

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.

February 22, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during February 23th - March 1st</u>			<u>1st Sunday of Lent</u> Matthew 4:1-11
Mon.	8:00	Joey Pappas and Family (L), George A. Bordi (L) Lily and Maximiliano Alcaraz (L) Gloria Bordi	<p>In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.</p> <p>Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.</p> <p>Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Charles Gianini, Aurora Anaya Lopez Susan Holberg, The Flores-Guzman Family (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Suzie Cummins (L), The Lavio Manni Family (L) Kay Patterson and Family (L), Lisa Galindo (L) Vince Patterson	
Thurs.	8:00	Mirian Valencia	
Fri.	8:00	Miguel Herrera Chavez, Mariano Munguia Alvarez	
Sat.	8:00	Romero Guzman (L), The Flores-Guzman Family (L)	
	5:00	Henry Morth	
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L), Gerardo Enriquez Jose Jesus Calvillo, Beatriz Alcaraz Pureko Carmen Torres Rodriguez	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Joe D'Amato, Thomas Cox, May Lew Holy Souls in Purgatory	
	10:30	-	
	12:00	The Porras Tinajero Family (L) Ignacio and Emma Gonzalez and Family (L) Alfonso and Elidia Pulido, Juan Carlos De Leon	

2026 Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Santa Rosa



"The Lenten Season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the Rite of Election and Scrutinies, and by catechesis, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" (The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist).

The current discipline is as follows:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth year are obligated to fast.

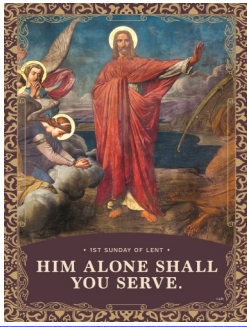
The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who have completed their fourteenth year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages seven to fourteen years also follow the law of **abstinence**.

All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Those who have received their First Holy Communion are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1 10).

Marriages may be celebrated with Mass, and the nuptial blessing should always be given. It is, however, contrary to the spirit of penance during Lent to plan an elaborate wedding with lavish decorations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD - MARCH 1ST



Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$9,895
 On-Line Giving 2,127
 Total \$12,022

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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? Have you been receiving Sunday offering envelopes, but are not using them? Please call the parish office at 707-762-4278 to get more information or to discontinue the offering envelopes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Catholic education offers far more than academic excellence, it provides a faith-filled environment where children grow spiritually, morally, and socially in a safe and nurturing community.

Our students begin each day in prayer, learn Gospel values woven throughout the curriculum, and experience the joy of serving others. In our safe and supportive setting, children are known, valued, and encouraged to develop their God-given talents.

We invite you to consider the gift of a Catholic education for your family. Come see how faith and learning go hand in hand at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School.

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

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT: On Saturday, February 28th from 9 am to 12pm, St. Vincent de Paul College Prep, 849 Keokuk St., will have a Drive Thru Shredding Event (rain or shine) to benefit Safe and Sober Grad Night. You can bring up to 5 paper bags of documents to shred, no plastic bags or boxes. A \$25 tax deductible donation per 5 paper bags is requested, cash and check only (checks can be made out to Project Grad). More information can be found on the church boards at the entrance of the church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: The KOC Council #1586 St. James, will be awarding multiple \$1000 scholarships to seniors who plan to continue education after high school. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the parish office Monday through Friday during normal business hours. The deadline is April 20, 2025. There are no exceptions.

SAVE THE DATE: The Diocesan Men's Conference "Pray Without Ceasing" will be held March 20th - 21st at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. For more information or to register, go to www.srcatholicmen.org or email Stephen Morris at dsryouth@srdiocese.org

CRS RICE BOWLS - are available at the entrance of the church. Please return your rice bowls on Palm Sunday, March 29th. PRAY "Jesus, Bread of Life, As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers, showing us how we are connected. Transform our hearts, that we may be moved to share bread for life with our global family and work for a world where we can thrive. Amen." For more information, go to crsricebowl.org.



ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - will be held on Fridays at 7:30 pm in the church from February 20th through March 27th. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd, will be at 3:30 pm. Deacon Jim Carr will lead the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.



INVITATION TO MASS of the CHRISM: The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, along with the Diocesan and Religious priests of the Diocese invite you to participate in the Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.



The Mass of the Chrism is celebrated once a year. The Bishop blesses the oil of Catechumens, the oil of the Sick and the oil of Chrism. This Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the ministerial priesthood that the bishop has received. It also signifies the unity the priests have with the bishop who shares in the same ministerial priesthood. During this Mass, the Diocesan and Religious priests will renew their commitment of priestly service.

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



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.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Maria Magdalena Romo who passed away on February 3rd. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



PLEASE PRAY FOR - Rosie Greeott, Alexine Silveira, Norberto Cruz Jr., Belia Wilmer, Mary Barber, Irene Carnazola, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.