

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 17, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during November 18th– 24th</u>		33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	8:00	<p>I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.</p> <p>This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes “in the clouds.” Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to “gather his elect from the four winds.” He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. “Summer is near,” he concludes. A new world begins.</p> <p>Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come. — Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	
Wed.	8:00	
Thur.	8:00	
Fri.	8:00	
Sat.	8:00	
	5:00	
	7:00	
Sun.	7:30	
	9:00	
	10:30	
	12:00	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

After a few fits and starts, Fall weather has finally arrived. The Fall colors, the cool rains, brisk mornings, stunning sunsets, the wind-picked skies. Some of us are hoping to harvest just a few more tomatoes before the first frost, which could come any day.

The weather and seasons have always been popular topics of conversation, whether as small-talk “filler,” or in relation to planting a garden, harvesting grapes or other crops, threatened water shortages, etc. Then there is talk and longer term concern about “climate change.” For people who generally spend so much time indoors, we talk a lot about the weather. There is even the “Weather Channel” for true devotees.

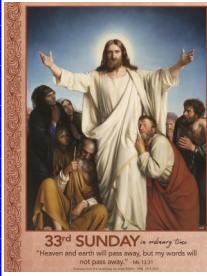
As to our local weather and climate, as Petalumans we are about as blessed as it is possible to be. We have a climate with distinct seasons but without extremes, where punishing storms are rare, and in which it is possible to grow nearly anything – even palm trees. And we don’t have many bugs – especially pesky mosquitoes. In the southeast, there are massively destructive hurricanes (which in turn generate tornados) it takes years and billions of dollars to recover from. Some people return in rowboats after a hurricane only to find alligators and poisonous snakes in their destroyed and sodden homes. (They get alligators, we get earthquakes and fires, but we all get the insurance premium increases....)

When reading and reflecting on the Gospels, it is important to have, to the extent possible, a subjective experience of being with Jesus and his disciples, pondering their words, and following in their steps. What comes to my mind is how seldom the Gospels mention the weather except when required by the circumstances, such as the raging sea that Jesus calmed (“who is this that even the wind and the waves obey him?”), the darkness that fell on Good Friday, the vineyard workers laboring in the heat, or the seed sown on different kinds of land. At the same time, Jesus and his followers spent long days and even months largely outdoors, probably “sleeping rough” much of the time. The saving grace of the climate was that, like Petaluma’s, it was generally not extreme, with the exception of extended periods of summer heat. Winters, however, were cold enough that to be without a cloak could, on the coldest of nights, be life-threatening. The conditions Jesus mentions in the “Separation of the Sheep and Goats” – hunger, thirst, nakedness – were not merely dignitary wounds of poverty, but potentially matters of life or death.

The pagans of Jesus’s time largely believed that the weather resulted from the action of various gods, whose wrath needed to be propitiated. Even in pre-scientific ages, nearly every cosmology known to man (and woman) tried to explain these phenomena in one way or another. However, in our scientific age, we can still see them also as aspects of God’s creation. Taking some time to take in the beauty around us at this time of year, with hearts and minds elevated heavenward, becomes a prayer and an act of thanksgiving.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 17TH - 24TH

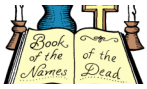


Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/
Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37

ENVELOPE USERS: You recently received your collection envelopes for December. Due to an error, the regular Sunday Collection envelope for December 8th is missing, although the second collection envelope (for Dec. 8th) for the Retirement Fund for Religious has been included. The company will send out the regular Sunday Collection envelope for December 8th and has said you should receive it by November 22nd.



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.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE, 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 and evening confessions are both canceled on this Thursday.**

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.



THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm. There will also be another reconciliation service on Wednesday, December 18th at 9 am.

ST. VINCENT'S SPANISH COMMUNITY invites you to celebrate La VIRGEN De GUADALUPE on Wednesday, December 11th, starting at 9 pm with music, prayers, the rosary, and poems followed by mass at 11:30 pm. Our Lady of Guadalupe mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Mateo Tobias Negra who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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!

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$10,574
On-Line Giving 2,328
Total \$12,902

The second collection last weekend for the Communications and Catholic University Fund was \$3,040.

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



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

Open House (parents and students welcome) November 19th from 6 pm-7 pm

TK/Kindergarten

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

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.



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



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