

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 29, 2024

Mass intentions during September 30th - October 6th			26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	Estela Anguiano (L), Liliana Beatriz (L), The Valle Family (L) Ronald Anthony Ruffo	<p>Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?</p> <p>This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor. First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves. We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Estela Anguiano (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Paula Louise Moore, Joe Piasta	
Wed.	8:00	Estela Anguiano (L), The Ibarra Family (L) Kathy Halverson (L), Paula Louise Moore, Linden Crossman	
Thur.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L), Tim and Lori Nelson (L) Paula Louise Moore, Ed Donate	
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Sylvia Samija and Family (L) Maria Lopez, Marciel Tinoco and Family (L), Alex Ruiz (L) Paula Louise Moore	
Sat.	8:00	For the Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Rose Collins, Jerry Kennedy, Paula Louise Moore	
	5:00	Angela Castro (L), Mark Kostielney, Lester Rundle John Pedroni, Ann Kingsbury	
	7:00	Eliazar Cardenas, Teresa Robles De Caro, Beatriz Alcaraz Carlos Enrique Verdugo Cruz	
Sun.	7:30	Mark Windish (L), Georgia Cort, Dora Sherwood Norbert and Pauline Andres	
	9:00	Edward Anacleto, Harold Nelson, Paula Louise Moore Manuel and Francelina Lopes	
	10:30	Pro Poptulo	
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Tania Alvarez (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez Francisco Javier Ruiz Barbosa	

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 SEPT. 30TH - OCT. 6TH



Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/
 Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/
 Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
 Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/
 Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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.



DIOCESAN BLUE MASS: The Most Reverend Robert Vasa



extends this year's invitation to the annual Diocesan Blue Mass on October 13th, 2024 at 10:30 am at St. Eugene's Cathedral. For 90 years, Catholics have celebrated a Blue Mass to honor service, and offer special intentions

and petitions for the safety of Police Officers, and subsequently Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and even Military Service Personnel. This is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the sacrifices involved in serving others, and the challenges to our safety and liberties that so many men and women of our own communities rise up to meet.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Camila Memphis Castillo, Isabella Marie Merkelbach, and Xavier Andrew Richardson who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Max Allen Mickelson who passed away September 7th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - is held after weekday mass on Thursday for one hour. All are welcomed!

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.

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, chalupas, 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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket	\$7,584
On-Line Giving	1,448
Total	\$9,032

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$3,854.

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 their 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

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

CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursday at 6 pm and Saturday 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.



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.

