

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 12, 2024

Mass intentions during May 13th - 19th

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| Mon. | 8:00 | Mary Joan Deadman, Sister Teresa Navarro Maria Navarro |
| Tues. | 8:00 | K.T. (L), Olga Dart |
| Wed. | 8:00 | Ernesto Aguilar (L), Joan Jimenez and Family (L) Pat Carr, William Dallas Henry, III |
| Thur. | 8:00 | Jose de Jesus Gonzalez Munoz Yolanda Godinez, Frank Dettling |
| Fri. | 8:00 | SVDP Rosary Group (L) |
| Sat. | 8:00 | Blake Hooper (L), John L. Figone |
| | 5:00 | Jane Marovich, Mark Kostielney, Georgia Cort Dora Sheerwood, Norbert and Pauline Andres |
| | 7:00 | The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) |
| Sun. | 7:30 | Jose de Jesus Gonzalez Muñoz, Ramon Gutierrez Joe and Kathy Piasta and Family (L) |
| | 9:00 | Elodia Munguia (L), Pat Carr Antonio and Felisbina Pardal, Jerry Dixon Don Borg |
| | 10:30 | Helenita Brillant |
| | 12:00 | Pro Populo |

Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love — mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life — that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

*God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.*

*Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.*

*Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.*

*May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.*

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.

Amen.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,



Mother's Day is one of the very few, if only, observances celebrated throughout the world. It is truly transcultural. The vast majority of these celebrations take place either on the second Sunday in May, or on another day in Spring, the season of new life. (Consistent with this logic, Argentina celebrates Mother's Day on the third Sunday of October.)

Contrary to common belief, it was not the invention of greeting card companies, but arose in many countries first as a religious observance. In the US, its deepest roots go back to women's peace movements in the wake of the Civil War. The original purpose was to gather groups of women whose sons had fought on opposite sides of that terrible war.

In 1868, Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", the purpose of which was "to reunite families that had been divided during the Civil War." Jarvis, who had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers, but she died in 1905 before the annual celebration was established. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, would continue her mother's efforts.

In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis on May 9, 1905, was notably celebrated two years later in St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother taught Sunday School. The rapid spread of Mother's Day can be credited to the fact that it responded to a felt need to honor mothers, and to Wanamaker's Department Store, then a huge east coast retailer, which promoted it. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day, which President Wilson signed the following day.

The spelling of Mother's Day – as a singular possessive – is deliberate, as the day is intended not to honor motherhood in general, but to honor each of our particular mothers. We can certainly expand that concept to include grandmothers, and those who have been like mothers to us. Whatever else we may say about motherhood, one thing is for sure: it is not a peer relationship. Our mothers have a far greater formative power in our lives than we will ever have in theirs.

Of course, the model of motherhood par excellence is Mary, our Blessed Mother. Her symbolic power extends far beyond confessional Catholicism, because psychologically healthy persons of all faiths, or no particular faith, respond at least to her profound humanity. The Gospels testify not only to her deep faith, but to the complexity of her relationship with her son who, after all, ran away from home and eventually broke his mother's heart. Though she has countless titles and numerous feast days, she stands for a most modern reality: the complete unmanageability of life by purely human means.

We take this day to remember, honor and love those who have given us life.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13TH - 19TH

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who did their First Communion Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10 am...



Conor Costello, Reese Fillingner, Elaina Lack, Isaac Quintero, Derick Reyes Acosta, Ava Rooney, Emma Stofferahn-Salyers, Mauricio Barron Valdez, Pablo Barron Valdez, Joshua Bernal, Julianna Bernal, Brayden Calderon, Joao Felipe De Freitas, Emiliana G. S. Moore, and Zoe Valencia.

THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA joyfully announces the



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of the Rev. Mr. Christopher Girolo and Rev. Mr. Mauricio Rodriguez Duran to be conferred by His Excellency the

Most Reverend Bishop Robert F. Vasa on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10 am at the Cathedral of St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; light reception to follow. On Sunday, June 2nd, Christopher will be saying his first masses at St. Vincent's Church. He will be celebrating the 10:30 am and 12 noon Mass. A light reception to follow in the Parish Hall from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. For more information, call the rectory at 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS congratulate



Anneka Vonderkuhlen for a remarkable high school career, and have awarded her a \$1000 scholarship to continue her education.

THE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY MASS will be held on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the 10:30 am Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Eugene Bello who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR — Consuelo Alvarez, Sylvia Samija,



Percy Zamora Diaz, Tom Reeder, Elizabeth Rose Moore, Dominic Ortiz, Ev Woodruff, Toñita Ortiz, and Jim Doolittle.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS: The Hispanic community of



St. Vincent's Church invites you to celebrate the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will begin with a rosary on Wednesday, May 29th, in the church, and continue through Thursday, June 6th. The rosaries will be

prayed at 7 pm every evening (Note: Rosary on Sat. June 1st will be at 6:20 pm), concluding with Mass on Friday, June 7th at 7 pm. For more information, call the parish office at 707-762-4278.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: You are invited



to a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima every first Saturday of the month before the daily mass at 7:15 am, followed by the mass at 8 am, concluding with scripture meditation shortly after the mass. For more information,

please contact Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$10,755
On-Line Giving 3,731
Total \$14,486

Thank you for your generosity.

ONLINE GIVING - To sign up for online giving with a deb-



it 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 for more information: 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This is a very special weekend for our second-grade students and their families. The following SVES students will be receiving their First Holy Communion:

Jude Carlsen, Sonny Cheda, Camila Clapp, Michael Dollar Kiera Evans, Steven Ghiglieri, Vincent Inferrera Troy Evans, Zoey Ortiz, Rory Thurston Olivia Timpe, and Keenan Wuthrich.

A special prayer for our recipients:

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his Love and the joy of his life within you!

THE MINISTRY OF BETHLEHEM HANDCRAFTS



ASSOCIATION will be selling their handcrafts Sat., June 8th and Sun., June 9th. This sale helps support the Christian families in Jerusalem who are now only 2% of the population in the Holy Land.

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY: Our fraternity's annual Spring DAY OF REFLECTION will show the movie, "Paul the Apostle of Christ", Sunday, May 19th at 12 noon in the St. James Parish Multi-Use Room, 125 Sonoma Mt. Parkway, Petaluma. All are welcome to participate. For more information, please see the posted flier. Contact for further information: Edd Ringlein, OFS (707) 246-5311 text message or email: ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION of the Santa Rosa Diocese will be Thursday, May 30, 2024. It will begin after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima and will conclude at St. Eugene's Cathedral, eta 8:00 pm.

The procession is a walk up Sonoma Ave. pausing for prayer and reflection, ending with benediction and Exposition. All are welcome.

VILLAGE NETWORK OF PETALUMA: Get Your Affairs In Order - Life Planning Panel Program.



Join us for a powerful discussion with a panel of experts who can help us ensure that our living conditions, financial considerations, and legacy wishes are planned, recorded, and ultimately respected on Thursday, May 16, 1 – 2:30 pm, (open to the public) at the Petaluma Regional Library, 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma CA 94952. Registration required. Please register at info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org, or call the Village Network office at 707-776-6055.