

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, October 3, 2021

<u>Mass intentions during October 4th - October 10th</u>			October 3, 2021 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Manuel & Beatriz Cabral, Helena Rodrigues Leonardo and Lilitiana Cabral	<p align="center">THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US</p> <p>We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today’s readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.</p> <p align="center">Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>
Tues.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L) Divine Mercy Diary Group (L), John Pedroni	
Wed.	8:00	Maria Lopez (L), Marcial Tinoco (L) Terry Collins	
Thurs.	8:00	SVDP Plaza Rosary Group (L) Flor M. Naal and Family (L) Gloria “Cookie” Zahra and Family	
Fri.	8:00	Paddy Woods	
Sat.	8:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
	5:00	Romualdo and Mary Carnazola Pam MacCormack, Denise Costello Lindy Borges	
Sun.	7:30	Francisco Javier Ruiz, Espiridion Solorio Eloisa Gutierrez	
	7:30	Alda Mattos, John Galego Joao and Margarida Galego	
	9:00	Matthew Grala (L), Michael Rilko Mary Moore Grala	
	10:30	Special Intention	
	12:00	Ignacio y Emma Gonzalez y Familia (L) Alfonso and Elidia Pulido Rene and Carmela Dominguez Adolfo Mendoza Valencia Jesus Angel Mendoza	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I have two bits of very good news. First, our bookkeeper and office manager, Kim Williams, was in the office for two days last week. As her physical therapy allows, she is now recovered to the point that she can return to the office for a significant number of hours per week. We in the rectory are thrilled, as are those of you who call the office and hear Kim's voice.

Second, Fr. Thomas Stuart will begin his ministry here at St. Vincent's in just a few days. He is currently scheduled for the morning mass next Wednesday, October 6th at 8 a.m., and tells me he plans to hit the ground running - the very words any pastor longs and loves to hear. Welcome Fr. Stuart!

The Parish Financial Report is completed by Kim Williams. Thanks to her traditional efficiency, this report was substantially complete at the onset of her illness. This annual report is made to you, our parishioners, regarding the state of parish finance.

Until I can provide this report in final form, I will share some basic and very encouraging information regarding the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Thanks to your generosity, the hard work of many people, and careful parish management, St. Vincent de Paul Church has navigated the waters of COVID-19 exceptionally well.

Because of COVID, we expected and budgeted a loss for this past year of \$110,630. This would have left the parish in perilous financial condition. Instead, we turned a profit of \$48,902 - a positive difference of \$159,532. This positive result occurred because we benefited from a PPP loan (about \$100,000), and because our Special Donations exceeded our budget by \$71,800. This was largely due to your generous response to my letter last fall making a rare (for me) appeal for funds. Also, the fact that our office always remained open, daily and Sunday Masses were available via the Internet, and outdoor Masses offered as soon as it was possible to do so were all major factors in attending to the needs of our parish.

Two other factors are responsible for this happy result. So many faithful parishioners continued to drop off or mail in their donations every week, often in collection envelopes. Also, SV began encouraging parishioners to use electronic giving long before COVID struck. While other parishes were scrambling to start their electronic giving, we were already enjoying its benefits. (In fact, Kim Williams was invited to another parish to teach them how to start their own electronic giving programs.)

A word of caution: Another reason our program costs were lower was due to reduced activity. This year, we are busy playing “catch-up,” and program costs will rise accordingly.

Blessings,


Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH – OCTOBER 10TH

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

 This past week we started all our Religious Education in-person and zoom classes. We have experienced some technical difficulties with both groups but we are working them out. We thank you for your patience and understanding and all your help. We still have openings in the Sunday 4-year-olds and Kindergarten classes. For the Wednesday in-person afternoon classes, the openings are in the First Year First Communion for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades and in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades for children who have received their First Communion.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES on zoom, we have openings in Confirmation First Year, Tuesday class at 4:30 pm and in the Wednesday Confirmation Second Year class at 7:00 pm. For more information call, Rose Marie Woodruff at 762-4278 ext. 14.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS - next weekend 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.

ROSARY RALLY OCTOBER 16TH - There will be a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16th, 2021, at 12:00 noon at our St. Vincent's Catholic Church Plaza. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, will be one of over 20, 000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus Council members will lead this rally. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

A DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH formation and certification program will be offered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church starting in October. Participants can attend to learn more about their faith and even pursue optional certification. Contact: Carmen Aanenson for more information at dre@srdiocese.org

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$6,935	
On-Line Giving	<u>1,338</u>	
Total		\$8,273

The second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$2,834.

Special Donations \$1,600.00

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the World Mission Sunday.

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.

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOLS NEWS

Please join St. Vincent de Paul High School at our annual Open House this Sunday, October 3 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. This is your opportunity to speak with students and faculty to find out what makes our campus so dynamic. Your student too can benefit from the 21st century education we offer in a smaller and diverse learning community. Our skills-based and personalized approach rests on the intellectual and spiritual foundation of our 100-year Catholic school tradition. Reach out to Admissions@svhs-pet.org to schedule a shadow day for your 8th grader. Visit www.svhs-pet.org to apply for Fall 2022 and learn more. Applications are due January 31, 2022.

ST. VINCENT'S USHERS: The official mass attendance for the Diocese of Santa Rosa will be taken at ALL masses during the month of October 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Annalis Adelita Perales, Emmett Cole Janeiro and Audrey Nina Lester who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Luciano Anthony Sabella who passed away on September 26, 2021. May his soul 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.