

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, February 14, 2021

<u>Mass intentions during February 15th - February 21st</u>			February 14, 2021 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Jose Lopez Bocanegra y Familia (L) Fr. David Shaw	<p align="center">JESUS' WAY</p> <p>Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.</p> <p>Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.</p> <p>Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.</p> <p align="right">Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>
Tues.	8:00	Gloria Murguia (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Terry, Charlie and Tim Petersen Conversion of Sinners	
Thurs.	8:00	-	
Fri.	8:00	-	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Gemma Bianchi	
	7:30	Obdulia Gutierrez	
	7:30	-	
	9:00	Emma Carnazola Moss Andrew and Joyce Carnazola Empress Nursing Home - RIP Ruth and Ernest Moore, Regina Moore	
	10:30	-	
	12:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L & D)	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Every year, Ash Wednesday and Lent seem to appear out of nowhere. There is no warning, because Easter – the miraculous event for which the 40 days of Lent prepare us – falls on a different day each year.

As you know, Easter falls on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox. In other words, Easter is calculated by three simultaneous reckonings of time which are as old as the scriptures themselves: 1) the Sabbath of a seven-day week, 2) the lunar calendar, and 3) the solar calendar. In addition to being our preparation for Easter, the reason Ash Wednesday and Lent resonate so deeply within us is that they are connected to our deepest consciousness: the cosmology of the universe, the underlying anthropology of creation and our awareness of our personal need for salvation.

Nothing reflects that deep consciousness more powerfully than the words spoken as ashes are imposed on our foreheads: "Remember, man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" or, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The first of these two phrases comes from the account in Genesis of the fall of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:19). The alternate formula, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" is a quotation from the Gospel of Mark (Mark 1:15) – especially appropriate this year because this is the Year of Mark in our 3-year cycle of Sunday Gospel readings. Either formula may be used.

The power of Ash Wednesday arises also from its universality. Every Catholic (plus members of many other churches) is equally called to bear this mark of repentance, from the Pope down to the smallest child. The ashes are the mark of the one Christian doctrine which has never required much independent proof or reinforcement: original sin and the fallen nature of human existence. The ashes are the mark of a struggling humanity which we then see in ourselves and others, made equally in the image and likeness of God.

It is unlikely that any of us will ever forget this Ash Wednesday. It coincides with one of the first times in many months that we have been able to return to our beautiful church. For Sundays and weekdays, we will be returning to our regular pre-COVID Mass schedule. One of the luxuries of having such a large church building is that we can comply with the COVID directives with little noticeable restriction on attendance. Apart from the continued requirement of masks and social distancing, we will be returning to nearly "normal" operations.

Recorded Masses will continue for those not yet returning to communal worship. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Lenten regulations for fasting and abstinence are available in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Because of COVID, Ash Wednesday will be observed slightly differently this year. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be one Mass (with both ashes and Holy Communion) at 8:00 a.m. The remaining liturgies will be a simple reading of the Ash Wednesday Gospel in English and in Spanish, followed by distribution of ashes. Since offering both ashes and Holy Communion at a Mass would extend the length of the Mass and require the faithful to make at least two visits to the sanctuary, this plan will permit all those who wish to receive Communion and/or ashes to do so with a minimum of possible exposure to others. Except for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, ashes will be distributed in the vestibule of the Church which opens into the plaza (aka, the Piazza Lombardi). This will allow for social distancing and immediate departure after receiving ashes. The imposition of ashes will be contact-free and done with single-use applicators.

Please see the Ash Wednesday schedule in the bulletin as well as on our parish website.

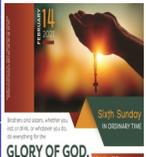
Devotional materials continue to be available at the entry of the Rectory, including our annual Lenten devotional booklets, in English and Spanish, while supplies last. The devotional table has been so popular that it will continue until further notice.

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Lenten season, and look forward to seeing you in our church in the days and weeks to come.

With every blessing, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH – FEBRUARY 21ST

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jt 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



GLORY OF GOD.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH HAS RE-OPENED!!

All masses have resumed at our normal times. Weekday Mass, Monday - Saturday 8:00 am, Saturday, 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm in Spanish, Sunday Masses, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am and 12 noon in Spanish. We will continue to pre-record mass for those who are not feeling safe to come back to church just yet. Please wear a mask, and social distance. Please take communion and exit and do not congregate after mass. Rosaries can be said on the plaza in front of the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

There will be an 8:00 am mass with communion and ashes. At 12:15 ashes will be given in front of the church in the vestibule. At 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, ashes will be given in the vestibule in front of the church; no service at that time, ashes only.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Pat Carr, Deacon Joe Remyly, Cecilia Mendoza, Marie Fletcher, Jesus Maldonado and Sandra Vonder Kuhlen.

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Monday, February 15th to observe Presidents' Day.

CRS RICE BOWLS are available at the entrance of the Church and at the Ministry Table. They are due on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Local and global. 75 % of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community. Learn more at crsricebowl.org.

Pray God of mercy,
 You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need – for whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me. This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit.
 AMEN

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - New

Update on Thursday Adoration. Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after weekday mass at 8:45 am, with Benediction at 9:45am and ending at 10 am.

CONFESSIONS - are held in the church on Howard Street at 3:30 pm on Saturdays, or you can call 762-4278 to schedule an appointment for confession during the week.

LENTEEN EXERCISE FOR YOUTH

February 20th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the "ON FIRE Nor Cal: Keep the Light Bright Into the Desert: a Lenten Experience." To register or for more information, go to <http://www.onfirenorcal.com> or contact Stephen Morris, Youth Director at mail@flocknote.com.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$7,936
On-Line Giving:	3,441
Total	\$11,377

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, there will be a collection to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

This weekend there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent's Religious Education Students.

ONLINE GIVING - To sign up for 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is underway! Applications are available on our website (www.svelem.org). If you are interested in learning more about our school community, please call our office at 762-6426. At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, we focus on educating the whole child in a top-level academic program integrated with Catholic values.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted now! Entering our second century of educating students, we offer a personalized college preparatory curriculum that develops our students' spiritual, academic and social potential following the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul. Please call 707-763-1032 ext. 113 for more information or visit www.SVHS-pet.org.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS – The family contribution statements for 2020 were sent out last week to all the families who donated over \$250.00. If you need a contribution statement or need more information, please call the Rectory at (707) 762-4278.

Special for Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Petaluma

Catholic Cemeteries is happy to announce the new columbarium, called Divine Mercy, at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Petaluma. During the months of January through March 2021, we are having a special of 3% off of the Divine Mercy niches for pre-planning arrangements. Please contact the main office in Santa Rosa at (707) 546-6290 to schedule an appointment. Office hours in Santa Rosa are Monday through Friday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Our Family Service Advisors will be happy to assist you and provide more information.

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