

**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 18, 2024**

**Mass intentions during August 19th - 25th**

Mon.	8:00	Mary Moore Grala, Ronald Anthony Ruffo, Clarice Vyenielo, Lucille Lane
Tues.	8:00	For all who suffer anxiety and terminal illness (L), For all the homeless especially those with addictions (L) Evelyn and John Pedroni, Mary Moore Grala, Rick Lounibos
Wed.	8:00	George Bordi (L) Pat Carr, Mary Moore Grala, Gloria Bordi, Orfelinda Diaz de Zamora
Thur.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), Jacob Smith, Mary Moore Grala, Erika Merrick, Cornelia Wolf
Fri.	8:00	Gabriel and Vicki Naal and Family (L), The Marian and Pappas Family (L), Lori Nelson (L), Mary Moore Grala, Helen Lounibos
Sat.	8:00	Mary Moore Grala, Teodoro Calderon
	5:00	Joan Jiminez
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Obdulia Montes, Saul O'Campo, Ramon Gutierrez, Espiridion Solorio Calderon
Sun.	7:30	The Lavio-Manni Family
	9:00	Mary Moore Grala, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh
	10:30	John McWilliams
	12:00	Pro Populo

Dear Fellow Parishioners.

Coming back from vacation means returning to a pile of mail and emails, plus new tasks for the coming educational and liturgical years. Next week, we have a staff meeting to begin planning for Advent which is, after all, not all that far in the future. Tuesday, I celebrated the First Day of School Mass, and welcomed our elementary school students, staff and families – especially those joining us for the first time. For those entering Transitional Kindergarten – some still as young as 4 – it will be the first time they will be away from parents and family for extended periods of time, never to return so completely to family life. (Talk about a transition!) It's amazing that "transition" from home to school works as well as it so often does.

After yesterday's school Mass, I went by the market to buy a few things and saw that the sales displays for Halloween candy are already up. Not content to push the future on us as manically as possible, we have little encouragement to enjoy these landmarks as they come, without feeling the urge to press on to the next goal, the next shiny thing. This years TK-ers will graduate from college no sooner than the Class of 2042, and will have their own children alive well into the 2100s. Raising and educating children from early childhood to adulthood is both a long-term project, and (ideally) a profoundly anti-narcissistic project, for both parents and teachers. It is also the time for teaching and learning about the meaning of time and the art of living each day.

While I would not presume to recommend anything, I will say that I've really enjoyed, and learned a lot from, a YouTube channel operated by "Sprout," who interviews people regarding the meaning of their own lives, choices and memories. One interviewee is a 103-year-old physician who still has a limited medical practice. The interviewer asked her, "What was it like living through World War II?" She said, "Every day for years there was a new scary thing."

Quite apart from partisan politics, there is good reason to be concerned about the peace and stability of the world right now. My good friend, and former parish youth minister, is now at the front lines in Ukraine rescuing civilians – mostly women, children and the elderly. He sends me pictures, most recently of unexploded Russian rockets sticking out of heretofore peaceful farm fields. And the horrors of the Middle East are known the world over.

This is the world in which our children, grandchildren and students are being raised and must now live. In addition to a solid education, the best gift we can give our children is a supernatural outlook on life, and complete trust in God's saving will, complete trust that God's promises to each of us will be kept. There is no firmer foundation on which to base our lives, at whatever age. And if I were to give friendly advice (which nobody asked me for), I would encourage parents, within the limits of practical living and prudent discipline, simply to enjoy your children. Every day, every hour, is unrepeatable, no matter how many photos or videos are taken.

"It would be a crime against nature for any generation to take the world crisis so solemnly that it put off enjoying those things for which we were designed in the first place: the opportunity to do good work, to enjoy friends, to fall in love, to hit a ball, and to bounce a baby." (Alastair Cooke)

Welcome back to school!

Fr. Bill Donahue

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19TH - 25TH

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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



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

Registration for the English PreK- 6th grade Religious Programs will be held from 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 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. for 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 register.



### 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 17, 24, 31 and Sept. 7. 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** offers heartfelt thanks to the Parish for supporting the Drive-thru Tri Tip event.  
*Thank You!* "See you next year!"

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Luna Marie Padilla who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Tom Reeder, 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.

**WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD:** Fellowship and Faith sharing for Women from St. James & St. Vincent Parishes (and beyond) will be Thursday, Sept. 19 at St. Vincent Parish Hall, corner of Western and Howard. Doors will open at 6 pm for social time and the program runs from at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Our theme for the evening will be "Doers of the Word." For more information, please call Joanne Ferris at 707-481-6431.

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:  
Sunday Basket \$9,914  
On-Line Giving 1,933  
Total \$11,847

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS

The Faculty and Staff at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School would like to welcome 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:

**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** warmly invites you to attend the 2024 Santa Rosa Congress and experience all that the event has to offer on Sat., 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 [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org) or contact Carmen Perez Aanenson at 707-566-3366 or [dre@srdiocese.org](mailto:dre@srdiocese.org).

**"COME AND SEE" FALL RELIGIOUS DISCERNMENT RETREAT** for single and adult Catholic Women 18-40 who are wondering if God's Dream for them is to be a sister. Friday, Sept. 27th through Sunday, Sept. 29th at Los Altos Hills. For more information: [WWW.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/RETREATS/](http://WWW.DAUGHTERS-OF-CHARITY.COM/RETREATS/)