

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 3, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during August 4th - 11th</u>			18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:13-21
Mon.	8:00	All active and retired priests (L) Paul and Kirsten Doherty (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez, Wilfred and Helen Fatooh	<p>Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.</p> <p>The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.</p> <p>Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?</p> <p>In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Msgr. Daniel Whelton (L) Gina Marie DeFilippo	
Wed.	8:00	Emma Van Bramer (L)	
Thur.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Oscar Covarrubias (L), Alexia Hernandez (L) Jose Ignacio Hernandez (L), Kallen Doherty (L) David Covarrubias	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Eduardo Hernandez (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Teresa Cornejo Tafolla Telesforo Torres, Jose Villalobos Padilla	
Sun.	7:30	Lorenzo Marcucci	
	9:00	Donald Long, Alex Herrera	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Jose Luis Cuellar and Family (L) Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L), Mario Herrera Jose Luis Avalos, Hector Filomeno Campos Navarro	

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

Mini reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.



The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain

from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

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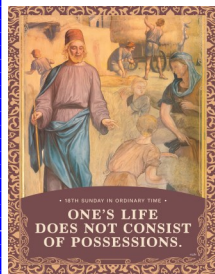
ST. VINCENT CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR ON THE PLAZA:

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 to explore the many opportunities available for using 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH - 11TH



Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/
Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/
Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40

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 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

MASSSES: 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>



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 weekday mass on Thursday for one hour. All are welcome!

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,396.50
On-Line Giving	1,557.00
Total	\$8,953.50

The second collection for the Maintenance Fund was \$4,627.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Black and Indian Missions.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Cinderella Anne Stevens, Chloe Janet Shannon, and Emiline Gwen Caviglia who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS we have received calls from the City of Petaluma Fire Department that people continue to park in the lot on the corner of Howard and Bassett. It's reserved for city employees only and fire services; you will be ticketed. 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.



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