

**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 6, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during October 7th - 13th</u>			<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Mon.	8:00	Kathy Halverson (L), Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L)	<p>As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant. We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?</p> <p>I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Steve Kroeger (L), Paula Louise Moore, Susan Lewis Ron Bordi and Family (L), K.T. (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Paula Louise Moore, Maria Gabriela Escobar Ben and Courtney Nelson (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Jude Thaddeus, Paula Louise Moore Gloria "Cookie" Zahra	
Fri.	8:00	Ignacio Oseguera Malfavon, Paula Louise Moore Richard "Rick" Ferris, Brigette Plant	
Kiley Sat.	8:00	St. Joseph's Church Sp. Prayer Group (L)	
	5:00	Paula Louise Moore, Fidel and Antonio Cornejo, Jack	
(L)	7:00	Paula Louise Moore	
		Margarita Waters, Manuel and Maria de Jesus Borges Ralph and Margaret Giacomini, Holy Souls	
Sun.	7:30	Antonio Salvador Esquivel (L), The Puga Alvarez Family	
	9:00	Diana and Yulissa Pacheco Garcia (L)	
	10:30	Jonathan Antonio Ortiz (L), Stacey Moctezuma Resendiz Pro Populo	
	12:00	Joan Jiminez, Paula Louise Moore, Jonah Lounibos Rick and Judy Williams (L), Dominic Puga (L)	
		Dorothy Williams, Arthur Barboni Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L)	
		Maria Cristina Gabriel Gonzalez (L) Mario Herrera, Pilar De Roman, Jose Luis Avalos	

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

As we approach the end of the year, we are also coming to the close of the 2024 Annual Ministries Appeal. Sometimes this is incorrectly referred to as the "Bishop's Appeal", when in fact it is overwhelmingly an appeal to support lay ministries that the parishes share at the diocesan level. They include, but are not limited to, Religious Education, Adult Education, Catholic schools, Family Life, the Marriage Tribunal, legal services and risk prevention and, perhaps most importantly, our diocesan Safe Environment program, for the protection of children and young people entrusted to our care. All of these programs, and more, are relied upon by all parishes, including our own.

Our 2024 goal is \$51,400, of which \$32,400 has been received. Your contributions go 100% to meet the AMA goal without being "taxed" by the diocese. Any shortfall must be covered by regular plate income which is "taxed" by the diocese to the tune of 9%. In other words, if we meet this goal we will save the parish more than \$1,000 in diocesan "taxes".

As I've mentioned before, I ask you for money only as a last resort and when I have done all I reasonably can to reduce expenses. This is one of those times.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. Bill Donahue**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** After each mass on the weekend of Oct 12th and 13th, 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 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>



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 7TH - 13TH**



Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/  
Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/  
Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/  
Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Lk 11:27-28  
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/  
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**ST. VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
2024 - 2025**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We need more dedicated people willing to spend approximately 2 hours a week to help in our religious education programs. There are openings in our Sunday preschool program, Children's Liturgy at 9:00 am Mass, after-school religious education program, and the OCIA program in the evenings. Other openings are at our seasonal events, children's retreats and special masses, Children's Christmas Liturgy, Lent, and Easter. We need teachers, readers, aides, and guides. You can make a difference by bringing your gifts and talents. Let's meet! Carmen Aanenson at [dreaanenson@gmail.com](mailto:dreaanenson@gmail.com)

**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** - this 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:  
Sunday Basket \$7,317  
On-Line Giving 1,693  
Total \$9,010

The second collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$5,842.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS**

At SVES we love to highlight our students and all of their accomplishments. We celebrate academic achievements with the Honor Roll, where the students are acknowledged at our First Friday Mass with a certificate and lots of cheers from their peers and parents. We are also an active charter of the National Junior Honor Society. Our junior high students in 7th and 8th grade have the opportunity to be inducted into this national program if they are able to maintain a high level of academics and they go above and beyond the required hours of community service. At SVES we also place a high priority on involving parents in their children's education, which brings members of our school community even closer together. The goal of Catholic schools is to produce learners who embody their core values, which include honesty, respect, and responsibility, to name a few. We are committed to developing a solid moral foundation among our students. If you are interested in learning more about our TK-8th grade programs, please call our Admission Coordinator, Mrs. Rynning at (707)762-6426. Or visit our website at [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).

**SOLDIERS OF CHRIST (New Location):** Calling Men ages 18 - 38 in and around Cotati, 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 - 8:30pm at Sonoma State Newman Center, 1798 E Cotati Ave, Rohnert Park. Email to join: [stephenmichaelmorris@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmichaelmorris@gmail.com). For more information go to: [www.soldiersofchrist.info](http://www.soldiersofchrist.info)

**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.

