

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 28, 2021

Mass intentions during November 29th - December 5th

Mon.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar (L), Ruth and Ernest Moore Paula Louise Moore
Tues.	8:00	Fr. Andrew Pacheco (L) Vicki Aguilar and Family (L), Unborn Children
Wed.	8:00	Richard Schmule (L), Terry Collins
Thurs.	8:00	Unborn Children, Dora Green
Fri.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L) Maximiliano Alcaez y Familia (L)
Sat.	8:00	Lorenzo y Miguel Ortegón, Addy Navarrete Frank Filice
	5:00	Julio Bianchi, Regina Jones, Joel Jones Manuel V. Francelina Lopes
	7:30	Jose Guadalupe Cornejo (L) Eloisa Gutierrez, Porfirio Sandoval Luz Estela Silva De Vega
Sun.	7:30	Esmeralda Lopes, Daveen Spencer
	9:00	Pro Populo
	10:30	Rena Neri, Alice Rebizzo
	12:00	Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopes Arroyo Jose Luis Avalos Arroyo Esther Figueroa Barcenás Moises Velazquez Cabrera

November 28, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Now that Thanksgiving (but hopefully not the leftovers) are behind us, we can turn our attention to the season of Advent. The grace of a new beginning which this season always brings is especially welcome this year.

1) We will begin scheduling lay lectors for Masses on the First Sunday of Advent. In the many months since Masses were first canceled, then restricted because of COVID-19, the number of lectors available to return has dwindled to 10. These will be scheduled strategically until we can train new recruits after the beginning of the New Year. Until then, some, but not all, Masses will have lay lectors. Since we have quite a number of gifted readers, I am looking forward to hearing their voices again soon.

2) The re-introduction of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass will begin, but more slowly, for a few reasons. Because we no longer provide Holy Communion under signs of both bread and wine, no cups and fewer EMs will be needed for the time being. At SVdP, we are blessed to have a very active (and vitally necessary) deacon who is present at nearly all Masses. The liturgical directives require that the deacon, as an ordained minister of the Eucharist, take precedence over lay ministers. This in no way discountenances the dignity and service of EMs, but is intended as a sign of the distinctive nature of ordained ministry. (For that same reason, a deacon must read the Gospel even if a priest or bishop is present.) After the New Year, we will recruit and train the new EMs that we may need.

3) For the Sundays of Advent, we will continue the practice of having families or small groups of parishioners light the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass and offer a brief reflection on a specific aspect of Advent preparation. The blessing of the Advent wreath itself will take place at its proper time, at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful.

4) The practice on the Sundays of Advent of passing lit candles through the congregation at the end of Mass, adopted a number of years ago, will not be resumed. These reasons are practical, theological and principled, respectively. It runs counter to the purpose of keeping reasonable distance between parishioners still sitting in every other pew. Congregational candles are uniquely reserved for the Easter Vigil, when the central symbol of the Easter liturgy, beginning with the Easter fire, is to welcome the Light of Christ. (Advent, by contrast, is quiet preparation for the dawning of Christ, not a premature celebration of its realization.) The final, and perhaps most important point, is one of principle. The liturgy of the universal Church is the product of nearly two millennia of communal prayer and practice, not something any individual person or parish has license to alter, however compelling the reason.

I wish you all a blessed beginning of this new season of hope.

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH – DECEMBER 5TH

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

POPE FRANCIS has invited the whole Church to join with him in a process of listening and discerning for the purpose of determining how best to spread the Good News to our culture, that is, to evangelize in the third millennium. This will lead to a Synod on Synodality, which will take place no sooner than June 2023. A fuller description of the process itself can be found in the November issue of the North Coast Catholic, available in hard copies in rectory entry (while supplies last) or on the diocesan website. <https://srdiocese.org/NCC> A full list of the discernment questions can be found in the October issue of the North Coast Catholic, also available at the diocesan website.

The diocesan phase of this discernment process has begun and will continue through April 2022. To begin with, we may participate in two ways: by submitting feedback directly to the diocesan website at <https://srdiocese.org/synod>. The bishop's Synod Team has also organized listening sessions for those who wish to participate in person: St. Eugene's Cathedral, Santa Rosa, on Mon. Nov. 29 at 6:30 pm, and St. Apollinaris Church, Napa, on Thurs. Dec. 2 at 6:30 pm.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE is on Monday, December 6th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

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



CONGRATULATIONS - to Jameson Liam Boyd, Grace Lucia Dunham, Kodi Bella Spaletta, Maddison Ann and Ryan Richard Mezirka who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



ST. VINCENT'S GIVING TREE FOR 2021 - The Giving Tree project will benefit Angel Food Network, Birthright of Petaluma, and our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. These organizations provide outreach to our community. When you take a tag off the Giving Tree, please make sure you tape the tag onto the gift. Please do not take a tag unless you definitely plan to buy a gift. Do NOT wrap the gift. Return gifts to the church on Sunday and put them on the table next to the altar when you are called forward to bring up your gifts. During the week, you may bring gifts to the rectory from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All gifts must be returned NO later than Friday, December 17th. For any questions, please call the office at 762-4278.

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY - Secular Franciscan Order - Our Secular Franciscan fraternity, IL Poverello, is offering a Day of Reflection, The Heart of a Mystic: Francis, Clare, and The Franciscan Way. This will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 5th, in the St. James Community Center, 125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma, from 9 am to 3 pm. Check in begins at 8:30 am; Mass at 10:30; a simple lunch will be provided. Our presenter is Sr. Margie Will, OSF, founding member of the Franciscan Living Center in Sacramento, CA. This in-person event is offered as a FREE ministry, please bring and wear a mask. For more information, contact: Mark Kroncke, OFS, 415-250-7362 or Edd Ringlein, OFS 707-246-5311.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$8,203
On-Line Giving	1,683
Total	\$9,886

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

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL NEWS

The faculty and staff at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School would like to thank our amazing community for all the blessings of the past year. It is the support and dedication of our school families, our parish, and the leadership of Father Donahue and Ms. Jordan that allows us to provide a faith-based education to our amazing students. Together we are creating an environment for students to learn about Faith, Service and Academics.

We are thankful to have our students back in the classroom healthy, happy and thriving. St. Vincent is blessed to have a faculty and staff dedicated to each individual student on our campus. A Thanksgiving Blessing from SVES:

*May the beauty and blessings
of Thanksgiving bring warmth
and peace to your home this season.*

For information about the 2022-2023 School year please call the office at 762-6426 or email our Admission Director Mrs. Rynning @ rynnning@svelem.org

ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Don't wait to find out what St. Vincent de Paul can provide for your high school student. Visit our website (svhs-pet.org) to learn more and find out how to apply. Call 707-763-1032 x113 to schedule a tour.



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

We are in need of host families in the area for students from Germany, France and Paraguay who will attend St. Vincent de Paul High School for 3 or 6 months this spring, beginning January 3, 2022. Host families must provide a bed/bedroom, 3 meals per day, and assist with transportation. The student is responsible for spending money, insurance and is responsible for any school, sport, entertainment, toiletry expenses, etc. The host family will receive a \$700 - 1,000 monthly stipend. Please contact Jessica at JSchuman@edutrav.org to find out more. For more information about any of these announcements, email Kerry Pedersen at kpetersen@svhs-pet.org.

CHANTICLEER CONCERT, Friday, December 17, 2021. Performances at 5 pm and 7:30 pm in the church. Tickets can be purchased on their website at www.chanticleer.org. They are requiring masks and proof of vaccination.

ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS are available at the rectory for \$20.00 a set or sold separately at \$10.00 each. Office hours are 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.



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