

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 5, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during May 6th - 12th</u>			6th Sunday of Easter
Mon.	8:00	Adam and Jamie Rockey and Family (L) Steve Kroger (L), Bryan Utrilla	<p>Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JPPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship.</p> <p align="center">Amazing.</p> <p>This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.</p> <p>This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Bishop Patrick McGrath, Chester and Lois Lee	
Wed.	8:00	Patsy Terzian (L), Christopher Anderson	
Thur.	8:00	Dominic Ortiz (L), Dennis Crandall and Family (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Elodia Munguia (L), Elia Ruiz (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Fidel and Antonio Cornejo	
	5:00	Pro Populo	
	7:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L) Ramon Gutierrez, Elena Vasques Jose Socorro Palacio, Maria de Jesus Carreon Almas del Purgatorio	
Sun.	7:30	Luis A. and Cristina Gonzalez, Raymond Skipp Jane Marovich, Theresa Morth	
	9:00	Stephanie Dana	
	10:30	The Williams Family (L), Pat Carr, Jenny Leali Manuel and Francelina Lopes	
	12:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez (L), Trina Ponce (L) Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Jose Luis Avalos	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to continue my discussion of the interior of our church, statues, windows, and other works of art. First, I'd like to share some general thoughts on the roles of art and technology in the history of the Christian, and then specifically "Catholic", Church.

For the first 1,500 years of the Church's history, there was widespread illiteracy and no printed bibles. The few that existed were in the hands of religious institutions or in the private libraries of the very wealthy.

The primary ways of spreading the Christian faith were preaching, personal witness, icons and works of art which taught Christian truths and virtues. It was a pre-literate world that responded much more directly to art and images than to the printed or spoken word. There was a rich world of devotional imagery and practice which provided the means for a strong personal spiritual life, even if at times lacking in theological balance. The Protestant Reformation, and its insistence on "sola scriptura" ("scripture alone") was made possible largely because of the growing availability of lower-cost printed bibles in local languages, rather than Latin.

Two other sources of devotional imagery in the body of our church are the Stations of the Cross, and the stained glass windows, both at the ground level and the clerestory (second) level.

The fourteen Stations of the Cross, now beautifully restored in our church, trace Our Lord's steps to Calvary. They represent no single Gospel source, but are a blend of various Gospel sources into a single narrative. It was, and is, a powerful teaching tool which can be celebrated individually or as a group, from the pews or while walking around the interior.

One of the glories of our church is the stained glass windows. They were manufactured by Franz Mayer of Munich, Germany, which has manufactured art glass in the "Munich style" for over 170 years. They were stained glass artists to the Holy See, and near the end of the 19th century, performed a complete restoration of the alabaster window depicting the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove above the Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica. By the late 1800s, Franz Mayer had opened departments in London and New York.

St. Vincent's Church appears much older than it is because the Munich-style of stained glass included a revival of Renaissance imagery, paintings and painters, including Masaccio, Raphael and Michelangelo. The result is that, while we look at 20th century windows, we see religious images taken from the Grand Masters of centuries earlier. For example, a stained glass window in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, South Carolina – installed about the time St. Vincent's was built – shows the Transfiguration of Christ modeled after the 1517 painting by Raphael, now hanging in the Vatican.

Windows manufactured by F. Mayer became an overwhelming favorite for churches in the U.S. not only because of their style and quality, but also because in 1892 Pope Leo XVIII named the Franz Mayer Company a "Pontifical Institute of Christian Art" which made it possible to import the windows as works of art, and thus escape the high tariffs on raw glass. This brought with it a huge economic advantage at a time in the U.S. when so many churches were being built.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29TH - MAY 5TH

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/
Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
(19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

MINISTRY OF BETHLEHEM HANDCRAFT

ASSOCIATION: PLEASE NOTE — The sale of olive wood religious art has been changed from Sat., May 4th and Sun., May 5th to Sat. June 8th and Sun. June 9th after all the masses. This sale helps support the Christian families in Jerusalem who are now only 2% of the population in the Holy Land.



ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS: Do not park in the restricted city parking lot on Howard and Bassett Streets. We have received several calls from the City of Petaluma Fire Department that their employees cannot park in their parking spaces. It's reserved for city employees only; you will get a parking ticket. Please don't park in their parking lot Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.



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



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 Robert F. Vasa on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; light reception to follow.



THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: A devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will start Saturday, May 4, 2024 at St. Vincent's Church. It will be every first Saturday of the month, before the daily mass, at 7:15 am, followed by the mass at 8 am, and conclude 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.



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY: Our fraternity's annual Spring DAY OF REFLECTION will show the movie, Paul the Apostle of Christ, Sunday, May 19th at 12:00 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. There is no charge, however, a good will offering will be gratefully appreciated. Contact for further information: Edd Ringlein, OFS (707) 246-5311 text message or email: ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY we are pleased to announce the nomination and appointment of our new Superior, Mother Caritas Marie, and Vicaress, Sr. Mary Victoria. Bishop Vasa will offer a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and preside over the installation of Mother Caritas Marie and Sr. Mary Victoria on May 9. Please join us in praying for our new Superiors.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$6,855
On-Line Giving 1,678
Total \$8,553

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$3,667.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

The countdown has begun and there are only three more Mondays left in the school year at SVES. Summer is approaching and the pace of all things seems to have increased in speed and intensity. At this point in the school year, we reflect upon the Virtues of this past year: Respect, Charity and Responsibility! At SVES, we teach a new Virtue each Trimester and we help our students understand the meaning of each one and how to demonstrate these virtues throughout their lives. It is the "Responsibility" of the faculty and staff at SVES to role model through behavior and to actually show the students how their actions can affect the people and the world around them.

One of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations is to teach our students be responsible citizens: to be a student who learns and takes action about local, national and global issues, a responsible citizen who exhibits leadership skills and to share their gifts and talents with others. a responsible citizen who helps the school community and participates in school activities.

Please contact our office to inquire about our school (707) 762-6426



SACRED HEART OF JESUS: The Hispanic community of St. Vincent's Church invites you 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.



SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S RETREAT - "BECOMING A MAN OF PEACE" will take place October 18 - 20, at the Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds. For more information, visit allianceredwoods.com or call 800-576-2509.

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 srdio-cese.catholicmoms@gmail.com for more details.
—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).
—Sat, 6/8, 3 - 5 pm. Potluck picnic with our families at St. Joseph's in Cotati.