

**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.**

September 21, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during September 22nd - 28th</u>			25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:10-13
Mon.	8:00	The Weekday Rosary Group (L) Anthony "Tony" Cheever, Mario Gongora Miguel Ortegon, Lorenzo Vela	<p>Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.</p> <p>And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?</p> <p>Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Tyler and Alexa Ruiz (L), Roger Nagy, Grace Farley	
Wed.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L) John Scharer, Ramiro Vazquez	
Thur.	8:00	The Cobian Ruesga Family (L), Abel Cobian (L) The Lavio-Manni Family, Ramiro Vazquez	
Fri.	8:00	Kiera Doherty and Family (L) Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes, Ramiro Vazquez	
Sat.	8:00	Andrea Jasmin Reina Torres (L)	
	5:00	Mike Marovich (L), Michael Cooper, Rodolfo Garcia Maria Dolores Lopez, Jose Fernando Garcia	
Sun.	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Ignacio Jr. and Gustavo Gonzalez (L) Telesforo Torres, Guadalupe Garcia, Cesar Morales	
	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Bob and Lisa Dietlin (L), Joel McIntyre	
	10:30	Earl Dolcini, Rene Dominguez Parada	
	12:00	Apolinar Sanchez (L), Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez, Mario Herrera	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This past Wednesday, September 17th, my father died as a result of injuries from a fall in his home. He would have been 93 years old next month. This is sad, but not at all tragic in any sense of the word. When he was born in 1932, the life expectancy for men was 62 years, and even that declined during World War II. He out-lived that by 30 years.

Death is both the most public and most private event of our lives, and in the lives of our loved ones. Not only is there "no way to get out of this life alive," there is little way of getting out privately. Two generations ago, it was not at all unusual for small - and medium-sized newspapers to publish not only obituaries, but births, marriages, and (believe it or not) divorces. (Our Sonoma County newspapers did all of that in the past.) Death certificates are public records, and even the cause of death may not remain private.

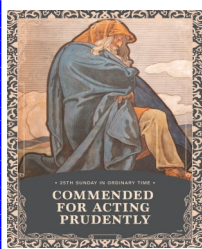
Death and mourning are also the most personal and individual of experiences, dependent on circumstances as unique as the departed and their mourners. Members of a single family may experience the passing of the same loved one quite differently, and not always for obvious reasons. Some mourn quietly, behind doors. Others mourn loudly and emotionally, like the black-veiled widows ululating in Mediterranean streets. This has been so since before human language, and well since before the time of Christ. Suffering and death are marked in the liturgy of the Church, as last Monday we celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, originally based on the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin. The women of Jerusalem wailed, while Mary's grief, as her joys, were largely kept in her heart. Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, even though he would soon raise Lazarus from the dead. In this life, death and life are not so much opposites, as that they coexist. Each of our lives is a continual and personal living out of the death-and-resurrection of the once and forever Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Lord of Life.

Just as Jesus was fully human and fully divine, God can work powerfully on several levels simultaneously. Fear and confidence, mourning and consolation, human and divine, illness and health, death and life.

Jacqueline Kennedy, the late First Lady and no stranger to public grief, once said that while it could be silly about some things, the Catholic Church "understands death." This is a powerful grace. Countless works of art and music have been generated under the Church's auspices on the subject of death, an artistic and spiritual patrimony for the whole world. All this, and Heaven, too.

Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND - 28TH



Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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

ENGLISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES have started. For more information, please contact Carmen Aanenson at 707-762-4278 ext. 114 or email her at dreaanenson@gmail.com.

PRE-K and K CLASSES begin on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 9 am in the Parish Hall.

THE OCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM began on Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 6 pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins on Sunday, October 5th.

MINISTRY FAIR: Our Ministry Fair was a success! Thank you! We loved connecting with so many wonderful parishioners looking to connect and serve our parish. We welcome more help in all of our ministries. Please consider volunteering for Baptism Preparation. Contact Dave and Juli Lee at avjul@comcast.net if you are interested in helping (it is not a major time commitment).

ST. VINCENT'S USHERS: The official mass attendance for the Diocese of Santa Rosa will be taken at ALL masses during the month of October 2025.

PARK PLAYDATE: "Hello St. Vincent's moms! Join other moms and kids on the 4th Sunday of each month for a park playdate following the 9 am mass. Message Chrissie Dunham (415-250-6406), or look for the kids by the fountain after Mass.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA 2025: A Public Square Public Rosary by America Needs Fatima hosted by St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus Council will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 AM on the plaza of St. Vincent Church. Please come and join us as we pray for America and the World. If you have any questions please call Ross Hicks at (707) 762-9433



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held Thursdays morning after the weekday mass for one hour, and Thursday evening for one hour during confessions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Colin Lago, Martha Flores, Lorraine Dominguez, Frank and Marleen Hench, Charlie Kato, Martin Carreño, Joaquin Wilfredo Valle, Anthony Flores, Quintin Ponce Jr., Michelle Paskal, Consuelo Alvarez, and Ev Woodruff.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$9,002
On-Line Giving	2,086
Total	\$11,088

The second collection last weekend for our Religious Education Program was \$4,052.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Archdiocese for Military Services.

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

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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School (TK–8th Grade) is dedicated to the spiritual and academic formation of our students. Rooted in Catholic values and morals, our mission is to educate your child.



We are committed to:

- Deepening faith through daily prayer, Mass, religious instruction, and service.
- Promoting academic excellence through a rigorous, well-rounded curriculum.
- Instilling values and moral integrity that guide students to live as compassionate Christians.
- Encouraging a spirit of service through outreach and community involvement.

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, students grow in a Christ centered environment where faith is lived, knowledge is pursued, and character is built.

To learn more or to schedule a tour, please call 707-762-6426 or visit us at www.svelem.org.

Come see how we are building faith-filled leaders prepared to serve, lead, and make a difference in the world.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Bohde Kevin Moniz who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



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

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Rosalina Solis Padilla who passed away August 30th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

"FAITH, HOPS, AND LOVE" series is coming back to the Santa Rosa Diocese. Every Thursday in October it will be "5'oclock somewhere." Stephen Morris will host conversations with Priests, Deacons, and Young Adults at 5 different locations around the Diocese starting Oct. 2nd at Lagunitas. Non-alcoholic options available at each location. For more information and to register: www.faithhopslove.org