

**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.**

**August 10, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during August 11th - 17th</u>			<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Luke 12:32-48
Mon.	8:00	Ken Wheedon (L), Chuck Sackett, Jan Eshleman	<p>There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.</p> <p>This week, the Lord tells us, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.</p> <p>Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Ben Nelson (L), John Adams, Evelyn Pedroni	
Wed.	8:00	Kay Patterson and Family (L), Susie Cummins (L)	
		Lisa Galindo (L), Vince Patterson	
Thur.	8:00	Ted and Marie Eshleman and Family (L)	
		George Bordi (L), Gloria Bordi	
Fri.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L)	
		Msgr. Daniel Whelton (L), Thanksgiving for Health	
		Margaret Hadley	
Sat.	8:00	Leonardo Guzman (L)	
	5:00	Dan Longaker	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Jason Deschler (L)	
		Teresa Cornejo Tafolla, Jose Villalobos Padilla	
		Gerardo Enriquez	
Sun.	7:30	Lina Marcucci	
	9:00	RoseAnne Greecott (L)	
		Jerry Dixon, Don Borg, Felisbina and Antonio Pardal	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L)	
		Juan Antonio Vasquez (L)	
		Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera	

**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

As we approach the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it’s worth noting that the time markers of this time of the year have changed. Now that school starts in the middle of August, the Marian feast and the return to school are nearly simultaneous. This year’s Back to School Mass will take place this Sunday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m. Later that same morning, the Hispanic Community will sponsor our Assumption procession through the streets of Petaluma, scheduled to arrive at the church in time for the 12:00 noon Mass in Spanish. The impressive image of Our Lady of the Assumption, which has been in the church sanctuary for the past several days, will have pride of place in the procession, and will remain in the church until Friday, August 15th, the actual feast day.

As for the feast day itself, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the four interrelated Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church: 1) Mary as Mother of God (432 A.D.); 2) Mary’s Perpetual Virginity (553 A.D.); 3) Immaculate Conception, i.e., that Mary was conceived free from original sin (1854); and 4) Assumption, i.e., that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven (1950). There are many other Marian dogmas (i.e., “teachings”) that arise explicitly from scripture, like the Annunciation, and therefore do not require further definition by the Church. On the other hand, there are many passages of scripture which are cited in support of the doctrine of the Assumption.

The equivalent belief in Eastern Christianity is known as the “Dormition,” i.e., Mary “falling asleep” until raised to the glory of Heaven.

The definition of the dogma of the Assumption has its own history. In 1946, Pope Pius XII sent an inquiry to the bishops and heads of religious orders throughout the world asking whether they would support a definition of the Assumption of the BVM, and the worldwide response was overwhelmingly positive. Furthermore, in the Holy Year 1950, Pius XII prayed for a sign from God as to whether He wanted this definition at this time. A 5-year-old Marian visionary, Gilles Bouhours, who had been cured of encephalitis when a Little Sister of the Poor placed under his pillow a holy card and a relic of St. Therese of Lisieux, was granted an audience with Pius XII in May 1950 supporting the definition of the dogma, which the pope interpreted as the sign he was looking for. On November 1 of that year, Pius XII made the definition final with the encyclical “Munificentissimus Deus.”

The most interesting aspect of this doctrine is that it leaves open the question as to whether Mary actually died before being assumed into heaven. The public statements of John Paul II, while not authoritative on this point, indicated his own belief in the “mortalist” position – i.e., that Mary actually died before being assumed, body and soul, into heaven, thus leaving Catholics free to believe as they wish on this point.

**Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue**

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11TH - 17TH**



Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/  
 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
 Mt 18:21—19:1  
 Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,  
 9-10, 13-14/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day:  
 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
 Mt 19:13-15  
 Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/  
 Lk 12:49-53

## **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 has begun. Pick up 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**

Please consider volunteering for our Religious Education Programs. We need more dedicated people willing to spend 2 hours a week to help. 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.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, August 15, for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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

**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.



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



## **PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$10,659
On-Line Giving	3,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,138</b>

The second collection last weekend for the Black and Indian Missions was \$4,159.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**ONLINE GIVING AT ST. VINCENT'S** - 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. 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.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Welcome Back to School!**

As summer draws to a close, we joyfully welcome back all of our Catholic school families for a new academic year! We are excited to reunite with our returning students and warmly greet those who are joining our school community for the first time.

At the heart of our mission is the commitment to faith, excellence, and service. As we begin this new school year, we entrust our students, families, teachers, and staff to the care of our loving God. May our classrooms be places of joyful learning, growth in virtue, and deepening faith.

Let us continue to support one another in prayer as we journey through the year together. We are grateful for the blessing of Catholic education and the opportunity to nurture the hearts and minds of our children.

Wishing you a grace-filled and successful school year!



**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY** (Holy day of obligation) is this 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.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the families of Jinio Magaña Magaña and Julia Treviño Moreno who passed away July 18th, and Suzanne Joyce Capella who passed away July 27th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**CAMINO DE SONOMA:** Join us for the Summer Healing Festival at St. Eugene's School track on Friday, Aug. 22, from 4 - 8 pm. The Walk-a-Thon kicks off our celebration of the "Santa Rosa" baptismal namesake of the creek, city, and diocese. The night will include Kashia native dancers, dinner, and a live band. For tickets and more information, go to: [www.caminodesonoma.com](http://www.caminodesonoma.com) or contact Stephen Morris at, [dsryouth@srdioocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdioocese.org)

