

**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, June 19, 2022**

**Mass intentions during June 20th - June 26th**

Mon.	8:00	Judy Spencer (L), Chester Lee, Cindy Chicoine North Bay Post Acute
Tues.	8:00	Frank Rotunno, Lance Buoncristiani
Wed.	8:00	Ralph Giacomini
Thurs.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar and Family (L), Bordi Family (L & D)
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Aguilar-Naal Families (L & D) Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	Lavio-Manni Family, Jodi Fitzgerald (L) RoseAnn Greecott (L), Alberto P. Cubas (L) Mary and Paula Moore
	5:00	Manuel and Francelina Lopes
	7:00	Benito Orlando Gallegos, Eloisa Gutierrez Porfirio Sandoval, Jose Comejo Jose Guadalupe Contreras Herrera
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo
	9:00	John Pedroni
	10:30	Ponce Family (L)
	12:00	Adolfo Mendoza Valencia, Alberto Figueroa Moises Velasquez Cabrera Esther Figueroa Barcenas, Eugenia Pacua Speratti

**June 19, 2022 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**THE GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST**

Today we hear how Abram encounters Melchizedek, "king of Salem . . . and a priest of God Most High" (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek appears nowhere else in scripture, but is nonetheless significant. Psalm 110 declares of the great King David, "You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek," a description later given (in the letter to the Hebrews) to Christ as High Priest.

Early Christians saw in Melchizedek's bread and wine the bread and wine of the Eucharist; Paul's account of the Last Supper (in today's second reading) is the oldest one in scripture. In the Gospel, Luke describes Jesus providing bread for a crowd in words similar to Paul's, words still used by the Church: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it. Together, these three readings reveal how Christian priesthood, Christ's Real Presence, and the call to serve those in need are all found in the gift of the Eucharist.

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**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or much more tersely in Latin, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

I would like to take this opportunity for a frank discussion of a few points regarding Eucharistic reception and practice here at St. Vincent's. While the reception of Holy Communion is intensely personal, it is not merely a personal devotion. It is a communal act of worship and service that requires a priest and a worshiping community – not just a group of individual, private communicants. If it were, anyone could do it at home by themselves, or by placing a loaf of bread in front of the TV during a televised Mass.

Since COVID, distribution of Holy Communion has gradually been adapted to accommodate both hygienic concerns and personal devotional practices. The result has been that there are now about 8 different combinations of preferences people express when presenting themselves at Communion time. This is, to put it mildly, bewildering for many priests, deacons and ministers who must make split-second decisions as to what people want. We are ministers, not mind readers.

At the same time, COVID and its variants are not behind us, and other viruses and flus are always afoot. As I understand it, COVID is transmitted through the respiratory function, whose exit point is the mouth and tongue. Parishioners who prefer to receive in the hand have not consented to the priest's or minister's previous contact with the mouths of parishioners who prefer to receive on the tongue.

Therefore, in all frankness I propose the following – which we have been doing by default for some time, anyway.

- 1) Those who wish to receive in the hand should approach first, plus those who indicate their desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms on their chests.
- 2) After the hand-receivers have received, the tongue-receivers may kneel at the Communion rail on the left-hand side of the sanctuary and receive on the tongue. This is to distinguish between hand-receivers and tongue-receivers, and nothing else. My intent is maximally to support both the bodily and spiritual health of all people entrusted to my care, consistent with the pastoral norms of the Church. This is not a matter of rights, but of charity and voluntary accommodation of the needs and preferences of as many fellow-parishioners as possible.

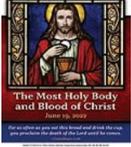
Finally, I have heard people say they must receive on the tongue because they do not want to receive in hands which have committed sins. In my observation and experience, at least as many sins are committed by the tongue as by any other bodily part and, unlike all the others, it never wears out.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20TH – JUNE 26TH**

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7  
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Lk 2:41-51  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk



9:51-62



**SAVE THE DATE** — You are invited to Rosemarie’s retirement celebration on Saturday, June 25th in the Parish Hall from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Luncheon will be provided.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH** is looking for a Religious Education Director. We are accepting applications for the position. If you are interested, please call the office at 707-762-4278 for more information.

**ST. VINCENT’S SPANISH COMMUNITY** invites you to The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus Novena from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, June 20th, 21st and 23rd in the church and on Wednesday, June 22nd in the Parish Hall. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Bill on Friday, June 24th at 7:00 pm in the church. After mass, there will be a gathering at the plaza. Food will be provided.



All are welcome.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Winnie Rose Raudenbush and Summer Reign Alcala Santa-gada who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the pro-life information table at the Sonoma-Marin fair in Petaluma, June 22 to June 26. Two-hour and four-hour shifts are available in the afternoons/evenings so you can enjoy the fair before or afterwards. Contact Amy at (707) 225-2094 or [alberion@hotmail.com](mailto:alberion@hotmail.com).

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - 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.

**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Must wear a mask. You can also call the rectory office at 707-762-4278 and ask for a priest to schedule an appointment during the week.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**— Quintin Ponce Jr., Jim Young, Nancy Boyd, Mercedes Vargas, Blas Calvillo, Lucelia Fish, Judy Spencer, Pete Fauser, Kim Williams, Flor Maria Naal, Maria Ponce, Melody Packett-Souza, Bethany Pham, Rick Facendini, Clemencia Barreto and Lucille Batemon.



**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday’s offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,066
On-Line Giving	<u>1,778</u>
Total	\$8,844

The second collection for the Priest Benefits and Welfare was \$3,575.

Thank you for all your financial support.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund

**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 DE PAUL CHURCH** is open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.



**DO YOU LOVE MATH AND EXCEL?** The chancery is looking for our next Controller. This position oversees the Accounting Department and budget process of the chancery. For information please email: [lnorcia@srdiocese.org](mailto:lnorcia@srdiocese.org) or call 707-566-3322.

**DIOCESE SUMMER MISSION TRIP FROM JULY 17TH – 22ND**

Join our annual Summer Mission Trip to Eureka and serve alongside Betty Chinn, the “Angel” of the homeless in Humboldt. The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation will be the epicenter of a weeklong service trip that will include varied service projects in the community. “Serving with Betty will make a significant impact on your life!” Departure is on Sunday, July 17th at 9:30 am from Cardinal Newman High School, carpools to be arranged by trip chaperones (pack bag lunch). Overnight accommodations are at St. Bernard High School dorms in Eureka. Returning on Friday, July 22nd at 5:00 pm. Parents are welcomed and appreciated as chaperones. For more information and registration: Stephen Morris, director at 310-849-2342, [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org) or Fatima Jimenez, trip coordinator (bi-lingual) at 707-266-4547. \$150 trip registration payable to: Diocese of Santa Rosa. Attn: Youth Ministry, 985 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

