

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.

October 13, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during October 14th - 20th</u>	
Mon. 8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua Paula Louise Moore, Richard "Rick" Ferris
Tues. 8:00	Thanksgiving for health (L), The Jimenez Family (L) David Tripaldi, Paula Louise Moore, Joan Jimenez
Wed. 8:00	SVDP Rosary Group (L), Paula Louise Moore Pat Carr, Eloisa Gutierrez and the Gutierrez Family
Thur. 8:00	Mark Windish (L), Gabriel Naal and Family (L) Jacob Smith, Paula Louise Moore, James Fatooh
Fri. 8:00	Dennis Crandall and Family (L) Luz Elena Oseguera Fernandez, Paula Louise Moore
Sat. 8:00	Paula Louise Moore, Pete and Dorothy Querello
5:00	Florence and Bob Lago, Manuel and Francelina Lopes
7:00	The Jaramillo Rodriguez Family (L), Alvaro Sierra (L) Yulissa Pacheco Garcia (L), Andres Pacheco Quiroz (L) Estela and Jose Guadalupe Contreras
Sun. 7:30	Kathy Piasta and Family (L), Joe Piasta, Jeanette Couch Richard "Rick" Ferris
9:00	William Wasik, Paula Louise Moore
10:30	Pro Populo
12:00	Ramon Ochoa Diaz, Daniel Ochoa Ochoa Jose Maria Lopez, Abraham Avalos, Francisca Calderon Elpidia Cervantes Flores

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus.

And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His. What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

A little bit of everything:

Just as we are breathing a sigh of relief from our recent heat wave, we are beginning to see the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Milton, hot on the heels of Helene. As soon as the debris from Helene had been stacked up in front of houses, that same debris (and more) was re-spread by Milton. In images now familiar to us, people returned to houses full of not only murky water and a lifetime of possession and memories, at least one resident returned to find huge crocodile in his kitchen. Even those with insurance plus family and friends to help them will need a long time to get on the road to recovery. Sadly there are some who will face all this more-or-less alone.

Any day, I'm expecting to receive a message from the Chancery for a nationwide second collection to help those who suffered these terrible storms. When I know, we will do it.

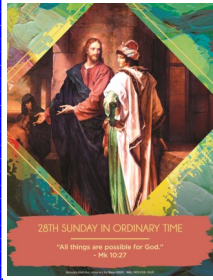
Due to the regional fires and then COVID-19, our parish experienced a several-year draught in weddings. We even had a few couples who needed to re-schedule twice – after the fires, and then after COVID. It was a real double-whammy. Now, the weddings are coming back in full force. Calls from couples seem to come in streaks, and I took several calls this week. Some of them are requesting weddings in 2026. I must confess (non-sacramentally, of course!) that it can seem strange to commit oneself to being somewhere at a specific time and place two years in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the uptick in the plate collection this past weekend. It's a very nice start to what will be a longer-term project. We will be placing the Annual Ministries Appeal envelopes in the pews and vestibule of the church, for your convenience. Last year, when we did that, some industrious but naughty person removed the envelopes, threw some of them out, and piled up the remainder in the back of the church. I pray this doesn't happen again this year, as printed materials and the employee time needed to distribute them, are expensive. We must come much closer to reaching our AMA goal (we are \$18,000 short) to avoid making up the shortfall with the plate collection plus what is effectively a 9% penalty.

Finally, and in a related matter, we are studying more options for receiving offertory and other contributions. The reason is simple: We are rapidly moving to a cashless society. Today, according to the Federal Reserve and Gallup polls, 60% of people "seldom" or "never" make purchases with cash, as opposed to only 32% five years ago. Many people seldom or never write personal checks anymore. More and more people rely on Venmo or PayPal to make purchases with Smart Phones. Others tap their credit cards on the terminals. I've even seen a few ads for men's wallets that have no place for cash – only cards. We need to find more ways to accommodate you, our parishioners, in these matters, while showing our gratitude for your generous support in whatever way you wish to provide it.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 14TH - 20TH



Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/ Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: This weekend, after each mass, the Knights of Columbus members will be collecting donations benefiting People with Intellectual Disabilities. Your generous donations from previous years have directly benefited local-Petaluma based organizations dedicated to



providing people with intellectual disabilities the resources to live a happy life! We kindly ask for your generous support, any amount will help! Just look for the Knights of Columbus members in yellow vests handing out tootsie rolls on the church plaza after mass! For your convenience, you may donate by credit card scanning the QR code to the right OR using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/KoC11431tootsie2024>



A PUBLIC SQUARE PUBLIC ROSARY SPONSORED BY AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA and hosted by St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 10 am on the plaza of St. Vincent's Church. Please come and



join us as we pray for America and the world. If you have any questions please call Ross Hicks at (707) 762-9433.

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.

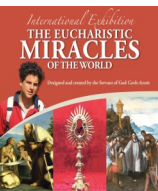


PLEASE PRAY FOR - Estela Anguiano, Toñita Ortiz, Alexis Daniel Solis, Elo Carrillo, George Klavin, John Davis, Tom Reeder, Jim Doolittle, Salvador Ochoa, Quintin Ponce Jr., Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



HOLY ADORATION is canceled this Thursday, October, 16, 2024.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$11,032
 On-Line Giving 3,714
 Total \$14,746

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the World Mission Sunday.

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.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? Do you live in Petaluma and want to register and receive Sunday offering envelopes or sign-up online for electronic giving? Please call the parish office for more information: 707-762-4278.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS

October is the month of the Rosary. The Fourth Graders at SVES are learning about how the Rosary calls to mind the most important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. 4th Grade is in the middle of creating a Rosary Tab Booklet. Each tab teaches them about the four Mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious. Our students are so excited to pray and learn how we are all called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Holy Family.

This is one of the many activities our students at SVES will be involved in throughout the Month of the Rosary. What a blessing it is to provide an environment for our students to discuss sacred topics and celebrate the Rosary. If you are interested in a faith-based education for your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Rynning, Admissions Coordinator at 707-762-6426 or visit our website www.svelem.org

OCTOBER 2024 IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: *I Came so that they might have life.* Go to respectlife.org/celebrate for more information and resources.

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST (New Location): Calling men ages 18 – 38 in and around Cotati to join other men in prayer and fellowship through October. Soldiers of Christ is a fraternity that meets weekly to pray, discuss upcoming Mass readings, and follow a spiritual gameplan. Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm at Sonoma State Newman Center, 1798 E Cotati Ave, Rohnert Park. Email to join: stephenmichaelmorrison@gmail.com. For more information go to: www.soldiersofchrist.info



THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES ASSOCIATION OF MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTY: 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 all those who are interested. For Membership & Event information, please call Bob at 415 897-0639.