

**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 20, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during April 21st - 27th</u>			<b>Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025</b> John 20: 1-9
Mon.	8:00	Josephine Lavio (L), Dominic Ortiz (L) Anthony "Tony" Cheever, Gloria Bordi Pauletta Maralit Chanco	<p>When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.</p> <p>Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.</p> <p>These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Flor Naal and Family (L), Adrienne Kosewic (L) John Davis (L), Jan Eshleman, Chuck Sackett	
Wed.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez (L), Souls in Purgatory	
Thur.	8:00	Tyler Alexander Ruiz (L), Kathy Halverson (L) Teodoro and Celia Calderon, Olga Delgado	
Fri.	8:00	Familia Martin-Muñoz (L), The Lavio-Manni Family	
Sat.	8:00	Jose Luis Del Toro, Jr. (L)	
		Jeanne and Norm Lubeck	
	5:00	Jim Doolittle	
Sun.	7:30	Toñita Ortiz Carreño and Family, Enriqueta Bastidas	
	9:00	Guadalupe Contreras, Ernesto Medina Lopez	
	10:30	Maria Elisa Angulo	
		Pro Populo	
	12:00	Jim Doolittle	
		Oscar Chavez and Family (L) Bette Jo Garzelli Reich	
		Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera Tomas Juan Gomez, Eduardo Vargas	

**AN EASTER PROCLAMATION**

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph! Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more. Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master, Who paid the debt of Adam, Who frees those doomed to die, Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. God our Father, eternal is your love for us! Christ the Son, in victory you reign! Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts. Together you live and reign and ransom your people, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**



**Mini Reflection:** Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

**The Search**

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend — the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

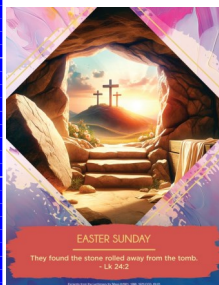
Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21ST - 27TH**



Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



**REMINDER:** The English Religious Education Programs will resume after April 21st.

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



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** this Monday, April 21st. Happy Easter!

**WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD:** Thank you one and all for our first ever Wine, Women, and Word bake sale! With all your help we raised \$1,322.30 for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you to the bakers, buyers, and the generous parishioners! A Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing shade and extra muscle! It was a great way to spend Palm Sunday!



**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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Makenna James Rosselli, Mia and Milan Martinez, Clayton Dante Del Prete, and Caroline Stewart Moore who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held after weekday mass on Thursday for one hour.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** — Greg Lytle, Sylvia Samija, Abraham Solar, Luis Gamero, Lucelia Fish, Ino Carrillo, Glenn Craft, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Jilberto Porras, Mary Barber, Mercedes Nolasco, Bonifacio Gonzalez, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of James "Jim" Micheal Doolittle who passed away March 19th, Consuelo Amador Dominguez who passed away March 26th, and Douglas Andrew Beaman who passed away April 4th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**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 May will be on Saturday, May 3rd. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.



**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$9,757
On-Line Giving	2,909
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,666</b>

The second collection last weekend for Catholic Home Missions was \$5,015.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

**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.



**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**



As we enter into this sacred Holy Week, St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School would like to extend our prayers and blessings to all parish families. May this be a time of reflection, grace, and renewed faith as we journey toward the joy of

Easter.

We are currently enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year, including our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program. If you or someone you know is seeking a Christ-centered, academically strong education for their child, we invite you to learn more about our school community.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact us at 707-762-6426 or visit our website at [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter!



**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm and Thursdays at 6 pm.

**ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL** has greatly expanded their shop and is carrying many new items. Visit the Cathedral Books and Gift Shop for Catholic books, bibles, rosaries, jewelry, statues, religious gifts, gifts for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and more, located at, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa CA, 95405. For more information, call (707) 542-0250 or email: [steugenegiftshop@outlook.com](mailto:steugenegiftshop@outlook.com).

