Michael Celis, Irineo Perez Silvestre Martin, Arturo Martin (L)

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

LIGHT “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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March 17, 2020

Memo to All Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parochial Vicars, Deacons and the People of God:

These are very challenging and troubling times which call for prayer, patience and great prudence. While recognizing that the faithful rely greatly upon the spiritual solace which weekly and daily Mass provide, the present threats to the physical health and wellbeing of entire communities require measures in the Church comparable and even greater than those taken by civil authorities. Being deprived, even temporarily, of the spiritual consolations of Mass and Holy Communion is a great cross. Yet, this does not mean being deprived of Christ, His love or His attentiveness to us. Sacrificing even Holy Mass and Communion for the sake of the health and safety of the entire community entails great suffering and distress. Yet, such a sacrifice must be made in the present circumstances.

As a Church we have many concerns. One of our concerns is the health and safety of our priests and our vulnerable brethren. The priests are very willing to put themselves in harm’s way but by doing so may become sources of infection for others. Thus, generosity becomes a risk for them and for others. Pastoral workers are urged to be extremely cautious and prudent about going to places where there is an increased risk of being infected or of inadvertently infecting others.

After hearing from pastors as well as medical professionals, I have determined that it is both prudent and necessary to cancel all Church related Masses and services until the threat of further infection with the Corona Virus is ended. This means that all weekend and weekday Masses are to be cancelled with the exception of the one ‘Private’ Mass offered by the priest each day without a congregation. Many weekday Masses are attended by more than 50 people and many more who could not avail themselves for Mass on Sunday may deem that it is “safe” to attend Mass on another day. Since this would most likely result in larger crowds, the threat of infection would be heightened, not lessened, by continuing daily Masses. Again, the only Mass should be the ‘private’ Mass of the priests in the parish without a congregation.

Sadly, funerals are also prohibited. Memorial Masses scheduled later are an alternative.

The provisions above apply equally to any Confirmation plans or schedules. Confirmations through May 10 are indefinitely postponed. All other Confirmation dates for this season are now Tentative.

Please pray for an end of this Pandemic and for safety for all Medical Professionals, Pastoral Workers and First Responders. There is need for an abundance of caution. All that we do going forward must be out of concern for the well-being, both spiritual and physical, of our people and of the entire community.

Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD – MARCH 29TH

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



**SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)
March 23**

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1586 - Scholarship applications are available at the Rectory. Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1586. The award is to be used to meet college expenses. Any senior in good standing who plans to attend a college or university after high school may apply. The final date for filing the application, along with the supporting documentation, is **APRIL 20, 2020**. There are no exceptions.

PETALUMA KITCHEN - "Mary's Table" at 900 Hopper Street serves three meals a day to anyone having trouble making ends meet: breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 am, lunch from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. No questions asked. Fresh food is donated by local grocery stores. If you would like to donate salt, pepper, sugar, cooking oil, butter or mayonnaise, please drop it off at the Mary Isaac Center, 900 Hopper Street. Cooks are needed. Follow on Facebook at cots-in Cal. or cots.org.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket: \$6,356
On-Line Giving: 1,956
Total: \$8,312



Thank you for your generous donations.

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund.

NEXT WEEKEND 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. You can mail your Sunday offering envelope at 35 Liberty Street, CA, 94952 or go online.



ONLINE GIVING - To access our online giving with a debit card, credit card, or a check, go to <http://www.svdppetaluma.org> and on the front page there is a red "donate" button. Look for the red "donate" button on the far upper right hand of the page. Once you get there, follow the prompts to create a new account.

ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Registration is underway at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. We are currently accepting applications. We provide a K-8th grade faith-filled education in a safe and nurturing environment. If you are interested, please visit our website or call the office to schedule a tour. For more information, go to www.svelem.org or call the office at 762-6426.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

St. Vincent de Paul High School offers a college preparatory curriculum that develops our student's spiritual, academic, and social potential. As a Catholic school, we teach Gospel values and provide opportunities for our students to experience and grow in their faith. Our goal is for students to become compassionate, responsible and active members of their communities. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call SVHS Admissions at 707-763-1032, ext. 113 or email Carrie Borkhuis, Director of Admissions, at cborkhuis@svhs-pet.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ST. VINCENT'S CONFIRMATION will be on **TUESDAY MAY, 12** at 5:30 pm (English Mass) and 7:30 pm (Spanish Mass). Rehearsals are on Monday, May 11th at 5:00 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish. For more information, please call Rosemarie at 707-762-4278 ext. 14.



PARISH SYMPATHY - We extend our sympathy to the family of Angelina Ramirez Lopez.