

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 20, 2024

Mass intentions during October 21st - 27th

Mon.	8:00	Kate Doherty and Family (L), Martha Overton, Josephine Baroni, Paula Louise Moore
Tues.	8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Jorge Delima Jack Quinn, Mercedes Aguon, Paula Louise Moore
Wed.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Jose Luis Del Toro, Jr. (L) The Marian and Pappas Family (L) Paula Louise Moore
Thur.	8:00	Gabriel and Vicki Naal (L) Rafael Cobian (L) Paula Louise Moore, Ronald Anthony Ruffo, Elias Delima
Fri.	8:00	Kiara Covarrubias (L), Iliana Hooper (L), The Lavio-Manni Family Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Paula Louise Moore
Sat.	8:00	Guadalupe Porras (L), Paula Louise Moore
	5:00	Pro Populo
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Marco Antonio Gramajo (L), Tania Afanador Maria Dolores Macias Gonzalez, Teresa Robles de Caro, Gerardo Enriquez
Sun.	7:30	Raymond Skipp, Richard Ferris
	9:00	Paula Louise Moore, Jerry Dixon, Debbie Dixon, Frederic Holden, Don Borg
	10:30	Manuel and Francelina Lopes, Judy Spencer, Donald Forsyth Carole Anna Maas Barrell
	12:00	The Biberos Larrieta Family (L), Maria Cristina Gabriel Gonzalez (L) Elias Porras, Teodoro Garcia, Eddie Garcia

**Annual Ministries Appeal
2024**

I would like to thank those of you who have already made a gift or pledge. We have placed the AMA envelopes in the church pews. I hope this will help make AMA envelopes more readily available for those who want to help us meet our goal.

– Fr. Bill Donahue

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

From time to time, the parish office receives inquiries from people seeking information on their ancestors, whether in trying to complete a family genealogy, or to establish a claim of dual citizenship to another country through ancestry. (For example, since the birth rate in Italy is among the lowest in Europe, it's relatively easy for any person with an ancestral claim to their homeland to achieve dual citizenship. (As always, the devil is in the details...))

A key resource for any Catholic wanting to trace their ancestry is through the sacramental registries of the church: Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick/Extreme Unction. The Death Register records all funeral rites celebrated in a particular parish. Since sacraments are only for the living, a funeral liturgy is not a sacrament unless it includes Mass and the Eucharist. This raises an interesting question: Are there circumstances in which a non-Catholic can – especially one married to a Catholic and the parent to Catholic children – have a Catholic funeral liturgy in a Catholic church or chapel? Absolutely.

In the off-chance that you may be interested, I'd like to describe the sacramental recording system which tracks the sacramental lives of over 1 billion Catholics alive today, not to mention the billions that have gone before us. The system isn't perfect, because it relies on the efforts of imperfect humans to put it in practice. However, it is reliable enough that church sacramental records are regarded by civil authorities as being reliable enough to be deemed admissible as evidence in legal proceedings. For a complete discussion, please check out the "Sacramental Records Handbook" as published by the Archdiocese of Atlanta and available online.

The sacramental record-keeping process is, like so many other things in the Church, archaic but developed over centuries and the product of much thought and experience.

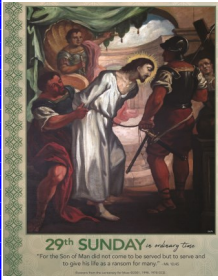
Baptism is the sacrament of salvation and the "gateway" to all subsequent sacraments. For that reason, the Baptismal Registry is arguably the most important of all the sacramental record books. The Baptismal registry is also the one in which subsequent sacraments are cross-referenced. For example, if one is baptized in Parish A, is confirmed in Parish B and is married in Parish C, those subsequent sacraments received in Parish B and C are also cross-referenced in the margins of the baptismal registry in Parish A.

Another example: My ordination is recorded in the parish where I was baptized. If I should try to marry in the Church, the fact that my ordination is recorded along with my baptism will prevent me from doing so. Also, if the records of any parish are lost or destroyed, these cross-referenced sacraments in other parishes can serve as second set of sacramental records.

Our SV parish records go back to our founding in 1857. They are handwritten in archaic cursive script, and until the 1960s or so, in Latin, including first names. (Hence the name "Louise" is rendered "Ludovica," "Walter" is rendered "Gualterius," and so forth. "Pater ignotus" means "father unknown," which means the child's paternity is in question.) Some of the earlier records, unfortunately, were not written in archival quality ink, and have already faded considerably.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

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



Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Aurelia Theresa Aragon and Samson Vaughan Schaefer who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - William Bullard, Dani Sarigusa, 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.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD BOOK CLUB will be discussing the Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis on Tuesday, October 29 at 5pm. Please join us at 900 Gossage Avenue. We look forward to a lively night!

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 November will be on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

ALL SAINTS DAY - Friday, November 1st - Mass schedule is as follows: 8:00 am, 10:40 am (SVDP Elementary), 6:00 pm in English and 7:30 pm in Spanish. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ALL SOULS DAY – Saturday, November 2nd - There are no special masses scheduled for this day. All Souls Day is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$9,095
 On-Line Giving 1,941
 Total \$11,036

The second collection for World Mission Sunday was \$3,236.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

ONLINE GIVING - 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

We are proud that our Catholic school continues to thrive, fostering both academic excellence and spiritual growth. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be available on December 1st!



To learn more about our programs and how we integrate faith into education, join us for a tour of our campus. Your support is vital in helping us nurture the next generation of leaders grounded in Catholic values.

For more information, please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Mrs. Rynning, at rynning@svelem.org. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community!

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: stephenmichaelmorris@gmail.com. For more information go to: www.soldiersofchrist.info

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY: Free bags of groceries are provided to low-income families and individuals in Petaluma, through Petaluma Interfaith Pantry, which operates every Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. No paperwork needed. We serve all in need. We are located at Elim Lutheran Church, 220 Stanley Street. Enter in the parking lot, go through the walkway near the preschool playground and exit on Baker Street. For more information, please call 762-4081.

