

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 27, 2020

**Mass intentions during September 28th-October 4th**

Mon.	8:00	Blake Hooper (L), Marie Fletcher (L)
Tues.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L) Susan Adams Maurice
Wed.	8:00	Ana E. Guzman (L), Rene Dominguez
Thurs.	8:00	Joseph L. Wayne
Fri.	8:00	-
Sat.	8:00	-
	5:00	Bryan Pappas (L), Lester Rundle Mark Kostielney
	7:30	Eloisa Gutierrez
Sun.	7:30	Georgia Cort, Dora Sherwood Pauline and Norbert Andres
	9:00	Flores-Guzman Family (L)
	10:30	Holly Windsor
	12:00	Celia y Jesus Barajas

**September 27, 2020 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FAMILIAR INSIGHTS**

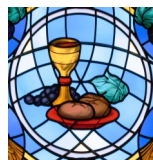
Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evil-doers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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**First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism Celebrations**



**Saturday, October 3rd: at St. Vincent High School's rear parking lot**  
**celebrants, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**  
**Spanish Baptisms at 10:00 am**  
**Spanish First Communions at 12 pm mass**

**Saturday, October 10th: St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School Class**  
**at St. Vincent High School's rear parking lot**  
**First Communion at 9:00 am mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**  
**Confirmation at 10:30 am mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**  
**Spanish First Communions at 12 pm mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**

**Saturday, October 17th: at St Vincent High School's rear parking lot**  
**Spanish Baptisms at 10:00 am mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**  
**English Confirmation at 12 pm mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**



**Saturday, October 24th: at St Vincent High School's rear parking lot**  
**Spanish Confirmation Group 1 at 10:00 am mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**  
**Spanish Confirmation Group 2 at 12:00 pm mass, Fr. Bill and Fr. Andrew**

**SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897) October 1**

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH – OCTOBER 4TH**

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



**ST. VINCENT'S OUTDOOR MASS**

Will be held at St. Vincent's High School, 849 Keokuk Street in 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE:** It is time to register

or re-register for classes Kindergarten through Confirmation. The registration forms are outside on the rectory porch ministry table, on Western and Liberty Street. You may also call the Rectory to request that a form be mailed to you.

**A reminder: the preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is a two-year process.** If families want their children to receive these Sacraments in Spring of 2022, they need to register to begin the classes starting this October, 2020.

We have decided that the elementary children would be home-schooled and assigned a Catechist who would be available to assist the parents. The Confirmation students would be taught via zoom through December 20th. In January 2021, we will reevaluate and decide how we will proceed for the second semester. Classes for the elementary grades and Second Year Confirmation are scheduled to begin the first week of October.

**First Year Confirmation**

Students will start on Tuesday, October 13th, via zoom

**Second Year Confirmation**

Students will start on Wednesday, October 7th, via zoom. We need a copy of the Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Vincent's. We will distribute the book and schedules for the elementary students during the week of September 28<sup>th</sup> at assigned times. **REGISTER TODAY!** If you have any questions, please call Rosamarie at 707-762-4278 ext. 14. God Bless!

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Racheal Clark who passed away on September 18th, David Ochoa who passed away on September 17 and Mario Gongora who passed away September 23, 2020. May their souls rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Vincent Favor, Sebastian Reno, Matthew Woodruff, Sandra Vonder Kuhlen and Concepcion Campos.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket:	\$3,646
On-Line Giving:	1,981
Total	\$5,627

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

**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**

We are so proud of our students at SVES! They are really engaged and adjusting well to our Distance Learning Program. While our teachers are instructing from inside their classrooms, our students are showing FORTITUDE during this transitional period while learning from home. Our students are demonstrating their skills of being good listeners, responsible citizens and critical thinkers. They are navigating their google classrooms, participating in zoom meetings and enjoying their enrichment projects. The faculty and staff are amazed and so thankful for our parents' participation in making our Distance Learning Program so successful. For more information on the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade programs we offer at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, please visit our website at ([www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org)) or call the office at (707) 762-6426.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL**

St. Vincent de Paul High School offers a college preparatory curriculum that develops our students spiritual, academic, and social potential. To experience SVHS, schedule a personalized private tour. During your visit, you will tour our campus grounds and have all your questions answered. Our goal is to equip you with the knowledge you will need to make an informed decision for your child's education. For questions and to schedule, please contact Carrie Borkhuis, Director of Admissions, at (707) 763-1032, ext. 113 or [cborkhuis@svhs-pet.org](mailto:cborkhuis@svhs-pet.org)

**FALL DÉCOR** --When cleaning out your closets, please remember St. Vincent's for sunflowers, pumpkins, scare crows, flower arrangements (fresh or phony baloney) or fall wreaths. I am using these items for the front porch and our ministry table. If you have questions, call me at 707-762-4278. Thank you.—Kim Williams



**THE CARMELITE NUNS** - invite you to their Annual Fall Jam sale. The sale begins October 15th until January 1st. We hope you will enjoy the fruits for our labor: apricot, peach, strawberry and bumbleberry jam and pear-apple plum sauce. These delicious jams and sauce make wonderful gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas until New Year's Day. The proceeds from this sale are used for the purpose of supporting the Sister's contemplative life of prayer. For more information, call (415) 847-3381, Carmelite Monastery of the Mother of God, 530 Blackstone Drive, San Rafael, CA. Thank you for your generous support.

