

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 28, 2022

Mass intentions during August 29th – September 4th

Mon.	8:00	Merv McDonald
Tues.	8:00	David Covarrubias and Family (L) Dave and Jennifer Ramirez and Family (L)
Wed.	8:00	Danna Hoover
Thurs.	8:00	Maria Ponce (L), Irene Carnazola (L) Aaron Ness, Judy Perry
Fri.	8:00	Maria Ponce and Family (L) Alcaraz Family (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	-
	5:00	Mark Kostielney Manuel and Francelina Lopes
	7:00	Eloisa Gutierrez, Porfirio Sandoval
Sun.	7:30	Alejandro Ruiz (L)
	9:00	Flores Guzman Family (L), Jerry and Debbie Dixon, Frederic Holden Felisbina and Antonio Pardal
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Abraham Avalos, Javier Chavez Chavez Jose Maria Lopez Aroyo Jose Luis Avalos Aroyo Ruben and Efigenia Chavez

August 28, 2022 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HUMILITY

Today’s readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God “finds favor” with those who humble themselves. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost “folksy” wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened “the city of the living God” to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is very nice to see so many of you after returning from vacation earlier this month.

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 number of otherwise qualified high school graduates who continue to a 4-year college or university is 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 29TH – SEPTEMBER 4TH



Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Registrations will take place on Saturday, August 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. Welcome to a new Year of Faith Formation.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY CLASSES through fifth grade start the weekend of September 17th and 18th.

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.

First year: Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Second year: Wednesday from 4:30am to 5:30pm.

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 Tuesday afternoons 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 Catherine F. Cerrone who passed away on August 20, 2022. May her soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Erin Mullan, 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.



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 info., check out the diocesan website @ www.srdiocese.org



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$6,458
On-Line Giving	1,698
Total	\$8,156

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Seminarians.

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 DE PAUL SCHOOLS NEWS

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We began the 2022-2023 school year, as we do every year, with a schoolwide mass lead by Father Bill. It was a blessing to see the church full with both returning families and many new families. Our school population is at a 10 year high and we are so thankful for the support of our families. Our Junior High is at capacity and we have a waitlist for both 7th and 8th grade. The faculty and staff have been working to enrich the Junior High experience on campus. We provide an academically motivated environment where the students can focus on their studies and prepare for High School. We are proud to announce Mrs. Heather Almond as our 8th grade teacher. She has been teaching at SVES for 5 years, previously our 6th grade teacher. Mrs. Almond is embracing her new role and will be such a benefit in providing students with a balance of academic rigor, community involvement and a good understanding of high school expectations. The faculty and staff at SVES are always preparing our students for what comes next. From kindergarten all the way to eighth grade, we provide the right tools for our students to succeed in all aspect of their lives.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Kindergarten-Eighth Grade programs, please contact our Admission Director Mrs. Rynning at rynnning@svelem.org or call the office at (707) 762-6426.

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 Santa Rosa Diocese will send a delegation to World Youth Day July 29 - Aug 7, 2023 in Lisbon for Portugal. Detailed trip costs and itinerary rsvp to Stephen Morris: dsryouth@srdiocese.org (Spanish inquiry: fjimenez@srdiocese.org).

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.