

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.



May 7, 2023

<u>Mass intentions during May 8th - 14th</u>			5th Sunday of Easter
Mon.	8:00	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mary Jane and Domenic Oliva Ruth and Arnold Nelson	<p>If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.</p> <p>St. Peter says to us, “You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...’” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.</p> <p>The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.</p> <p>— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	SVDP Friday Prayer Group (L) Jovita Mendez, Pablo Morales Joseph and Josephine Carrao, Olegario Hernandez	
Wed.	8:00	Elodia Munguia (L), Judy Williams (L) Elia Ruiz (L), Vicki Aguilar and Family (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Paul Bonardi	
Fri.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez (L), Vicki Aguilar and Family (L) Theresa Slota	
Sat.	8:00	Grace and Joseph Fitzgerald. Cindy Chicoine Vicki Aguilar and Family (L)	
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	7:00	Olivia Zepeda (L), Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Dominga Zarate, Jose Socorro Palacio	
Sun.	7:30	Theresa Morth	
	9:00	Vincent Descano (L), Maria Farinha, Lindy Borges	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	The Ocegüera Perez Family(L), Luz Elena Borrero Teresa Gonzalez, Licha Macias, Katy Gomez	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

At this time of year, I sign hundreds of documents: Baptismal certificates for those receiving other sacraments, First Communion and Confirmation certificates, diplomas from two schools, contracts for teachers and staff from two schools, you name it, all in addition to the usual checks, letters and Mass cards that need to be signed year round. Sometimes I think that for a month, what the parish needs is not so much a pastor as a signature machine, or the character “Thing” from the old Addams Family series – a bare hand that pops up out of a hinged box. However, it’s the sheer numbers of life-markers I sign that reminds me of how many young lives the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul parish touches, and attempts to guide, every year.

The names of students on these documents are invariably formal – first, middle and last. Some middle names were originally surnames passed down from an earlier generation. Each diploma represents a young person completing an important step in their education and life’s journeys, moving on to new challenges, new friends and new – possibly distant – locations.

Each First Communion certificate marks the day on which a young person is able to receive the Lord under the signs of bread and wine for the first time, and participate in the life of the Church on the same terms as an adult.

Each Confirmation certificate marks the day when a young person chooses his or her own Christian identity in the form of a Confirmation name, is fully initiated into the Church by the ancient sign of anointing with Sacred Chrism, and receives the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and reverence for the Lord.

I don’t normally keep up with professional sports. So much of it happens on weekends, when I am not free. However, the statement by Milwaukee Bucks player Giannis Antetokounmpo, when being interviewed on the disappointing end of their season, provided much food for thought, especially for those embarking on a new stage or project in life.

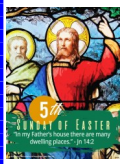
“Do you get a promotion every year, in your job?” Antetokounmpo answered, after a long pause in which he placed his head in his hands. “No, right? So every year you work is a failure? Yes or no. No? Every year you work, you work towards something, towards a goal, which is to get a promotion, to be able to take care of your family, provide a house for them, or take care of your parents. You work towards a goal – it’s not a failure. It’s steps to success.”

“There’s always steps to it,” Antetokounmpo continued. “Michael Jordan played 15 years, won six championships. The other nine years [were] a failure? That’s what you’re telling me... why do you ask me that question? It’s the wrong question.”

“There’s no failure in sports. There’s good days, bad days. Some days you are able to be successful, some days you’re not. Some days it’s your turn, some days it’s not your turn. And that’s what sports is about. You don’t always win. Some other people are going to win. And this year, somebody else is going to win. We’re going to come back next year and try to be better.”

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1 - 7TH



Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/
 Jn 14:15-21



CONFIRMATION MASSES

Confirmation Celebrations - There will be 2 masses on Sunday, May 14, 2023. The English Confirmation Mass will be at 3 pm followed by the Spanish Confirmation Mass at 5 pm. The rehearsal for both masses will be on Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 pm (for 3 pm celebration) and at 7:00 pm (for 5 pm Spanish mass).



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Clemencia Baretto, Vicki Aguilar, Toni Steady-Larsen, Addy Flanagan, Lucelia Fish, Pete Fauser, Frank Solar, Jr., Dominic Ortiz, Bonifacio Gonzalez, and Quintin Ponce, Jr.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Edward (Ed) Joseph Kavanaugh who passed away on the 24th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION cordially invites you to join us for our chicken cacciatore dinner to be held at Saint James Hall on Saturday, May 20th. Doors open at 6 pm. The cost is \$25 (takeout available for \$20) to be paid in advance. Please call Lucy on or before May 13th at 707-769-1245 for reservations and further communication.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND



ROBERT F. VASA, cordially invites you to attend the ordination to the Order of Diaconate of Mauricio Rodriguez Duran and Christopher Girolo, Friday, June 9, in the year of our Lord 2023, 6 pm at the Cathedral of St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa. Light reception to follow.

VILLAGE NETWORK OF PETALUMA - PROGRAMS

Online calendar at <https://petaluma.helpfulvillage.com/events>
 Most of our programs and interest groups are designed for members and active volunteers. Social events and some interest groups welcome guests for one session to learn more about becoming a member and/or volunteer in the Village community. If you are interested in learning more about membership or volunteering, come to a "Get to Know the Village" monthly info meeting or contact us at info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org or 707-776-6055.



ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL has greatly expanded their shop and is carrying many new items. Visit the Cathedral Books and Gifts shop for Catholic books, bibles, rosaries, jewelry, statues, religious gifts, gifts for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and more! Cathedral Books and Gifts shop, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa CA, 95405. For more information, call (707) 542-0250 or email: steugenegiftshop@outlook.com.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$5,648
 On-Line Giving 3,151
 Total \$8,799

The second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$3,900

Thank you for your generosity.

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? For more information, call the rectory at 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS

If you are interested in a faith-based education for your student, Kindergarten through Eighth grade, please contact our office at 762-6426 or email our Admission Director, Mrs. Rynning at: rynnings@svelem.org.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Admissions Department News

Have you heard about the unique program we have at St. Vincent de Paul? We are successfully giving students the opportunity to build 21st century skills in a traditional Catholic college prep curriculum. Our Arts and Athletics departments thrive, while our Campus Ministry includes us all daily. Email Mrs. Pedersen at Admissions@svhs-pet.org to find out how your high school aged child can benefit. It's not too late for Fall 2023!



Mustang Athletic Club Golf Tournament

Save the date! June 9, 2023 - play in our golf tournament or just join the celebratory dinner event in DeCarli Gymnasium. For more information, email MACatsvhs-pet.org. All proceeds benefit our Mustang Student-Athletes!

Summer Sports Camps

Registration is now open for our Camp of Champions. Each week June 12th - August 6th, different sports and skills building opportunities are offered. Camps are open to boys and girls in 3rd through 9th grades.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA helps families with diapers, clothes, and other baby/toddler related items at no cost. They are located at 1330 Commerce Street Suite C, Petaluma 94954. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.



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.

