

**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 27, 2025

Mass intentions during April 28th - May 4th

Mon.	8:00	Mary Barber (L), Diane Caro (L), Don Patterson, Francelina and Manuel Lopes
Tues.	8:00	Charley and Janet Bowker (L), Vicki Aguilar and Family (L), Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L)
Wed.	8:00	The Martin-Muñoz Family (L), Richard Ballerini
Thur.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L), John Diego, Jim Doolittle
Fri.	8:00	The Martin-Muñoz Family (L), The Alcaraz Family (L), Melisa and Yareli Tinoco and Family (L)
Sat.	8:00	For the Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brigitte Plant, Laureena Salud
	5:00	Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Mark Kostielney, Frank Bellante
	7:00	Rafael Martin, Toñita Ortiz Carreño and Family, Maria Elba Quiroz Iribe, Salvador Barajas, Jose Guadalupe y Estela Contreras
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo
	9:00	Lindy Borges, John and Rosa Amaral, Edward Anacleto
	10:30	Hilda Sickles, Jim Doolittle, Modesta Blanco Villavicencio
	12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L), Jose Luis Avalos, Mario Herrera, Sotero Benitez, Petra Peñaloza

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Usually, priests, deacons, parish musicians and staff take a day or two off after Easter, not only to “recover” from Holy Week, but take some time for personal prayer and reflection on the meaning of Holy Week and Easter. This year, on Easter Monday, we were informed of the death of Pope Francis.

The first papal election I remember was the election of Paul VI in 1963. The reason it is so clear after all these years is that my parents (like millions of Americans) subscribed to both LIFE and LOOK, the two leading photo-journalism magazines of the day. They took the place of coffee-table books, and were often collected long after the issue date. The old joke was that LOOK was “for those too dumb to “understand” the pictures in TIME.”

Vatican II had opened a year earlier, but the death of Pope John XXIII by stomach cancer was not widely expected (until the very end) except by Vaticanophiles. (He was known as a “forchetta forte”— a “strong fork”— i.e., a “good appetite” seen as a sign of health.) Satellite TV transmission was black and white, and of limited quality. (Italy didn’t get color television until the mid-’70’s) Those magazines had the only lush color photos widely available, and I could remember the deep red cardinals’ choir dress, and the splendor of the Vatican. It was the first real peek Catholics world-wide had into their own church through the death of one Pope and the election of his successor.

The burial of Francis will take place the traditional nine days after his death. The growing list of world leaders and dignitaries planning to attend is impressive indeed, including Prince William and Princess Catherine, the King and Queen of Spain, and heads of state from all over the world. Countries with functional royal families are represented by them. Countries without monarchies or royal families, like the United States, are represented by ranking civil official(s). A papal funeral is one of the few times all of these national representatives from all over the world appear on the same stage, and the attendees are almost always “first string”— i.e., presidents rather than vice presidents, kings rather than princes.

There are a few things we might do well to keep in mind as we follow the news coverage. First of all, practicing Catholics see the church more from the inside, whereas secular journalists will tend to see the church from the outside, based on what is concrete and visible. The media are generally very good at reporting what’s visible and audible. What they’re far less good at is in conveying the invisible spiritual essence of the task at hand. Almost invariably, the networks report church events as if through a political template. The papabile— i.e., “pope-able”, those thought to be viable candidates— are measured on a spectrum between “progressive” and “conservative”, as if one word could adequately sum up a lifetime of work and experience. This focus on the visible tends to secularize the whole event from the start. Our part in this event is to pray and view this funeral and coming election with a supernatural outlook.

Another pitfall is misconstruing the nature of the papacy. People who think a “good” pope is one who will agree with them 100% of the time will be disappointed no matter who is elected. (When the flamboyant Ed Koch was running for mayor of New York, he was fond of saying, “If you agree with me 8 times out of 12, vote for me. If you agree with me 12 times out of 12, see a psychiatrist.”) The ancient name “pontifex” means “bridge-builder”, and the pope is to be above all a symbol of the unity of the entire church, three-quarters of whom now live in Asia, Africa or South Latin America.

There will be a Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis this coming Monday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Eugene’s Cathedral in Santa Rosa.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28TH—MAY 4TH

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/
 Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Easter Sunday Basket \$27,900
 Easter On-Line Giving 410
 Total \$28,310

The Holy Thursday Collection was \$1,412.

The Good Friday Collection was \$2,523.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this 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.



CONGRATULATIONS: On April 19, 2025 the following persons were Baptized, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and nourished for the first time at the table of our Lord - Maria Juana Flores, Greg John Lytle, Michael Stephen Mieres, Brandon Mora, Alfredo Olade, Natalie Reyes, and Alexander Venegas Zarate.



Briana Marie Clear was joyfully welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. She professed the Catholic Faith in the presence of this community, received the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit and became one with us for the first time at the Eucharistic table of the Lord.

May they remember God's blessings, grace, and everlasting love.



The English First Holy Communion classes are preparing to receive the first Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 9:30 am. The rehearsal with parents is on Wed., April 30 at 3:30 pm.

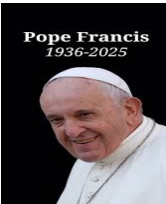
REMINDER: There will be no Religious Education classes Tuesday, April 29th and Wednesday, April 30th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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.



Pope Francis
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POPE FRANCIS MASSES: Father Moses Brown, Vicar General of the Diocese and Pastor of the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa, 2323 Montgomery Dr., will say a rosary at 5:30 pm and celebrate a Mass at 6 pm for Pope Francis this Monday, April 28th. Another Mass in his honor will be celebrated that same Monday at St. Bernard Parish in Eureka at 5:30 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND: A wallet was found in the women's bathroom 2 weeks ago after the 12 pm Mass. Please call the parish office at (707)762-4278 for more information.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD: Wine, Women, and Word



will gather on Thursday, May 1st, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, at St. Vincent's Parish Hall for an evening of friendship, food, beverage, and faith sharing. All are welcome, and we look forward to being with you!

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.

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



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

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



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY, members of the Secular Franciscan Order, are presenting a Day of Reflection on Friday, May 16th. We will reflect on "Franciscan Answers: reflections on the life of St. Francis in light of the needs of the Church and the Modern world." We will begin with the 9 am Mass at St. James Church followed by the presentation given by Fr. Thomas Stuart at 10 am at the Community Center, with bag lunch at 12, and conclusion at 3 pm. All are welcome. A Good Will Offering will be accepted to help cover our expenses. For more information, leave a message for Edd Ringlein, OFS at 707-246-5311.



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.



THE PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP is meeting again on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm at St. Vincent's church. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Carnazola at (707) 762-6115.

