

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 23, 2024

		<u>Mass intentions during June 24th - 30th</u>
Mon.	8:00	George A. Bordi and Family (L), Alma Porras (L) Kathy Halverson (L), Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Peter Paulson
Tues.	8:00	Rose Ann Greeott (L) The Lavio-Manni Family, Mary and Paula Moore
Wed.	8:00	Alfonzo Mendez, Maria de Valencia Souls in Purgatory, Maximiliana Valencia
Thur.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), Susan Kennedy (L), Connor O'Loughlin
Fri.	8:00	Melisa and Yareli Tinoco (L), Myra Bleyer, Jerry Gause
Sat.	8:00	Blake Hooper (L), Fernanda Puga (L)
	5:00	Jerry Gause, Joseph and Virginia Sled Kathleen Marie Halverson, Joseph Pacheco
Sun.	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Ramon Gutierrez, Jose Antonio O'Caña Maria Trinidad Ocegüera, Adolfo Figueroa
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	9:00	Jackie Tinney and Family (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez and Family (L)
	10:30 12:00	Pro Populo Emma and Ignacio Gonzalez and Family (L), Victor Sahun (L) Roberto Gonzalez, Daniel Ochoa Ochoa, Ramon Ochoa Diaz

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, “rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, “Quiet, be still!” He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos. Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Now that we are nearly at the midpoint of the calendar year, I would like to do a “lightning round” of completed projects and coming events, in no particular order of importance.

Restoration of the church façade: thanks to your support of the Maintenance Fund, the restoration of the front facade of the church is now complete. The colors had begun to dim, and there were calcium deposits from moisture seepage which would have continued to spread if not corrected. The next time you are outside the main entrance, take a look up, and see the beautiful work done by local artist Ruby Newman. In recent years, she has been limiting her artwork to that which she can complete in her studio. Because of her love for the architecture and artistry of our church, we were the last client for whom she would do on-site work, scaffolding and all. When you visit our Stations of the Cross, it is her artistry that brings them to life.

Some long-time parishioners will remember that it was Fr. James Kiely (1871-1968) who built the church in 1926-27. A few days ago, I received an email from his grand-nephew, Dr. Paul Martin, M.D.; (he bears a strong resemblance to his great-uncle). We will be meeting for lunch before this Pastor’s Desk hits the press. I will report back in this space about our time together.

St. Vincent de Paul High School: as of May 31, 2024, our parish school of 106 years, St. Vincent de Paul High School, has closed, and re-opened as “St. Vincent College Preparatory” (SVCP), an independent Catholic school with limited ties to the Diocese of Santa Rosa for the maintenance of academic and religious instructional standards. SVHS was one of the very few remaining parish high schools left in the country. I, the diocesan financial officer, and the Chair of the Board of SVCP, Inc., executed a long-term lease of the school facility to the new school board. If this long-term lease continues to term, I will by then be gazing upon the campus from the opposite side of Magnolia Avenue.

As an alumnus myself, I’ve had feelings of ambivalence and even a bit of sadness at altering a parish-school arrangement which has served for 106 years. My own requirements for keeping SVHS as a parish school were a) that it be a spiritual ministry of the parish, b) that it be financially viable and self-sustaining, and c) that its service to SV parishioners justify the continued burden of sponsorship and affiliation. On reflection, the greater wisdom was to know the right time and manner of yielding what it is no longer possible to keep. In my view, the far wiser course is to concentrate our efforts on our elementary school, which now comprises 10 grade levels.

During these past years, while I served as the fiduciary of the parish and two schools, my responsibility for the parish above all has guided my approach and decisions. From time to time, articles of varying accuracy and completeness will appear in the media, regarding both the school and particular individuals, including me. (Social media is a hundred-armed creature to which it is nearly impossible to respond effectively.) While other issues remain to be addressed, I’m confident we’re on the right path.

And now, on to summer!

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24TH - 30TH



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Mk 4:39-40

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/ Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19/Day: Acts 12: 1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary is from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

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.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES 2023: If you haven't picked up your Confirmation Certificate from 2023, please stop by the parish office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (closed from 12 - 1 pm) and pick it up, or call 707-762-4278 for more information.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS: Do not park in the restricted city parking lot on corner of Howard and Bassett Streets. It's reserved for city employees only Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Vicki Farr, Quintin Ponce Jr., Doris Vota, 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 Susana Owsley who passed away on May 7th. May the soul of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

METONIA: Resurrection Parish would like to extend a cordial invitation to everyone within our diocese to participate in our first ever Metanoia that will take place this coming June 29 and 30, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa. With the special participation of Noel Diaz, founder of ESNE, radio and television "The Sower." This will be a Metanoia mainly in Spanish. For more information, please contact Christian Alcaraz at (707) 307-8507.

CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: Resources for July are HERE! The new resources for Radiate Love are live! Check them out at RadiateLove.info. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at (707) 566-3305 or email: familylife@srdiocese.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$6,833
 On-Line Giving 2,173
 Total \$9,006

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-will have a second collection next weekend. This is to inform our longtime and new contributors to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as to what we do with your generous contributions. The 5th Sunday collections, the Poor Box (in the back of the church), Christmas Giving Tree, Thanksgiving donations, plus individual gifts allow us to distribute gift cards. The gift cards allow Petalumans in need to purchase food and household items (excluding alcohol, tobacco and lottery). Thanks again for your continued support!

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 NEWS

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Our main office will be open through the month of June. If you have a child of school age (TK-8th grade) please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Rynning at rynnings@svelem.org or call the main office at 707-762-6426. We have limited space available in multiple grade levels for the 2024-2025 school year. Our first day of school will be August 13th, 2024. We will be welcoming our first class of TK students next school year and we have just a few seats left. If you are interested in exploring our campus please call the main office.

Summer Office Hours:

June 3rd - June 28th, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 July 29th - August 12th, Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 July 1st - July 26th - Closed
 August 7th - Closed

THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES ASSOCIATION OF MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTY: The Catholic Adult Singles Association of Marin and Sonoma is a group of 55+ single or single again Catholics who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will benefit our parishes, our community, and one another. We welcome those who are interested. For membership and event information, please call Bob at (415) 897-0639.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA – our new office is located at the Church of Christ, 370 Sonoma Mountain Parkway and Castle Drive in Petaluma. Come and see us for your baby's needs. Our office hours are: Monday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and on Tues. - Fri., from 10:00 am to 12:00pm. For more information, call (707) 763-9888, 24 hour hotline (800) 550-4900.