GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated in memory of their loved ones:
Olympio and Dora Lanzi, Mary Nunes, Marlene Stewart, Henry and Theresa Morth, Mr. and Mrs. Aladino Marcucci, Dr. and Mrs. Egidio Mancini, Jerry Dixon, Frederic Holden, Antonio and Felisina Pardal, Don Borg, Manny Vasquez, Pat Doherty, Ernest Corda, Esther Moreda, Dario Mazzetta, Michelle Williams, Jose Murguia Gutierrez, Arthur and Mary Barboni, Gene and Dorothy Williams, Jim Williams, and Sister Mary Louise Williams.

Mass Videos can be viewed on our website at svdppetaluma.org in Spanish and English.

RECTORY OFFICE FRONT PORCH will have copies of the Little White Books of Saginaw, free Spanish bibles and the April Magnificat as well as the Easter bulletin. Feel free to drop by.

All Donations are appreciated. We are checking the mailbox frequently. Monday through Friday between 8 am to 4 pm. Or mail to: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 35 Liberty St., Petaluma, CA 94952

Temporary Office Hours: Cristina Ruiz and Kim Williams are answering phones in the office from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday while the “shelter in place” is in effect. We are not answering the front door, but we are here to answer all calls.

The Office Needs a Volunteer to make 10 washable face masks. We tried to order some but they will not be delivered until June 29, 2020. Please contact Kim or Cristina at 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOUCHERS has yet to determine when they will resume handing out vouchers.

PETALUMA KITCHEN - “Mary’s Table” at 900 Hopper Street serves two meals a day to anyone having trouble meeting ends meet: Temporarily not serving breakfast. Lunch is served 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 cooks-in Cal. or cots.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday’s offering:
Sunday Basket: $1155
On-Line Giving: 2029
Total: $3184
Special Donations: $12,665
Good Friday: $570
Updated Easter Collection: $20,063

To all who turned in their weekly donation envelopes we are incredibly grateful. Our community shows their love in many ways.

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 look for the red "Donate" button on the far upper right of the page. Once you get there, follow the prompts to create a new account.

Charitable Giving Tax Incentive:

Creates a new above-the-line deduction (universal or non-itemizer deduction that applies to all taxpayers) for total charitable contributions of up to $300. The incentive applies to cash contributions made in 2020 and can be claimed on tax forms next year. Section 2204. The law also lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who itemize, raising it from 60 percent of adjusted gross income to 100 percent. For corporations, the law raises the annual limit from 10 percent to 25 percent. Food donations from corporations would be available to 25 percent, up from the current 15 percent cap. Section 2205.

ST. VINCENT’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Registration is underway at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. We are currently accepting applications. 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 request a virtual tour, please email SVHS Admissions at cborkhuis@svhs-pet.org.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20th-26th