

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 14, 2021

Mass intentions during November 15th - November 21st

Mon.	8:00	Manuel & Beatriz Cabral, Helena Rodrigues Leonardo & Liliana Cabral, Jack Overton
Tues.	8:00	Alfred (Freddy) Corda, Lawrence Forige Alfonso Mendez, Maximiliana Valencia
Wed.	8:00	Unborn Children, William Dallas Henry III Thanksgiving to St. Jude Thaddeus, Mama Rita
Thurs.	8:00	Douglas Schmude (L), Ralph Giacomini Preservation of life in the Womb
Fri.	8:00	Unborn Children Holy Souls of Nelson Family and Friends Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua
Sat.	8:00	Abundio y Rafael Flores (L), Isabel Mendoza
	5:00	Mary Zaft, Jim Doolittle
	7:30	Maria Ponce y Familia (L), Eloisa Gutierrez Porfirio Sandoval, Abraham Avalos Jose Maria Lopez Arroyo Jose Luis Avalos Arroyo
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo
	9:00	Felisbina and Antonio Pardal, Jerry Dixon Debbie Dixon, Frederic Holden
	10:30	Carol Ferris, William Cummings Cynthia Cummings
	12:00	Simon Sanchez, Almas del Purgatorio Anita Pulido, Fabian Barajas, Adan Covarrubias

November 14, 2021 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I write this on the morning of November 11th, Veterans Day, which has an interesting history of its own. Though it was observed in the U.S. by Presidential Proclamation in 1919, and thereafter throughout the country with 2 minutes of silence at 11:00 am, Armistice Day was not declared a federal holiday until 1938, the 20th anniversary of the Armistice. The end of World War II saw a movement to rename it Veterans Day to include all veterans, which was done in 1954. Some of us are old enough to remember when this day was still referred to by the older generation by its original name.

In the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries, it was (and is) celebrated on November 11 as Remembrance Day or Poppy Day, a reference to the flowers so closely associated with that war, specifically the fields of France where the fiercest battles took place.

In a bitter irony of history, during World War II, Commonwealth observances of Remembrance Day of the end of "the war to end all wars" were moved to the Sunday before November 11 as an emergency measure to avoid disrupting production of vital war materials for World War II.

In the very few years after I was ordained, I would very occasionally see portraits of soldiers in World War I uniforms ("doughboys") at the bedsides of their widows when making sick calls. The last World War I veteran died in 2011. (The last known Civil War widow died in 2020 – figure that one out!)

I mention all of this because November is a month of remembrance, beginning with All Souls' Day, and then remembering all our veterans. While Veterans Day honors all who have served, we are perhaps more keenly aware of those who still bear the wounds of their service – physical, emotional and spiritual. These civil observances also have a distinctly religious character, if only because they lead us to reflect on ultimate realities and on the nature of sacrifice, which make sense only in light of the deep unity of all peoples, whether friend or foe, made in the image and likeness of God, and destined for eternity.

Another civil observance in November which has a distinctly religious character is Thanksgiving Day, celebrated officially in a handful of countries, and much more widely throughout the world as a cultural observance. Each has its own particular origin and character. To name just a few, celebration of Thanksgiving Day was inaugurated in Brazil as a result of their ambassador's enthusiasm over services at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Thanksgiving Day, 1909. Thanksgiving is celebrated in the Dutch city of Leiden because many of the early Dutch Pilgrims who migrated to the Plymouth Plantation had lived in that city. Labor Thanksgiving Day in Japan dates back to the American occupation after World War II. Observance in still other countries today arises from American expatriate communities located there.

On Thanksgiving Day, we will have our regular weekday Mass at 8 am, plus a bilingual parish celebration at 10 am. We will set up a table for families to bring food items to be blessed at the foot of the Lord's table, to then bring home and enjoy at your own family table. Those who wish to bring canned goods for donation to local food banks are encouraged to do so as well. Because of storage issues, we are not equipped to deal with anything that is not air-tight and shelf-stable.

**With blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES



are available at all entrances of the church. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, THANKSGIVING DAY, there will be an English 8:00 am and 10:00 am bilingual Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

MASS TIME CHANGE: Starting on Saturday, November 27th, the Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm.

BLANKET DONATION'S -- Thank you for the blankets donated. Our friends in need truly appreciate them. The rectory staff leave blankets out on the rectory porch and they are gone the same day. Please don't drop off clothes, you can take them to the Alphabet Soup Thrift Store at 203 Western Ave. Petaluma.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Doris Vota, Maxim Singer, Kim Williams, Sylvia Samija, Phil Makin, Jeff Tuttle, and Lucille Batemon.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA will be selling quilt raffle tickets on Sunday, November 14th and Sunday, November 28th at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am masses as a tribute to 49ers and Giants. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Please support Birthright. If it rains, the raffle will be cancelled.



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.

IMMIGRATION FAIR at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Parish Hall, this Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. **FREE** Immigration Consultations: Review of your current circumstances to see if you qualify for an immigration benefit by filling out our questionnaire. Services: Naturalization, citizenship classes, DACA, family petitions, U-Visa, VA-WA and T-Visa. For more information, call Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa at 707-578-6000 or go to www.srcharities.org.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$10,981
On-Line Giving	3,651
Total	\$14,632

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Communications and Catholic University

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.



ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOLS NEWS



We are offering tours of our campus. If you are interested in learning more about our K - 8th grade programs, please contact the office at 762-6426 or visit our website (www.svelem.org).

Host an International Student Attending St. Vincent de Paul High!

We have a student who has decided to extend his stay and is looking for a host family in the area. Benedikt joins us from Germany and has joined our football team. Do you have room in your home and hearts for him through December 5, 2021?

On January 3, 2022, four new students will join us from France, Germany, Paraguay and Italy. Learn more about this valuable International Student Program at St. Vincent by emailing Kerry Pedersen at kpetersen@svhs-pet.org.

Applications for the 2022-23 school year are being accepted now. Our online application can be found on our website at: www.svhs-pet.org/admissions. Find out more by emailing Kerry Pedersen.



SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!



Looking for teachers, teacher aides, and substitutes. Call Lori at 707-566-3322 or email lorcia@srdiocese.org

THE PARISH OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH, Occidental, and St. Teresa of Avila Mission, Bodega, is looking for a new bookkeeper to start in January 2022. Those who like to volunteer or those who want to be hired for this work may contact Fr. Bala (govindu77@gmail.com) or the parish office (philip.teresa@yahoo.com).

ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS are available at the rectory for \$20.00 a set or sold separately at \$10.00 each. Office hours 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We close for lunch from 12 to 1:00 pm. For more information, please call at 707-762-4278.



MISSALETTES are available on our Rectory Porch for your personal use at home. They are free of charge as long as supplies last. We will not be using any shared missalettes or music books as required by current health regulations. You can bring your own missalette to Mass, but please make sure you take it home after mass.