

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 22, 2023

<u>Mass intentions during January 23rd - 29th</u>		
Mon.	8:00	Ana Guzman (L), Danielle Flores (L) Rachealle Flores (L), Lisa Dietlin and Family (L) Mercedes Vargas
Tues.	8:00	Leonardo Guzman, Salud Rodriguez (L) Mercedes Vargas
Wed.	8:00	Marcial Tinoco and Maria Lopez (L) Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Mercedes Vargas Yolanda Hromek
Thurs.	8:00	Melisa and Yareli Tinoco (L), Mercedes Vargas
Fri.	8:00	Joe Alley (L), Egidio Mancini, Mercedes Vargas Paula Louise Moore, Frances and Fitzhugh Moore Olga Dart
Sat.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Mercedes Vargas
	5:00	Diana Flores (L), Jose L. and Elvy Flores (L) A.J. Hromek
	7:00	Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L)
Sun.	7:30	Brandon Castinado
	9:00	Maria Farinha, Maria Muñoz Roberto Valdez Cordero
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Veronica Martin and Family (L) Alma Bello and Family (L), Mercedes Vargas

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don't want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The following is the second of what was originally intended to be a two-part series of reflections on Pope Benedict XVI. The first part dealt largely with his earlier life. Due to space limitations in this week's bulletin, the series will need an extra week. This second part will deal largely with the run-up to the papacy. The third part will deal with the papacy and post-papacy.

The passing of Pope Benedict XVI is not merely the passing of a pope, but a whole generational shift. He was the fifth and final pope who attended Vatican II, and the only future pope to participate as a priest. He was a "peritus" ("expert") to Cardinal Frings of Cologne. Ratzinger was widely regarded as a reformer, and a liberal, along with Hans Kung (d. 2021) and Edward Schillebeeckx (d. 2009). In 1968, he published "Introduction to Christianity", still one of his most influential and widely read books. As late as 1976, Ratzinger suggested that the Augsburg Confession, the Lutheran confession of faith, could be recognized as a Catholic confession of faith as well. From the late '60's on, Fr. Ratzinger already had an international reputation, and was even invited by Fr. Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame to join their theology faculty. He declined on the grounds that his conversational English was not good enough.

One of his more distinctive qualities was his seeming indifference to rising in the hierarchical Church. In an atmosphere in which careerism (aka, "Scarlet Fever") is not unheard of, his meteoric rise can be explained by his extraordinary intellectual gifts. In May 1976, he was named Monsignor. Ten months later, in March 1977, he was named Archbishop of Munich and Freising, originally established by St. Boniface in 739 A.D. as the founding see of Bavaria. Two months later, in June 1977, Ratzinger was appointed Cardinal. In other words, in 13 months, Ratzinger went from simple diocesan priest to cardinal, certainly one of the fastest rises in Church hierarchy not determined primarily by politics or nepotism, but by merit. He was the last surviving Cardinal appointed by Pope Paul VI.

Late in 1981, Pope John Paul II named Cardinal Ratzinger as Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, the office charged with the doctrinal discipline of the Church. It is widely considered second in influence only to the Pope himself. Despite Ratzinger's repeated attempts to retire, he held the post for 24 years, until he was elected pope in 2005. (He was replaced by Cardinal William Levada, former Archbishop of San Francisco and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.) During his 24 years as Prefect, he also published 27 new books in his own name, not including his editorship of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Cardinal Ratzinger's intellectual interests and pursuits went far beyond theology. He was an accomplished classical pianist, and particularly devoted to the music of Mozart. While Pope, he recorded a CD of contemporary classical music. Even while Pope, he attended several concerts performed at the Vatican and elsewhere. His favorite piece was Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. He was also known to be fond of cats, and while Cardinal adopted several strays in his neighborhood. A book titled "Joseph and Chico: A Cat Recounts The Life Of Pope Benedict XVI" tells the story of the pope's life from the cat's perspective.

Next week: The Papacy and Retirement

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23rd — 29th



Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

LAST CHANCE TO BUY CRAB FEED TICKET THIS WEEKEND!!

The Knights of Columbus Crab Feed is January 28th at St Vincent's High School. This is the last weekend there will be ticket sales 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."



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, ending 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 pm, closed for lunch from 12 - 1pm.



OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Jesus Maria Arellano Correa who passed way on January 12th. May his soul, 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.



PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP is meeting again on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm INSIDE St. Vincent's church. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Carnazola at (707) 762-6115.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$7,578
On-Line Giving 1,713
Total \$9,291

Thank you for your generosity

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

There will be a second collection next weekend for SVDP Society.



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. Please call the parish office, at 707-762-4278, to get more information.

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 rynnng@svelem.org or call the office @ 762-6426.

WEEKLY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY - All are welcome! Free bags of groceries are provided to low-income families and individuals in Petaluma, through Petaluma Interfaith Pantry, which operates every Thursday evening. No paperwork needed; we serve all in need. Thursday Evening Interfaith Pantry opens at 5:00 pm at the Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 504 Baker Street. For more information, please call 762-4081.



MEALS ON WHEELS — ADOPT-A-ROUTE Meals on wheels are delivered Monday through Friday to homebound seniors, ages 60 yrs. and older, who have no means of preparing meals for themselves. Volunteers pick up their meals from the Council of Aging and deliver them to seniors on their route, each route takes about 1 - 1 1/2 hr. If you'd like to volunteer please call, Leigh Galton at (707) 525-0143 ext. 121 or email at lgaltan@councilonaging.com.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA helps families with diapers, clothes, and other baby/toddler related items at no cost. They are located at Church of Christ, 370 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy. Our office hours are: Monday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and on Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.