

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, August 30, 2020

Mass intentions during August 31st-September 6th

Mon.	8:00	James Soldate
Tues.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L), Irene Carnazola (L)
Wed.	8:00	Fr. James McSweeney
Thurs.	8:00	-
Fri.	8:00	Alejandro (Alex) Ruiz (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L)
		Holy Souls, Joe Fitzgerald
Sat.	8:00	Fr. James McSweeney
	5:00	Bishop Robert Vasa, (L), Mark Kostielney
	7:30	Eloisa Gutierrez
Sun.	7:30	Georgia Cort, Dora Sherwood
		Pauline and Norbert Andres
	9:00	James Soldate
	10:30	Holly Windsor
	12:00	-

**August 30, 2020 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
THE CROSS OF JESUS**

The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus' crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word "glory" would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word "cross." But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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ST. VINCENT'S OUTDOOR MASS

will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2020 at St. Vincent's High School, 849 Keokuk St., at 9:00 am in English and 10:30 am in Spanish. This will take place on the side parking lot behind the High School. Bring your own folding chair and please stay 6' apart and wear a mask. Park in the front parking lot or on the street and walk. There will be ushers to direct you. There will be music, no singing and please do not gather after receiving communion. We will continue to record masses and post on the website.



RECTORY PORCH MINISTRY TABLE

Feel free to stop by and check out the table for all kinds of religious items, pins, books, book marks, saint medals and rosaries. We also have the weekly bulletin. We are gladly accepting donations of religious items. Please bring them to the rectory porch and leave on the bench and we will add them to the table. The August Magnificat books are available in English; please stop by and pick your copy.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

is on Thursdays from 10 - 11 am in front of the church, with the front doors open to the blessed sacrament. There will be a holy hour of exposition, the Rosary and will close with the Benediction. Fr. Andrew will be leading this service.

COPING WITH COVID 19

It's hard to get together with family and friends during this season of Covid 19. My husband and I are buttoned up tight in our house because we are both in the vulnerable age group, and he has at least four of the factors that put him in the extreme risk group. Our children live in town, so we get to see them — at a distance, outside, with our masks. Our son and his family help with yard work, our daughter and family do all our shopping. They call and check up on us regularly. We have a comfortable retirement, own our comfortable home, so we are, well, comfortable in lockdown, if a little bored.

We decided to host a celebration for my husband's 76th birthday, so the whole family could get together for some fun. It was a big logistical challenge, but we all pulled it off with everyone pitching in. We set up four picnic tables, one for each family group. Each table was set with everything they'd need for the meal, so no sharing or mingling of condiments, food, utensils, drinks, etc. was necessary. Two of the boys took turns doing the actual grilling, and each family brought something to share. So there were four bowls of guacamole and chips, four green salads with four bottles of dressing, four bowls of gazpacho, plenty of oysters. We had chicken (vegetarians brought something for themselves), corn on the cob, and potatoes baked in the coals.

Each table group went to the grill together and got served by the cook using long tongs. Butter, sour cream, chives, salt and pepper and hot sauce were on each table. Everyone brought their own drinks in their own bottles. We used compostable plates and silverware. Everyone took home their table's leftovers or put it in the compost. Each table had its own pie.

We even had four bathrooms on the property, one for each family. All had to be sanitized before and after the party, along with everything on the tables, and anything anybody had touched in the patio and garden.

We sang Happy Birthday, opened gifts, made toasts, chatted and laughed — it felt wonderful and normal (except for the masks). During the toasting, our brother-in-law honored the anniversary of meeting my husband at the Oakland Induction Center after they were drafted to go to Vietnam, fifty years ago to the day. Over 50 years of friendship and resulting generations of family celebrated in the midst of adversity.

We gave thanks for all the blessings we share and all the love that surrounds us always. We all agreed that we should do this again. But next time we'll just get pizza delivered!

-St. Vincent's parishioner

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST – SEPTEMBER 6TH



Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - September will be the month of First Communions and Registration for the 2020-2021 year. Dates, times and places for the reception of Sacraments will be posted on the website and an email will be sent to each participating family.

On September 1st the Religious Education registration forms will be on the website. In addition, everyone who was registered in the Education classes during the 2019-2020 year will receive a registration form in the mail.

Most classes will begin during the first week in October. Last school year's Confirmation, the class of 2020 and the second year class of 2021 will begin the first week of October. The incoming first year class for the year 2022 will begin classes during the second half of October. via zoom. The elementary classes will be in person, if permitted, or the children will be placed on home study. For years we have been reminding you that you are the first educators of your children in everything including faith formation and that each family is the Domestic Church. Your attendance and participation at the monthly family classes tell that you are more than prepared for home schooling. You will not be alone in this task. All the catechists will be available to assist you and answer any questions by email or phone. After much preparation, we feel that we are prepared for almost any situation.

Please read our website (svdppetaluma.org) often since everything seems to change day by day, but we are on it. We continue to pray each day for all our church families, may you be healthy and safe from all the effects of covid-19. Pray each day as a family growing in love for our Lord and each other. God Bless!

Father Mychal Judge. an Authentic American Hero. Fr. Mychal was the first casualty of 9/11. He was a chaplain for the NY Fire Dept.

“Lord, take me where you want me to go,
Let me meet who you want me to meet,
Tell me what you want me to say,
And keep me out of your way”
Amen (so be it)

-Father Mychal Judge

PLEASE PRAY for Sebastian Reno, Alena Kosewic, Marie Fletcher, Sandra Vonder Kuhlen, Jim Rivara, Concepcion Campos, and Tania Sambudio. Also, pray for all of the teachers who are doing long distance teaching and trying to keep our children engaged. Please pray for the children who are struggling to learn with this method of learning.

CONFESSIONS - This Saturday, confessions will be from 3:30 - 4 pm, at the Veteran's Bench next to the garage. Fr. Andrew will listen to confessions. Please wear a mask. He will also take private confession by appointment. Call the rectory at (707) 762-4278.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket: \$4,950
On-Line Giving: 1,233
Total \$6,183

This weekend there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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



ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

Thank You
We are checking the mailbox frequently, Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4 pm. Or mail to: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 35 Liberty St., Petaluma, CA 94952.
for your kindness



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year in this new learning environment, the faculty and staff at SVES have been busy creating a dynamic learning environment for each grade level. We are excited to “see” our students again virtually. We would like to wish all students a successful year of growing and learning. For more information, go to www.svelem.org or call the office at (707) 762-6426.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

School resumes on Tuesday, September 8th and will open with a distance learning protocol, knowing that our goal is to return to a hybrid in-person model as soon as it is safe for our students, faculty and staff. For more information, please call (707) 763-1032.

MASS INTENTIONS - Even though we are not able to gather at church, our priests are still offering mass daily for the scheduled intentions. Though physically apart, we are united in prayer and spirit.



WE ARE ACCEPTING PRAYER REQUESTS to post in the bulletin. Submit your prayer request by Wednesday morning to be included in the Friday bulletin. This is a time of uncertainty and unrest; we continue to be a community that prays together.

TO OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CLIENTS: Our volunteers will resume helping out in September 2020. To receive help, go to the church garage located on 6th Street. Please wear a mask. We will not be at the Parish Hall, but at the garage.

NEW MAILBOX - The new locking mailbox at the front door of the rectory will provide a more secure way of receiving donations. Many of our parishioners also slip their donations under the front door.



TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS: The office is closed to the public while the shelter-in-place is in effect. We are conducting all business over the phone. Please call us at 707-762-4278 if you have any questions or requests. We are open from 8 am – 4 pm Monday - Friday (closed from 12-1 pm).