

**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 27, 2025

Mass intentions during July 28th - August 3rd

Mon.	8:00	Douglas Smith (L) Rene Dominguez Parada, Raymond Milani
Tues.	8:00	Jean and Norm "Pop" Lubeck, Vince Patterson
Wed.	8:00	Maria de Jesus Candelario, Maria de Jesus Diaz
Thur.	8:00	The Puga Ramirez Family (L) Cuauhtemoc Alvarez Porras (L)
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L), Jose Luis Del Toro, Sr. (L) Jodi Fitzgerald (L), Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Jack Kiley, Jim "Jeff" McCaffrey
	5:00	Pro Populo
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) The Lopez Bocanegra Family (L) Silvestre Martin, Rafael Martin, Telesforo Torres
Sun.	7:30	-
	9:00	Lindy Borges, John and Rosa Amaral
	10:30	Ana Elvy Guzman (L)
	12:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Adrian Madrigal, Abraham Avalos Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 11:1-13

Once I went to a hospice facility to celebrate Last Rites for an elderly dying man. His family had told me that he had been uncommunicative for days. At the conclusion of the ritual, we began to recite the Our Father prayer. To everyone's surprise, his lips moved, clearly mouthing the words to the Lord's prayer. Stripped of most of his faculties, the man could still pray those precious God-given petitions. A lifetime of prayer had planted the words even deeper than his failing consciousness.

Do we want the Lord's prayer to be as deeply embedded in us? If we want to be people of hope, we should. Recall that our Lord immediately follows the prayer by saying: "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). We only ask, search and knock because we hope that the request is not in vain. Everything we could possibly hope for is contained in the prayer. Praying the Our Father deepens our hope.

We should consciously pour all our hopes into the Lord's prayer; we should allow it to be an expression of hope, not simply rote words. Then, over time, it builds up our hope in God. It sinks deep into our souls and bodies. How blessed we are when these words of hope are on our lips, even when everything else seems to fail.

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

Mini reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive



It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?). We don't always know if we should (It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all). We don't even know if we want to (It's nighttime! He might be angry!).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

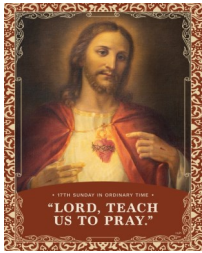
So knock.

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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 red curbs near or around the church. The yellow curb is for loading and unloading only.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28TH - AUGUST 3RD



Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,
12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,
10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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

Classes begin Tuesday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 10th. Registration for the English PreK - 6th grade Religious Programs has begun. 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.

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:

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

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

PRINT AND DIGITAL SPACES are available now! 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 800-950-9952 x2118 or JAltamirano@4LPi.com.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,903
On-Line Giving	1,547
Total	\$9,450

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR ON THE



PLAZA: Discover Your Place to Serve! Saturday September 13 and Sunday, September 14 immediately following 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Mass. Find Your Ministry Match! Join us for our to explore the many opportunities available to use your gifts and talents! Questions? Contact Joanne Ferris at jferrispetaluma@gmail.com, or call 707-481-6431
PLEASE NOTE: The Ministry Fair in August has been canceled.

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 August will be on Saturday, August 2nd. For more information, please call Lilian Dubow at 510-205-3712 or Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:



The Spanish speaking Community invites you to celebrate Our Lady of the Assumption on Sunday, August 10th at the 12 pm Mass. There will be a procession from Wickersham Park, corner of 4th and G St., at 11 am, Mass at 12 pm, and food at Lucchesi Park at 3 pm. You are also invited to pray the rosary, beginning on August 4th - 8th at 8 pm in the church, Sat. Aug. 9 at 6:30 pm, and continuing August 11th - 14th at 8 pm.
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY (Holy day of obligation) is on Friday, August 15th and the Mass schedule is as follows: English Masses at 8 am and 6 pm, and Spanish Mass at 7:30 pm. For more info., please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Anthony Flores, Quintin Ponce Jr., Alexine Silveira, Mark Flynn Padilla, Morgan Grabau, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Michelle Paskal, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.



OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Gabriel Silva Rodriguez who passed away July 11 and Kathleen Jean Panfiglio who passed away July 9. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.