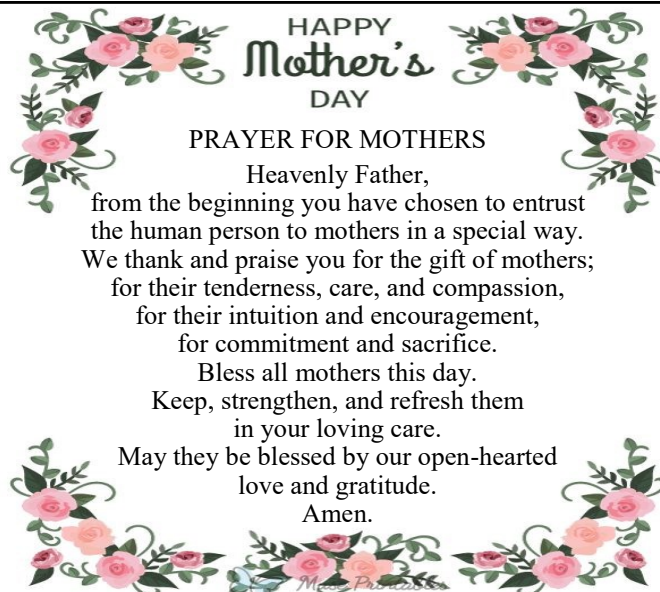


**WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY
SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE
THOSE IN NEED.**

May 11, 2025

		<u>Mass intentions during May 12th - 18th</u>
Mon.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez (L), John Adams, Rudi Wolf Mary Ellen Higgins, Gerhard Dauber
Tues.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L), Jose and Teresa Cornejo (L) Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L) Teodoro and Celia Calderon, Joan Jimenez
Wed.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L) Bonifacio and Noelia Gonzalez and Family (L)
Thur.	8:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L) William Dallas Henry III, Flor and Ernesto Aguilar
Fri.	8:00	Hector Gutierrez (L), Jose de Jesus Gonzalez Muñoz Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez and Family (L)
	5:00	Jerry Gause
	7:00	Pro Populo
Sun.	7:30	-
	9:00	Felisbina and Antonio Pardal, Jerry Dixon Frederic Holden, James Vollbrecht
	10:30	Blake Hooper (L), Andres Yair Pacheco (L) Demetrio and Lucero Alvarez, Elena Vasquez All Souls in Purgatory
	12:00	Maria Solorio Rodriguez (L) Marco Mejia Martinez, Toñita Ortiz Carreno Mario Herrera, Hector Filomeno Campos Navarro



Dear Fellow Parishioners,



This week's "From the Pastor's Desk" was nearly completed when we received the news of the election of a new pope and, shortly after that, one from Chicago to be called Leo XIV. There was no way I could go forward without mentioning it and celebrating it while keeping in mind that this is still a fast-developing story that might change before this weekend's Masses. Still, the essential fact of his election is now history.

Like many, I thought it highly unlikely that any American would ever be elected pope, given that the U.S. already has great world-wide influence, and given the large and growing percentage of Catholics now living in Asia, Africa and Latin America. From the perspective of an outsider (like me), some modern papal elections seemed more "predictable" than others. The elections of Benedict XVI and Francis were not exactly surprises, since the former was probably JP II's closest adviser for the third-longest papacy in Church history, and Francis, elected in 2013, apparently was the runner-up in the Conclave of 2005 that elected Benedict. Karol Wojtyła was elected John Paul II in 1978 despite the fact that few outside of the Roman Curia or Poland had ever heard his name.

The two biggest modern changes to the election process in recent history are the voting age limit of 80 years instituted by Paul VI, and the requirement instituted by John Paul II that a pope must be elected by a super-majority vote of 2/3 of the electors. This helps to assure that the new pope has a broader base of support, and to break deadlocks if neither of two equally strong candidates can garner a majority. The effect is to surface new candidates once the original candidates have been proven unelectable. Another surprise of the election was that it was concluded so quickly.

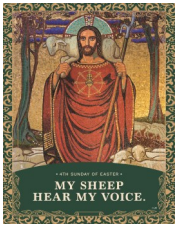
An interesting feature of past papal elections was the "ius exclusivae" ("papal veto")— the right of a Catholic monarch from Austria, France or Spain to veto the papal election of any cardinal. Though the Church never officially acknowledged this right, in practice it was allowed, the last time in 1903, by Franz Joseph I of Austria, in opposing the election of Cardinal Rampolla, then the leading candidate. While this intervention was not officially acknowledged, it nevertheless had the effect of weakening his candidacy and resulted in the election of St. Pius X. One of Pius X's early acts was to explicitly forbid such interventions. The most recent known attempt by a secular power to influence a conclave was in 1963, when the dictator Francisco Franco of Spain made an unsuccessful attempt to block the election of Cardinal Montini, who became Paul VI.

There is already too much speculation about the new pope's political perspectives and what he is likely to do in the future. I hope that Catholics (and others) will avoid pigeonholing him under one label or another. One of the most important titles and functions of the pope is "Pontifex"— i.e., "bridge-maker", as a focus and source of unity within the Church, and an appeal to the goodwill of all others. That is usually best achieved through persuasion, charity and example.

Finally, on the lighter side, when it was announced that the Chicago-born pope was a Cubs fan, I told a few people that at least he's accustomed to suffering. Then I found a far better posting in headline form: "Cubs Fan To Lead Padres".

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12TH - 18TH



Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

MINISTRY FAIR: We are working on a parish ministry fair.



If you are involved in one of our wonderful ministries, we welcome more help. Please contact Joanne Ferris at jferrispetaluma@gmail.com. We are planning to have sign up clip boards for every ministry needing new talent.

CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Confessions on Thursday, May 15, 22, and 29 at 6 pm, are canceled.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Is canceled for the next couple of weeks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR — Michelle Paskal, Greg Lytle, Sylvia



Samija, Luis Gamero, Lucelia Fish, Melvin B. LaFranchi, 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.

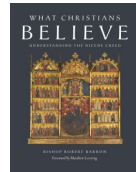
Francis in light of the needs of the Church and the Modern world." We will begin with the 9 am Mass at St. James Church followed by the presentation given by Fr. Thomas Stuart at 10 am at the Multiuse room, with bag lunch at 12, and conclusion at 3 pm. All are welcome. A Good Will Offering will be accepted to help cover our expenses. For more information, email Edd Ringlein, OFS, at ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com, or send a text message to 707-246-5311.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Sarah Hart will be leading a Women's Retreat at Holy Spirit Church in Santa Rosa on Sunday, May 18th from noon to 5 pm. She will also be playing at the 10:30 am mass that day.



Tickets are available at the office, after masses, and online at the following link <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/f725e962-0003-435b-992e-a4ccb559ecb7> or from our website holyspirit-sr.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. Classes will be from 6 - 6:45 pm starting 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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES: The Diocese of Santa Rosa has scheduled the following Masses for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025 - 10 am at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Santa Rosa, 2930 Bennett Valley Road; 10 am at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Petaluma, 304 Magnolia Avenue, and 9 am at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in St. Helena, 2121 Spring Street.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$11,506
On-Line Giving	3,836
Total	\$15,342

Thank you for your generosity.

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



As we approach the end of another blessed and successful school year, we give thanks for the dedication of our students, families, faculty, and staff. It has been a year full of growth, learning, and faith-filled experiences.

We are now beginning preparations for the upcoming school year. Enrollment is open, and we encourage families to inquire soon. We look forward to welcoming new and returning students as we continue our mission of providing a Christ-centered, academically excellent education.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our Catholic school community!

Please call our office at 707-762-6426 or send an email to rynning@svelem.org to contact Mrs. Rynning, Admissions Coordinator.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS:

You can Strengthen your Faith every day in prayer, regular celebration of the Eucharist, spending time with your family, and serving your community. However if you're a teenager and looking for more, here are some youth programs offered this summer:



Eureka Mission Trip (Service), July 13-18th in Eureka. Age group for this trip is 9th grade — College, and the cost is \$200. You can register at <https://forms.gle/i4isicaq1QN5S28cA>.

Little Flowers (Girls Summer Camp) July 14-18th in Guerneville, Ages 9-16yr. To register go to <https://www.littleflowerscamp.com>.

Youth on a Mission (Leadership) July 21-24th, ages 13-18yr, in Sacramento. To Register go to <https://yoamnoral.weebly.com>.

Creative Arts Workshops. July 30-Aug 1st, in Santa Rosa. Please contact Stephen Morris to sign up for this workshop. If you have questions about any of these trips, camps, retreats, or to signup for the workshop please email Stephen Morris at dsryouth@srdiocese.org.