

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, January 16, 2022

<u>Mass intentions during January 17th - January 23rd</u>			January 16, 2022 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Steven Remo Guastucci and Family (L) Alice Rebizzo, Vivian Sharpe	<p align="center">REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE</p> <p>Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.</p> <p align="right">Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>
Tues.	8:00	Patrick Harold Payton and Family (L) Fr. Alan Acevedo (L), Fr. Daniel Roa (L) Fr. Mauricio Rodriguez (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Mario Naal and Family (L) Janice Bordi and Living Family Benigno and Eulalia Aguilar, A. J. Hromek	
Thurs.	8:00	Special Intentions - Ponce Family	
Fri.	8:00	Rose Maria Hernandez and Family (L) Inesita Valle, Guillermina Cubas Martinez	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Pro Populo	
	7:00	Cinorina Lopez Lopez, Eloisa Gutierrez Octaviano Medina, Adelina Maldonado	
Sun.	7:30	-	
	9:00	-	
	10:30	Leona Cornelius	
	12:00	Antonio Cornejo, Consuelo Jurado	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We begin our New Year again with COVID-19 and its variants in the headlines. Fortunately, the new restrictions of indoor gatherings do not apply to houses of worship. Based on our experience of the past many months, I believe our precautions here at SV have been effective in both preventing the transmission of COVID and in reassuring those who still feel vulnerable. We can continue our current practices – masks, sitting in every other pew, distancing – without making any changes.

The big difference this time around is that vaccines and boosters are available to those who wish to receive them, and the vast majority of Sonoma County residents have done so. Regardless of vaccination status, I would ask that all parishioners continue to mask-up when in the church, both to prevent the spread of the virus, and as a matter of charity for those who attend Mass despite renewed and understandable concern about contracting COVID - 19.

Weathering through COVID has been a wearying, and at times frustrating, ordeal for all of us. The experience of tried patience, collective sacrifice and the need to cooperate for the common good at a national level is new to many, if not most, of us. Up until a few decades ago, Americans simply took it for granted that there would be times of shared trials.

Polio scares - which closed many public places much as COVID has done - continued on and off for decades and ended only with the introduction of the injected and oral forms of the vaccine in the late 1950's into the 1960's. The US was not declared "polio-free" until 1979.

Even further back, strict wartime rationing of everything from gasoline and groceries to shoes, typewriters, and firewood, continued for up to six long years. (For over two years, coffee was rationed at 1 lb. every five weeks. Talk about a nationwide caffeine fit!) This was in addition to tens of millions of households worried sick about loved ones in harm's way around the world. Our current situation, while trying, pales in comparison.

Some sources in the information industry now seem more interested in keeping us riled up and addicted to cortisol (the stress hormone) than in informing and reassuring us. While it may not be possible literally to worry oneself to death, it is possible to be dominated by anxiety and fear. There is almost always something we can do to manage our environment to reduce stress, if only a bit, while still being as fully informed as we need to be.

At the beginning of this New Year, we would do well to recognize that we are in God's hands and not destined to be carried along by events like people who have no faith. "Be ready to give to anyone an account of the reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:15) Each of us is free to create or re-create a personal devotional life from the endless resources the Church puts at our disposal. The Eucharist is not only the Body and Blood of Christ, it is also, along with the Church herself, the sacrament of the world's salvation.

With blessings,

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17TH – JANUARY 23RD

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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 - Quintin Ponce Jr., Bonifacio Gonzalez, Martha Dougherty, Laura Payton Hadley, Rick Facendini, Clemencia Barreto, Robert Virgin, Doris Vota, Sylvia Samija, Pon Seidler, Lynne Thompson, and Lucille Batemon.



DIocese of Santa Rosa, is looking for a Superintendent of Catholic Schools. The Superintendent performs various administrative duties and responsibilities aimed at assisting the Bishop and Vicar General to administer Catholic education in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. In this capacity, the Superintendent provides administrative leadership and direction to parish pastors/priests, school administrators and teachers regarding Catholic school policies and procedures, goals and objectives, and trends, issues and problems affecting Catholic schools and licensed preschools. Although not directly responsible for the financial or personnel management of schools, the Superintendent collaborates with pastors and school administrators regarding the financial condition of schools, their budgets, and employees. Full-time, 35+ hours per week based on needs of the schools. For more information, contact Lori Norcia at lnorcia@srdiocese.org or 707-566-3322.

BLANKET DONATIONS - Thank you for the blankets donated; we're still in need of more blankets. 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.



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.

“CELEBRATING MARRIAGE MASS”

Bishop Vasa and the Marriage and Family Life Office will be sponsoring the 3rd annual **“Celebrate Marriage Mass”** for married couples within the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Mass will be held on February 13th, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa at the 10:30 am regularly scheduled Sunday Mass. Special recognition will be offered to those married couples reaching “milestone” anniversaries (5 years, 10 years, 25 years, etc.). So married couples, celebrate your marriage by attending this special “Celebrating Marriage Mass” on World Marriage Day, February 13th, 2022. For further information, please contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at www.familylife@srdiocese.org or call (707) 566-3305.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket:	\$14,983
On-Line Giving	<u>2,444</u>
Total	\$17,427

The second collection for the Church in Latin America was \$2,502.

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 SCHOOL NEWS

Get a jump on organizing with the 2022 SVHS SHREDDING Event by Integrity Shred! Saturday, January, 22nd from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Bring your paper items to be shredded in paper bags; please no plastic or boxes. The limit per donation is five paper bags full of shredding material. ALL donations will benefit Safe and Sober Grad Night for SVHS 2022 Seniors. Project Grad is a nonprofit, and all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made through Venmo (@svhs-pg), Cash, or Check (made out to Project Grad). Taking place at St. Vincent de Paul High School 849 Keokuk Street Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, please contact Mrs. Penny Sullivan at ksull10312@aol.com.



ONLINE APPLICATIONS OPEN!

We strive to develop the whole student through the formation of Faith, Intellect, Service, and Community by providing 21st Century Skills, Character Development, and Personalized Learning. Our small student body affords numerous opportunities for leadership development and exploration of the academic, artistic, athletic and extracurricular offerings of our 100 year old institution. And, no matter which areas they choose, our teachers, counselors, coaches and staff work together to ensure all students are seen and supported. 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 or email kpetersen@svhs-pet.org to schedule a tour. Applications for Fall 2022 are due 1/30/22.



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Not only does our student body come to us from over 20 local feeder schools, our international students enhance our learning environment daily as we welcome them from Europe and Asia.

We are in need of host families in the area for Andrea (trimester) from Paraguay and Sacha (semester) from France who will attend St. Vincent de Paul High School this spring. 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.

In February, 12 visiting students from our sister schools in France will also need to be housed for 3 weeks in our area. If your family is interested in exploring this opportunity please reach out to Kerry Pedersen at kpetersen@svhs-pet.org.

Save the Date for our Mustangs. On Saturday, February 26, 2022, our athletic boosters will once again host our annual Crab Feed fundraiser. Don't miss out! Email MAC@svhs-pet.org for ticket details.