

**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.**

**June 1, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during June 2nd– 8th</u>			<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> John 17:20-26
Mon.	8:00	Fr. Bill Donahue (L), Joe Piasta All souls in purgatory, Cecilia Mendoza Vazquez	<p>The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?</p> <p>I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.</p> <p>Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did? — Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Christopher Gonella, Gina Marie De Filippo Cecilia Mendoza Vazquez	
Wed.	8:00	Emma Van Bramer (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Fr. Bill Donahue (L), Msgr. Daniel Whelton (L) Melisa and Yareli Tinoco and Family (L), The Alcaraz Family (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Cindy Allan	
	5:00	Reparation for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kathy Barry	
	7:00	Pro Populo	
Sun.		Oscar Chavez and Family (L), Silvano Gonzalez Munguia	
		Rafael MartinMargarita Farias Garcia, Silvestre Martin	
	7:30	Aladino Marcucci	
	9:00	Edward Anacleto, Bonifacio Gonzalez	
	10:30	Jose Ignacio Hernandez (L), Adolfo Mendoza Valencia	
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Abraham Avalos Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera, Elpidia Cervantes Flores	

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

These are very busy weeks, with graduations, ordination anniversaries and, sadly, farewells.

First of all, I ask your prayers for our talented and dedicated office manager, Noelia Gonzalez. Her husband Bonifacio, for whom we have been praying for weeks, finally passed from a cancer he valiantly fought to the end. Before you read these words, his funeral will have taken place. They are immensely dignified and private people, but I know they will appreciate your prayers and best wishes. He leaves behind a lovely family, three children and multiple grandchildren, whom we pray will reunite, redeemed and reconciled, in the presence of Our Risen and Ascended Lord.

On a much happier note, this Sunday, June 1st, is Fr. Mauricio Rodriguez's first anniversary of ordination. There will be celebration in the Parish Hall right after the 12:00 noon Spanish Mass. Most priests (including me) need many years to work out the basic challenges of parish life, but Fr. Mauricio has taken to ministry, as they say, "like a duck takes to water." I really admire the way in which he has formed a bond with the parish, especially the Hispanic community. While everyone has their particular strengths, I've never had a more dedicated associate. And, for good measure, he's cheerful and has a great sense of humor. May God bless him with many, many years of ministry.

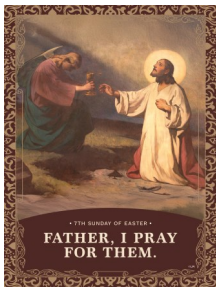
On an entirely different subject, this morning I presided over the Graduation and End-of-Year Mass for our elementary school. As I was speaking to them, I was very mindful of a recent column by David Brooks of the New York Times. Not long ago, when he was speaking on a college campus, a very bright senior told Brooks, "We are the most rejected generation." Brooks agreed, and explained why.

First, there are admission rates at universities, especially the elite ones. In 1959, roughly half of college-bound students applied to only one university. Now students feel they need to apply to 20 or 30 colleges hoping that at least one or two of them will accept them. Summer internships are no better. One student applied for 40 internships, and was rejected by 39. Some students believe that they need to apply for 150-250 different internships hoping that at least a few won't reject them. This creates a growing vicious circle of ever more applicants competing for a limited number of positions. In this Internet age, since it is fairly easy to submit college and job applications, millions of young people send out hundreds of applications each, thereby multiplying the numbers of rejections each applicant will receive. It is not unheard of for people to send out, say, 400 job applications and have every one rejected. This seems largely due to the sheer weight of numbers of applications made possible by electronic means.

The same dynamic is repeated whenever dating is done over any number of internet apps. Participants are able to accept or reject a potential boyfriend or girlfriend who has posted their photo and personal qualities, simply by "swiping" right or left to accept or reject. Unlike in the past, it is now possible to receive dozens, if not hundreds, of rejections in the course of a year. As you can imagine, this can work an emotional and spiritual toll on many, leading to aggression, depression, isolation and a sense of unworthiness. In this season of graduations and transitions, the best possible preparation is management of one's online environment, a strong spiritual life, and an unshakeable conviction that we are all loved by God.

**Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue**

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2ND – 8TH



Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/  
Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/  
Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/  
Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4,  
5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25  
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b  
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,  
30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/  
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn  
7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket	\$7,076
On-Line Giving	1,865
Total	\$8,941

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$4,123.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

There will be a second collection this weekend for Priests Benefits and Welfare.

**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

### A blessing to the SVES Class of 2025!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May He guide your steps as you begin this new chapter in high school.  
May He fill your hearts with courage, your minds with wisdom,  
and your spirits with faith, hope, and love.  
Always remember: you are never alone.  
Christ walks with you, and the prayers of your school family go with you.

We are so proud of our graduates:

Billie Mae Burk, Nayeli Navarro Honigsberg, Sophie Zhao  
Camryn Michelle Chin, William Matthew Phillips  
Evelyn Claussen, Brooke Louise Hatcher  
Madison Noelle Metzler, Dominic Paul Romano  
Rhyann Shiffer, Leonardo Velazquez De Lucio  
Justin Ziyad Atallah, Mary Carter, Karam Zaidan  
Sophia Dunne, Brynn Mary DeBerardinis  
Ryan J. Pozzi, Diego Walker James Donnelly  
Drew Bullock, Oliver G. Hackett  
Alexander Jordan Boutilier

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Are you involved in one of our wonderful ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Church? If your ministry is looking for more help or members, please contact Joanne Ferris at [jferrispetaluma@gmail.com](mailto:jferrispetaluma@gmail.com). We are working on offering a parish ministry fair and would love to include your ministry!



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Georgia Marie Mondfrans and Corbin Louis Finkbohner who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Confession on Thursday, June 5th at 6 pm, is canceled.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is on Thursdays after the daily Mass for one hour.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** — Donna Boyajian, Michelle Paskal, Greg Lytle, Sylvia Samija, Louis Gamero, Lucelia Fish, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



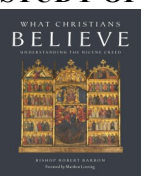
**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Ethan Scott Kagin who passed away March 29, Guillermo Silva Martinez who passed away May 20, Cecilia Mendoza Vazquez who passed away May 18, and Bonifacio Gonzalez who passed away May 26. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest 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 June will be on Saturday, June 7th. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or [Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com](mailto:Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com) or go to [www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org](http://www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org).



**STUDY OF THE CREED:** Join us for a nine-week study of the Nicene Creed using Bishop Robert Barron's book **What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed**. Fr. Samuel Moses Brown will lead the study at St. Eugene's Cathedral, 2323 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa. Classes will be from 6 - 6:45 pm on June 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, and 31; August 7, 14, 21. Cost is \$10 (includes book). Please call the Cathedral office to sign up at 707-542-6984.



## NAPA WOMEN'S CENTER SUMMER CARNIVAL:

**CARNIVAL** Come join us for a fun family event July 12 from 1 - 4 pm at Kolbe Trinity School, 2055 Trancas St., Napa, CA. There will be food, games for all ages, a cake walk, jump house, facepainting and much more. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5-17. Children under 5 are free. More information can be found in the flyer on the church boards at the entrance or contact Napa Women's Center at 707-266-1741 or [napawomencenter.org](http://napawomencenter.org).