

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 19, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during May 20th - 26th</u>	
Mon. 8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), Hilda Sickles
Tues. 8:00	Leonardo and Ana Elvy Guzman (L) Jose and Rachealle Flores (L), David Tripaldi
Wed. 8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph of Cupertino Ramon Ochoa Diaz, Daniel Ochoa Ochoa
Thur. 8:00	Trina Ponce (L), Lisa and Bob Dietlin (L) Marian and Pappas Family (L)
Fri. 8:00	Janet Bowker (L), Jacob Smith
Sat. 8:00	Tessa C. Bordi (L), The Lavio-Manni Family
5:00	Pat Carr, Rita Mary Sullivan Manuel and Francelina Lopes
7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Noelia Gonzalez (L), Ramon Gutierrez
Sun. 7:30	Pro Populo
9:00	-
10:30	Al Dallara, Ryan Hamilton, Rosida Maggetti Philip and Nina Respini
12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Marco Antonio Mejia Martinez Jose Luis Avalos, Alfonso Pulido

Pentecost Sunday

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible? This week’s feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission. Aren’t we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love! — Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Beginning next weekend, graduations and commencement ceremonies will take place all over the country, from Kindergartners in pint-sized caps and gowns, up to the doctoral level, and beyond. At the higher levels, graduates often add two-sided hoods, color-coded to the field of study – green for medicine, purple for law, brown for architecture. etc. At the doctoral level, caps and mortarboards are often replaced by 8-pointed tam-o-shanters, with academic stripes added to the sleeves. A graduation ceremony at a large and established university can resemble a kind of secular liturgy.

What is the difference, if any, between “graduation” and “commencement?” While often used interchangeably, they represent two distinct points on the academic timeline. “Graduation” is the time at which a student fulfills the requirements for the degree. Typically, the graduate applies for a diploma while still completing the requirements. “Commencement” is the term for the formal ceremony conferring the degrees and celebrating the accomplishments of the graduate. “Commencement” connotes new beginnings, either to further studies or work and life beyond the university. For those privileged with an appointment to one of our national military academies, “commencement” will include a several-year commitment to a branch of the military.

Many of our parish and school families will be celebrating graduations and commencements of various kinds in the weeks to come. Let us pray for them that they will see the hand of God working in their lives, both in the past and moving forward.

More locally, St. Vincent de Paul High School will celebrate its 106th, and final, graduation as our parish high school. Beginning this summer, it will pursue its future as an independent Catholic school. With the passing of years, SVHS has become more and more a parish school in name only. Our students now come from three counties, three dioceses, and roughly 20 feeder schools. This transformation has taken place over the course of many years.

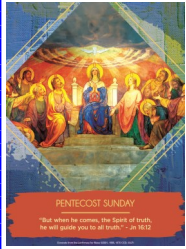
Mike Marovich (the chair of the Diocesan Finance Committee) and I have worked for several months with representatives of St. Vincent College Preparatory High School, Inc. to transfer administration to an independent school board. There will be clear guidelines for maintaining the Catholic identity and teaching of the school, and a clear role for Catholic chaplaincy and formation. This will both honor the intent of donors who have supported our Catholic schools for decades, and provide for the spiritual needs of current and future students.

The agreements, while very near completion, are not yet signed. It is an enormously complex process, as a parish-school relationship of 106 years has many legal, moral and practical aspects to it. (Even something as simple as photocopier leases need to be considered.) There is no royal road to the future, only progress toward a shared goal: the development of our students and of the wider community. Time and again local employers have told me that they can always spot a SVHS graduate, by their poise, professionalism and readiness to apply themselves to the task at hand. This year, the students of our small but potent school have won the state football championship, as well as acceptances and scholarships to the finest and most elite universities and military academies in the country, including some notable Catholic schools. I congratulate them and ask you to join me in prayers that God will watch over them at every step of their lives’ journeys.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

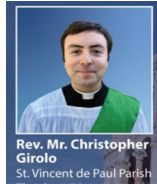
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20TH - 26TH

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/ Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/ Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



PENTECOST SUNDAY
"The Spirit is promised, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:12

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.



Rev. Mr. Christopher Girolo
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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 next Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the 10:30 am Mass.



CONGRATULATIONS to Grace Nicole Powell 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.



OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Diana Jean Kirby who passed away on May 1st, and Harry John Vogl who passed away May 8th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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, and ending with benediction and Exposition. All are welcome.



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.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,638
On-Line Giving	<u>2,133</u>
Total	\$9,771

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Maintenance 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.

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

The following St. Vincent's Elementary School students received their First Holy Communion last weekend:
Jude Carlsen, Sonny Cheda, Camila Clapp, Michael Dollar, Kiera Evans, Steven Ghiglieri, Vincent Inferrera, Troy Neves, 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 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.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the pro-life information table at the Sonoma-Marin fair in Petaluma. The fair runs from Wed., June 21 through Sunday, June 25. Shifts are available in the afternoons and evenings. Contact Amy at (707) 225-2094 or alberion@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP & FAMILY POTLUCK!

The Catholic Moms' Group of Santa Rosa Diocese is inviting all moms with children from the newborn stage to the teenage years to join us for friendship, fellowship, and faith-sharing at our upcoming gatherings. Children are welcome at all events!
—**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. Join us for food, fellowship, fun and outdoor games.
We will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month through the summer for potluck brunch and learning about the women of the Old Testament. We also have frequent meetups at parks, playground, Mass and adoration. RSVP at srdio-cese.catholicmoms@gmail.com for more details or join our GroupMe chat ("Santa Rosa Diocese Catholic Moms").

