

**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.**

**August 11, 2024**

<u>Mass intentions during August 12th - 18th</u>			<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mon.	8:00	Dennis Crandall and Family (L), Evelyn Pedroni, Mary Moore Grala	<p>This week we hear Jesus say, “He that believes in me, has eternal life” (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you’re like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life? To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.</p> <p>What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this “good” possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let’s believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Mui    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	David Tripaldi, Mary Moore Grala, Joan Jiminez German Adame Cortes	
Wed.	8:00	Teresa Cornejo (L), Kathy Halverson (L) Mary Moore Grala, Bette Jibby	
Thur.	8:00	The Jiminez Family (L), The Legion of Mary and Auxiliares (L) Joan Jiminez, Margaret Hadley, Mitchell Halverson Mary Moore Grala	
Fri.	8:00	Mary Moore Grala, Yolanda Godinez, Laurie Figone	
Sat.	8:00	Rose Ann Greeott and Family (L), Lina Mancini Mary Moore Grala, Paula Louise Moore	
	5:00	Pro Populo	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Ana Chanure (L) Ramon Gutierrez, Daniel and Petronilo Chavez	
Sun.	7:30	Norbert and Pauline Andres, Georgia Cort, Dora Sheerwood	
	9:00	Brisa Hernandez (L), Aron Vasquez (L) Mary Moore Grala, Jean Johnson	
	10:30	Manuel and Franceline Lopes, Jim Williams	
	12:00	Emma and Ignacio Gonzalez (L), Obdulia Pulido (L) Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Jose Luis Avalos, Ildelisa Ramirez de Cuellar	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Every year it seems that the end of summer, and the beginning of the new school year, arrive more and more quickly. In the childhoods of many of us who were raised in California, the first day of school was always the Tuesday after Labor Day. Hot on its heels came California Admission Day, September 9, and the state song, “I Love You, California.” It celebrates the many virtues of our state, but isn’t entirely tuneful or singable. (Check out YouTube if you want to hear it.)

Our elementary school will be opening toward the end of this coming week. The first couple of days of school are inevitably taken up with students re-connecting with their friends, sharing their summer experiences, and settling into their new desks and classrooms for a new year. The joy of teaching and observing children is that everything is new to them – whether dinosaurs, religion, history, etc. The ultimate goal of our school is to show our students how to be life-long prayers and life-long learners. There is no better preparation for life or way to live.

This Sunday, August 11, the 9:00 am Mass will celebrate the opening of school, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. I encourage as many of you as can to attend.

At the elementary school (SVES) we are beginning our new Transitional Kindergarten program. This allows our youngest students the opportunity to ease into Kindergarten and elementary school at the age and maturity level which is most appropriate for them. The summer has been spent in remodeling certain areas of the elementary school building to accommodate the TKers. While most of us have attended Kindergarten, visiting as an adult is a revelation. (The desks and chairs are so tiny, it’s hard to imagine any human being using them. They look like dollhouse furniture.)

The elementary school also received a \$100,000 gift from an historically generous parish family to expand and improve our elementary school library. After a few finishing touches are done, it will be ready for this new school year. As soon as the school year is underway, there will be a formal ceremony to bless it and the young minds that will use it.

St. Vincent High is no longer a parish high school, but an “independent Catholic school” with its own governing board and responsibility for financing and administrating the school. This is the result of a year-long process, memorialized in a 15-25 year lease I and diocesan officials have signed with their independent non-profit corporation. While I support and pray for their success, the “new” school will now operate independently of the parish and its pastor. This change, in my view, was long overdue.

Through the course of this past year, I have taken with utmost seriousness my fiduciary responsibility to both the parish and the schools, which I think will become more clear in coming months. In the meantime, I ask that you join me in keeping all of our parish students – public and private – in your prayers as they begin this new year.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12TH- 18TH**

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/  
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

**ST. VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
2024 - 2025**



**Classes begin Wednesday, September 4th.**

Registration for the English PreK- 6th grade Religious Programs will begin Aug. 1 - 31st. Pick up the registration forms in the Bell room to the right of the church entrance, at the front porch of the Rectory, and in the plaza before and after masses on Saturday, August 24th, and Sunday, August 25th. Kindly return the completed form and fee in a sealed envelope to the rectory office, attention Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x14.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are happy to announce that our religious education programs are popular. With this good news, we need more dedicated people willing to spend 2 - 3 hours a week to help in our religious education programs.

There are openings in our Sunday preschool program and Children's Liturgy at 9:00 am Mass, Tues. and Wed., the Children's after-school religious education program and the OCIA (RCIA) program in the evenings. Other openings are at our seasonal events: registrations, Advent, children's retreats and special masses, Children's Christmas Liturgy, Lent, and Easter. We need teachers, readers, aides, and guides. Help our children grow in their faith, and welcome and support our new members. You can make a difference by bringing your gifts and talents. Let's meet! Carmen Aanenson 707-762-4278 x14.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A CATHOLIC?** Have you ever thought about it? Are you being called further into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Now is the time to come and see what's next. Please call Carmen Aanenson at 707-762-4278 x14 to meet and make an application.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024-2025**

Registration for the English and Spanish Confirmation programs will be held on the following Saturdays in the parish hall from 9 - 11:50 am: August 17th, 24th, 31st and Sept. 7th. If you're registering your child for 2nd Year Confirmation, YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.



**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation) MASS SCHEDULE**

is as follows: English Masses at 8 am and 6 pm, and Spanish Mass at 7:30 pm. For more info., please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Martha Overton, Jim Doolittle, Salvador Ochoa, Lucille Dolcini, Lin Crossman, Martha Sumano Ramos, Maria Amador, Quintin Ponce Jr. and Sr., Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is offering Free English Citizenship classes online and in-person! In-person (6 weeks) Tues. and Thurs. 6 - 9:30 pm. **Option 1:** 8/15/24 - 9/26/24 at 950 Sebastopol Rd., Santa Rosa. **Option 2:** 10/03/24 - 11/14/24 at 987 Airway Ct., Santa Rosa. **Via Zoom** (12 weeks) Wednesday from 6 - 9:30 pm from 8/14/2024 to 11/08/24.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket \$8,881  
On-Line Giving 3,756  
Total \$12,637

The second collection last weekend for the Black and Indian Missions was \$3,673.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS**

The Faculty and Staff at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School would like to welcome back our returning families as well as welcome all of the new families joining our school community for the 2024-2025 school year. It is our mission at SVES to educate the whole child, with a focus on Faith, Academics, and Service. We are now officially a TK-8th Grade Catholic School! We have been working very hard over the summer to create a loving and nurturing classroom for our first TK students. We feel blessed to have such dedicated parents, faculty, and staff who support our mission. If you are interested in joining our community and would like a tour, please contact our Admission Director Mrs. Rynning for more information (rynnning@svelem.org) or (707)762-6426.

**RELIC TOUR OF ST. JUDE, THE APOSTLE:**



**Saturday, August 17th, at St. Francis Solano Church,** 469 3rd St W, Sonoma, CA 95476. The special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor is at 3:00 pm, public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins immediately after the Mass and ends at 9:00 pm. For more information, please call 707-996-6759.

**Sunday, August 18, at Cathedral of St. Eugene,** 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. The special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor is at 3:00 pm, public veneration begins immediately after the Mass and ends at 9:00 pm. For more information, please call 707-542-6984.

**Monday, August 19, at St. Joseph Church,** 21396 Hwy 175, Middletown, CA 95461. Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins at 2:00 pm, the special Mass in Saint Jude's honor at 7:00 pm, and public veneration ends at 10:00 pm. For more information, please call (707) 987-3676.

**I DIDN'T SURVIVE: Emerging Whole After Deception, Persecution, and Hidden Abuse** - Sunday, Aug 23rd at St. Rose of Lima, special guest speaker Naghmeh Panahi will share her testimony of being a Christian missionary in Iran and what the Western church can learn; what the "House-church movement" is, and the importance of her global advocacy for persecuted women. The evening begins with 6:30 pm Mass, followed by the presentation at 7:30 pm.



**DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA - DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

The Diocesan Office for Religious Education warmly invites you to attend the 2024 Santa Rosa Congress and experience all that our event has to offer on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. This year's theme will be "Prayer, Our Relationship with God." To register, visit our website, www.srdiocese.org or contact Carmen Perez Aanenson at 707-566-3366 or dre@srdiocese.org.