

**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 8, 2022**

**Mass intentions during May 9th - May 15th**

Mon.	8:00	Gerardo and Itzel Sanchez (L), Doria Medina (L) Judy Spencer (L), Joseph & Josephine Carrao Frances & Fitzhugh Moore, Giovanna Vernuccio Dolores Albaracin
Tues.	8:00	Divine Mercy Group (L), Pearl Franklin (L) Judy Spencer (L)
Wed.	8:00	Anthony Krietch (L), Intention of Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Evelyn Samija (L), Joan Cecilia McGovern Fleet
Thurs.	8:00	The Nelson-Levi Family (L) Jeff & Sandy Noonan (L)
Fri.	8:00	People of Ukraine (L), Grace & Joe Fitzgerald Cindy Chicoine
Sat.	8:00	Olga Dart
	5:00	Pro Populo
	7:00	Susana Ramirez, Agustin Rojas, Eloisa Gutierrez Porfirio Sandoval, Sinorina Lopez Lopez
Sun.	7:30	Alda Mattos, Tom Siebe
	9:00	Ernesto Aguilar y Family (L), Jerry Dixon Frederic Holden, Don Borg Antonio & Felisbina Pardal
	10:30	Joan Byers (L), Shirley Austin Harding
	12:00	Ignacio & Emma Gonzalez y Family (L) Vicente Solorio, Abraham Avalos, Eduardo Rangel Jose Maria Lopes Arroyo, Jose Luis Avalos Arroyo

**May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**A FORETASTE OF PARADISE**

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

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**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

Mother's Day is one of the very few, if only, observances celebrated throughout the world. It is truly transcultural. The vast majority of these celebrations take place either on the second Sunday in May, or on another day in Spring, the season of new life. (Consistent with this logic, Argentina celebrates Mother's Day on the third Sunday of October.)

Contrary to common belief, it was not the invention of greeting card companies, but arose in many countries first as a religious observance. In the US, its deepest roots go back to women's peace movements in the wake of the Civil War. The original purpose was to gather groups of women whose sons had fought on opposite sides of that terrible war.

In 1868, Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day," the purpose of which was "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Jarvis, who had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, would continue her mother's efforts.

In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis on May 9, 1905 and was notably celebrated two years later in St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother taught Sunday School. The rapid spread of Mother's Day can be credited to the fact that it responded to a widely felt need to honor mothers, and to Wanamaker's Department Store, then a huge east coast retailer, which promoted it. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day, which President Wilson signed the following day.

The spelling of Mother's Day – as a singular possessive – is deliberate, as the day is intended not to honor motherhood in general, but to honor each of our particular mothers. We can certainly expand that concept to include grandmothers, and those who have been like mothers to us. Whatever else we may say about motherhood, one thing is for sure: it is not a peer relationship. Our mothers have a far greater formative power in our lives than we will ever have in theirs.

Of course, the model of motherhood par excellence is Mary, our Blessed Mother. Her symbolic power extends far beyond confessional Catholicism, because psychologically healthy persons of all faiths, or no particular faith, respond at least to her profound humanity. The Gospels testify not only to her deep faith, but to the complexity of her relationship with her son who, after all, ran away from home and eventually broke his mother's heart. Though she has countless titles and numerous feast days, she stands for a most modern reality: the complete unmanageability of life by purely human means.

We take this day to remember, honor and love those who have given us life.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9TH – MAY 15TH**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who received their First Communion last weekend, April 30th. Please keep in your prayers all the young people who have made their First Communion during this Easter season: Milani Rose Briggs, Jaxon William Chambers, Dalton J. Deadman, Dominic Jimenez Decena, Vivianna Sofia Delgado, Jasper Nicolas German, Clara Louise Lagos, Tristan James McBride, Gabriella Fatima Melo, Blake Master Musselman, Jade Yurida Pacheco, Isla Rose Pounds, Weston Joseph Policarpio, Mila Palva Ribeiro, Sophia Ruiz, Alejandra Elisabeth Salinas and Kelin Tinoco Perez.



**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 Maria Josephine Bowker 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.

**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.



**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 in a celebration of Santa Rosa history, Coastal Miwok and Pomo settlements, early church communities, and the missions. RSVP/information: [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org)/310-849-2342.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,564
On-Line Giving	<u>3,046</u>
Total	\$11,610

The second collection for the Catholic Home Missions was \$3,027

The Rice Bowls collection was \$1,493

Thank you for all your financial support.

**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).



**IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

Your local Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Il Poverello, is presenting as a ministry a Day of Reflection "Ways to Pray the Bible..." "Learn 7 different ways of praying as found in the Bible. We will reflect on these unique prayer styles, and share how St. Francis gave us example of prayer in his own life. Presented by Fr. Franklin Fong, OFM, currently residing at the St. Elizabeth Friary in Oakland, offering mass for the Chinese Catholic Community of St. Leander Parish, San Leandro. Blessed with artistic skills in calligraphy that he shares, he will be presenting a meditation booklet he created using the 7 bible verses in calligraphy which participants will use during private time in reflection. Gathering at St. James Community Center, Petaluma, CA on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration at 8:30 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration at 9:00 am before presentations, small group sharing, and personal reflection. Midday pot-luck luncheon break followed by further discussion concluding with an afternoon Mass. Presentation and discussion will be offered via Zoom link for those who are not able to attend in person. Contact for further information: Mark Kroncke, OFS: [mark-kroncke@comcast.net](mailto:mark-kroncke@comcast.net), 415-250-7362 or Edd Ringlein, OFS: [ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com](mailto:ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com) or 707-246-5311.

**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.

