

**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.**

**February 23, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during February 24th - March 2nd</u>			<b>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:27-38</b>
Mon.	8:00	Fitzhugh William Moore, Jan Eshleman, Chuck Sackett	<p>One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.</p> <p>But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.</p> <p>What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Imelda Cortez (L) and Filadelfo Zarate and Family (L) The Lavio Manni Family, Fitzhugh William Moore	
Wed.	8:00	Fitzhugh William Moore, Mary Ellen Higgins, Erv Giacomini	
Thur.	8:00	Jilberto Cobian (L), Tatiana Covarrubias and Family (L) Rosa Barahona and Family (L) Mariano Munguia Alvarez, Fitzhugh William Moore	
Fri.	8:00	Fitzhugh William Moore, Holy Souls in Purgatory John Abinader, Doug Firkus	
Sat.	8:00	The Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Larry Kempel, Sam Najdek, Fitzhugh William Moore	
	5:00	Chuck Thompson (L), Mark Kostielney	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) The Jaramillo Rodriguez Family (L)	
Sun.	7:30	Rafael Martin, Candido Jorge Quiroz, Gerardo Enriquez Pro Populo	
	9:00	Cindy Imwinkelried (L) John and Rosa Amaral, Edward Anacleto, Lindy Borges	
	10:30	Linden Crossman, Erv Giacomini	
	12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) The Gonzalez Alvarez Family, Francisco and Araceli Amador (L) Jose Luis Avalos, Mario Herrera	

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – JUDGEMENT AND LOVE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

**Judgment and Love**

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churchd ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it *is* judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

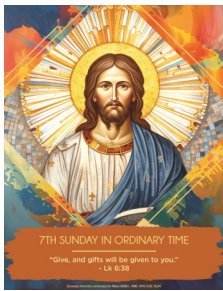
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**THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS:** A devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month before the daily mass. The devotion for January will be on Saturday, Jan. 4th. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to [www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org](http://www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org).

**THE CHURCH MOUSE THRIFT STORES,** a ministry of St. Francis Solano Catholic Church, is seeking a full-time experienced Senior Store Manager. Please email your resume to [LNorcia@srdiocese.org](mailto:LNorcia@srdiocese.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24TH — MARCH 2ND**



Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
 Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,  
 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40  
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50  
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/  
 Mk 10:1-12  
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/  
 Mk 10:13-16  
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

**March 5th**



8:00 am Mass  
 12:15 pm Mass  
 6:00 pm Mass  
 7:30 pm Spanish Mass



**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 from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** — Mercedes Nolasco, Douglas Smith, Brad Virgin, Charlie Kato, Frank Paula Sr., Anastasia Lester, Bonifacio Gonzalez, Lucelia Fish, Chris Gonella, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** The KOC Council #1586 St. James, will be awarding multiple \$1000 scholarships to seniors who plan to continue education after high school. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the parish office Monday through Friday during normal business hours. The deadline is April 10, 2025.

**THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE** invites you to the 2025 NFP (Natural Family Planning) Training and Certification Workshop Friday, March 14th to Sunday, March 16th at St. Apollinaris Church, 3700 Lassen St, Napa, CA 94558. Contact Crisarlin Vazquez, director of Marriage and Family Life, at familylife@srdiocese.org or call 707-566-3305 to register. More information is posted on the church bulletin boards along with a QR code to register.

**VILLAGE NETWORK OF PETALUMA - PROGRAMS**

Most of our programs and interest groups are designed for members and active volunteers. Social events and some interest groups welcome guests for one session to learn more about becoming a member and/or volunteer in the Village community. If you are interested in learning more about membership or volunteering, come to a "Get to Know the Village" monthly info meeting or contact us at info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org or 707-776-6055. Go to <https://petaluma.helpfulvillage.com/events> to see our online calendar.

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$9,137
On-Line Giving	2,247
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,384</b>

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Discover a Faith-Filled Education at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School (SVES). We provide a nurturing environment where academic excellence and Catholic values go hand-in-hand. We invite you to explore how our school can help shape your child's academic, spiritual, and personal growth.



**Why Choose SVES?**

- A strong foundation in faith-based education.
- Caring, dedicated teachers who understand the unique needs of each student.
- A community that fosters character, leadership, and service to others.
- A commitment to academic rigor and individualized learning.

**Tour Our Campus!** We'd love to show you firsthand what makes (SVES) so special. Come take a tour, meet our faculty, and see the engaging, faith-filled atmosphere your child could be a part of.

**Enroll for 2025-2026:** Enrollment is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. Don't miss the opportunity to provide your child with an education that nurtures both heart and mind.

**Schedule Your Tour Today!** Contact Mrs. Rynning at 707-762-6426 or [rynnings@svelem.org](mailto:rynnings@svelem.org) to book your tour or learn more about our programs.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our campus for a tour of St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.