

**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 8, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during June 9th — 15th</u>			Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23
Mon.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliares (L), Bonifacio Gonzalez Madge Kinahan, Adolfo Mendoza Valencia	<p>When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, “Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn’t bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?” We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.</p> <p>When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?</p> <p>In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word “sin” comes from an ancient word that means “to split” or “render asunder.” Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual “breath” leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores.</p> <p>For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It’s always done with his gentle, loving closeness. — Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Margaret Giacomini, Patricia McLaughlin	
Wed.	8:00	Monsignor Daniel Whelton (L) Silvia Samija and Family (L)	
Thur.	8:00	John Adams	
Fri.	8:00	Joan Jimenez, Bonifacio Gonzalez	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Francelina and Manuel Lopes, Mark Kostielney, Joseph Sled	
	7:00	Antonio Salvador Esquivel (L), Jonathan Antonio Ortiz (L) The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Beatriz Espinoza, Reyes Mejia Sanchez	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L) Henry Morth, Bonifacio Gonzalez	
	10:30	Erv Giacomini, Adolfo Mendoza Valencia	
	12:00	Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Jose Luis Avalos, Mario Herrera, Maria Ochoa	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Notes on late Spring

As I mentioned in last week’s Pastor’s Desk, the Hispanic Community planned a celebration for Fr. Mauricio’s 1st Anniversary of Ordination for last Sunday, which was June 1st. What I didn’t know is that when they realized that Msgr. Dan and I have our anniversaries just a few days later on June 7th (55th and 39th, respectively), they insisted that we be feted as well. It was a terrific celebration, with the cooler weather cooperating. They couldn’t have made it a complete surprise to me, since the party cakes are almost always stored in the rectory fridge, where it’s impossible to miss huge pink cake boxes.

What I always look forward to is the sliced watermelon, a permanent feature of these spreads. It takes me back to my own childhood, when watermelon was more strictly seasonal, and thus available over a much shorter period of time. (I also miss the time when it was 3-5 cents a pound at peak season...) My grandfather always sprinkled his watermelon with salt, cantaloupe with pepper, and fresh tomatoes with both. It’s often said that the two senses most closely associated with memory and nostalgia are taste and smell, and that has been my experience.

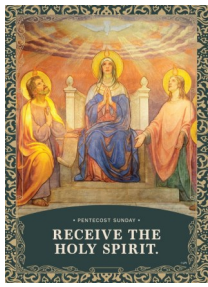
Other than honoring Fr. Mauricio and Msgr. Dan, one of the best parts of the “comida” was being in a room full of parishioners obviously enjoying themselves as an extended family. Perhaps the best part was watching the children playing with one another, oblivious to the adults (and vice-versa). The children gather in huddles, plot games, then scatter. Seeing the tenderness with which older siblings help their younger siblings at these gatherings, no matter how much they may quarrel at home, was heartwarming. Many of the adults are personal friends with one another, while others belong to a wider circle of co-parishioners familiar to one another by sight merely from attending Mass together. This is a quality of community and parish life that social media can never replace. Whenever I am tempted to despair of the future, I think of moments like this.

This past Friday, June 6th, was the 81st anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion at Normandy, on the northwest coast of France, still the largest naval invasion in history. Due to the sheer cliffs and the foggy weather, it was long believed impossible. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of Teddy Roosevelt, was at age 56, the oldest man and the only general to arrive in the first wave of troops. His son, Quentin Roosevelt, was in the first wave of troops to arrive that same day at Omaha Beach – the only father-son team to do so. Immediately after the invasion had begun, FDR addressed the nation with his “D-Day Prayer,” saying that the troops were fighting “to preserve our republic, our religion and our civilization” – words now unlikely to be used by a president of either party.

On a sad note, Marilyn Lee, our long-time pianist at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, has died at age 90. Not long ago, she had surgery on her foot, which prevented her from using the piano pedals. She had been in good spirits, confident of returning soon. Alas, it was not to be. Her memorial services will be held at Elim Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 11. She was a faithful servant to our community, a fine artist with exquisite musical taste. (There were mornings when I hesitated to begin Mass, because I didn’t want to interrupt her playing “Clair de Lune.” Where else but SV could you hear Debussy played, live and beautifully, at 7:30 a.m.?) May she receive the reward of her goodness, and her sons be comforted in their sadness. RIP.

Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9TH — 15TH



Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

THE MINISTRY OF BETHLEHEM HANDCRAFTS



ASSOCIATION will be selling their handcrafts Sat., June 28th and Sun., June 29th. This sale helps support the Christian families in Jerusalem who are now only 2% of the population in the Holy Land.

CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, and Thursdays at 6 pm in the confessional on the left side of the Main Altar.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR — David Reuser, Donna Boyajian, Michelle Paskal, Greg Lytle, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

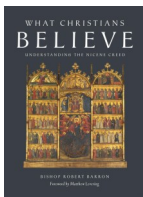
OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of George David Cavaleri who passed away April 29 and Marilyn Lee who passed away May 31. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



SANTA ROSA EUCHARISTIC WALK: The Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession for the Diocese of Santa Rosa will be on Thursday, June 19. It will begin after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima and will conclude at St. Eugene's Cathedral. The procession is a walk up Sonoma Ave., pausing for prayer and reflection, and ending with benediction and Exposition. All are welcome.



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.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA — Come and see us for your baby's needs at 370 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy and Castle Dr. in Petaluma. Our office hours are: Mondays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and Tuesdays - Fridays from 10:00 am to 12:00pm. For more information, call (707) 763-9888, 24 hour hotline (800) 550-4900.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$9,025
On-Line Giving	3,572
Total	\$12,597

The second collection last weekend for the Priests Benefits and Welfare was \$4,359.

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 of the entrance of the church. Please call the parish office for more information: 707-762-4278.

NAPA WOMEN'S CENTER SUMMER 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 at napawomen-center.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/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://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.