

**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 30, 2024**

<u>Mass intentions during July 1st - 7th</u>			<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mon.	8:00	Jose Maria Farias (L) Steve Kroeger (L), Mark Kostielney	<p>Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is also another spiritual misstep in which we make way too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!</p> <p>Well, he does just that, this week, in the raising of Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how easy it is for him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then he sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.</p> <p>Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is always ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hullabaloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost he pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping. — Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Jose Maria Farias (L) David Tripaldi, Joe Fitzgerald, Luz Estela Vega	
Wed.	8:00	Ralph Hooper (L), Joe Fitzgerald, Ricardo Vasquez Mary Moore Grala, Michael Rilko	
Thur.	8:00	Dennis Crandall and Family (L), Carmen Arias, Cynthia Salcido	
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls	
Sat.	8:00	Rose Collins, Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	5:00	Mark Kostielney	
	7:00	Antonio Salvador Esquivel (L), Jonathan Antonio Ortiz (L) Jose ( Pepe) Moreno Mendoza (L) Eloisa and Adolfo Figueroa, Sinorina Lopez Lopez	
Sun.	7:30	Joe and Kathy Piasta and Family (L) Jannette Couch, Brendan Smith	
	9:00	Edward Anacleto, Lorna Brown and Family (L)	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Emma and Ignacio Gonzalez and Family (L) The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Ignacio Gonzalez (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez	

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

Near the end of June, we celebrate two important solemnities, which is the highest rank of liturgical observance. That means they are celebrated even on Sunday, if they happen to fall on that day of the week. (The only thing they lack is status as Holy Days of Obligations.) These are the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29).

There are only three people whose births and departures from this earth are both celebrated in the liturgy of the Church: Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, and John the Baptist. I use the awkward phrasing, "departures from this earth" because each of these three people left the earthly dimension by different means. John the Baptist was martyred and buried according to Matthew 14:12. (Various places claim to have his body, others his head.)

As we know from the Creed, Jesus died and was buried, but rose from the dead and later ascended into heaven – all attested to by multiple scripture citations.

The final days and end of Mary's earthly life are somewhat more mysterious. After the death of Jesus, she all but disappears. However, Mary could not have a conventional death, because by virtue of the Immaculate Conception, she was preserved from Original Sin, which was the entry of sin and death into an infinitely good creation. In the first millennium of the Church, Mary's passing from this life was celebrated as her "Dormition" – her "sleeping". The first centuries of the Church (and beyond) are full of art depicting Mary asleep, often deep in the earth, waiting for the redemption of creation.

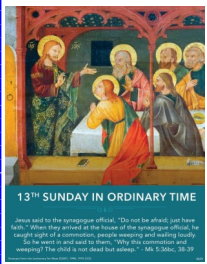
The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul go back to the earliest days of the Church, and is unlike any other feast of the Church, as it celebrates the two greatest evangelists to the two great communities of the worldwide Church– Jews and Gentiles. Unlike the original apostles, St. Paul never knew the living Jesus, which was a sore spot with him. After his conversion on the road to Damascus, he became a "super-disciple" for faith in Jesus.

Independence Day, July 4th. One interesting feature of the liturgical life of our parish is the power and gusto with which our parishioners belt out patriotic hymns on national memorials. This year, we concluded our high school graduation ceremony with "America the Beautiful", accompanied by a rank of visiting trumpeters, our great pipe organ, and a church full of full-throated singers, and it was an unforgettable moment. Afterwards, one (non-Catholic but amazingly supportive) parent told me that this resounding sendoff alone was worth four years of tuition. I took that as an endorsement of SVHS's overall cultural formation of our students.

With the approach of Independence Day, I would like to say that, regardless of personal political outlook, patriotism is a virtue that dovetails with Christian faith and religious devotion. There are those who would insist, in the name of separation of Church and State, that religion has no place in the public square. I disagree. The two great moral reforms of our country – the termination of slavery, and support of civil rights – were supported, in ways big and small, by the Church and several courageous bishops who integrated parishes and schools long before public institutions had the political will to do so. Our country has been a religious and economic haven for millions, and the Church has played a major role in making this process more humane. One more thing to be thankful for this Independence Day.

**Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 1ST – 7TH**



Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29  
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17  
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY JULY 4TH** for Independence Day.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Stella June Meier, Stella Rose Trombetta, and Lyla Belle Federighi who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**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 from Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Emma Gonzalez, Vicki Farr, Quintin Ponce Jr., Consuelo Alvarez, Sylvia Samija, Percy Zamora Diaz, Tom Reeder, Elizabeth Rose Moore, Dominic Ortiz, Ev Woodruff, Toñita Ortiz, and Jim Doolittle.

**SUMMER PILGRIMAGES:** Join fellow pilgrims in the spiritual, historical, and physical exercise of walking along the Camino this summer for Catholic Feast days. For more information and to RSVP, go to the Santa Rosa Diocese Facebook Events Page or contact Stephen Morris at, sryouth@srdiocese.org. The summer schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, July 7th celebrating St. Francis Solano & St. Junipero Serra**, on Stage 1. After Mass, at St. Francis Solano, we'll walk 10 miles to Kenwood.

**Sunday, July 14th celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha**, on Stage 6. We'll walk 13.5 miles from Jenner to Fort Ross through the headlands and some of Hwy 1.

**Friday, Aug 23rd celebrating our Patron St. Rose of Lima**, walking reverse Stage 3. After Mass at Resurrection, we'll walk 9.5 miles to Holy Spirit Church. For more on the Camino de Sonoma – [www.caminodesonoma.com](http://www.caminodesonoma.com)

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:  
 Sunday Basket \$6,530  
 On-Line Giving 1,363  
 Total \$7,893

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$3,698.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will have a second collection this 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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If you have a child of school age (TK-8th grade) please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Rynning at [rynning@svelem.org](mailto:rynning@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:**

July 1st - July 26th - Closed  
 July 29th - August 12th, Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 August 7th - Closed



**PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP** is meeting again on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm INSIDE St. Vincent's church.

**CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:** Resources for July are HERE! The new resources for Radiate Love are live! Check them out at [Radiatelove.info](http://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](mailto:familylife@srdiocese.org).



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