

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 26, 2024

		<u>Mass intentions during May 27th - June 2nd</u>	<u>The Most Holy Trinity</u>
Mon.	8:00	Irma Patricia Segura Lopez (L), Antonia Ortiz (L) Francisco Javier Segura Gutierrez (L), Jerry Kennedy	<p>Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification.</p> <p>"Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.</p> <p>Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).</p> <p>The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.</p> <p>The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people.</p> <p>Stranger, but much better. —Father John Muir ©LPI</p>
Tues.	8:00	Fr. Andrew Pacheco (L), K.T. (L), Antonia Ortiz (L) Francisco Javier Segura Gutierrez (L) Irma Patricia Segura Lopez (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Irma Patricia Segura Lopez (L), Antonia Ortiz (L) Francisco Javier Segura Gutierrez (L) Kathleen Marie Halverson	
Thur.	8:00	George L. Bordi (L), Antonia Ortiz (L), Gloria Bordi	
Fri.	8:00	Cesar Del Toro and Family (L), Antonia Ortiz (L) Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L), Peter Paulson	
Sat.	8:00	Dante Bordi (L), Antonia Ortiz (L), Rose Collins Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	5:00	Gerry Zitkovich, Mark Kostielney, Jerry Gause	
	7:00	The Gutierrez-Enriquez Family (L), Ramon Gutierrez	
Sun.	7:30	Joe and Kathy Piasta and Family (L), Antonia Ortiz (L)	
	9:00	Rev. Fr. Bill Donahue (L) Jerry Dixon, Debbie Dixon, Felisbina Pardal, Frederic Holden	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Abraham Avalos Jose Maria Lopez, Julia Quiroz, Jesus Carrillo George, Sr. and Veronica Girolo	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This week, Fr. Stuart is announcing his move from St. Vincent's to St. Apollinaris Parish in Napa. No one will miss him as much as I will. In this diocese, while pastors are important in their own way, there is no more valued servant of the People of God than a talented and dedicated associate pastor (or, as they are now called, "parochial vicar"). They are worth their weight in diamonds.

While I know Fr. Stuart is looking forward to the challenge of a new parish and pastor, this move is not without its sadness for the rest of us. Fr. Stuart has been a valued member and leader at St. Vincent's. I am especially grateful for his dedication to our schools and our RCIA program, as well as his willingness to help in any way.

His transfer does not surprise anyone familiar with typical practice regarding the assignment of young priests. The current practice is to give a newly-ordained priest two or three relatively short assignments before making him a pastor in his own right. In the diocese today, there is not a shortage of priests so much as there is a shortage of pastors capable of leading large, complex parishes, especially those with a school. Fr. Stuart has already been informed that this new assignment will likely be his last as an associate, before becoming a pastor. It's a steep learning curve, now done in two languages.

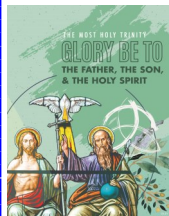
In July, I will begin my eighth year as your pastor here. During that time, we have had four associates, and soon will welcome a fifth. While it's often hard to say "good bye", it may be worthwhile to look at this feature of Church life with the eyes of a young priest – which Fr. Stuart is and Father-Elect Christopher Girolo will soon be.

In less than a week Fr. -Elect Christopher will be ordained a priest. At a key moment in the ceremony, he will kneel before the bishop as all priests have done, place his hands in the bishop's, and answer the question: "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?" Implicit in that life-long promise is the willingness to serve the Church as she needs to be served, whether or not the time or circumstances are right for us. This alone is a powerful promise to make in an age which exalts flexibility and choice over all other values.

On the theme of service, on Monday, May 27, we celebrate Memorial Day, to remember those who have fallen in the service of our country. I will be offering a special Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery, Petaluma.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27TH - JUNE 2ND



Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Dear parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Parish,

My time here at St. Vincent's is coming to an end. I have received a letter from the Most Rev. Bishop Vasa assigning me to be parochial vicar (the same role I have here) at St. Apollinaris Church in Napa. My new assignment takes effect at 12 noon on Monday, June 10th, and my final Masses here will be on the weekend of June 8th and 9th. After two-and-a-half years, St. Vincent's and Petaluma have become home for me and it will be hard to say goodbye to the parish and all of you who have meant so much to me. For a priest the call of the Church is the call of God, so I am also excited to see what the Lord has in store for me and the people I will serve. I ask for your prayers that I grow in holiness through service to the Church.

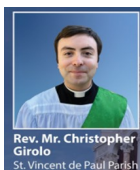
Sincerely,
Fr. Thomas Stuart

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

THE MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETARY will be on Monday, May 27th at 10 am, 304 Magnolia Ave., Petaluma. Fr. Bill Donahue will be celebrating the Mass.



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, with 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.

THE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY MASS will be held this Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome. Lunch at 12 noon and dinner at 6:00 pm at the Petaluma Holy Ghost Society Hall, 4649 Bodega Ave, Petaluma, CA 94952.

PLEASE PRAY FOR — Doris Vota, Consuelo Alvarez, Sylvia Samija, Percy Zamora Diaz, Tom Reeder, Elizabeth Rose Moore, Dominic Ortiz, Ev Woodruff, Toñita Ortiz, and Jim Doolittle.

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



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,226
On-Line Giving	<u>1,538</u>
Total	\$8,764

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this 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.

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, at 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 Saturday, 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.



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").

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION to Mater Dei Convent on June 15, 2024 from 1 - 4 pm at 400 Angela Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403. For more information, email mssrevents.com.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the pro-life information table at the Sonoma-Marin fair in Petaluma. The fair runs from June 20th through June 23rd. Shifts are available in the afternoons and evenings. Contact Amy at (707) 225-2094 or alberion@hotmail.com.