

**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.**

**July 20, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during July 21st - 27th</u>			<b>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Luke 10:38-42
Mon.	8:00	Anthony "Tony" Cheever, Edward J. Degan, II Bonifacio Gonzalez, Maureen Bettinelli	One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?
Tues.	8:00	Joseph Adiego (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez, Juan Mario Cruz Gomez	
Wed.	8:00	Suzie Cummins (L), Lisa Galindo (L) Vince and Kay Patterson (L) Henry and Andrea Gianini, Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo	No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.
Thur.	8:00	-	
Fri.	8:00	The Lavio-Manni Family, Ignacio Munguia Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes	Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.
Sat.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L) George Bordi and Family (L), The Tinoco Family (L)	
	5:00	Norbert and Pauline Andres Dora Sherwood, Georgia Cort	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Fernanda Vasquez (L), Gerardo Enriquez	
Sun.	7:30	Jan Eshleman, Chuck Sackett, Merleen Collins	
	9:00	Jerman Gonzalez and Family (L), Jeffrey Farinha	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) The Vasquez-Martin Family (L) Jose Cardenas, Mario Herrera, Miguel Naal	

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**  
**By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

**Mini reflection:** Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.



**Martha's Burdens**

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2025-**

**2026:** Registration for the English and Spanish Confirmation programs will be held on the following Saturdays in the parish hall from 9 - 11:50 am: August 16th, 23rd, 30th and Sept. 6th. If you're registering your child for 2nd Year Confirmation, **YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.

**PICTURES FOR THE 2025 CONFIRMATION MASSES:**

The following links take you to the folders with the pictures of the celebration of the Confirmation Masses on June 7, 2025 at 11 am and 2 pm.

Confirmation Mass at 11 am : <http://shorturl.at/nFYrn>  
Confirmation Mass at 2 pm : <http://shorturl.at/tUJLQ>

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14TH - 20TH



Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30  
 Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:  
 Sunday Basket \$7,759  
 On-Line Giving 2,062  
 Total \$9,821

The second collection last weekend for the 2025 Missionary Cooperative was \$10,004.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

## ST. VINCENT'S ENGLISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2025 – 2026

Classes begin Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the English PreK- 6th grade Religious Programs begins now. Pick up the registration forms in the Bell room at the church entrance or on the Rectory's front porch. We will schedule an in-person registration after each Mass, the date TBD. Parents with 2nd Year First Communion children MUST TURN IN A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE. Kindly return the completed form and fee in a sealed envelope to the rectory office, attention Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278x114.



## ADULT CONFIRMATION AND OCIA (RCIA)

Are you an adult and missed Confirmation? Are you ready to deepen your baptismal life which calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ? Are you interested in being a Catholic? Have you ever thought about it? Are you being called further into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Classes begin in September. Please call Carmen Aanenson for a registration form at 707-762-4278 x114.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are happy to announce that our religious education programs are popular. With this good news, we need more dedicated people willing to spend 2 hours a week to help with our religious education programs. Please contact Carmen Aanenson at 707-762-4278 x114 if you would like to volunteer.

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Do you want to get involved in one of our wonderful ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Church? On Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 and September 13th and 14th we will be having Parish Ministry sign-ups. For more information, please contact, Joanne Ferris at jferrispetaluma@gmail.com.



**ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS** we have received calls from the City of Petaluma Fire Department that people have continued to park in their parking spaces in the lot on the corner of Howard and Bassett. It's reserved for city employees only; you will get a parking ticket. Please do not park in their parking lot Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. **No one is allowed, at any time, to park on the yellow or red curbs near or around the church.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Mark Flynn Padilla, Morgan Grabau, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Michelle Paskal, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the family of Salvador Andrade who passed away May 7. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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

Our parish is blessed to have a Catholic school dedicated to nurturing the hearts, minds, and souls of our young people. If you have school-aged children, we invite you to consider the gift of a Catholic education.

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, students grow in faith, knowledge, and character guided by Gospel values, caring teachers, and a strong community. We offer a rigorous academic curriculum, daily prayer, regular Mass, and a supportive environment where Christ is at the center of all we do.

Come see what makes our school a place where children thrive spiritually and academically. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact at our Admission Director, Mrs. Rynning ([rynnning@svelem.org](mailto:rynnning@svelem.org)) or visit [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).



**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Avery James Kelley and Madeline Maureen Early who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**PRINT AND DIGITAL SPACES** are available now! Jose Altamirano from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad, as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers. For more information, please contact Jose Altamirano at 800-950-9952x2118 or [JAltamirano@4LPi.com](mailto:JAltamirano@4LPi.com).



**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH** in Fort Brag, corner of South Harold and Maple St, invites you to their 70th Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 3, 2025 from 11 am - 6 pm. There will be Delicious BBQ or smoked chicken, Green Salad, Mexican Beans, Rice, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Punch and coffee! Full order is \$30/half \$25. Beer, wine, Micheladas and Margaritas will be available for sale. Games for all ages and Silent Auction. **Great Family Fun!!!**

