

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, September 13, 2020

ST. VINCENT'S OUTDOOR MASS

Will be held at St. Vincent's High School, 849 Keokuk Street at the side parking lot at 9:00 am in English and 10:30 am in Spanish. 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 mass and post on the website.



Mass intentions during September 14th-September 20th

Mon.	8:00	Blake Hooper (L)
Tues.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L), Sylvia Samija (L)
Wed.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L)
Thurs.	8:00	Jennie and LeRoy Rossotti
Fri.	8:00	-
Sat.	8:00	Sylvia Samija (L), Mijo Ivan
	5:00	Rielly Williams and Family (L) Gennaro and Raffaele Fiorentino Margle Brown, Victor Amado Ed and Fr. Paul Vota
	7:30	Eloisa Gutierrez
Sun.	7:30	Baby Anthony Sturla
	9:00	Randy Fowler
	10:30	-
	12:00	-

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?" Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.
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BAPTISMS



In addition to being the sacrament of salvation, baptism is also a joyous family celebration. Due to the strict limits on gathering, we have postponed baptisms until the restrictions could be lifted. In the meantime, we are scheduling a limited number of baptisms for families who are willing to limit them to parents, godparents and a couple of close relatives.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

One of the most difficult aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic is the closure of hospitals and health care facilities to visitors. We regret that it is not yet possible for us to visit your loved ones if they are in the hospital. However, under most circumstances, it is possible for priests to make a brief visit to homes to administer the Anointing of the Sick and other prayers for the sick and dying. While each situation must be considered individually, please do not hesitate to call the rectory office if you are in need of these sacraments of healing and forgiveness.



FUNERALS

One of the greatest consolations to grieving families is the support and presence of extended family and friends at the funeral Mass or memorial liturgy. Sadly, we are not yet able to celebrate funeral Masses in the church except for a gathering of 10 or fewer people. Due to an inconsistency in the state regulations, much larger groups can gather at a mortuary or funeral chapel for the same purpose. We have officiated at several memorial liturgies and graveside services during the shutdown while observing all the necessary guidelines. The clergy and staff of St. Vincent's will do all we can to accommodate your needs.

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407), September 13th

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH – SEPTEMBER 20TH

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - for grades Kindergarten through Confirmation. It is time to register or re-register! Registration for all classes will run until Sept. 30th.

This year we have adjusted our classes to reflect the covid-19 situation. Classes are available at every level from Kindergarten through Confirmation as always. We remind you that First Communion and Confirmation classes are a two-year process. Students starting this October will receive these Sacraments in the Spring of 2022.

*The elementary classes first through sixth grade will begin during the first week of October either at the Parish Hall, if permitted, or all the children will start the year by being home schooled through December of 2020.

*All kindergarten classes will be home schooled due to lack of space in the Parish Hall. Know that if we need to go on home study, a catechist will be checking in with you on a regular basis to assist you with any questions or concerns. If classes are given in person, note that due to lack of space, classes will be conducted on different days in order to accommodate all grade levels.

*All the Confirmation classes will be conducted via Zoom beginning the first through the third week of October.

*As you probably noticed, the following classes have been suspended for the 2020 – 2021 year: Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday Pre-school classes for 3 and 4-year-old, and the Monthly Family Sessions.

Registration forms are available at the rectory porch ministry table. Please make sure you complete the registration and attached the registration fee. Once the form is complete, put it in the white envelope that is provided and put it in the mail box. The registration can be mailed as well. Space is limited.

Note: Second Year First Communion and Confirmation registrations must have a copy of their Baptismal Certificate attached. The Catechists of St. Vincent look forward to continue to assist with the Faith Formation of all the Children. If you have any questions about the above programs, please call Rosamarie at 707-762-4278 ext. 14. God Bless!

PLEASE PRAY for Sebastian Reno, Matthew Woodruff, Alena Kosewic, Sandra Vonder Kuhlen, 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 in this new educational climate.

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.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket:	\$5,818
On-Line Giving:	<u>3,613</u>
Total	\$9,431

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. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The faculty and staff at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School are keeping those affected by the wild-fires in our daily prayers. We are thankful to all the front-line workers and appreciate all their efforts to put out the fires. Our students at SVES are keeping busy with a robust distance learning schedule. Our teachers are doing an amazing job as they have transitioned to this new learning environment with live instruction from their classrooms. We appreciate the efforts of parents in our school community working together with our faculty and staff to ensure our students thrive and grow within their faith during this difficult time. Stay safe! For more information go to www.svelem.org or call the office at (707) 762-6426.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL is 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.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Beau Mitchell Kearney who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Javier Chavez Chavez who passed away on September 5th and Jim Rivara. May their souls rest in peace.

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: To receive help, go to the church garage located on 6th Street. Please wear a mask. You can get help once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm. We will not be in 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.