

**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 7, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during September 8th - 14th</u>			23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 14:25-33
Mon.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L) Dominic Ortiz (L), Holy Souls in Purgatory	<p>One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.</p> <p>The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?</p> <p>The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Martin Carreño (L) Mercedes Vargas Herrera, Marcia Ryan	
Wed.	8:00	Jan Eshleman, Chuck Sackett	
Thur.	8:00	Wilfred and Helen Fatooh	
Fri.	8:00	John Adams, Doris Kelley	
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Jodi Radovitch (L) Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes	
	7:00	Mia Dennise Garcia Mendoza (L) The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Silvestre Martin, Juan Sanchez Ortega Rafael Martin	
Sun.	7:30	Donald Ricco, Norbert and Pauline Andres Dora Sherwood, Georgia Cort	
	9:00	-	
	10:30	Earl Dolcini, Francesco Respini, Oliver McNulty	
	12:00	Pro Populo	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 7, the U.S. celebrates the secular holiday of Grandparents' Day. Though it was relatively recently established in the U.S., it was long overdue. So many of our grandparents have played, and continue to play, an important role in our lives and fond memories.

Grandparents' Day was first celebrated in Poland in 1965. In the U.S., the movement began when 9-year-old Russell Capper wrote to President Nixon in 1969. The White House responded, appreciating his suggestion, but indicated that the President issued such proclamations only in response to a Congressional resolution. It fell to Marian McQuade, an elder rights activist from West Virginia, to make the final push. She had 15 children and 43 grandchildren. She was long involved in elder issues, and organized a rally of octogenarians in her home state, which was the first state to declare a Grandparents' Day in 1973. Her intention was to re-connect grandparents with their grandchildren. The base of her support was her church and local convalescent hospitals.

In 1978, President Carter established National Grandparents Day, to be celebrated on the Sunday after Labor Day. Ms. McQuade insisted that the day not be commercialized, that all gifts and cards exchanged should be homemade. She made good on this intention by refusing royalties on any manufactured Grandparents' Day cards and other merchandise.

The grace of grandparenthood is that it is so often a matter of completely unambivalent love for grandchildren – affection and hope without the immediate burdens of enforcing the necessary disciplines of parenthood. "Spoil 'em and send 'em home" is the mantra for some. Some young parents are amazed (and sometimes annoyed) to see their own parents who, in earlier years, were strict disciplinarians, turn into year-round Santa Clauses and Ladies Bountiful when it comes to their grandchildren.

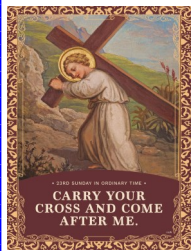
I have only the fondest memories of the three grandparents I knew. Two grandmothers were present at my ordination. In my childhood, I knew one great-grandfather who was born just after the American Civil War. While my grandparents seemed so old at the time, they were, in my childhood, far younger than I am now.

Some grandparents are now heroically assuming the full responsibilities of parenthood for a second generation. They drive their grandchildren to school, help with their tuition, care for them, worry about them and pray for their futures. Sadly, in the case of less-than-stable parents, grandparents are often the main stable influence in their grandchildren's lives.

It's altogether fitting that we offer prayers of gratitude for our grandparents, living and deceased, especially those who were involved in our own lives. May God grant them the reward of their goodness in this life.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8TH - 14TH



Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

ENGLISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
for children needing first communion and returning students (Grades 1 - 12) begin this Tuesday, Sept. 9th and Wednesday, Sept. 10th, after-school in the parish hall at 3:30 pm.

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

THE OCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
begins on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 pm in the Rectory.

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

We are still in need of volunteers for each program. Carmen Aanenson will be available on Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14 after the English Masses in the plaza. For more information please contact, Carmen Aanenson at 707-762-4278 ext. 114 or email her at dreaanenson@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2025-2026:

Saturday morning registrations in the parish hall have concluded. If you have not had a chance to register your student please call the parish office and speak to Abraham Solar, director of the Confirmation Program, at 707-762-4278 ext.160.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary from 8:30 to 9:00 am.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - 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.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm at St. Vincent's church to pray the rosary. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Carnazola at (707) 762-6115.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$7,223
On-Line Giving	2,405
Total	\$9,628

The second collection last weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$4,884.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Seminarians.

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

If you're exploring educational options for your child, we invite you to consider our TK-8th Grade Catholic School, a place where students are known, supported, and inspired to grow both academically and in their faith.

Rooted in the values of the Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School offers a learning environment that is both academically challenging and spiritually nurturing. Families often tell us they chose our school not just for the strong academics, but because they felt a true sense of community and purpose here.

Whether you're new to Catholic education or have been part of it for years, we welcome you to visit, ask questions, and see if our school is the right fit for your family.

To learn more or schedule a tour, contact Mrs. Rynning, Admissions Coordinator at 762-6426 or visit www.svelem.org.

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 Masses. 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.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD will be gathering Thursday, September 18 at St. James Parish Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm; program starts at 6:30 pm. All women of faith from St. James and St. Vincent's are invited to this evening of fellowship and faith-sharing. Our focus this evening will be two of the Sacraments of Initiation - Eucharist and Confirmation. Please bring a box of facial tissue that we will deliver to local schools. Questions? Joanne Ferris 707-481-6431 or email at jferrispetaluma@gmail.com.



JOB OPENING: Like working outside? Interested in another Catholic ministry? Join our Catholic Cemeteries team! Catholic Cemeteries is looking for a full-time Groundskeeper. For more information or to apply, please email angela@dsrccm.org.