

**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.**

**April 13, 2025**

**Mass intentions during April 14th—20th**

Mon.	8:00	Doreen McDonald, Evangeline Marie Tellucci Mike McCaffrey, All Souls in Purgatory Margaret Giacomini
Tues.	8:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L) Yasmin Alvarenga (L), Juan Valle
Wed.	8:00	Bette Kancler (L) Jacob Smith, Marjorie Bacon
Thur.	8:00	Holy Thursday
Fri.	8:00	Good Friday
Sat.	8:00	Holy Saturday (No daily Mass)
	5:00	No Mass
	7:00	No Mass
Sun.	7:30	Mr. and Mrs. A. Sartori, Don Patterson, Teresa and Henry Morth, Caley J. Brown, Buck and Marie Arnold
	9:00	Frankie P. Arnold, James Fatooh, Evelyn and John Pedroni, Bette Jo Reich
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Conversion de todos los pecadores (L) Toñita Ortiz Carreño, Mario Herrera Jose Luis Avalos

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025  
(Luke 19:28-40)

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)  
Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir    ©LPi

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY**

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,

I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross .... and to a victorious hope.

Amen.

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**



A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today’s Mass?

“My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?”

We’ve never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We’ve never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He’s the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn’t make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14TH—20TH**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42  
 Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12  
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 0:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

## **Holy Week at St. Vincent's – 2025**

### **CONFESSIONS**

Thur., April 17, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

#### **Holy Thursday – April 17**

(No Mass at 8:00 a.m.)

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30 p.m. (bilingual)

Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

#### **Good Friday – April 18**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross 3:30 p.m.

The Lord's Passion (Spanish) 7:30 p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday – April 19**

No other Mass

Celebration of the Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. (bilingual)

#### **Easter Sunday – April 20**

English Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass: 12:00 noon



**REMINDER:** The English Religious Education Programs will be on break during the Holy Week. Classes will resume after April 21st.

The Catechists wish everyone be filled with God's blessings and that His presence will be with you always.

Happy Easter!

### **BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC RELIEF**

**SERVICES:** This Sunday, April 13th, Wine Women and Word will be hosting a Bake Sale of homemade goodies after all the Masses for your family to enjoy. Help support the world wide efforts of the Catholic Relief Services that give humanitarian aid to those suffering throughout the world. Your cash donation will be appreciated. Please contact Carolyn Maloney for more information at (707) 763-8456.

**CRS RICE BOWLS** - Please return your rice bowls on Palm Sunday, April 13th, or you can return them to the parish office M-F during business hours, closed from 12—1 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.



**CONFESSIONS:** On Thursday, April 17, confessions will be available from 12 - 1 pm in the church; there will be no evening confessions.

## **PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$10,302
On-Line Giving	3,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,958</b>

**Thank you for your generosity.**

There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

**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**

There are moments in life when we are faced with trials, challenges, and times of deep need — whether it be emotional, physical, or spiritual. In these moments, we can sometimes feel overwhelmed, lost, or uncertain of where to turn. Yet, as Catholics, we are reminded that we are never truly alone. In times of difficulty, let us lean on our faith and one another. Prayer is a powerful tool; it connects us with God and with each other. It is through prayer that we find solace, hope, and the courage to face the challenges ahead.

Let us walk together in faith, encouraging one another and holding each other up in prayer. God is with us, and in His love, we are made strong.

May God's peace be with you all, and may you feel His presence in your life during times of need.

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St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School is currently enrolling TK-7th Grade

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** — Abraham Solar, Luis Gamero, Luce-lia Fish, Ino Carrillo, Glenn Craft, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Anita Solar, Marilyn Lee, Gilberto Porras, Mary Barber, Rosaura Gopar, Mercedes Nolasco, Bonifacio Gonzalez, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Elba G. Eder who passed away on Nov. 7th, Mariana McEvoy who passed away Jan. 14th, Joseph Clemens Antone Schoeningh who passed away Feb. 22nd, and Alexander Joseph Herrera who passed away March 20th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The KOC Council of St. Vincent's will be awarding multiple \$1,000 scholarships to seniors who plan to continue education after high school. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the parish office M - F. The deadline for St. Vincent's is **April 15, 2025.**

