

**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, September 4, 2022**

<b>Mass intentions during September 5th - 11th</b>		
Mon.	8:00	Bob Anglin
Tues.	8:00	Aaron Ness
Wed.	8:00	The Calvillo Family (L)
Thurs.	8:00	Jim Young (L) Flor Maria Naal and Family (L) Holy Souls
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Joe Fitzgerald Sam and Annie Carrao
Sat.	8:00	Gladys and John Rilko Tom and Michael Rilko
	5:00	Lindy Borges, Ronald Ohlander Natividad Cabergas
	7:00	Lilia Padilla (L), Gustavo Gonzalez (L) Eloisa Gutierrez, Porfirio Sandoval
Sun.	7:30	Jim Young (L), Catherine Cerrone Kim and Tom Nelson
	9:00	George Bordi (L), Gloria Bordi Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Paul Bonardi Alvaro Anacleto, Jr.
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Jesus and Irinero Perez, Trinidad Casarez Ramiro Mora, Esteban y David Ochoa

**September 4, 2022 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**LIMITS**

Today’s readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: “For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.” Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon’s free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

I’ll begin by wishing you all a blessed and safe Labor Day weekend. In the past, school started on the Tuesday after Labor Day. So much of our school calendar was designed around agricultural life. Even today, there is Harvest Break in northern Maine for school children to help bring in the potato crop, and I suspect there are other regions that still have similar traditions.

At Masses last weekend, I mentioned that the official beginning of fall is about three weeks away. As if to reinforce the point, I mentioned to a supermarket checker that I was amused to see the Halloween candy out. She responded that at Costco, they’re already selling Christmas merchandise! (The most egregious offender is the Hallmark Channel, which has Christmas in July...)

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Sunday Gospel readings take on an increasing note of starkness and of judgment. This weekend is no exception: “If anyone comes to me without turning his back on his father and mother, his wife and his children, his brothers and sisters, indeed his very self, he cannot be my follower.” The phrase “turning his back on his father and mother” has often been translated as “hates his father and mother” There is more than a bit of overstatement for effect in this. Jesus preached faithfulness to God, not hatred of others.

In the ancient world, society was seen, not as an aggregate of individuals, but a community of clans or families. The common morality was to do as much good as one could for family and friends, with limited regard for those outside of that circle. (Remember the Good Samaritan...) In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus was not demanding that his followers abandon their dependents and loved ones. Instead, he was almost certainly referring to those who believed in Him over the objections of their families. This is not unlike today, when some young men and women enter seminaries or religious communities despite the indifference, or even vociferous objections, of their families.

During the earthly life of Jesus, the demands on believing Christians became increasingly difficult, and would soon become a full-on persecution lasting nearly three centuries.

The Letter to Philemon makes a point, shared by the New Testament as a whole: the wide and almost unlimited variety of deep relationships associated with the ministry of Jesus and within the Early Church. While the modern tendency has been to read the “traditional” American nuclear family back into the Gospels, the Gospels themselves tell another story.

In this weekend’s second reading, Paul refers to Philemon as a “begotten son”, not a “slave”, but as a “beloved brother, especially dear to me”. As Jesus traveled, his traveling companions at times included a small group of (what would have been called) “undomesticated women”, i.e., women traveling freely and unattached to a household. Jesus had his “Beloved Disciple” who used to rest his head on Jesus’ breast. (Today, that may be referred to as a “PDA”— a “public display of affection”.) While it would be a mistake to equate the customs of any particular culture with Christian teaching, this does invite us to read the Gospels and epistles with new eyes and attention to detail.

I wish you all a blessed and restful (and cool) Labor Day weekend,

**Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue**

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH-11TH

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registrations will take place on Saturday, September 3rd in the Parish Hall from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Most 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

\$90 per student.

First year: Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm by zoom

Second year: Wednesday, 7 to 8 pm in parish hall  
(please note changes in time and place)

**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.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Aliyah Mae Torres, Zoe Suzanna and James Ramon Puchir who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA** - We invite you to attend the two-day event of the Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress.



**Friday, September 23, 2022:** Again this year, our Catholic Schools will work jointly with the Department of Religious Education and offer an event

on Friday, September 23, 2022, with a *gathering of Educators and Catechists*. This event is mainly for our educators and catechists in our diocese. The event will open with Holy Mass. A variety of workshops and keynotes are available throughout the day.

**Saturday, September 24, 2022:** Saturday's event is open to all adults and includes Liturgy, presentations, exhibits, and much more. This event is free. We encourage educators to join us on both days. For more info., check out the diocesan website @ [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org)

#### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$6,516
On-Line Giving	1,643
Total	\$8,159

The Maintenance Collection was \$3,598.

This 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She has been teaching at SVES for 5 years, previously our 6<sup>th</sup> 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 [rynnings@svalem.org](mailto:rynnings@svalem.org) or call the office at (707) 762-6426.

**THE SVBTO** (St. Vincent Better Together Organization) presents... The Big Event: A Night Under the Big Top. Join us for dinner, dancing, entertainment and a live and silent auction!

When: Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul High School

Tickets will go on sale in October!

This fundraiser supports the Elementary and High School communities. Contact the event chairs at [svbigevent@svhs-pet.org](mailto:svbigevent@svhs-pet.org) with any questions.



**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.

**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.