

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.



November 27, 2022

<u>Mass intentions during November 28th—December 4th</u>			First Sunday of Advent
Mon.	8:00	Sandy and Jesse Alarcon (L) Jennifer Flores and Family (L), Jose Silveira	<p>PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT</p> <p>We are called to reflect the light of God’s love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. “All nations shall stream toward it,” toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God’s light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ’s light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.</p> <p>Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.</p>
Tues.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar and Family (L) SVDP Rosary Group (L) Ernesto and Flor Aguilar and Family (L) Joe Carrao	
Wed.	8:00	Tessa and Dante Bordi and Family (L)	
Thurs.	8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Jude Thaddeus Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua	
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L)	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Julio Bianchi, Mark Kostielney Manuel and Francelina Lopes	
Sat.	7:00	Marco Antonio Coton, Eloisa Gutierrez Amikar and Henry de Leon, Porfirio Sandoval	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Maria Farinha	
	10:30	Maria Fiore Christiansen	
	12:00	Marcelina Perez, Francisco Ruiz Maria Elena Del Castiilo	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Last Saturday morning, we had an unexpected but most welcome visitor from Dublin, Ireland. Let me set the scene.

At 10:00 a.m., I had six baptisms in Spanish and, at the conclusion of the final blessing, there was the usual bedlam as parents, godparents, relatives and newly-baptized children line up to take pictures in front of the altar. Invariably, there are several smart phone cameras managed by 10-year-old photographers. Every possible combination of godparents, relatives and attendees is photographed, and it takes quite a long time. In the meantime, families approached me for blessings of their baptismal candles, medals, statuettes, party favors, you name it. Other parents bring forward their own naughty and mischievous children, asking a blessing to calm their deviltry with a “booster shot” of baptismal water. (Unsurprisingly, it’s almost always boys, with their natural boy energy.) I offer a blessing, sprinkle them with holy water, and then add a few drops to the right and left of the crown of their heads “to get rid of the little horns.” It’s a lot of fun.

While all this was happening, a tall, dignified, late middle-aged man approached me, introduced himself, and said that he was Fr. James Kiely’s great-grand-nephew. He came from Dublin to visit the church and Fr. Kiely’s grave. Fr. Kiely, as many of you know, was a legendary figure not only in this parish (as pastor from 1915 to 1968) but also in Petaluma as he built our current church 96 years ago. He also sold the previous St. Vincent Church, which was moved up the street and re-assembled as Elim Lutheran Church.

Our visitor told me his name but, unfortunately due to the post-baptismal tumult around me, I didn’t write it down. He told me what many of us already know: that after the earthquake of 1906, when Fr. Kiely was pastor of Our Lady of Loreto in Novato, he vowed that anything he ever built would be as close to earthquake-proof as possible. In the following years, Fr. Kiely built the SVES Convent, the current rectory, and the current elementary school— almost all of it during the Great Depression. Though our parish has earthquake insurance, our buildings could never be rebuilt today at any cost, and we are blessed to have them. All of these buildings have survived several notable earthquakes, including 1969, without anything other than minuscule cosmetic damage.

Interestingly, Fr. Kiely’s great-grand nephew was interested in Fr. Kiely’s memory and reputation today. He hoped Fr. Kiely was remembered in a positive way. I told him he was a powerful spiritual leader, fundraiser and builder, remembered and revered by many parishioners today, and that his projects speak for themselves. Not many pastors are remembered 54 years after they depart but, as in many things, Fr. Kiely was exceptional.

This is a good note on which to celebrate this Thanksgiving weekend. Gratitude not only for the blessings of the present, but for those in our own lives on whose shoulders we stand, and whose lives contributed to the blessedness of our own lives. Happy Thanksgiving! And now on to Advent.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28TH—DECEMBER 4TH



Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ALLSOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES



are available at all entrances of the church. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memories with great respect as we pray for them.

2023 CATHOLIC HANDBOOK FOR VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND and THE LECTOR WORKBOOKS



are available at the rectory office. If you haven't picked up your 2023 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hauxley Chios Daep Asodisen



and Bayla Lou Gallagher to who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Jacinto Rolando Carreño Hernandez who passed away November 17th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS



are available at the rectory for \$20.00 a set or sold separately at \$10.00 each. Office hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We close for lunch from 12 to 1:00 pm. For more information, please call 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT'S GIVING TREE FOR 2022



The Giving Tree project will benefit Angel Food Network, Birthright of Petaluma, and our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. These organizations provide outreach to our community. When you take a tag off the Giving Tree, please make sure you tape the tag onto the gift. Please do not take a tag unless you definitely plan to buy a gift. Do NOT wrap the gift. Return gifts to the church on Sunday and put them on the table next to the altar when you are called forward to bring up your gifts. During the week, you may bring gifts to the rectory from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. All gifts must be returned NO later than Friday, December 17th. For any questions, please call the office at 762-4278.

ADVENT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



to honor our loved ones who have passed will be Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the church. This is truly a very special evening. There will be angel ornaments you can decorate, before the service, in the back of the church. For those who have not picked up your angels from prior years, they will be on the tables at the entrance. You can hang them on the Christmas trees in the church or take them and decorate your Christmas tree at home.

CHANTICLEER CONCERT



on Friday, December 16th, at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. "A Chanticleer Christmas" brings with it warmth, light, familiar carols, and joy. Tickets can be purchased by going to their website, www.chanticleer.org, or by calling (415) 252-8589.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket	\$6,796
On-Line Giving	<u>1,503</u>
Total	\$8,299

The second collection for Communication and Catholic University was \$2,276.

Thank you for your generosity

There will be a second collection this weekend 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.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS



We have just begun our second trimester on campus at SVES. The Faculty and Staff are so proud of our hard working, diligent students who are eager to learn each day. Our virtue for the second trimester is CHEERFUL. It is a good time of year to remember and celebrate this virtue; to take the time to remind ourselves and those around us to remain optimistic and try to take note of our own disposition as it very likely will have an effect on others. It is the season to spread cheer and be thankful for all the blessings of each and every day.

We will be hosting a Kindergarten Open House on December 8th at 4:30. Please call our office to RSVP for this event. We invite parents and their kindergarten aged students to come explore the classroom. This is a great opportunity to speak with the kindergarten teacher and learn more about our amazing programs. Please visit our website: www.svelem.org or call the office to RSVP (707)762-6426.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Shop and Donate to SVHS Project Grad November 26 — December 3, 2022 at myitaliandecor.com, mention "St Vincent HS" in your checkout and 20% of the sale will go back to SVHS Project Grad Fundraiser. Free Shipping to all orders in the U.S. Questions? sghisletta@comcast.net

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Bonifacio Gonzalez, Quintin Ponce, Jr., Frank Solar, Jr., Dominic Ortiz, Phyllis Zuccarello, Alfredo Prado, Mariam Munayer, Roberta Guerra, Blas Calvillo, Lucelia Fish, Kim Williams, Flor Maria Naal, Melody Packett-Souza, Bethany Pham, Clemencia Barreto and Kaeli Sammon.

ST. VINCENT'S SPANISH COMMUNITY



invites you to celebrate La VIRGEN De GUADALUPE on Sunday, December 11th, starting at 10 pm with music, prayers, the rosary, and poems followed by las Mañanitas at 12 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 12th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.