

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 24, 2024

<u>Mass intentions during November 25th - December 1</u>			Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mon.	8:00	The Lavio-Manni Family, Gloria Rodriguez Jose Cisneros, Jesus Gutierrez	<p>When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatshirt. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.</p> <p>To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.</p> <p>We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Federico Valencia, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros	
Wed.	8:00	William Bullard (L), Tonita Ortiz, Angelina Bautista Vicente Ordaz, Julia Barlet	
Thur.	8:00	Evelyn and John Pedroni, Theresa and Henry Morth Richard Bellerini, Filemon Martinez	
Fri.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar (L), Victoria Fernandez Barragan Kathleen Marie Halverson	
Sat.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar and Family (L)	
	5:00	Manuel and Francelina Lopes, Harriet Bresciani	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Marco Antonio Gramajo (L), Teresa Robles De Caro Gerardo Enriquez, Alan Taylor	
Sun.	7:30	Special Intention (L), Bill Wasik, Jerry Fahey	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Mike and Amanda Tarrant (L)	
	12:00	The Jimenez-Garcia Family (L) Maria Cristina Gabriel Gonzalez (L), Toñita Ortiz Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As I write this, we are in the midst of the first "atmospheric river" which used to be called "heavy rain" or, at most, "a storm system." Either way, it's good to have it, especially if it means delivery from drought in the months to come.

This Sunday has two titles: The 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Christ the King. Despite the venerable tone of that title, it was entered into the Church liturgical calendar only in 1925, the year before the construction of our current church building in Petaluma,

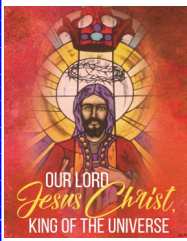
Over the course of roughly 60 years – 1870 to 1929 – Europe underwent a rolling revolution in which one great empire or governing regime after another fell, or was completely secularized. Before these revolutions, the ruling principle had been the divine right of monarchs, believed to be anointed with not only civil, but also divine, authority. The unification of Italy in 1869 resulted in the loss of the Papal States and the isolation of the Pope within the Vatican, a territory smaller than Disneyland. The Vatican was like an embattled island within Rome for 60 years, until 1929, with the signing of the Lateran Treaty between the Holy See and the Italian state. During this 60-year period, relations between the church and state were quite hostile. Popes refused to leave the Vatican or even enter St. Peter's Square, so as to avoid even the appearance of recognizing Italian sovereignty. Popes imparted their Urbi et Orbi from a balcony facing the interior of the Vatican complex, and papal coronations took place privately in the Sistine Chapel. This "fortress mentality" occurred within the living memory of nearly all bishops that attended Vatican II.

The signing of the Lateran Treaty in 1929 was an exercise of worldly – even kingly – power between a Pope (Pius XI) and a King (Victor Emmanuel III) which created for the Holy See, among other things, freedom from the burden of governing the large Papal States, while still guaranteeing the church a safe and secure base of operations within Rome, which was for centuries the center of both the civil state and the church.

In closing, this feast makes two points worth reflecting on as we approach Thanksgiving and Advent. Jesus's kingdom is already in our midst, but it is not entirely of this world, and will be fulfilled and fully understood only in the fullness of time. The second is that the leaders and "influencers" of this age, and the makers and breakers of peace now more emboldened than ever, will one day appear alongside us before Christ the King as judge. In the meantime, we prepare to give thanks for the blessings of our lives, and prepare for Christ the Child once again being born anew.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25TH— DECEMBER 1ST



Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/
Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 28th and Friday November 29th for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



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.



ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS are available at the rectory for \$20.00 a set or sold separately at \$10.00 each. Office hours: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. We close for lunch from 12 to 1 pm. For more information, please call 707-762-4278.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH - there will be an 8 am English and 10 am bilingual Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church. **Holy Adoration and evening confessions are both canceled on this Thursday.**

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER is presenting a December Day of Reflection on Sunday, Dec. 1st, from 12 – 4 pm at St. James Catholic Church multi-use room, 125 Sonoma Mtn. Parkway, Petaluma, CA 94954. Our fraternity will meet for the 10:30 Mass followed by a short potluck brunch/social before our presentation begins. All are welcome to participate. This is a free will offering, donations will be accepted.



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.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$8,670
 On-Line Giving 2,181
 Total \$10,851

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY NEWS

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, the faculty and staff at SVES take a moment to pause and reflect on the many blessings we share as a community. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge the trust and partnership of every member of our school family—our dedicated students, hardworking staff, committed families, and supportive alumni.

This year, more than ever, we are thankful for the faith, love, and generosity that bind us together. Your commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering spiritual growth, and creating an environment of care and respect is truly a gift. It is a privilege to work alongside such a devoted community, united in our shared mission to educate, empower, and inspire.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, let us remember the abundant blessings we enjoy and offer thanks for the opportunity to walk this journey of faith and learning together. We are deeply grateful for your continued support, trust, and partnership in fulfilling our shared vision of faith-filled education.

May this season of Thanksgiving be filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of family!

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
 January 16th from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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



ST. VINCENT'S 2025 LECTOR AND VISITING OF THE SICK BOOKS – are available at the rectory office. If you haven't yet 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 Saturday, January 25, 2025 at St. Vincent's College Prep in Tillman Hall. Buy Tickets NOW Online! tinyurl.com/STVCrabFeedJan252025

