

**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.**

**January 19, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during January 20th - 26th</u>			2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time John 2:1-12
Mon.	8:00	Noelia Gonzalez and Family (L), Monica Herrera Chavez Frances Catherine Moore, Al Kardos, Myra Bleyer	<p>A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.</p> <p>Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.</p> <p>Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then... an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Kathy Hooper (L), Frances Catherine Moore Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel, Inesita Valle	
Wed.	8:00	Judy Williams (L), Pat Carr, Frances Catherine Moore Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel	
Thur.	8:00	Lisa Dietlin and Family (L), The Marian and Papas Family (L) Frances Catherine Moore, Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel	
Fri.	8:00	Maureen Nelson (L), Vicki Aguilar and Family (L) Frances Catherine Moore, Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel	
Sat.	8:00	Rosa Maria Martinez (L) The Lavio-Manni Family, Frances Catherine Moore	
	5:00	Yolanda Hromek, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh	
	7:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel	
Sun.	7:30	Ines Olguin Rodriguez, Antonia Canseco Ambrosio Egidio Mancini, Jesus Palomera, Placida Angel	
	9:00	The Secular Carmelites (L), Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Lindy Borges Frances Catherine Moore, Roberto Valdez Cordero	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Aron Aceituno Chanure (L), Mauricio Velazquez Figueroa (L) The Gonzalez Alvarez Family (L) Mario Herrera, Carlos Emmanuel Huerta Espinoza	

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

The Second Vatican Council taught at the highest level of authority that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” The primary setting for the Eucharist is the eucharistic liturgy, i.e., the Mass. We have been gifted with a uniquely beautiful church, and the liturgy, music and architecture should be mutually reinforcing in style and spirit, while retaining the distinctive spirit of each of our six weekend Masses.

**Eucharistic Ministers.** Deacon Jim’s retirement has created a huge vacancy in our Masses that will not quickly nor easily be filled. That, and the fact that we have not adequately rebuilt our liturgical team since COVID, will require special efforts going forward. Our team of Eucharistic Ministers has markedly shrunk. (However, since we no longer provide the Precious Blood at the Masses, this change has gone largely unnoticed.) We will now need 6 Eucharistic Ministers per weekend, rather than the two EMs per week we currently use.

**Readers.** We have some excellent readers, but need to add to the ranks, and standardize the training for the readers we have.

**Servers.** Our ranks of altar servers are once again growing, as we have been recruiting since the most recent First Communion and the beginning of this current school year. However, we need more. We need servers for all Sunday Masses, and Religious Education and school Masses, not only to “cover” regularly scheduled Masses, but also “super-servers” for service at the “big” liturgies, like Christmas, the Easter Vigil, First Communion, and Confirmation Masses when the bishop officiates.

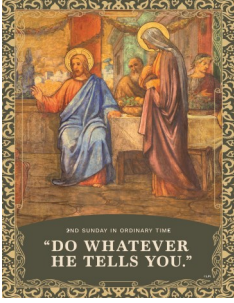
Servers are generally recruited from the fourth grade and above, while the bare minimum requirement is that a young person has received First Communion and has a basic understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist. Once a young person is recruited, the most powerful part of being a server is to have a “front row seat” to the central mystery of our faith, the Eucharist, which is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Over time, they learn responsibility, self-confidence and poise while serving before a large congregation, and internalize reverence for the Lord. We have already begun recruiting, and hope that more parents will encourage their children to serve at Masses.

**Ushers.** We are in need of ushers we can rely upon to be scheduled for at least one Mass per month, to help with the seating of congregants, taking up the collection, and directing the Communion lines.

In the coming weeks, we will formalize this call to ministry by sign-ups and training. I make a special appeal to the younger members of our congregation. Without putting too fine a point on it, your current pastor was the oldest, at the time of his appointment, of any pastor in the history of this parish. It is time to call upon the younger members of our parish to carry our parish and its ministries well into the 21st century. I will return to these matters in future editions of The Pastor’s Desk.

**Blessings,  
Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20TH- 26TH**



Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/  
 Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/  
 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
 Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
 Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/  
 Mk 16:15-18  
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,  
 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this Monday, January 20, 2025 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH** is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary is from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

**ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED: SAVE THE DATE!!** Saturday, January 25, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul College Prep, 849 Keokuk St, Petaluma. Doors open for no-host cocktails at 6:00 pm and feeding frenzy starts at 7:15 pm. The dinner includes salad, pasta, bread, dessert and fresh Dungeness Crab, Crab, Crab! Tickets are just \$75!! You can purchase your tickets after all weekend masses; just look for your friendly Knights of Columbus member. Credit cards accepted, just visit our website: [tinyurl.com/stvcrabfeed2025](http://tinyurl.com/stvcrabfeed2025) or scan this QR Code. Call Ron Beltramo at 510-725-2706 if you have questions or need tickets.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Penelope Flores and Amira Elaine Noel Bonilla who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays 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** — Marie Ellen Higgins, Lucelia Fish, Chris Gonella, Bob Souza, Thomas Mastricola, Michelle Paskal, Douglas Smith, William Bullard, Dani Sarigusa, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP** invites you to come pray the rosary 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.

**WALK FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL** will be Friday, January 24, 2025 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco. Vespers begin at 5 pm followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. More information can be found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

**THE 21ST ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE** will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. The Walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza at 12:30 pm and after the Rally, will proceed down Market street to Embarcadero Plaza. For more information or to register, call 415-658-7193 or email: [info@WalkforLifeWC.com](mailto:info@WalkforLifeWC.com).



**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:  
 Sunday Basket \$9,187  
 On-Line Giving 2,135  
 Total \$11,322

The second collection this weekend for the Church in Latin America was \$3,734.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

**ONLINE GIVING AT ST. VINCENT** - We are happy to announce that PayPal, GPay, Venmo and Apple Pay are now available as payment options for Online Giving. These additions are part of our ongoing commitment to providing you with best-in-class giving solutions. To sign up for online giving, go to <https://www.svdppetaluma.org> and look for the red "Donate" button on the upper right of the front page. Once there, follow the prompts to create a new account or to make any changes to your account. You can also use this QR code to take you directly to the website. For more information, please contact Noelia or Sally in the rectory at 707-762-4278.



**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? We have registration forms in the bell room to the right at the entrance of the church. Please call the parish office for more information: 707-762-4278.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held after weekday mass on Thursday for one hour. All are welcome!

**ST. SEBASTIAN PILGRIMAGE:** The Santa Rosa Youth Ministry in collaboration with Camino de Sonoma invites you to St. Sebastian Pilgrimage on January 20th. It will start at St. Sebastian's Church at 8 am for Mass, followed by the pilgrimage. The ETA (estimated time of arrival) is 4 pm at St. Phillips Church in Occidental. For more information, call Stephen Morris at 310-849-2349 or email: [dryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dryouth@srdiocese.org).

**AGING GRACEFULLY:** The third annual four-week lecture series with practical guidance on Death and Dying will be held at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N McDowell Blvd. The series will be on Wednesdays in February from 1-2 pm: Feb. 5 - End of Life Doulas: Holistic Support for Life's Final Act; Feb. 12 - Home Funerals, Natural Death Care, and Green Burials; Feb. 19 - Medical Aid in Dying; Feb. 26 - Hospice and Natural Home Death. To register by phone: 707-241-4110.

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

