

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.

September 10, 2023

<u>Mass intentions during September 11th - 17th</u>			<u>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
Mon.	8:00	Jilberto Porras (L), William and Helen Fatooh	<p>What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality.</p> <p align="center">What to do?</p> <p>Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.</p> <p align="right">Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Antonio Martinez Sagrero	
Wed.	8:00	Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Church	
Thur.	8:00	Bartolo Montaña Alejandre, Judy Spencer	
Fri.	8:00	Maureen Nelson and Family (L), Shirley Griggs (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Vicki and Gabriel Naal and Family (L)	
	5:00	Margie Brown	
		Arturo, Arturo Jr., and Ritta Hinojosa	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L)	
		Yolanda Godinez, Antonio Delima	
		Ramon Gutierrez, Jose Gonzalez Casillas	
Sun.	7:30	Rick and Judy Williams (L)	
		Leonardo and Liliana Cabral	
	9:00	Jeffrey Farinha, Ramiro Mora	
		David and Estevan Ochoa	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Emma and Ignacio Gonzalez and Family (L)	
		Ramon Ochoa Diaz, Katy Gomez, Maria Delima	
		Isaura Rico Garcia	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As I walked to my car after a school meeting at about 8:30 pm last Wednesday, I could feel the slight chill of Fall approaching, my favorite season of the year. The feasts of the Church reflect the bittersweet impending Fall with a mix of liturgical memorials: The Triumph of the Cross (9/14); Our Lady of Sorrows (9/15); Korean Martyrs Andrew Tae-Gon and Companions (9/20); St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcino (9/23); and St. Vincent de Paul, our patronal saint (9/27).

I try to keep "From the Pastor's Desk" light but informative. This week, there is a couple of serious matters I want to bring to your attention and explain.

As most of you know, the Diocese of Santa Rosa has sought, and received, relief from the Federal Bankruptcy Court, along with other northern California dioceses. It is Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The word to remember is "protection" as it provides a path forward for the diocese to continue its ministries while resolving legal claims as equitably as possible. This is a complex process, but in the interest of transparency, I will tell you what I believe is most essential to know.

The process establishes a cut-off date for any further lawsuits, but only after widespread notice is given to potential claimants. This widespread notice includes sending a small card giving notice to every parishioner or person for whom we have contact information. That is also the reason for the insert in the bulletin this weekend – to give notice of the "bar date," that is, the cut-off date after which no further claims or suits will be accepted. This is being done in every parish in the diocese. The insert will appear in our bulletin, as required, several times before the October 24, 2023 bar date. Notice will also be posted in the vestibule.

I encourage you to pray – for victims and their families, for the People of God, for priests, deacons and lay ministers, and all others affected by abuse of children and young people. I will keep you updated as events develop.

The second matter I'd like to address is SV High School and the exit of its principal. In addition to my pastoral role, I have a fiduciary responsibility for our parish and schools which I take with utmost seriousness. His departure from SVHS has been covered in the local media and beyond. Rash use of social media and the internet has spread false rumors and poured gasoline on the fire.

Some personal judgments of me have been harsh and, in my view, ill-informed. Investigations are now being conducted by the appropriate authorities, both within and independently of the Diocese. There is not much more I can say, even in self-defense, other than, "No comment." As an alumnus of both of our schools, I cede to no one first place in my devotion to all three of our parish ministries.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH - 17TH



Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

ST. VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024



English religious education has begun. Seats are still available. If you wish to register your child with one of our programs, please pick up a registration form from the rectory porch and turn it into the office in a sealed envelope attention Carmen. The programs available are Pre-K & K on Sunday at 9 am. We also offer after school religious education on Wednesdays. This includes children preparing for 1st Communion. For addition information, please contact Carmen Aanenson at 707-762-4278 x14.

Are you interested in being a Catholic? Have you ever thought about it? Are you being called deeper into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Now is the time to come and see what's next! Please call Carmen Aanenson for an interview and application at 707-762-4278 x14.

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.

CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Masks are encouraged You can also call the rectory office at 707-762-4278 and ask for a priest to schedule an appointment during the week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - is held on Thursdays after the weekday mass for one hour, and ends at 9:45 am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Rick Williams, Jilberto Porras, Quintin Ponce, Jr., Pete Fauser, Juan de Dios Tinoco, Carolyn Maestri, Roberta Guerra, Estela Anguiano, Martha Ponce, Lucelia Fish, Frank Solar, Jr., and Dominic Ortiz.

WINE WOMEN AND WORD Thursday, Sept. 21st at 6 pm in St. Vincent's Parish Hall. Our theme will be "Challenges of Service In Our Faith." Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Joanne Ferris at jferrispetaluma@gmail.com or call 707-481-6431.

THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA invites everyone to attend the annual Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress on Saturday, September 23, 2023. This event is free. This year's theme is "Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist." Workshops are in English and Spanish. Please come hear the speakers. For more information, check out the diocesan website at www.srdioocese.org



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$9,925
On-Line Giving \$3,251
Total \$13,176

The second collection last weekend for the Diocesan Seminarians was \$3,126 .

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Religious Education 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 are very fortunate to have such a supportive community of parents. It is a true partnership between our faculty & staff and our parents. At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, we offer an educational experience that has become increasingly difficult to find, educating the whole child in a top-level academic program integrated with Catholic Values.

If you are interested in touring our campus, please contact our Admissions Director Mrs. Rynning at rynnings@svalem.org or call our office at (707) 762-6426.

ST. VINCENT'S HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Save the date for the 2023 St. Vincent de Paul Open House - Sunday, **October 22, 2023!**
Faith, Service, Leadership: Find out how we are successfully supporting students in a traditional Catholic College Prep environment while ensuring they are building the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century.
Email: Admissions@svhs-pet.org to be added to our Open House invitation list.

Host an International Mustang

St. Vincent de Paul High School is looking for families who want to welcome one of three international students into their homes this fall. This is a unique opportunity to add to your family's knowledge and experience another's culture.

Host families are asked to provide:
a bed/bedroom
3 meals per day
transportation assistance

Hosts receive a \$1,000 monthly stipend to help with these needs. The student has his/her own money and insurance and is responsible for any school, sport, entertainment, toiletry expenses, etc.

If you or someone you know might be interested in hosting, email Kerry at: kpedersen@svhs-pet.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL District Council of Sonoma County is hosting a retreat: Journey Together Towards Holiness. All are welcome to join us, Tuesday, September 26th at Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Rd, Santa Rosa, from 10 am - 2 pm. For more information contact: jimandchrisnanman@gmail.com or call 650-274-9941.

