

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, August 21, 2022

<u>Mass intentions during August 22nd – August 28th</u>			August 21, 2022 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Fani Garcia, Jaime Cervantes Sebastian Dooley (L)	<p align="center">GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER</p> <p>Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God’s purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity’s rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God’s promised future “will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God’s table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God’s diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other’s gifts and blessings.</p> <p align="right">Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.</p>
Tues.	8:00	Holy Souls of Nelson Family Naal and Aguilar Families (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Steve Highland	
Thurs.	8:00	Lavio-Manni Family	
Fri.	8:00	For Conversions (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Bob and Diane Caro and Family (L) Janet and Charly Bowker and Family (L)	
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	7:00	Trinidad Casarez, Silvano Chavez Eloisa Gutierrez, Porfirio Sandoval	
Sun.	7:30	Esmeralda Lopes	
	9:00	Tessa & Dante Bordi and Family (L) Matthew Grala, Mary Moore Grala Michael Paul Rilko	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Familia Gutierrez-Enriquez (L) Trinidad Casarez Francisco Javier Ruiz Barbosa Espirition Solorio Calderon	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is very nice to see so many of you after returning from vacation earlier this month. The only Mass I have not celebrated since my return – the 7:30 am Sunday Mass – I will offer it this weekend. The Mass schedule is set with two things in mind: rotating all priests equally to all Masses; keeping any priest from having to prepare two homilies, one in English and one in Spanish.

Many of our parish families are experiencing another annual event: return to school, in all its many forms, whether to our parish elementary and high school, or local public schools: The first day of pre-school or Kindergarten, the first day of junior high or high school, first day of college, or return to college for students who have been home for the summer.

We get this experience in double strength here at St. Vincent’s, as our parish is one of very few parishes with both an elementary and high school.

Yes, the summers seem shorter every year. For years in California, whether public or Catholic, the first day of school was always Tuesday after Labor Day, followed quickly by California Admission Day (Sept. 9th). Now, school seems to begin in the middle of August, yet ends no earlier the following June. One thing that hasn’t changed over the years is that returning to school usually brings two or three late summer heat waves. And as always, there is also the reunion of friends with news about their summers, their new teachers and new subjects, making new friends – not to mention quite a few relieved parents!

We had our First Day of School Mass this past Wednesday, and there was a tremendously positive spirit. Our First School Mass of the Year for SVHS will be next weekend, on campus.

COVID has been an even greater challenge to our parish schools than it has been for our parish. However, I am happy to report that our elementary school enrollment has nearly doubled since the early summer of 2017, to 202 students and counting, a trend which began well before COVID. The enrollment at our high school is up this year as well, with a larger incoming class, as well as the greatest number of transfers to upper grades in many years. The numbers of mid-year transfers to both schools have been up as well.

There has been a quiet revolution in high-school education over the past several years, which began several years before COVID, and is gaining momentum: the numbers of otherwise qualified high school graduates who continue to a 4-year college or university are declining. There are 4 million fewer students in college now than there were 10 years ago. At the same time, workforce participation for 16- to 24-year-olds is also lower now than it was before COVID hit, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The spiritual dimension is perhaps most important of all. Does this trend go far beyond economics and speak to a general lack of interest or faith in the future?

One alternative is to invest early in a first-rate high-school education, including faith and spiritual formation, followed by targeted professional training or trade school, then employment in a strong labor market. That alternative is already available at St. Vincent High School.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22ND – AUGUST 28TH



Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations will take place on Saturday, August 20th, 27th and September 3rd in the Parish Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. All classes are in person. We remind you that First Communion and Confirmation Classes are a two-year process.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY CLASSES through fifth grade will begin during the second week of September.

CLASSES PRE-K – 1ST will be held on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall from 9:00 to 10:10 am.
2nd Year First Communion, 1st Year First Communion for older children
Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:45 pm.
Grades 3/4/5 (who have received their First Communion):
Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:45 pm.

Fees

1st Child \$90 + 2nd Child \$70 + 3rd \$40. Payment is due at the time of registration

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

will be in person in the Parish Hall. \$90 per student.

Note 1st Year First Communion and Confirmation registrations **MUST** have a COPY of their baptismal certificate attached, if not baptized at St. Vincent's. If you have any questions, please call Abraham Solar at 762-4278 ext. 20.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP is meeting again on Tuesdays afternoon at 2:00 pm outside St. Vincent's church by the bench. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Carnazola at (707) 762-6115.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Dorothy M. Blomquist who passed away on August 2, 2022. May her soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR — Jim Young, Quintin Ponce Jr., Rose Wooley, Mercedes Vargas, Blas Calvillo, Lucelia Fish, Judy Spencer, Kim Williams, Flor Maria Naal, Maria Ponce, Melody Packett -Souza, Bethany Pham, Rick Facendini, Clemencia Barreto, Dominic Ortiz, and Kaeli Sammon.



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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,272
On-Line Giving	1,708
Total	\$9,980

The second collection for the Black and Indian Missions was \$2,922.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

We are in need of host families in the area for students from Germany, France, China, Belgium and Austria who will attend St. Vincent de Paul High School for 3 or 9 months this fall. Find out how you can bring the world to your own home by emailing us at International@svhs-pet.org. Our International Mustangs are wonderful ambassadors for their homelands and are valuable members of our campus community.



Looking for a Truly Special High School Experience?

Visit our website (svhs-pet.org) to learn more and find out how to apply. Call 707-763-1032 x113 to schedule a tour. Mark your calendar for our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 pm. All are welcome!



THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA - invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 24, 2022. This event is free. This year's theme is **"The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist."** Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information, check out the diocesan website @ www.srdioocese.org

Camino de Sonoma Update! The list of pilgrims and miles we've traveled continues to grow, please join us for a transformative experience. August 20 thru 25th; with August 23rd, celebrating our Diocesan Patron, St. Rose of Lima, plus September 16th, 17th, 18th. Join any day or multiple days. 12+ miles too much? We can customize a smaller walk, just ask. RSVP/INFO email Stephen Morris - dsryouth@srdioocese.org 310-849-2342.