

**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.**



January 15, 2023

**Mass intentions during January 16th - 22nd**

Mon.	8:00	Mercedes Vargas, Patti Marino
Tues.	8:00	Sophia Ming Copley (L), Mercedes Vargas
Wed.	8:00	SVDP Rosary Group (L), Mercedes Vargas
Thurs.	8:00	Mario Naal (L), Janice Bordi Mercedes Vargas, A.J. Hromek, Judy Emery
Fri.	8:00	Mario Naal (L), Ernesto and Flor Aguilar (L) Patrick Bianchini, Mercedes Vargas
Sat.	8:00	Mercedes Vargas
	5:00	For the residents of the City of Petaluma
	7:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L) Ines Olguin Rodriguez, Julio Hernandez
Sun.	7:30	Leonardo and Liliana Cabral
	9:00	Maria Farinha, John Benjamin
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Maria Martinez and Family (L) Carmen Carrero and Family (L), Mercedes Vargas

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR STRATEGIC GOAL**

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

By the time this appears in the bulletin, the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will have taken place. After nearly 10 years as Pope Emeritus, he left the public life of the Church as quietly as he entered it.

To place Benedict XVI’s life in better perspective, it might be useful to focus on some aspects of his person, life and ministry not widely commented upon. In addition to his native German, he had proficiency in English, French, Italian and Spanish. He also knew Portuguese, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, and Biblical Greek.

He was born in Marktl, Bavaria, at the far southeastern end of modern-day Germany, very close to Austria and relatively close to the Czech Republic. Bavaria has traditionally been predominantly Catholic and independent-minded, and Bavarians historically thought of themselves first as Bavarians, and only second as Germans. It was in Bavaria that the Nazi regime was least popular and most suspect.

Joseph Ratzinger’s father, Joseph Sr., was a police officer who bitterly opposed the Nazi regime, which cost professional demotions and harassment of the family. The family became even more bitterly opposed when, in 1941, one of the future pope’s cousins who had Down’s Syndrome, was forcibly euthanized as part of a Nazi eugenics campaign. In 1941, the future pope was forcibly enrolled in the Hitler Youth, though he refused to participate or attend meetings. In 1943, he was drafted into the German infantry. (Pope Benedict XVI and Queen Elizabeth II were the last heads of state to have served actively in World War II.) In 1945, As Allied troops drew closer to his post, he deserted and returned to his family. He was held by the Allies as a prisoner of war for a few months, then released.


After the war, Ratzinger returned to the seminary to resume his priestly studies and was ordained a priest by Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber of Munich. The young priest attributed his vocation to the Cardinal, whom he met when he was five years old. Twenty-six years later, in 1977, Fr. Ratzinger, who had spent his life as a professor and academic, was named Archbishop of Munich and then a cardinal in less than a month’s time.

In his early years as a university professor, he had a distinctly reformist bent. As a priest-theologian, Fr. Ratzinger had significant influence on the content and especially the interpretation of Vatican II. In time, he grew concerned with increasing student unrest and the extent to which it seemed related to departure from traditional church teaching and decline in respect for authority.

Three years after Pope John Paul II was elected, he appointed Cardinal Ratzinger as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the office charged with the teaching and defense of the Catholic Faith. He held this post, perhaps second only to the papacy in importance, for 24 years. It was as Prefect that he oversaw the creation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, whose best-seller status confirmed that it spoke to a felt need among the faithful. After asking three times for permission to retire, Cardinal Ratzinger was elected pope in 2005.

All of the foregoing covers time before Benedict XVI was elected, making the point that he was already an enormously influential figure even if he had never become pope.

**Blessings,  
Fr. Bill Donahue**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16TH— 22ND**  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

**Religious Education**

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**First Year Confirmation (zoom) Classes** - classes have resumed, but there will be no (zoom) class on Tuesday, Jan. 17th.

**Second Year Confirmation Classes** - classes will resume Jan. 18, 2023.

**CRAB TICKET SALES THIS WEEKEND!!**  
 The Knights of Columbus Crab Feed is January 28th at St Vincent's High School. Ticket sales will continue this weekend, Jan. 15th - after all the masses! This event is our largest fundraiser of the year benefitting St. Vincent's Educational Fund. We would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Ron Beltramo at 510-725-2706.

**WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD** will be gathering Thursday, January 26, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, corner of Western Avenue and Howard Streets. We begin at 6 pm with social time followed by table discussions and sharing. All are welcome to join in these evenings of faith sharing and fellowship. Our theme in January will be "LENT FOR LIFE: Not Giving Up BUT GETTING UP."

**JOIN THE 19TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST** in San Francisco on January 21, 2023. The day begins with Mass at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral, then 12:30 pm rally in Civic Center Plaza, and 1:30 pm walk down Market Street. Need a ride? A bus is leaving St. Elizabeth's in Rohnert Park at 8 am (\$35). Reserve your spot with Peggy; email her at: pegbanker@sbeglobal.net (707-484-8151) or contact Stephen Morris (310-849-2342).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Bonifacio Gonzalez, Quintin Ponce, Jr., Frank Solar, Jr., Dominic Ortiz, Don Broadbent, Mariam Munayer, Roberta Guerra, Lucero Alvarez, Pete Fauser, Ana Solar, Lynn King, Liz Angeloni, and Kim Willams.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held every Thursday, after weekday mass, for one hour starting 8:45 am, with Benediction at 9:45 am.

**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Please 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.

**PRO-LIFE RALLY FOR LIFE:** Sonoma County Pro-Life cordially invites you to the 2023 Rally for Life on Sunday, January 22, 2 - 3 pm at Santa Rosa Christian Church, 1315 Pacific Ave., Santa Rosa.

**REMEMBRANCE ANGELS:** If you'd like to pick up your remembrance angels, they will be available at the parish office. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 3:30, closed for lunch from 12 - 1pm.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,258
On-Line Giving	<u>2,573</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,831</b>

The second collection last weekend for the Church in Latin America was \$3,029.

As of today's date, the Christmas collection is \$38,862. Our goal is \$43,000.

**Thank you for your generosity**

There will be a second collection next 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'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

We are currently accepting application for the 2023-2024 school Year. SVES provides a challenging academic environment for students from Kindergarten – Eighth Grade. At SVES we provide a safe and nurturing place for our students to really focus on faith, service and academics. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please come to our **Open House on January 29th**. We will begin that Sunday with a school mass at 9 o'clock. After mass we will head over to our campus to open the doors so you and your family may explore our classrooms, meet our Faculty and Staff and get an idea of what our school community is all about. For more information, please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Rynning at [rynnings@svelem.org](mailto:rynnings@svelem.org) or call the office @ 762-6426.

**ST. VINCENT'S HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

Get a jump on organizing with the **2023 DRIVE THRU Project Grad SHREDDING Event, Saturday, January 21, from 9 am - 12 pm** at St. Vincent's High School, 849 Keokuk St.

All Donations will benefit the **SAFE & SOBER Grad Night**. Please bring your documents in paper bags, no plastic or boxes. We are asking for a \$20 tax deductible donation. The limit per donation is five paper shopping bags full of shredding material. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact St. Vincent's High School at 707-763-1032 or scan the Beehively link that is on the announcement boards at the entrance of St. Vincent's Church.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Mabel Hlebakos who passed away on January 4th, Rafael Martin who passed away January 3rd, and Teresita Aguado Sanchez who passed away January 6th. May the souls, of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Scholarship Applications are available now at the parish office. Three \$500 scholarships are awarded yearly. **The final date for filing is April 20, 2023.**