

**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.**

November 9, 2025

<u>Mass intentions during November 10th - 16th</u>			The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica John 2:13-22
Mon.	8:00	Melisa Tinoco and Family (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez, Shawn McCoy, Earl Dolcini	When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.
Tues.	8:00	Jan Eshleman, Chuck Sackett, Alberto Correia	
Wed.	8:00	John Adams, Juan Valle, Maria Sagrario Mendoza	Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.
Thur.	8:00	Marcia Ryan, Pete Perkins, Maria Sagrario Mendoza	
Fri.	8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Maximiliana Valencia Maria Sagrario Mendoza, Alfonso Mendez	In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.
Sat.	8:00	-	
	5:00	Thanksgiving for Health (L), Bonifacio Gonzalez Suzanne Capella, Charlie, Terry and Tim Petersen Francelina and Manuel Lopes	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	7:00	Moises Velasquez, Rosalina Solis Padilla Esther Figueroa, Rosa Zambrano Nunez	
Sun.	7:30	Jane Marovich, Orfelinda Diaz de Zamora Federico Zamora Davalos	
	9:00	Frank Huddleston, Edward Anacleto, Lindy Borges John and Rosa Amaral	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Alexis Sandoval and Family (L) Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Cesar Gutierrez and Family (L) Almas en el Purgatorio, Mario Herrera	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This Pastor's Desk will be a collection of smaller items I hope you will find of interest.

The October Mass Count has been tabulated, and I'm happy to tell you that for several years in a row, our Mass attendance has continued to grow, both at the English and Spanish Masses. It confirms my intuition that there are a number of young families who have joined us – so much so that there is a play group after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month in the plaza and Triangle Park.

Pierre Robert. While the former St. Vincent High School is now operating independently of this parish, we can continue to feel pride in the school and the graduates we sustained for over a hundred years. You can never know how far a SV High School graduate can go. Pierre was no exception. He graduated in (if memory serves) in 1973. We were in school together for a year. He was a free spirit and expansive personality destined to do interesting things. And he did. A few years after graduation, he moved to Philadelphia, was DJ at a rock station for over 40 years, and in time became one of the most recognized and best-loved figures in the city. His funeral, a civic event, was held at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philly. Even some of the priest-concelebrants were dabbing their tears. RIP at 70.

Veterans' Day is nearly unique in that, as a Federal holiday, it is not shifted to a 3-day weekend, but is celebrated on November 11, to commemorate the signing of the Armistice at 11:00 a.m. local time that morning that ended World War I. The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. At the urging of several veterans' associations, the observance was expanded in 1954 to include all veterans. It is distinct from Memorial Day, which has its roots in the American Civil War, and honors those who have died while in military service.

Since in this country the draft ended more than fifty years go, it is nearly impossible to appreciate the magnitude of participation and sacrifice Veterans' Day commemorates. In World War II alone, 16.4 million Americans served in the military, nearly one-third of the entire population between ages 18 and 45. They left behind 4 million spouses, 2 million children, and tens of millions of parents, siblings and sweethearts. Though there was no awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, millions of these men returned fundamentally changed by what they had seen and done. While many died, many others returned yet bore the internal wounds for the rest of their, and their families', lives. Divorce, which had been rare before the war, became much more a part of American life. On the other hand, there was a significant increase in vocations of monks to monasteries, as these men needed to plumb the depths of their faith in solitude to make sense of the extremes of human wickedness and heroic goodness they had experienced.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10TH - 16TH



Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/
Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Tuesday, November 11, 2025 for Veteran's Day.

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. All are welcome.

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 - Andy Azzaro, Nina Sable-Lavery, Richard Kingsbury, Jose Rodriguez, Melvin B. LaFranchi, Colin Lagos, Quintin Ponce Jr., and Michelle Paskal.



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 to 7 pm.



REMEMBRANCE TABLE: You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one(s) who have passed, and place it on the table, located under Our Blessed Mother. November is dedicated to remembering and praying for All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed. The table will be removed the week of Thanksgiving.



ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES will be available at all entrances of the church this weekend. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.



BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study is back! We welcome you to join "Jesus: The Way The Truth and The Life" a 10 week study in the Parish Hall every Tuesday from 6:45 - 8:30 pm beginning December 2, and continuing Dec. 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 17. More details coming soon. Contact Joanne Ferris at jfer-rispetaluma@gmail.com or call 707-481-6431.



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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$11,366
On-Line Giving 3,031
Total \$14,397

The collection for All Saints was \$1,632.

The collection for All Souls was \$2,990

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic University of America and Communications.

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

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, our mission is to educate and nurture the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. Rooted in the Catholic faith, we provide a loving and supportive environment where students in TK through 8th grade grow not only in knowledge, but also in faith, character, and service to others.

Our dedicated teachers guide students to discover their God-given gifts, encouraging curiosity, compassion, and a lifelong love of learning. We integrate faith into every part of the day through prayer, service, and a strong sense of community. We are helping children build a foundation that will guide them throughout their lives.

We invite all parish families to prayerfully consider joining our school community. Applications for the upcoming school year will be available on December 1st! Come and see how a Catholic education can make a lasting difference for your child and family.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please visit www.svelem.org or contact our school office at 707-762-6426.

Support SVES Students Traveling to DC & NYC Spring 2026 - Reserve Your Holiday Wreath Today!

Each evergreen wreath is approximately 22 inches outside diameter; wreaths include a festive bow and sprigs of greenery for that special touch! The cost is \$30 (Please make checks payable to SVES). You will need to complete a form to order your wreath. Please contact SVES for the form at 707-762-6426. Wreaths will be available for pick up the week of December 1st. All proceeds will benefit students going on the Spring 2026 DC/NYC Trip. Please email Ms. Penry at penry@svelem.org with your questions.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA - Do you or someone you know need free diapers, bottles, baby clothes, maternity clothes, children's toys and more? Visit BIRTHRIGHT center in Petaluma, 370 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy. Open Monday - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.

