

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.

April 7, 2024

Mass intentions during April 8th - 14th			2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Mon.	8:00	Leslie Jimenez (L), Cesar and Jenni Medina (L) Kathy Halverson (L) Legion de Maria y Auxiliadores (L) Pat Carr	<p>A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.</p> <p>The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.</p> <p>Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.</p> <p>What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Leslie Jimenez (L), Dominic Ortiz (L) Cesar and Jenni Medina (L), David Tripaldi	
Wed.	8:00	Max Alcaraz (L), Marciel Tinoco (L) Maria Lopez (L), Melissa and Yareli Tinoco (L) Christopher Anderson	
Thur.	8:00	Fidel and Antonio Cornejo	
Fri.	8:00	Mary Amerata	
Sat.	8:00	Egidio Mancini	
	5:00	Lea Nelson, Joseph Sled Manuel and Francelina Lopes	
	7:00	Pro Populo	
Sun.	7:30	Mr. and Mrs. A. Sartori, Margaret Giacomini Doreen McDonald, Pat Carr, Raymond Skipp	
	9:00	Kathleen M. Halverson Evangeline Marie Telucci	
	10:30	Sr. Mary Louise Williams Veronica and George Girolo, Sr.	
	12:00	Teresa Pablo (L) Jose Cardenas, Familia Gonzalez Chavez Karla Veronica Pineda	

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES:



Theresa and Henry Morth, Catherine Donohue, Charles L. Piezzi, Rose Piezzi, Evelyn D. Cuneo, West O'Rourke, Pat Doherty, Pat Salinas, Dora and Olympio Lanzi, Mary Nunes, Marlene Stewart, Stella Webster, David Rogers, Arthur and Marie Barboni, Gene and Dorothy Williams, Jim Williams, Sandra Shannon, Sr. Mary Louise Williams, Chester and Lois Lee, Arthur Benson, Jen and Elsie Kolmes, Ray and Jean Johnson, Jerry Kennedy, Joe and Mary Graveman, Greg Brogdon, Jim Rivara, Gladys Gramling, Bishop Patrick McGrath, Jerry Dixon, Debbie Dixon, Frederic Holden, Felisbina and Antonio Pardal, Don Borg, Robert and Eric Holden, Philip and Nina Respini, Charles and Frances DeCarli, Ed DeCarli, Loretta and Bob Foulds, John and Georgia Terzian, Florence Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Aladino Marcucci, and Mr. and Mrs. Egidio Mancini.

The Ministry of Bethlehem Handcrafts Association will be selling their beautiful handcrafts after every Mass Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Amen

Dear Brothers and sisters,

We are here in behalf of the Christian families and Parishes in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Most of these families are Catholic, they are facing a hardship situation that led many of them to leave the Holy Land and search for other places that are more secure for them and their families. The Christian percentage in the Holy Land was 63%, now it is less than 2%.

These families are supporting themselves by carving olive wood religious art.

Please do not let the Christians' presence disappear from the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission is to support and help these families of the Holy Land selling their beautiful hand carvings and to be able to make their living and support their families and children; also to let them stay in their land and to keep the Christian identity of Bethlehem and Jerusalem. All your support will help the Catholic and Christian families in the Holy Land.

For more information, please visit: www.bethlehemhandcrafts.org

Thank you and God bless you all

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8TH - 14TH



Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held after weekday mass for one hour on Thursday. All are welcome!



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



OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Helenita Therese Brillant who passed away on February 17th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP is meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm, St. Vincent's church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (707) 762-4278.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Both of the Petaluma KoC Councils (#1586 St James and #11431 St. Vincent) will be awarding multiple \$1000 scholarships to seniors who plan to continue education after high school. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the parish office Monday through Friday during normal business hours. **The deadline is April 15, 2024.**



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.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD's next gathering is Thursday, April 18 at St. Vincent Parish Hall. Our theme will be "New Life." All women are invited to join in this evening of faith sharing, food and fellowship. Doors open at 6 pm and the program begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, please contact Nancy Brown at 707-799-5384 or Joanne Ferris at 707-481-6431.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION: The meeting times for the Italian Catholic Federation in Petaluma have changed. We now meet at 3 pm on the second Monday of the month at Saint James, room 9. Our quarterly communion will also be at St. James' 9 am mass on the last Monday of the month in June, September, and November. Please join us and don't let the word "Italian" stop you. All are welcome!



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Easter Sunday Basket	\$26,859
On-Line Giving	<u>750</u>
Total	\$27,609

The second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Fund was \$6,540.

The collection for Holy Thursday was \$958.

The collection for Good Friday was \$1,049.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

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

It's Easter, which means a time for joy, family, and fun. Hope you get a basketful of all three this year! We hope this Easter is the start of a joyous and prosperous spring for you!



School will resume on April 8th. If you are interested in learning more about our TK-8th grade programs please call the office and leave a message for Mrs. Rynning, Admissions Director (707)762-6426. Ext. 152.

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.



CALLING ALL MOMS with children from the newborn stage to the teenage years! Join us for friendship, fellowship, and faith-sharing at our upcoming gatherings. Children are welcome at all events!



RSVP at srdiocese.catholicmoms@gmail.com for more details. —**Wed, 4/10, 12 pm** - Picnic and playgroup then walk at 1pm. Walk, pray and talk together. Meet at Howarth Park Playground.

—**Wed, 4/24, 10 am-12 pm** - Potluck brunch at Sierra's house in Santa Rosa (RSVP for address). Time for visiting and reflecting on Leah and Rachel's examples in "Becoming Women of the Word" by Sarah Christmyer. The book is not necessary to join.

—**Wed, 5/8, 12 pm** - Picnic and playground, then walk at 1pm. —**Wed, 5/29, 10 am-12 pm** - Potluck brunch at Emmy's house in SW Santa Rosa (RSVP for address). Reflect on Miriam's example.

—**Sat, 6/8, 3 - 5 pm**. Potluck picnic with our families at St. Joseph's in Cotati.