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**May 4, 2025**

<b>Mass intentions during May 5th - 11th</b>		
Mon.	8:00	Sofia and Antonio Cornejo (L), Edward J. Degan Luis A. and Cristina Gonzalez, , Joe Piasta, All Souls
Tues.	8:00	Celerino Esteban Santiago Lopez (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez and Family (L), Gina Marie DeFilippo
Wed.	8:00	Celerino Esteban Santiago Lopez (L), Maria Aban Lucero Alvarez and Family (L), Chester and Lois Lee
Thur.	8:00	Celerino Esteban Santiago Lopez (L), Alexia Hernandez (L) Scarlett Oseguera (L)
Fri.	8:00	Celerino Esteban Santiago Lopez (L), Puga Alvarez Family (L) Anastacia Paredes Lopez, Jean Nelson
Sat.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez (L), Elia Ruiz (L), Elodia Munguia (L) Familia Alvarez Porras (L)
	5:00	Dora Sherwood, Norbert and Pauline Andres Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes, Georgia Cort
	7:00	Antonio Salvador Esquivel (L), Jonathan Antonio Ortiz (L) Alejandra Salgado (L), Arturo Martin and Family (L) Tonita Ortiz and Family
Sun.	7:30	Theresa Morth
	9:00	Vicki Aguilar and Family (L), Judy Williams (L) Nora Cunico
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L), Familia Jimenez Garcia (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera

May 4, 2025  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

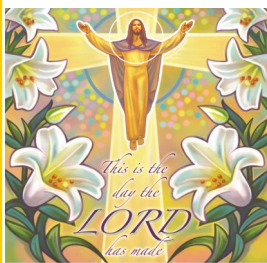
Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir  
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**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection: Love** — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

**The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense**

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

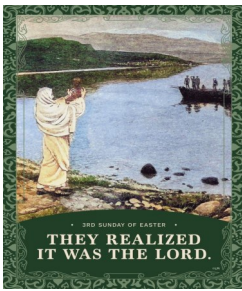
Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5TH - 11TH



Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b  
and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Jn 6:60-69  
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

**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.

**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](mailto:jferrispetaluma@gmail.com). We are planning to have sign up clip boards for every ministry needing new talent.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Aveye Elizabeth Simpson, Bennett Andrew Simpson, Callie Madeline Cheek, John Dominic Costa, Jr., and Quentin Enzo Gaddi who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

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

**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.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Anne Luisa (Sambuck) Clark who passed away on March 28, Omar Magana who passed away April 11, and Salvador Zendejas Fuentes who passed away April 16. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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](mailto:ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com), or send a text message to 707-246-5311.

**THE PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP** is meeting 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.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:  
Sunday Basket \$6,984  
On-Line Giving 1,652  
Total \$8,636

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$4,549.

**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.



**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

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).

## 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/i4isicaqlQN5S28ca>.

**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://yoamnocal.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 sign up for the workshop please email Stephen Morris at [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org).