

**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.**

**March 24, 2024**

<u>Mass intentions during March 25th - 31th</u>			<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	
Mon.	8:00	Deniz and Alejandrito Farias (L) The Lavio-Manni Family	<p>A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.</p> <p>What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.</p> <p><i>Lenten challenge:</i> This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. — Father John Muir ©LPi</p>	
Tues.	8:00	K.T. (L)		
Wed.	8:00	Kathleen Marie Halverson Carmela Dominguez		
Thur.	8:00	Holy Thursday		
Fri.	8:00	Good Friday		
Sat.	8:00 pm	Holy Saturday Vigil		
Sun.	7:30	Marie and Buck Arnold, Frankie Arnold Peter Paulson, Caley J. Brown		
		Robert Steger, III, Jerry Dixon, Debbie Dixon Don Borg, Felisbina Pardal		
		Phyllis Robertson (L), Pat Carr, Bruce Chester Theresa and Henry Morth		
		12:00		Candido Jorge Quiroz, Hermila Vargas Barajas Eraclio Ramirez, Moises Velasquez Cabrera Ester Figueroa Barcenas

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are entering into the most eventful and intense week of the Christian year. Traditionally, Holy Week began with Palm Sunday and ended on Holy Saturday. The liturgical reforms of Pope Pius XII in 1955 highlighted the three-day Triduum – Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil – as a distinct, though brief, liturgical season. The result is that Lent now ends at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, followed by the Triduum up to the Easter Vigil, and then the Easter season (Eastertide).

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which is recounted in all four Gospels. (Only John includes a timeline for the event.) The Palm Sunday liturgy is distinctive in that it calls for the use of palms, red vestments (which are rare on Sundays), the reading of the Gospel at the entrance of the church, and the reading of the Passion narrative with participation from the congregation. The congregation takes the part of the mob calling for the execution of Jesus. The priest usually takes the part of Jesus – usually a triumph of miscasting – and the Narrator provides the necessary background and story line. While it is the longest Gospel of the year, there isn't a wasted word in it.

Since palms are not available in all climates, some regions celebrate with willow, box or yew branches. In far northern climes, Palm Sunday can fall in winter. In the southern hemisphere, Palm Sunday is celebrated in Fall. It's really a feast for all seasons.

The Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday Gospel readings are about the treachery of Judas. Holy Wednesday, which has traditionally been known as "Spy Wednesday," is the day when Judas made his deal to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Holy Thursday was more traditionally referred to as "Maundy Thursday." "Maundy" is a corruption of "mandatum," the Latin word for "commandment." It comes from a quote from John 13:34, the words of Jesus himself: "A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you."

There is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday. Only two Masses are permitted on Holy Thursday: The Chrism Mass, presided over by the bishop (or abbot), at which the Holy Oils are consecrated for the coming year, and the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which ends Lent, initiates the Triduum, and features the Washing of the Feet. By including the Washing of the Feet, the Mass of the Lord's Supper blends all four Gospels into one liturgy. The Washing of the Feet takes place only in the Gospel of John, while the Last Supper takes place in all gospels except John. Holy Thursday ends with the stripping of the altar because Jesus, who is entering into His darkest hour, is priest, victim and altar of sacrifice. The sanctuary lamp is extinguished to symbolize the empty tabernacle.

Good Friday recounts the Passion of Our Lord, plus the Veneration of the Cross and reception of Holy Communion from the tabernacle of repose. This is the only time from Holy Thursday through the Easter Vigil when the sacraments of the Church, except in danger of death, may be administered. People my age (and older) can remember when the Passion was also observed by the closing of many local businesses from 12 noon to 3 pm on Good Friday as well.

I wish you all a fruitful Palm Sunday and Holy Week. And then, on to Easter!

Fr. Bill Donahue

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25TH - 31ST**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/  
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/  
 Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and  
 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/  
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42  
 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7  
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

**HOLY WEEK AT ST. VINCENT'S – 2024****CONFESSIONS**

Wed., March 27, 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM****Holy Thursday – March 28**

(No Mass at 8:00 a.m. and No Holy Hour)

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:30 p.m. (bilingual)

Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

**Good Friday – March 29**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 3:30 p.m.

The Lord's Passion (Spanish) 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday – March 30**

No other Mass

Celebration of the Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

(bilingual)

**Easter Sunday – March 31**

English Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass: 12:00 p.m.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,076
On-Line Giving	2,323
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,399</b>

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - will have a second collection next weekend. This is to inform our long-time and new contributors to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Fund as to what we do with their generous contributions. The 5th Sunday collections, the Poor Box (in the back of the church), Christmas Giving Tree, Thanksgiving donations, plus individual gifts allow us to distribute gift cards. The gift cards allow Petalumans in need to purchase food and household items (excluding alcohol, tobacco and lottery). Thanks again for your continued support!

**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 SCHOOL**

We have so many things to be thankful for on the SVES Campus. The 2024-2025 school year preparations are well under way. The faculty and staff have been working collaboratively to build on the success of the current school year with the goal of making next year even better. Our principal, Mr. Clapp, has been meeting with our new families welcoming them to our school. As we begin offering Transitional Kindergarten next year, our school community is growing and growing.

During this Lenten Season, we are reminded daily what a true blessing it is to provide a Catholic Education to the students at SVES. The success of our school is due to the partnership between the faculty and staff, the parents and our Pastor. We want our students to be Lifelong Learners, Critical Thinkers and Compassionate Christians who serve their community with pride and integrity. If you are interested or know a family interested in learning more about our school, please contact our Admissions Director Mrs. Rynning at (707)762-6426 or [rynnning@svelem.org](mailto:rynnning@svelem.org).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HIGH SCHOOL****YOUTH PRAYER REVIVAL at St. Vincent High School**

**April 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm** featuring Catholic Hip-Hop Artist Joe Melendrez and Presidential Citizens award winner and philanthropist for the homeless, Betty Chinn. The ecumenical night of prayer will call down the Holy Spirit for and with youth. All ages are welcome! More information can be found on the church entrance boards.

**CRS RICE BOWLS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND.** You can also return them to the parish office Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm (closed 12-1 pm). For more information, please call 707-762-4278.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Holy Thursday, March 28th, Good Friday, March 29th, and Easter Monday, April 1st.

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES** are available at the entrance of the church. It's a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered by making a donation to help decorate our beautiful church for the Easter season.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Liam Andrew Shannon who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Jacqueline Cervantes, Elizabeth Rose Moore, Dominic Ortiz, Ev Woodruff, Toñita Ortiz, Jim Doolittle, Elo Carrillo, and Launa Grisom.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** The Catholic Charities Immigration Department will be having an Immigration Fair at St. Vincent de Paul Church parish hall on Sunday, April 7 from 1:30 - 4 pm. They are providing free consultations and free legal services. Some of the services provided include Green Card Renewal, DACA, Family Petitions, U-Visa/ VAWA, T-Visa, Naturalization and more. More information can be found on the church entrance boards.



**CALLING ALL MOMS** with children from the newborn stage to the teenage years! Join us for friendship, fellowship, and faith-sharing at our upcoming gathering: Wed, 3/27, 10 am - 12 pm, potluck brunch at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cotati. Children are welcome at all events! RSVP to [srdiocese.catholicmoms@gmail.com](mailto:srdiocese.catholicmoms@gmail.com) for more details.