

**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, May 1, 2022**

**Mass intentions during May 2nd - May 8th**

Mon.	8:00	Quintin Ponce Jr. (L), Terry Collins Family of Judy Williams (L), Roger Wehbe
Tues.	8:00	Family of Maureen Nelson (L), Mair O'Grady (L) Federico Zamora Davalos, Mario Gongora
Wed.	8:00	Elodia Munguia (L), Wilfred and Helen Fatooh Hilda Sickles
Thurs.	8:00	Robert Avery (L), Margaret Bohan Intentions of Nelson Family
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Alcaraz Family (L) Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	Familia Naal (L)
	5:00	Virginia Sled, Manuel and Francelina Lopes
	7:00	Maria de Jesus Carreon, Cesar Morales Socorro Palacio
Sun.	7:30	Theresa Morth, Maria De Lima Manuel and Beatriz Cabral
	9:00	Evelyn McDonald
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Ignacio & Emma Gonzalez y Family (L) Alfonso & Elidia Pulido, Eloisa Gutierrez Porfirio Sandoval, Adolfo Mendoza Valencia

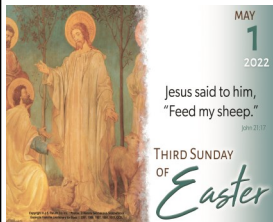
**May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS**

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ.

What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

Last Sunday was a busy day, not only in Petaluma, but also on the church calendar. The Second Sunday of Easter has been celebrated under several titles over the years.

Some of us remember when it was known as "Low Sunday"—not because it was seen as a big letdown after Easter—but because "Low" is probably a corruption of the Latin word "Laudes" ("Praises"), the first word of the Sequence chanted on that Sunday: "Laudes Salvatori voce modulemur supplici..."—"Let us sing praises to the Savior with humble voice."

It was also known as "Quasimodo Sunday." The Introit of the Mass was taken from the First Letter of Peter, Chapter 2: "Quasi modo geniti infantes"—"As with newborn babes..." Later, that was also the source for the name used by Victor Hugo for "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," found abandoned as a baby at the steps of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Last Sunday has also been known, for obvious reason, as St. Thomas Sunday. The gospel tells us how Thomas—"Doubting Thomas"—came to believe in the Risen Lord. This took place on the Sunday after the Resurrection.

Finally, the Second Sunday of Easter is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This solemnity has been celebrated unofficially for many years. On April 30, 2000—which was the Sunday after Easter that year—Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish woman religious closely associated with devotion to Divine Mercy and the creation of the now-famous icon. The pope decreed that from then on, Divine Mercy Sunday would be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, beginning with the first Easter of the new millennium.

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy arose from the experience of the church in Poland, a country that suffered perhaps more than any other from episodes of monumental wickedness during the 20th century. It is only through God's mercy that treachery and tragedy can be transformed into a force for spiritual beauty and goodness. Now that Ukraine is under attack, over 5 million of its citizens have fled as refugees. Poland, an overwhelmingly Catholic country of 38 million, has already accepted 3 million refugees from their neighbor—almost 8% of Poland's total population. It seems that the country which gave rise to Divine Mercy is now showing mercy in a most exemplary and practical way.

**Easter blessings,**

**Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2ND – MAY 8TH**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



**WINE, WOMEN AND WORD IS BACK!** We are gathering on Wednesday, May 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We invite women of faith for a social night of fun and fellowship. Come with your friends, sisters, mothers and godmothers. For more information, please contact Joanne Ferris 707-481-6431 [jferrispetaluma@gmail.com](mailto:jferrispetaluma@gmail.com).



**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION** - cordially invites you to join us for our polenta and chicken cacciatore dinner on Saturday, May 21st at 6:30 pm, St. James Hall, 125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy, Petaluma. Includes antipasto, salad and dessert. Cost is \$25 (\$20 takeout). Tickets must be purchased in advance. For reservations and further information, please call Lucy at 707-769-1245.



**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the family of Patty Kerns Gillaspie who passed away on April 24, 2022. May her soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Quintin Ponce Jr., Judy Spencer, Pete Fauser, Kim Williams, Joyce Souza, Flor Maria Naal, Maria Ponce, Melody Packett-Souza, Bethany Pham, Rick Facendini, Clemencia Barreto and Lucille Batemon.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Owen Flores, Josiah Daniel-Jeremiah Inocencio, Anthony Sebastian, Valentina Sofia and Alejandra Elisabeth Salinas who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



**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.

**ST. VINCENT'S LECTORS – the 2022 LECTOR**



**WORKBOOKS** are available at the rectory office. If you haven't picked up your 2022 Lector Book, please do so. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch hour: 12 to 1 pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 707-762-4278.

**PILGRIMAGE** on Saturday, May 21st at St. Eugene's. It starts with Mass at 8:00 am and ends at 11:30 am. Stephen Morris will lead a 4 mile pilgrimage walk on a section of the Camino de Sonoma. A celebration of Santa Rosa history, Coastal Miwok and Pomo settlements, early church communities, and the missions. RSVP/information:



[dsyouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsyouth@srdiocese.org)/310-849-2342.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$6,609
On-Line Giving	1,113
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,722</b>

The second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$3,510.

Thank you for all your financial support.

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions.

**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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, we offer an educational experience that has become increasingly difficult to find, educating the whole child in a top-level academic program integrated with Catholic values. We are currently enrolling students for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in a tour of our campus, please call our office (707) 762-6426 or visit our website at [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).



**LAKE COUNTY OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY** - on Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th, 2022, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Off Highway 29, about 4 miles north of Lakeport, 7010 Westlake Rd, Upper Lake, CA, 95485. Call: 707-263-0349. A Christian play for people of all faiths. Free admission. Please join us in the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here in beautiful Lake County, California. This has been rated THE BEST outdoor Passion Play in the world, by various spectators. The Passion Play is a prayerful expression of the faith of the people involved. Men, women, and children from many denominations have come together to make this a truly ecumenical experience, touched by the Holy Spirit. Free of charge; donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your own chair. No smoking, food, drink, or pets on grounds. Water available. Facilities for the handicapped. Help spread the word. Visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo](http://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo), or visit our website at: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org).

**BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA** – We have moved and our new office is located at the Church of Christ, 370 Sonoma Mountain Parkway and Castle Drive in Petaluma. Come and see us for your baby's needs. Our office hours are: Monday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and on Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00pm. For more information, call (707) 763-9888, 24 hour hotline (800) 550-4900.

