

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 27, 2024

Mass intentions during October 28th - November 3rd

Mon.	8:00	Paula Louise Moore, Jorge Delima, Max Mickelsen
Tues.	8:00	Mike Trainor (L), Kathleen Marie Halverson, Paula Louise Moore, Maria Delima
Wed.	8:00	Lori Nelson (L), Bonifacio Gonzalez (L) Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Paula Louise Moore
Thur.	8:00	Quintin Ponce, Sr. (L), Jose Dolores Hernandez, Arturo Farinha
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Robert Camozzi, II (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L) Maria Lopez and Marciel Tinoco (L) Tobias Munguia, Joe Fitzgerald, Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	8:00	Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Luis Angel Acosta, Ricardo Vasquez, Evangelina de Vasquez, Rose Collins
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Linden Crossman, Holy Souls
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez (L), Jose Antonio O'Caña, Ricardo Hernandez Gerardo Enriquez, Eduardo Vargas
Sun.	7:30	Kathy Piasta and Family (L), Joe Piasta, Richard "Rick" Ferris
	9:00	Lois Lee, Edward Anacleto, Holy Souls
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Maria Cristina Gabriel Gonzalez (L), Silvia Quiroz (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez

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,

We are heading into that three-day celebration of Hallowe'en, All Saints' and All Souls' Days, perhaps the greatest mixture of Christian spirituality, pagan roots, and past and present custom to be found in the Church calendar. Put somewhat differently, it's not immediately clear what Celtic folklore, carving pumpkins, honoring the saints, praying for the dead, and collecting Snickers bars from your neighbors have to do with one another, but it's somewhat in the nature of customs to be formed out of many different elements.

Like many gray areas between authentic Catholic devotion and pagan superstition, the Day of the Dead requires a much broader discussion than is possible here. The Catholic Church approves (or at least allows) honoring one's ancestors – even with altars, incense, images, etc. – so long as it confers respect and affection that does not rise to the level of "latria," i.e., worship. ("Latria" is the root of the word, "idolatry," forbidden by nothing less than divine law.)

In the 1930's, Pope Pius XI issued a response to an inquiry – and my faulty memory prevents me from naming it here – regarding the Chinese custom of honoring ancestors. To make a long story short, the rescript (in Latin) said that ancestor veneration was fine so long as it was not inconsistent with Christian devotion and did not approach the degree of worship that we owe to God alone. I believe the same principle applies here. At the same time, we must also square any notion of a "Day of the Dead" with Scripture. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26). Strictly speaking, in the Risen Christ, for the believer there can only be life, and "life more abundantly" (John 10:10).

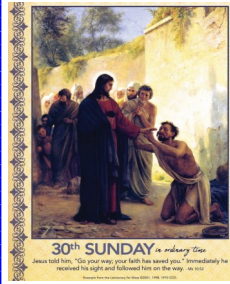
The Solemnity of All Saints acknowledges the whole company of saints that has gone before us in history, and who can intercede and pray for us now. That may sound strange to some ears, but the barriers of time and space, even life and death, do not limit God or his saints. We can ask for their intercession, just as they can pray to God for us.

The Commemoration of the Holy Souls naturally implicates the reality of Purgatory, not as a physical place, but as a process of purification. In Catholic doctrine, Purgatory refers to the final cleansing of those who died in a State of Grace but leaves in them only the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven." (Catechism of the Catholic Church). As a pastoral reality, the notion that we can help our beloved departed by praying for their continued purification, continues to be a powerful reality for us, who remain. This connection to our beloved departed is perhaps most powerful in our experience of their continued presence among us.

The great theologian and Jesuit spiritual master, Karl Rahner, wrote these beautiful and reassuring words: "The great mistake of many people – among them, even pious persons – is to imagine that those whom death has taken, leave us. They do not leave us. They remain! Where are they? In darkness. Oh, no! It is we who are in darkness. We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes, radiant with glory, are fixed upon our eyes full of tears. Oh, infinite consolation! Though invisible to us, our dead are not absent. I have often reflected on the surest comfort for those who mourn. It is this: a firm faith in the real and continual presence of our loved ones; it is the clear and penetrating conviction that death has not destroyed them or carried them away. They are not even absent, but living near to us, transfigured."

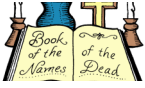
**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 28TH - NOV. 3RD



Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
 Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
 Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1
 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
 Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
 Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
 Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES are



available at all entrances of the church. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.

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.



CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETARY: Fr. Bill Donahue will celebrate mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 304 Magnolia Ave., on Saturday, November 2nd, at 10 am for All Souls Day.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -



will be held after weekday mass on Thursdays for one hour. All are welcomed!

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP is meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm at St. Vincent's church. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Carnazola at (707) 762-6115.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Bonifacio Gonzalez, William



Bullard, Dani Sarigusa, Estela Anguiano, Salvador Ochoa, Quintin Ponce Jr., Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,684
On-Line Giving	1,676
Total	\$10,360

Thank you for your generosity.

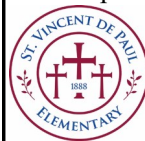
There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

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!

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. For more information, please call 762-4081.

VILLAGE NETWORK OF PETALUMA - PROGRAMS

Online calendar at <https://petaluma.helpfulvillage.com/events>
 Most of our programs and interest groups are designed for members and active volunteers. Social events and some interest groups welcome guests for one session to learn more about becoming a member and/or volunteer in the Village community. If you are interested in learning more about membership or volunteering, come to a "Get to Know the Village" monthly info meeting or contact us at info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org or 707-776-6055.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA – We have moved and our



new office is located at the Church of Christ, 370 Sonoma Mountain Parkway and Castle Drive in Petaluma. Come and see us for your baby's needs. Our office hours are: Monday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and on Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00pm. For more information, call (707) 763-9888, 24 hour hotline (800) 550-4900.