

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 28, 2021

Mass intentions during March 1st - March 7th

Mon.	8:00	Fred Starke, Lazaro Naal Familia Garcia Cervantes (L) Martha Flores y Familia (L)
Tues.	8:00	Lazaro Naal
Wed.	8:00	Florinda Correa Hidalgo, Holy Souls
Thurs.	8:00	Romualdo and Mary Carnazola Joseph Carnazola
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Joseph Fitzgerald Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	-
	5:00	Stephanie and Sophia Petersen (L) Jodi Fitzgerald (L)
	7:30	Familia Alcaraz (L) Grupo de Consagración a San José (L)
	7:30	-
	9:00	Jim Rivara, Colby Rivara
	10:30	Quintin Ponce, Sr. (L)
	12:00	-

February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday of Lent

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week’s Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners

Much has changed over the last few weeks. We have returned to our beautiful church and our regular Mass schedule, and the season of Lent has begun. There are many people who are not yet aware that we are back in the church building. Spread the word!

In the meantime, I would like to thank all of you who attended outdoor Mass at the high school over these past several months – especially those who did the work of transporting all of the books, vessels and equipment for Mass. While it has been an adventure, I’m more than grateful that we’re getting back to normal.

For the past several months, the first part of the morning paper I looked for was the weather section, to study the forecast for the next weekend. Even for the dry winter this has been, we were very lucky that only one weekend of Masses (4th Sunday of Advent) was canceled because of weather. Scheduling (or re-scheduling) of individual sacramental celebrations – baptisms, weddings and funerals – has already begun. Last summer, every single time-slot available for weddings and quinceaneras was spoken for. Most of those dates were postponed because of COVID-19, and are now being re-set for this coming summer. Others have postponed their celebrations to 2022. This ripple effect will continue for another year or two.

There are a few other re-adjustments that are being made:

SV is one of the few churches that still uses votive candle racks for lighting a real votive candle in church. They are now uncovered and ready for use. Because of fire danger, only the metal-bottomed votive lights provided can be used. For reasons of fire safety, anything else will be removed.

The Book of Petitions (in which prayer intentions can be written) will not be returned quite yet. Since the book and pens are touched by many hands, it seem to be prudent to wait a bit longer. Our shared worship already joins our personal prayer intentions with those of the entire community, so that we may support one another in what we ask for in faith.

Ash Wednesday went very well. In order that ashes be given touchlessly, we used Q-Tips. They made a much more distinct cross than when imposed by the minister’s right thumb.

The form of the celebrations of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter is still pending. When we have a better idea of what conditions will permit, an announcement will be made.

On a lighter note, many years ago I asked a manager of a fast-food franchise whether there was an increase in sales of their fish sandwich during Lent, and he said that definitely there was. Apparently that hasn’t changed. This morning I read that Lent is still the biggest time of the year for sales of fish and shellfish. Because of COVID-19 and the freezing weather across the US and beyond, seaports are backed up with ships carrying fish and seafood destined for stores and restaurants. It was the first time in ages that I can remember the reporting of a current event in connection to Lent.

After a record-cold Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the signs of spring are here in Petaluma: warmer temperatures, bright sunshine and blossoming trees. Let’s enjoy it.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22ND – FEBRUARY 28TH

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Quintin Ponce, Jake Williams, Pat Carr, Deacon Joe Remely, Cecilia Mendoza, Marie Fletcher, Jesus Maldonado and Sandra Vonder Kuhlen.



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

ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - will be held on Fridays at 7:30 pm in church during Lent, February 19th through March 26th. All participants need to stay seated. Fr. Andrew or Deacon Jim will lead the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - New



Update: 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.



MASS INTENTIONS - the office is still scheduling mass intentions. Call St. Vincent's office at 707-762-4278, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch, noon to 1 pm).

FOOD FROM THE WESTSIDE FAITH PANTRY - Actively giving food to those in need at Elim Lutheran Church, 504 Baker Street, Petaluma on Thursdays at 5:30 pm.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket: \$6,059
On-Line Giving:.....1,601
Total \$7,660

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

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



As we begin the third trimester, we want to acknowledge our students for their determination and commitment to their education. It has been a year of adjustments for all of us and we acknowledge the dedication of our students and their families working together to educate the whole child in a faith-based learning environment. We will continue to pray for our community as we enter into the sacred Lenten Season. For more information about our school community and K-8th grade programs, please visit our website www.svelem.org or call our office @ 762-6426.

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 have been out 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.