

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.

March 2, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during March 3rd - 9th</u>			8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:39-45
Mon.	8:00	Alvaro Cobian Y Familia (L), Eduardo Cobian y Familia (L) Steve Kroeger (L), Joe Piasta, Geronimo Munguia	<p>One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer. Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.</p> <p>Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling. —Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L), Geronimo Munguia Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes, Souls in Purgatory	
Wed.	8:00	Elodia Munguia (L), Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Geronimo Munguia, Souls in Purgatory	
Thur.	8:00	Elodia Munguia (L), Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Geronimo Munguia, Souls in Purgatory	
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Marcial Tinoco and Family (L) Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Geronimo Munguia, Souls in Purgatory	
Sat.	8:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L), Evangelina de Vasquez Geronimo Munguia, Souls in Purgatory	
	5:00	Church Thompson (L), Pat Doherty, Frank Paul Bellante Jr. Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes	
	7:00	Antonio Salvador Esquivel (L), Jonathan Antonio Ortiz (L) The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L)	
Sun.	7:30	Arnulfo Bravo Salgado, Candido Jorge Quiroz Raymond Skipp, Geronimo Munguia	
	9:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez, Lamar Shabazian (L) Lyn Grosser, Derrick Knudsen	
	10:30 12:00	Pro Populo The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), The Sahagun Tejada Family (L) Lucero Alvarez (L), Patricio and Guillermina Lino Puentes, Mario Herrera	

2025 Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Santa Rosa



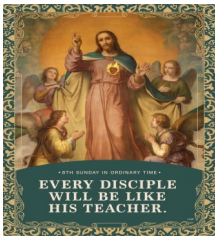
"The Lenten Season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The **catechumens**, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" (The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist).

The current discipline is as follows:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast and abstinence**, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat.
- The law of **fasting** permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth (60) year are obligated to fast.
- The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who have completed their fourteenth year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages seven to fourteen years also follow the law of **abstinence**.
- All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Those who have received their first Holy Communion are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.
- The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 110).
- **Marriages** may be celebrated with Mass and the nuptial blessing should always be given. It is, however, contrary to the spirit of penance during Lent to plan an elaborate wedding with lavish decorations.

Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: Canon Law grants to pastors and parochial vicars the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation - within their proper parish - to any adult or child over the age of seven years on the occasion of his or her baptism or reception into full communion with the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY MARCH 3RD - 9TH



Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/
Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:
14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

March 5th

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Spanish Mass



CRS RICE BOWLS - are available at the entrance of the church. Please return your rice bowls on Palm Sunday, April 13th. **PRAY** "Jesus, Bread of Life, As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers, showing us how we are connected. Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to share bread for life with our global family and work for a world where we can thrive. Amen." For more information, go to crsrice-bowl.org



ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - will be held on Fridays at 7 pm in the church during Lent, March 7th to April 11th. Deacon Jim Carr will lead the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.



PLEASE PRAY FOR — Rosaura Gopar, 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.

WINE, WOMEN AND WORD BOOK CLUB has a new selection for our next meeting on April 27th - **Saving the Music**, by Vincent Lococo. "This outstanding work of historical fiction, addresses the involvement of Pope Pius XII in saving thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. It provides a different perspective than what is frequently heard." - Goodreads review. For more information please contact Amanda Tarrant at amandatarrant@comcast.net.



HUMBLE PIE: In His divine wisdom, God invites couples to deepen their roots, prune the dead branches, and grow through any rocky ground to produce the best fruit. Mutual vulnerability and respect amid differences are the keys to a more profound and enduring love. When the moment arrives to humbly give and receive forgiveness, the Holy Spirit pours out grace on our will so we can grow in holiness and love. Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at: www.radiatelove.info

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,272
On-Line Giving	1,277
Total	\$8,549

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$5,187.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a collection on Ash Wednesday for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

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 the parish office at 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 rynnning@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.