

**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 6, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during July 7th– 13th</u>			<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Mon.	8:00	Brendan Smith, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh All Souls	<p>In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?</p> <p>Jesus’ words this week help. He says, “Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.</p> <p>This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Jonathan Cortes (L), Yuridia Cortes (L) Leonardo Cortes (L), Gina Marie DeFilippo	
Wed.	8:00	Emma Van Bramer (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Maureen Nelson and Family (L), Angel Ruiz	
Fri.	8:00	Noelia Gonzalez and Family (L)	
Sat.	8:00	John Adams	
	5:00	Norbert and Pauline Andres, Georgia Cort Mark Kostielney, Dora Sherwood, Sue Burnett Jane Marovich, Barbara Novotny	
	7:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Juan Sanchez Ortega Hector Cortez, Cecilia Mendoza Vazquez	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	-	
	10:30	Jim Williams, Inocencia Carrillo	
	12:00	Familia Jimenez Garcia (L) Mario Herrera, Jose Cardenas Hector Filomeno Campos Navarro Roberto Patiño Avalos	

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

**Mini reflection:** Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn’t work out, a day didn’t go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

**On Pilgrimage**

Before I embarked on my trip to the National Eucharistic Congress last summer with a group from my archdiocese, we had an orientation meeting. At that meeting, the coordinator of the trip shared with us “The Five Rules of Pilgrimage.”

If you’re not familiar with them (I wasn’t), here they are:

Don’t complain.

Don’t complain. (It’s so important, it’s listed twice.)

When you see a bathroom, use it.

When someone offers you something, receive it.

When someone asks you for something, give it.

It’s great advice for a pilgrimage, but more than that, I think it’s great advice in general. So when I read today’s Gospel and I hear Jesus say essentially the same thing to his disciples as they set out to evangelize (well, minus the bathroom tip, but those weren’t as much of a thing in biblical Judea), I come to an important realization.

The whole Christian life is a pilgrimage.

Too often, life falls short of my expectations. An opportunity didn’t work out. A day didn’t go the way I planned (like, at all). A person didn’t accept me. And I ball up my fists and stomp my feet like a full-grown Veruca Salt, and I yell: I cannot work in these conditions!

And then, I imagine God, on his celestial throne, sighs and opens the Book of the Gospels (surely he keeps it handy, don’t you think?) to Luke, Chapter 10. And he whispers in my heart what he said to his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Don’t complain. Be open and give of yourself, and in turn, receive what comes your way, whatever it is. If it’s good, rejoice. If it’s not good, move on. And in the end, remember where you’re headed — the place you’re trying to go.

Oh, and again: don’t complain.

**2025 MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE WEEKEND** at St. Vincent’s Church will be Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Fr Taiye Obada, a priest of the Ilorin Diocese of Nigeria, will be celebrating and co-celebrating Masses this weekend.



Ilorin became a Diocese in Nigeria in 1969. There are more than three million inhabitants in Nigeria. Of these, only about thirty thousand Catholics (less than 1%). Owing to the constant security challenges that they face as a nation, thousands of women and children have fled their homes and now live in Nigeria because of the relative peace enjoyed there. The diocese needs your prayers and support to provide basic amenities like food, clothing, schooling, and highly subsidized health care for these internally displaced people. May God replenish you for your generosity.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7TH - 13TH

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33  
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/  
Lk 10:25-37

#### 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. Kindly return the completed form and fee in a sealed envelope to the rectory office, attention Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278x114.



#### OCIA (RCIA)

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? Now is the time to come and see what's next. Classes begin in September. Please call Carmen Aanenson to meet and for a registration form. 707-762-4278x114.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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? Classes begin in September. Please call Carmen Aanenson for a registration form. 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. There are volunteer openings in our Sunday Pre-K and K programs and Children's Liturgy at 9:00 am mass, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 3:30 pm in the Children's After-School Religious Education program and the OCIA and the Adult Confirmation programs are scheduled on Wed. evenings and Sundays 9am. Other openings are at our seasonal events: Registrations, Advent, children's retreats and special Masses, Children's Christmas Liturgy, Lent, and Easter. We need teachers, readers, aides, and guides. Help our children and adults grow in their faith. Welcome and support our new members. You can make a difference by bringing your gifts and talent. Let's meet! Carmen Aanenson 707-762-4278 x114.

#### 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.



#### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,497
On-Line Giving	1,438
Total	\$8,935

The second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$5,683.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

This weekend there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.

**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 the school office at our Admission Director, Mrs. Rynning ([rynnings@svelem.org](mailto:rynnings@svelem.org)) or visit [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).



**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Julie Cromwell, Lucia Campos, Morgan Grabau, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Michelle Paskal, David Reuser, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

**CONFESSIONS** are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held after the 8 am weekday mass on Thursday for one hour.

**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).

