

**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.**

**October 12, 2025**

<u>Mass intentions during October 13th - 19th</u>			Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 17:11-19
Mon.	8:00	Dominic Puga (L), Ernesto Aguilar (L) Flor Mendez (L), Maria Luisa Barragan and Family (L) Marguerite Waters	<p>Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.</p> <p>Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver. Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.</p> <p>Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir    ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Marilu Aguilar (L), Yoli Aguilar (L) Robert Michael Donahue	
Wed.	8:00	Thanksgiving for Health	
Thur.	8:00	St Joseph's Church Prayer Group (L) Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Fri.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L), Jessica Chu (L) Gabriel Naal and Family (L) Ignacia Gomez	
Sat.	8:00	Julia Gonzalez, Margarita Juarez	
	5:00	Pro Populo	
	7:00	Familia Enriquez-Gutierrez (L) Juan Sanchez Ortega, Telesforo Torres Estela Contreras, Lucas Ruvalcaba Vargas	
Sun.	7:30	-	
	9:00	Colin Lagos and Family (L) Pete and Dorothy Querello	
	10:30	Juana Garcia, Julio Rico, Earl Dolcini	
	12:00	Andres and Julissa Pacheco (L) Abraham Avalos, Jose Maria Lopez Mario Herrera, Ramon Ochoa Diaz	

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

This weekend October 11th and 12th, the Knights of Columbus members will be collecting donations benefiting people with intellectual disabilities. Your generous donations from previous years have directly benefited local-Petaluma based organizations dedicated to providing people with intellectual disabilities resources to live a happy life! We kindly ask for your generous support, any amount will help! Just look for the Knights of Columbus members in yellow vests handing out tootsie rolls on the church plaza after mass!



**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini reflection:** I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?



**Your Faith Has Saved You**

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply believing. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

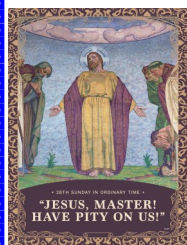
I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH - 19TH



Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46  
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/  
 Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
 Lk 10:1-9  
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/  
 2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**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.

**ST. VINCENT'S 2026 LECTOR AND VISITING OF THE SICK BOOKS** are available at the rectory office. If you haven't picked up your book, please do so. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, closed for lunch from 12 to 1 pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 707-762-4278.

**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.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is held Thursday mornings after the weekday mass for one hour, and the first Thursday evening of the month, from 6 - 7 pm. **This Thursday, October 16th Adoration is canceled.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** - Jose Rodriuez, Carolyn Maloney, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Keith Heck, Colin Lagos, Lorraine Dominguez, Frank and Marleen Hensch, Charlie Kato, Quintin Ponce Jr., and Michelle Paskal.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the family of Eileen Christine Griffith who passed away September 12th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**ROSARY PROCESSION HONORING MARY, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary:** You are invited to join us on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 2 pm at the Carmelite House of Prayer, Oakville, CA, 20 Mt. Carmel Dr., off Oakville Rd. Join us as we procession outside on the monastery grounds or pray in the chapel (for those who prefer not to walk). Following the rosary, there will be a Crowning of Mary with Adoration and Benediction in the chapel. Refreshments will follow in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center.

**DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP:** Want to be friends with other Catholic moms? Join our moms' group! The Santa Rosa Diocese Moms' Group is open to moms of newborns to teenagers looking for friendship and fellowship with other moms in a similar season of life. We'd love to meet you at one of our fall events! Contact [srdio-cese.catholicmoms@gmail.com](mailto:srdio-cese.catholicmoms@gmail.com). More information about the Catholic Mom's Group, and for scheduled activities, you can look on the church boards at the entrance of the church or scan the QR code.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:  
 Sunday Basket \$11,482  
 On-Line Giving 3,440  
 Total \$14,922

There will be a second collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

**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 church entrance. Please call the parish office for more information: 707-762-4278.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Explore St. Vincent de Paul Elementary's TK/Kindergarten Program! Where curiosity sparks and learning takes flight!

We invite prospective families to join us for a Parent Tour or Open House to see how our program nurtures faith, academics, and service from the very beginning.

Tour and Open House dates available this November through January!

For full details and to RSVP, visit: [www.svelem.org](http://www.svelem.org).

Questions? Email us at [info@svelem.org](mailto:info@svelem.org)



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

**WEEKLY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY** - All are welcome! Free bags of groceries are provided to low-income families and individuals in Petaluma, through Petaluma Interfaith Pantry, which operates every Thursday evening. No paperwork needed; we serve all in need. Thursday Evening Interfaith Pantry opens at 5:00 pm at the Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 504 Baker Street. For more information, please call 762-4081.

## VILLAGE NETWORK OF PETALUMA PROGRAMS:



Find the online calendar at <https://petaluma.helpfulvillage.com/events>. Most of our programs and interest groups are designed for members and active volunteers. Social events and some interest groups welcome guests for one session to learn more about becoming a member and/or volunteer in the Village community. If you are interested in learning more about membership or volunteering, come to a "Get to Know the Village" monthly info meeting or contact us at [info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org](mailto:info@VillageNetworkofPetaluma.org) or 707-776-6055.