

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.

September 22, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during September 23rd - 29th</u>			25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Mark Windish (L), Tyler and Alexa Ruiz (L) The Marian and Pappas Family (L) Peter Paulson, Roger Nagy	<p>When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.</p> <p>Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.</p> <p>But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.</p> <p>Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	The Dooley Family (L), Victoria Puga (L) David Tripaldi	
Wed.	8:00	Alma Alicia Ocegueda (L) The Lavio-Manni Family, Ron Schenk	
Thur.	8:00	Kiera Doherty and Family (L), Lori Nelson (L) The Alvarenga Family (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), The Dooley Family (L) Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Bob and Lisa Dietlan (L), John McIntire	
	5:00	John and Rose Ameral, Manuel and Francelina Lopes Emilio Zamora, Holy Souls	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Mariano Jaramillo (L), The Pacheco Garcia Family (L) Ramon Gutierrez	
Sun.	7:30	Kathleen Marie Halverson	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Lynn Crossman, Jesus Carrillo	
	12:00	Ramona Ramirez, Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros Ramon Ochoa Diaz, Daniel Ochoa Ochoa	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The beginning of Fall season is a major transition time for parish administrative life. We submit the parish financial and administrative reports with the diocese on August 15 for the fiscal year 7/1/23-6/30/2024. We are already well into FY (Fiscal Year) 2024-25, including religious education programs from mid-August through mid-September and planning for Thanksgiving and Advent, which are now only nine weeks away.

The other project our parish staff and volunteer Finance Committee completes is a final review of the completed 2023-24 budget, and the finalization of the parish and elementary school budgets for 2024-25. This is not easy, as we are expected to submit a realistic total budget months before knowing what any of our major expenses categories will be. It may be helpful to think of these categories like the expense categories of your household: insurance, medical, utilities, maintenance and food.

- a) Liability insurance rates. Insurance rates alone will rise 18% this year. Unfortunately, insurance is going up everywhere, largely because of insurance losses due to fires and weather-related losses both regional and nationwide. Our primary insurance carrier is Catholic Mutual based in Omaha, pooled with other insurance groups in the interest of getting the best rates. Every year, representatives of the insured meet in order to negotiate the most favorable rates.
- b) Medical insurance is handled similarly. Like liability insurance, future rates are based on past and projected costs of providing medical services to our covered group.
- c) The cost of utilities depends on rates and levels of use. We have tried to moderate our use, and this past year was relatively mild.
- d) Maintenance.
- e) Household expenses
- f) Annual Ministry Appeal

Over the next couple of weeks, I will provide further information about the costs of all of these areas of parish life, and what we must do to stay on top of all of them.

**Blessings,
Fr Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23RD - 29TH



Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Ecel 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Ecel 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Ecel 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2024-2025

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Confirmation Program! First Year Confirmation class will begin this Tuesday, September 24th, and second year Confirmation class will begin this Wednesday, September 25th. Both classes will be held in the parish hall from 7 - 8:30 pm. Please call the parish office at 707-762-4278 for more information.

ST. VINCENT'S USHERS: The official mass attendance for the Diocese of Santa Rosa will be taken at ALL masses during the month of October 2024.

OPENING DAY - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION AND HEALTH FAIR - Sunday, October 6th from 10:30 to 3:00 pm at St. Vincent's Plaza. There will be music, delicious tacos, pupusas, chapultas, etc; Taekwondo exhibition, Aztec Dancers, the Ballet Folklorico Paquiyollotzin, and many more fun activities for the whole family. Health clinics and organizations will be giving out free health information. For more information, or if you can help, please text your name to 707-293-6811.



CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side. You can also call the rectory office at 707-762-4278 and ask for a priest to schedule an appointment during the week.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Martha Joan Overton who passed away August 25th, and Linden Crossman who passed away September 2nd. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: A devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month before the daily mass, at 7:15 am, followed by the mass at 8 am, and concludes with scripture meditation shortly after the mass. The devotion for October will be on Saturday, Oct 5th. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

THE SOLDIERS OF CHRIST: Calling men ages 18 – 38 in and around Cotati to join us for St. Michael's Lent, beginning September 11th through October 30th, Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's Church, Cotati. We are a men's fraternity that meets weekly to pray, discuss upcoming Mass readings, and follow a spiritual game plan. Email to join: stephenmichaelmorris@gmail.com, For more information: www.soldiersofchrist.info.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$11,246
On-Line Giving	2,008
Total	\$13,254

Thank you for your generosity.

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.



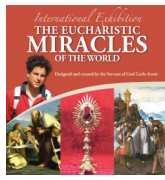
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS

If you want your child to learn in a community that builds them up — not just as a student but as a person — Catholic school is an excellent choice. At SVES, we seek to foster a strong and healthy sense of community while helping your child develop as an individual. Being in a positive environment can help your student enjoy school and develop healthy self-esteem and respect for others which is one of many reasons why you may want to choose a Catholic education. At SVES, we also provide a SAFE Environment for our students. Our campus is enclosed with security gate and fencing that spans the entire campus. We are able to offer a truly SAFE place for all of our students. If you are interested in exploring options for students TK-8th grade, please contact the main office at 707-762-6426 or email Mrs. Rynning, Admissions Coordinator, via email at rynning@svelem.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR - Alexis Daniel Solis, Elo Carrillo, George Klavin, John Davis, Tom Reeder, Jim Doolittle, Salvador Ochoa, Quintin Ponce Jr., Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT: The beautiful and inspiring Eucharistic Miracles exhibit produced by Blessed Carlo Acutis will be on display at St. Joan of Arc parish hall, 6404 Washington St, Yountville, October 5th - 20th, open daily from 9 am-9 pm. Please come, bring family and friends, to be inspired and informed by these amazing, documented Eucharistic miracles throughout the history of the Church. Display is in English and Spanish. No charge.



THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES ASSOCIATION OF MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTY 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.