

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 30, 2025

Mass intentions during March 30th - April 6th		4th Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41
Mon.	8:00 Robert Steger, III (L), Maria Luisa Barragan (L)	<p>A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.</p> <p>When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities?</p> <p>We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day. Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.</p> <p>Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00 Salvador Ancira (L), Irineo y Jesus Perez Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Maria Luisa Barragan (L) Salvador Ancira (L), Chas Sickles Irineo y Jesus Perez	
Wed.	8:00 Maria Luisa Barragan (L), Salvador Ancira (L) Linden Crossman	
Thur.	8:00 Maria Luisa Barragan (L), Salvador Ancira (L) Claire Gibson and Family (L) Ronald Ohlander, Wildred and Helen Fatooh	
Fri.	8:00 The Alcaraz Family (L), Maria Luisa Barragan (L) Marcial Tinoco and Family (L), Salvador Ancira (L)	
Sat.	8:00 Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Charles Bunker	
	5:00 Mark Kostielny, Francelina and Manuel Lopes	
	7:00 Eric Gonzalez (L) The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Rafael Martin, Gerardo Enriquez, Tonita Ortiz Carreño and Family	
Sun.	7:30 Egidio Mancini	
	9:00 Lindy Borges, John and Rosa Amaral Edward Anacleto	
	10:30 Philip Respini	
	12:00 Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L), Jose Luis Avalos Tomas Juan Gomez, Mario Herrera, Eraclio Ramirez	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

In less than a week, it seems that we've gone from late winter to mid-spring, with a couple genuinely hot days included.

Each Lent, I try out one or more fish-&-chips places in the area, and ask them if they sell more on Fridays during Lent. They affirmed that they did, and that they sold even more fish as Lent went on.) I was somewhat surprised at the strength of the of the abstinence.

We are roughly at the mid-point of this Lenten season, as our prayers from now on will often contain an air of future longing as well.

Fr. Bill Donahue,
Pastor



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Lenten Services this year are scheduled as follows:

Monday, March 31st at 7 pm and Thursday, April 17th at 12 pm

(Confessions at 6 pm this Thursday is canceled).

You are invited to come to either of these services to prepare for the season of Easter.

Scrutinies for the Elect and Candidates are scheduled at the 9 am Mass on Sunday, March 23rd, 30th, and April 6th. We ask the assembly of the faithful to pray in silence, asking that the "Elect and Candidates will be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and the true freedom of the Children of God."



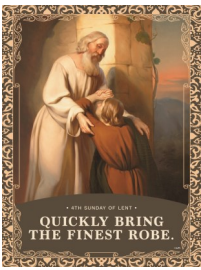
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: The KOC Council #1586 St. James, will be awarding multiple \$1000 scholarships to seniors who plan to continue education after high school. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the parish office Monday through Friday during normal business hours. The deadline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



THE 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 April will be on Saturday, April 5th. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY MARCH 31TH - APRIL 6TH



Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

CHRISM MASS: The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the priests serving in the diocese, invites you to attend the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm



EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES are available at the entrance of the church. It's a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered by making a donation to help decorate our beautiful church for the Easter season.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Luke Van Boudewyn who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PRESENTATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:



Soldiers of Christ from Resurrection Parish in Santa Rosa will have a live Stations of the Cross in Spanish at St. Vincent's Parish Hall on Saturday, April 12th at 5 pm. All are Welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED: Are you called? We welcome new and returning Eucharistic Ministers to serve once a month at 5:00 pm, 7:30 am, 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. There will be trainings for everyone. To learn more, please contact Joanne Ferris at: jferrispetaluma@gmail.com or call 707-481-6431.

ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - are held



on Fridays at 7 pm in the church, March 7th to April 11th. Deacon Jim Carr will lead the Stations of the Cross.

PLEASE PRAY FOR — Luis Gramero, Lucelia Fish, Ino Carrillo, Glenn Craft, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Anita Solar, Marilyn Lee, Jilberto Porras, Mary Barber, Rosaura Gopar, Mercedes Nolasco, Bonifacio Gonzalez, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Raeden Alice



Severson who passed away March 3rd, Jon Micheal Burk who passed away Jan. 11th, and Maureen Ann Lane who passed away March 14th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest

in peace.

WINE, WOMEN AND WORD BOOK CLUB has a new selection for our next meeting on April 27th - Saving the Music, by Vincent Lococo. For more information, please contact Amanda Tarrant at amandatarrant@comcast.net.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$9,969
 On-Line Giving 1,568
 Total \$11,537

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$5,659.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY-will have a second collection this weekend. This is to inform our longtime and new contributors to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as to what we do with their generous contributions. The 5th Sunday collections, the Poor Box (in the back of the church), Christmas Giving Tree, Thanksgiving donations, plus individual gifts allow us to distribute gift cards. The gift cards allow Petalumans in need to purchase food and household items (excluding alcohol, tobacco and lottery). Thanks again for your continued support!

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. VINCENT'S - 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

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, we are committed to fostering the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of each child. Our dedicated teachers and staff work together to provide a Christ-centered education that prepares students for a lifetime of service, leadership, and faith.

If you are considering a Catholic education for your child, we would love to partner with you in this important journey. Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have or provide additional information about our programs. Please feel free to reach out to our Admissions Director, Mrs. Rynning, at rynnings@svalem.org or call the office to set up a tour (707)762-6426. We look forward to hearing from you! Please join us for the



St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School Spring Gala: Velvet and Vinyl: An Amplified Affair.

The gala will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 5:00 PM to 10:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul College Prep. The event will include dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and a live performance by Wonder Bread 5. Guests are encouraged to dress up their favorite rock band t-shirt with leather, sequins, or a blazer. All money raised will go directly to support the enrichment programs at SVES. Tickets start at \$150. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. More information at: <https://auctria.events/svesauction>.