

**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 9, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during February 10th - 16th</u>	
Mon. 8:00	Yareli Tinoco and Family (L), Alfredo Alvarez (L) Julio Reyes, Fitzhugh William Moore, Noe Contreras Gonzalez
Tues. 8:00	Kathy Hooper (L), Sylvia Samija and Family (L) Noe Contreras Gonzalez, Fitzhugh William Moore
Wed. 8:00	Pat Carr, Noe Contreras Gonzalez, John Adams Fitzhugh William Moore
Thur. 8:00	Elba Barajas (L), Joan Jimenez, Fitzhugh William Moore Noe Contreras Gonzalez, Francelina and Manuel Lopes
Fri. 8:00	Dennis Crandall and Family (L), Pat Carr, Maria Bruno Fitzhugh William Moore, Noe Contreras Gonzalez
Sat. 8:00	Fitzhugh William Moore
5:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L), The Jimenez Family (L) Joan Jimenez, Susan Burnett, Donald Fatooh
7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Maria Lopez Soto (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Noe Contreras Gonzalez, Candido Jorge Quiroz
Sun. 7:30	Pro Populo
9:00	Jim Carr (L), The Borges Family (L) Noe Contreras Gonzalez, Lindy Borges, Fitzhugh William Moore
10:30	-
12:00	Mauricio Velazquez Figueroa (L), The Gonzalez Alvarez Family (L) Cesar Puga (L), The Jimenez Garcia Family (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 5:1-11

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

From time to time a visitor will ask me a question about the church building, the Mass or the Catholic faith. More often than not, those questions lead me to do a bit of research to dig a bit deeper.

Two days ago I celebrated a funeral which drew people from around the Bay Area and beyond. One of the congregants emailed me a question last night: "I have a question for you: to the left of the altar, mounted on the wall, there is a display cabinet with three crystal decanters. Is that sacramental wine from a special set of Masses there?" If he had that question, others surely wondered the same thing.

The display cabinet is called an "ambry". and is used to store and display the three sacred oils consecrated for sacramental use by the bishop on Holy Thursday; the Sacred Chrism (for Ordination, Confirmation and Baptism), the Oil of the Sick (for Anointing of the Sick, what we used to call Last Rites or Extreme Unction) and Oil of the Catechumens (for Baptism and receiving adults into the Church).

A little more research reveals more interesting details. "Ambry" comes from the Latin "armarium", and originally referree to a closet, cupboard or even bookshelf. In fact, "armarium" is cognate with the French "armoire", those free-standing closets still used in old houses lacking built-in closets.

In the past, the ambry was used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament, a practice which is now forbidden in favor of proper locked tabernacles. Former guidelines required that the oil vessels be covered with violet cloth (for the Oil of the Sick) or white cloth (for the Sacred Chrism). Since olive oil degrades when exposed to light – that's why it's generally sold in cans or green glass bottles – Christian tradition and science once again go hand in hand.

Finally, a note on a sensitive topic – noise at Mass. I approach this matter with utmost care, as I rejoice in the size and diverse nature of our parish community. And while one is rightly skeptical of self-testimonials on this subject, I love children. Even better, according to our annual October Mass counts over the past several years, Mass attendance at SV is up 70% since 2018, distributed over 6 Masses. Some children, despite their parents' best efforts, get fussy – even loudly so – during Mass. That's just what kids do, and has nothing to do with being naughty or misbehaving. (I don't intend to be crude, but we spend the beginning of our lives in diapers, and end our lives in much the same way, and there's not much we can do about either...)

At the same time, there are some people – I among them – who have age-related hearing loss. If there is sustained loud noise at Mass, two things happen: Some wearing hearing aids have that sound painfully amplified, and I cannot speak, because I must hear my own voice in order to continue speaking. (Side point: If I briefly pause preaching when there is a lot of ambient noise in the church, it only because I cannot hear myself speak. My only humble request is that, in order for us all to share the same worship space, we all be reasonable. Reasonably accommodating of parents with fussy children, and reasonably accommodating of those with hearing issues. A quick trip to the vestibule with a fussy child is usually all it takes. For those with hearing issues, sitting closer to the front can usually help as well.

Happy Super Bowl, and happy (early) Valentine's Day!

**Fr Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH - 16TH**



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Jesus said to Simon: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/ Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$10,183
On-Line Giving	3,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,407</b>

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for St. Vincent's Church Religious Education Program.

**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 NEWS**

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary Catholic school, we are committed to fostering an environment where faith, values, and morals are at the heart of everything we do. We believe in partnering with our parish, our school families, to help guide and nurture the next generation of kind, compassionate, responsible individuals. Together, we can instill the virtues of love, respect, integrity, and service that are central to our Catholic faith.

If you are interested in touring our Catholic school, we would love to show you all that we have to offer. Please contact the office to schedule a tour at your convenience. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing more about our faith-filled community! 707-762-6426 or email Mrs. Rynning at [rynning@svelem.org](mailto:rynning@svelem.org)

**THE DIOCESE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT** program has opportunities this spring and summer:

**Men's Lenten Pilgrimage March 5th - 9th** - Join Men Ages 30 - 60 across the Camino de Sonoma in an incredible 5 day journey.



**Young Couple's Pilgrimage May 3rd** - Celebrate the CA Bishop's challenge to Radiate Love, engaged or newly married couples spend a Saturday together walking from Occidental to Jenner.

**Summer Camps: Eureka Mission Trip (July 13 - 18th) and Little Flowers Girls Camps** registration opens in March. Ages 10 - 30.

More information can be found on the church bulletin boards, or contact Stephen Morris at 310-849-2342, or [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org) to register or to get more information.

**ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS** – The tax contribution statements for 2024 were sent out last week to the families who donated over \$250. If you need a contribution statement or need more information, please call the rectory at 707-762-4278.

**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** — Charlie Kato, Frank Paula Sr., Anastasia Lester, Bonifacio Gonzalez, Lucelia Fish, Chris Gonella, Bob Souza, Thomas Mastricola, Michelle Paskal, William Bullard, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the family of Nora Hinkel Cunico who passed away on January 16th, Hugo Lopez Aparicio who passed away January 17th, John Francis Henning Jr. who passed away January 19th, and Fred A. Marty who passed away January 28th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**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 4/10/2025.



**DIOCESAN SURVEY: Help Us Improve Communication** Across the Diocese! We invite you to complete a brief survey. Your feedback will guide us in enhancing our communication strategies to better serve everyone. Simply scan the QR code or visit [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org) to complete the brief survey. Thank you for your input!



**THE OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE** invites you to the 2025 NFP Training and Certification Workshop beginning 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](mailto: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.

