

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.

November 10, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during November 11th - 17th</u>	
Mon. 8:00	Lori Nelson (L), Fidel and Antonio Cornejo, Ermila Marrafa
Tues. 8:00	David Tripaldi, Johna Lounibos, Toñita Ortiz
Wed. 8:00	Pat Carr, Joan Jimenez
Thur. 8:00	Ana Maria and Family (L), Gloria Camozzi (L), Jacob Smith
Fri. 8:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L), Joan Jimenez and Family (L) Orfelinda Diaz de Zamora, Federico Zamora Davalos
Sat. 8:00	Joseph Camozzi (L)
5:00	ProPopulo
7:00	Alejandro and Luis Sanchez (L), The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Arnulfo Bravo Salgado Teresa Robles de Caro, Gerardo Enriquez
Sun. 7:30	Kathy Piasta and Family (L), Charlotte Dion (L) Joe Piasta, Henry Morth
9:00	Johna Lounibos, William Dallas Henry III, Francisco Valdez Maria Isabel Madera
10:30	Judy Williams (L) Manuel and Francelina Lopes, Hacop Gashian Fr. Michele Raimondi, Fr. Robert White, Cortney Sellers
12:00	Maria Cristina Gabriela Gonzalez (L), Juan Andres Avalos (L) Jose Luis Avalos, Balbina Rodriguez Baltazar, Mario Herrera

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways.

When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn't pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple's largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives **"everything she had."**

What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I'd like to take this opportunity to deal with a few matters which, while not requiring an entire "Pastor's Desk," are very good news indeed.

Annual Ministries Appeal 2024: Since my previous low-key appeal for the AMA, I'm happy to say that we have gone from being \$18,000 short of our goal, to being more than \$7,000 over goal. In one month, there has been a greater than \$25,000 positive "swing." We will receive a \$7,000+ rebate to help close our significant budget deficit for 2024-25. I am most grateful for your generous response.

Good News: What's even better news is that since we have met our goal, all special gifts through the end of this year, whether to the AMA or directly to the parish, will be exempt from the 9% diocesan assessment through the end of 2024. Since we are facing a large budget deficit, I would like to take full advantage of what is effectively a 9% bonus on special contributions (i.e., not through the weekly plate) through at least the end of 2024 and perhaps beyond.

Plainly stated, any special donations before the end of this year will be worth 9% more than before. (If you know of any return on investment higher than 9% per year, please let our Parish Finance Committee know...) Special gifts can take the form of cash, appreciated stock, or other negotiable instruments. I can put you in touch with members of our Finance Committee, who are skilled professionals, to help you put your intentions into effect.

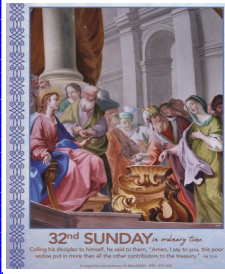
This may be a good time to mention wills and testamentary gifts. Through the history of our parish, wills and bequests have been a major source of financial stability and security for our parish and for all who depend on us for their livelihood. Any funds not used for daily operations are invested securely at the highest rates available. (Recently, our parish and school were able to lock in a most favorable interest rate days before rates were lowered nationwide.) Most importantly, your bequest or residual gift will give expression to your lasting hopes for our parish, and your gratitude for the blessings with which God has favored you and your loved ones. Your estate attorney can help you. (There are many excellent local estate attorneys available.)

October Mass Count: The Mass Count, recently concluded, has more good news. Our count for 2024 was 2,648. That means that, on average over 4 weeks, 2,648 people attended Mass with us. By way of comparison, our pre-COVID Mass Count for 2018 – just 6 years ago – was 1,521.

Every effort is made for an accurate count, but that gratifies and even surprises me. Offhand, I can think of good reasons for at least part of this increase. Over time, there has been an increased appreciation for the excellent service provided by our office staff. They are efficient and endlessly patient with every imaginable request, including (last week) a request for a baptismal certificate from 1868. (We had it.) We have been blessed with a series of first-rate associates, a resident Monsignor, and a terrific Deacon who provide a variety of fine homilies and great pastoral support. We also have a significant number of young families, which visitors invariably comment to me about. Our parish, while even older than Petaluma itself, has tremendous residual strength in its people. The ultimate proof is that our church, with the Blessed Sacrament at its center, feels prayed in, and feels like a home. It can be left open, like no other church I know of, because it is almost always occupied by at least one soul seeking God.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 11TH - 17TH



Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$10,614
On-Line Giving	<u>3,501</u>
Total	\$14,115

All Souls Day Collection was \$1,502

All Saints Day Collection was \$1,542

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Communications and Catholic University 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



If you are interested in a faith-based education for your child, please be sure to call our office at 707-762-6426 to set up a tour or visit our website (www.svelem.org)

Junior High

Parent Tour (adults only) November 14th at 8:45 am
 Open House (parents and students welcome) November 19th from 6 pm-7 pm

TK/Kindergarten

Parent Tour (adults only)
 November 13th at 8:45 am
 December 2nd at 8:45 am
 Open House (parents and students welcome)
 December 11th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
 January 16th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED this Monday, November 11, 2024 for Veteran's Day.

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.

ST. VINCENT'S 2025 LECTOR AND VISITING OF THE SICK BOOKS – are available at the rectory office. If you haven't picked up your book, please do so. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch hour: 12 to 1 pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 707-762-4278.

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED:

SAVE THE DATE!! St Vincents Parish Crab Feed will be on January 25, 2025 at St Vincents College Prep in Tillman Hall. Buy Tickets NOW Online!
tinyurl.com/STVCrabFeedJan252025



CONGRATULATIONS - to Cady Bellynda and Sally Catherine Garcia, Laura Jackeline and Luis Alberto Amaya Carrillo, Vivienne Marie Pizzoli, and Izaias Adrian Ambriz who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

THANKSGIVING DAY: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH - there will be an 8:00 am English and 10:00 am bilingual Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Holy Adoration after the 8 am mass is canceled.

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 - Salvador Zandejas, Bonifacio Gonzalez, William Bullard, Dani Sarigusa, Estela Anguiano, Salvador Ochoa, Quintin Ponce Jr., Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

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

ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL has greatly expanded their shop and is carrying many new items. Visit the Cathedral Books and Gifts shop for Catholic books, bibles, rosaries, jewelry, statues, religious gifts, gifts for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and more! Cathedral Books and Gifts shop, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa CA, 95405. For more information, call (707) 542-0250 or email: steugenegiftshop@outlook.com.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA – We have moved; 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, or the 24 hour hotline (800) 550-4900.