

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 19, 2021

Mass intentions during September 20th - September 26th

Mon.	8:00	Baby Anthony Sturla Manuel & Beatriz Cabral, Helena Rodrigues Leonardo and Liliana Cabral
Tues.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Joe Fitzgerald Anton Broun, Holy Souls
Wed.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), Delfina Castaneda Mario and Santos Gongora
Thurs.	8:00	Roger Nagy
Fri.	8:00	Cheryl Sturla Strubeck
Sat.	8:00	Lavio and Manni Families
	5:00	Pam MacCormick
	7:30	Cesar Morales, Jil Cesar Carreno
Sun.	7:30	Alda Mattos, John Galego Joao and Margarida Galego
	9:00	Kiera Doherty and Family (L), Harold Mazza
	10:30	-
	12:00	Jose and Ana Flores and Family (L) Ignacio y Emma Gonzalez y Familia (L) Alfonso and Elidia Pulido

September 19, 2021 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I have some welcome news, and some not-so-welcome news.

The welcome news is that our Office Manager, Kim Williams, continues to recover from her recent stroke with intensive physical therapy. I am happy to report that her progress has been so positive that she will be able to continue her rehabilitation at home. Initially, Kim was expecting a much longer stay at the rehab facility, so this news is most welcome. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

The less-than-welcome news is that Fr. Andrew Pacheco has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Fort Bragg, effective Monday, October 4th. Initially, this move was merely one of a number of possibilities, so I put it out of my mind as something that might not happen. However, as the summer months passed, his promotion to a pastorate looked more likely due to the difficulty of finding pastors for the 42 parishes of this diocese. Much as I lament his departure, I respect and admire his willingness to respond to this assignment with generosity and readiness to serve where asked.

I knew from the start that a priest of Fr. Pacheco's caliber would not be with us forever, but I hoped his time here could have been longer. His contribution to our parish and schools has been beyond praise in every area – from his reverent liturgies and thoughtful preaching, his attention to the devotional life of the parish, his ministry to the sick and hearing confessions, and his care for the Hispanic community. The way Fr. Pacheco instantly and so completely became a part of this community is all the more remarkable considering all the barriers COVID-19 has imposed on nearly every area of parish life during his entire time at St. Vincent's.

While no person can be replaced, I am happy to welcome Fr. Thomas Stuart as our Parochial Vicar, also effective on October 4th. Fr. Stuart was raised in Occidental, and is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Eugene's Cathedral in Santa Rosa. He is newly ordained, and this will be only his second parish assignment. I will ask him to submit a mini-biography for the bulletin, so that we can all get to know him better. I have met him, and am looking forward to working with him.

Finally, I want to thank you, our parishioners, for the welcome you have extended to the four priests who have joined us after my arrival. One of the stated purposes of assignments soon after ordination is to provide continued mentoring for young priests. The fact that St. Vincent's is considered a suitable and hospitable place for this to happen is far more to your credit than mine, and I am most grateful.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20TH – SEPTEMBER 26TH

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Registration for Religious Education has been open for the past six weeks. This coming Monday, September 20th at noon will be the last day that we will accept new registrations. There are openings in all classes especially in the kindergarten class. Registration forms are on the Rectory Porch 24/7 at 35 Liberty Street.

All classes begin as follows at the Parish Hall: Sunday, September 26th at 9:00 am, doors open at 8:45 am for Pre-Kindergarten (4 years old), Kindergarten, and First Year First Communion for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students; Wednesday, September 29th at 3:30 pm for Second Year First Communion class for 2nd and 3rd grades, First Communion class for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and the class for students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th none Sacrament class. The First Communion class for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students will be held on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, the day and time to be determined according to need and availability (you will be called). All registered families, please check your computer regularly for our emails.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

will be conducted via Zoom beginning Tuesday, September 28th at 4:30 or 7:00 pm for First Year. Second Year classes begin on Wednesday, September 29th at 4:30 or 7:00 pm. Registered students, please look for an email with all the pertinent information for your class.



REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING

All Catechists and students are expected to wear masks as they enter the building and throughout the entire class. All classes will reflect the current Covid-19 requirements. First communion and Confirmation classes are a two-year process. Second Year Communion and Confirmation students MUST have a copy of their Baptismal Certificate on file with their registration forms. If you have questions, contact Rose Marie at 762-4278 ext. 14.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$8,023
On-Line Giving	<u>2,081</u>
Total	\$10,104

The second collection for the Religious Education Fund was \$2,283

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Missionary Collection.

Next 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.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? Do you live in Petaluma and want to register and receive Sunday offering envelopes or sign-up online for Electronic Giving? We have registration forms on the front porch of the rectory. For more information, please call the rectory at 762-4278.

From Fr. Thomas Stuart



I grew up in Occidental, CA and received my religious education at St. Philip's parish in town. During high school, I went through a reversion to the Catholic faith and began to feel a call to the priesthood again that I had felt as a child. I was invited to begin seminary training for the diocese of Santa Rosa by Fr. Raul Lemus, then pastor at St. Sebastian's in Sebastopol. After 8 years of study and training, I was ordained a priest on March 7th, 2020 and served at St. Eugene's Cathedral parish until I received my new assignment to St. Vincent de Paul. I look forward to joining and serving the Catholic community in Petaluma.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS - On the weekend of

October 9th and 10th, the Knights of Columbus members will be conducting a campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. This has been an extremely successful campaign for the Knights across the country, providing people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated! Just look for the Knights of Columbus members in yellow vests at the back of the church after mass.



THE SANTA ROSA DIOCESAN COUNCIL of Catholic

Women is offering The Consecration to St. Joseph via Zoom, beginning September 30th. This six week series will be offered on Thursdays at 10:30 am and at 6:30 pm. Free books will be provided by SRDCCW. To register, please contact Char at 707 331-3126 or SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com. A Memorial Mass will be held for deceased members of SRDCCW on October 16th at 11:00 am at St. Eugene's Cathedral. A simple reception in the Becker Center will follow. More details will be forthcoming.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Frankie Isabella Lemos, Oliviana Jody Schmidt, Eden Frances Genobles, Ellis Edith and Meike Margaret Sharyon who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Bonifacio Gonzalez, Kim Williams, Lucille Batemon, Robert Virgin and Tessa Rae Finkbohner.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Melvin LaFranchi who passed away on September 4, and Estevan Morra Ochoa who passed away on September 15, 2021. May their souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after weekday mass at 8:45 am, with Benediction starting at 9:45 am and ending at 10 am.

