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July 7, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during July 8th – 14th</u>			14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L) Vanessa L. Mendoza (L)	<p>Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.</p> <p>What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?</p> <p>The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which –let’s face it– is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Maureen Nelson (L), K.T. (L), Vanessa L. Mendoza (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Vanessa L. Mendoza (L) SVDP Rosary Group (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Tim Philbin (L), Sofia Vicente-Iglesias (L) Vanessa L. Mendoza (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Fidel and Antonio Cornejo Vanessa L. Mendoza (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Jose Luis Mendoza, Arcelia Mendoza	
	5:00	Vanessa L. Mendoza (L), Joan Jiminez	
	7:00	Emilio Dinelli, Manuel and Francelina Lopes	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Vanessa L. Mendoza (L), Raymond Skipp Antonio and Felisbina Pardal, Jerry Dixon Don Borg	
	10:30	Randall Craig Fowler Jomar Catherine Lococo Arthur and Marie Barboni	
	12:00	Emma and Ignacio Gonzalez and Family (L) Gustavo Gonzalez (L), Luis Gopar Luis Ayala Vargas, Ramona Ramirez	

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet and His Native Place

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn’t go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn’t like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can’t reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you’ll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became, it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don’t often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we’ll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn’t realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn’t want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn’t look like the “right now” of their lives.

But that’s where God is, folks. He’s in the right now, and nowhere else. He’s waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” — Mark 6:4

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 8TH—14TH



Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/
2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13,
14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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.

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.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Marion McCarthy, who passed away on June 24th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

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@srdioocese.org.

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@srdioocese.org. The summer schedule is as follows:

Sunday, July 7th celebrating St. Francis Solano and 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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$7,065
On-Line Giving 2,841
Total \$9,906

The second collection last weekend for St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$4,353.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for Peter's Pence.

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 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

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.

ALPHABET SOUP THRIFT STORE AND HOME

STORE: The Petaluma Educational Foundation (PEF) is proud to operate two thrift stores in downtown Petaluma. Alphabet Soup Clothing & Alphabet Soup Home, located at 203 & 217 Western Avenue, were founded to benefit our community's families, students, and schools. Our dedicated volunteers support both locations, making a difference that will last a lifetime. By shopping at either location, donating items, or volunteering your time, you can help us advance PEF's mission and impact local education for all 12,000 TK-12 students attending 35 public, private, and charter schools in the Petaluma area. Lastly, we have 20% off for seniors, 55 and older on Thursdays, for volunteer and students (w/ID) receive a 20% discount every day. We have a 30% discount on the 30th of every month to celebrate our 30 years and throughout the month(s) we have 50% discount on items; see our Facebook or Instagram page under Alphabet Soup Thrift Store. Please consider becoming a volunteer.