

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, November 15, 2020

Mass intentions during November 16th - November 22nd

Mon.	8:00	Marie Fletcher (L), Jack Overton
Tues.	8:00	Henry (Hank) Morth Holy Souls in Purgatory William Dallas Henry, III
Wed.	8:00	Ralph Giacomini Charles and Patricia Fanning
Thurs.	8:00	David and Cynthia Gorton Kathleen Doyle
Fri.	8:00	Wolfgang Bienefeld, Laverne Noble
Sat.	8:00	Evelyn Matteri Janet & Charley Bowker and Family (L) Bob & Diane Caro and Family (L)
	5:00	-
	7:30	Eloisa Gutierrez
Sun.	7:30	Fr. David Shaw
	9:00	Molly Rue Williams (L) George Bordi and Family (L) Sam and Annie Carrao Randall C. Fowler, Jomar K. Lococo
	10:30	-
	12:00	Ramiro y Liborio Mora, Virginia Barajas

November 15, 2020 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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Dear Parishioners:

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29th, right after Thanksgiving in just a couple weeks. We will be sharing the Blessings of the Advent every week.

First Sunday of Advent— During winter, dirt roads can become impassible. With the roads useless, carriages would be set up on blocks and the wheels hung high and dry so they wouldn't warp. For some folks, the wheels became a focus of prayer, that winter would pass over safely into spring. The wheels were the first Advent wreaths—shining antidotes to "cabin fever."

A ring of evergreens suspended from the ceiling, a ring that slowly turns while candles flicker above the branches, can call to mind a crown, a victors wreath or even the wheel of time itself. We believe that Christ will come in glory to lead us into perpetual light, to heaven's eternal Jubilee.

An Advent wreath is made with four candles rising from a circle of branches. The wreath can be placed on a table or hung over it with strips of fabric. A single candle is lit every evening during the first week of Advent. Two candles are lit during the second week, three during the third, and all four during the final week.

Whether you live alone or with others, the prayer on this page can be used to bless the wreath. Wait a moment to savor the stillness. Then say the prayer and light the first candle. Finish by singing the refrain to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.



Blessing of the Advent Wreath
By day and by night,
and through the circle of the seasons,
you keep watch over us, God Most High.
We praise you for this Advent wreath.
It is the evergreen crown of your royal people.
It is a promise of a share
in the triumph of your justice.
Soon it will grow bright
and scatter the darkness.
Around this shining wreath
we shall keep watch for your Son
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who comes to comfort our fears
and to make new this waiting world.
All glory be yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH – NOVEMBER 22ND

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication)
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday....

Baking a turkey for 10-15 people or more, the grandchildren, a gathering of family, watching football together, playing board games and sharing a special meal. I have been so busy with other things that when I started to plan my menu for Thanksgiving I realized that there will only be my husband and myself. The impact of this pandemic hit me hard at that point. I have been wearing a mask, dealing with the stress of 2020, but never felt lonely, knowing we are all in this together. I know this is temporary, that next year will be different, but for today I mourn the empty seats around the table, the quiet backyard void of grandkids playing and giggling and will honor my grief and celebrate how thankful I am that I have a family and such a beautiful community that I love.

—Author Anonymous



CONGRATULATIONS- to Cash William Terzian and Luke Fillinger who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

are available at the Rectory Porch Ministry Table. You may write the names of your loved ones on the remembrance envelope and we will write them in the book. You can drop off the envelope in our mail box or mail it. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will be in the Church. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.

CONFESSIONS - due to Covid 19 temporary restrictions are now heard Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:00 pm, on the bench in our Veterans Memorial next to the church on Howard St. The slight change in the confession time has been made to accommodate the time needed for recording the weekend Masses.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL is pleased to announce two scholarships available to incoming freshmen for the 2021-2022 school year. If awarded, each scholarship is equal to half our tuition. If interested in applying for these scholarships, please email Admissions Director, Carrie Borkhuis, at cborkhuis@svhs-pet.org or call 707-763-1032 ext. 113.

The Vincentian Scholar Award is awarded to an incoming freshmen who has achieved and maintained a GPA of 4.0 in all disciplines during his or her 7th and 8th grade year and has met all the requirements of the award. As the patron saint of St. Vincent de Paul High School, St. Vincent de Paul exhibited humility, faith, kindness, intellect and respect for those less fortunate. His humbleness and devotion to his faith are qualities we also look for in a Vincentian Scholar.

Applicant Eligibility

- Scholar achieved all A's (4.0) during scholar's 7th and 8th grade academic years.
- Scholar placed in the top 10% of the HSPT (High School Placement test).
- Scholar applied to St. Vincent de Paul High School no later than December 7, 2019

and completed the HSPT test no later than January 11, 2020.



The Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Scholar Award is awarded to a limited number of incoming bilingual freshmen who maintained a GPA of 3.5 during their 7th and 8th grade years and have met all the requirements of the award. Our Lady is caring, faithful and compassionate. These are traits we look for in a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Scholar.

Applicant Eligibility

- Maintained a 3.5 GPA during scholar's 7th and 8th grade academic years.
- Speaks fluent Spanish and English.
- Active participant in their Parish.
- Applies to St. Vincent de Paul High School no later than December 5, 2020 and completes the HSPT test no later than January 16, 2021.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$7743
On-Line Giving:	2570
Total	\$10,313

Special Donations that came in the mail: \$14,395

Total from the Appeal Letter \$81,395

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

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School continues to focus on the Spiritual and Academic growth of our students through our Faith Based Curriculum. We set high expectations for our students and our teachers to provide each student with the tools to meet these high standards. The faculty and staff at SVES are dedicated to helping all students build a solid foundation that will help them become critical thinkers, responsible citizens and lifelong learners. To learn more about our K-8th grade programs please visit our website www.svelem.org or call the office at (707)762-6426.



PLEASE PRAY FOR -Mary Hinojosa, Sebastian Reno, Matthew Woodruff, Marie Fletcher and Sandra Vonder Kuhlen.

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 26th, and Friday November, 27th for Thanksgiving.