

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.

June 2, 2024

		<u>Mass intentions during June 3rd - 9th</u>
Mon.	8:00	Adam and Jamie Rockey and Family (L) Tom Lee (L), Antonia Ortiz (L), Steve Kroeger (L)
Tues.	8:00	David Tripaldi, Jerry Gause, Renato Mendez
Wed.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L) Melisa and Yareli Tinoco (L), Renato Mendez
Thur.	8:00	Ignacio Munguia (L), Jose Ignacio Hernandez (L) Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Renato Mendez
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Tyler Ruiz (L), Fr. Bill Donahue (L) Msgr. Dan Whelton (L), Aladino Marcucci
Sat.	8:00	Alexa Ruiz (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls
	5:00	Joseph Pacheco, Manuel and Francelina Lopes Joseph Sled, Jerry Gause
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Maria Beatriz Espinoza, Demetrio Alvarez, Manuel Rios, Almas del Purgatorio
Sun.	7:30	Dennis Crandall and Family (L), Georgia Cort Dora Sheerwood, Norbert and Pauline Andres
	9:00	The Nelson Family (L), Ron Nelson
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L), Jose Luis Avalos Ramon Ochoa Diaz, Daniel Ochoa Ochoa, Isabel Ayard Arceo

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play. Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened. How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This edition of "The Pastor's Desk" might be called "The Tale of Two Vocations".

This weekend, Deacon Christopher Girolo, a long-time SV parishioner and alumnus of our parish schools, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Ad multos annos!

Vocations, like people, manifest themselves in an infinity of unique forms and circumstances. I do not think I am revealing top-secret info in saying that Christopher wanted to be a priest from the age of about five. Even when he was in religious education here, his teachers all knew it.

Beethoven and Mozart were prodigies so early in life that their talents could be understood only as divine gifts. Whatever their difficulties, they were also among God's chosen, as there was never the slightest doubt as to how they would spend their lives. Some people seem born fully formed – fundamentally, they do not change. Just so, it is possible to receive a vocation early in life, only to have it grow stronger and truer in age-appropriate ways as life goes on until conscious decisions are made to accept it. The very same could be said about Jesus himself, whose adolescence and early adulthood are shrouded in mystery. Let us pray for Christopher. By God's grace, he will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination in 2074. He will, please God, ordain infants who will have grandchildren alive in 2200.

The other vocation I learned about early one morning this week. When I was at my former parish, I became friendly with a large, boisterous, happy and exuberantly Catholic family. One of their sons was just back from college at the Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio). (It has the largest number of students majoring in theology, catechetics and philosophy of any Catholic university in the U.S.)

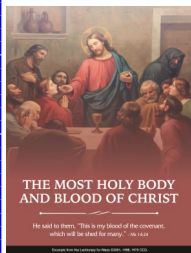
I thought this young man might have a vocation to priesthood, and I think he thought so too. But he entered nursing school at USF, and would visit me here at SV on the way home from school. After he graduated, he worked at a local hospital for two years. We lost touch, entirely normal for busy young people going about their lives.

This past Thursday, he texted me at 7:45 a.m., to "check in." He told me that he had volunteered to rescue and treat civilian war wounded in Ukraine. When I asked him where he was texting me from, he said it was from the war front in Ukraine, and he sent me several photos of him helping helpless people into ambulances for treatment. It was a mind-bender for me, that someone could contact me from such a remote and embattled place. When we were signing off, I texted on a hunch, "Somehow, I thought you were texting me to tell me you're getting married." He congratulated me on my intuition, and sent me an invitation to his wedding in Ukraine next week. I can't help believing that his large, loving and Catholic family gave him the confidence to make such a generous and global life for himself. Who can know where God and life will lead them? Please pray for Dominic's safety.

It is not the role, but the vocation, that creates the historical personality. These two very different men, and vocations, will make history.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 3RD - 9TH



Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/ Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/ Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51
 Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/ 2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket	\$7,031
On-Line Giving	<u>1,458</u>
Total	\$8,489

The second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$3,859.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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.

THE MINISTRY OF BETHLEHEM HANDCRAFTS

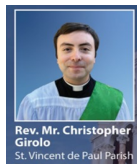


ASSOCIATION will be selling their handcrafts Sat., June 8th and Sun., June 9th. This sale helps support the Christian families in Jerusalem who are now only 2% of the population in the Holy Land.

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 gathering **Saturday, June 8th, 3 - 5 pm** - Potluck picnic with our families at St. Joseph's in Cotati. Join us for food, fellowship, fun and outdoor games. Children are welcome at all events!



THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, Rev. Fr. Christopher Girolo 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.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Jaxon Joe Rodriguez and Lyla



Marie Bohlken who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.



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.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: A devotion to



Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month before the daily mass, at 7:15 am, followed by the mass at 8 am, and concludes 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 June 20th through June 23rd. Shifts are available in the afternoons and evenings. Contact Amy at (707) 225-2094 or alberion@hotmail.com.

OUR ANNUAL EUREKA MISSION TRIP will be June 23-28th. We will serve alongside Betty Chinn, the "Angel" of the homeless in Humboldt. The Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation will be the epicenter of a weeklong service trip that will include varied projects and prayers. Accommodations: St. Bernard High School Dorms, Eureka. Registration fee is \$200 (scholarships available). For more information, email: dsryouth@srdiocese.org

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY? Attend a free 2-part workshop *Geared for Seniors* with expert speakers, free go-bags and incentives!



Part 1 - Monday, June 3rd, 2 - 4 pm (emergency plans, evacuation for seniors, free go-bags, earthquake readiness)
Part 2 - Monday, June 17th, 2 - 4 pm (extended power outages, securing important documents, pet safety)
 Location: Petaluma Community Center, 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma. You must register in advance at www.emergencyprephelp.org or leave a message at 707-241-3280.