

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.

March 1, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during March 2nd - 8th</u>			2nd Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9
Mon.	8:00	The Manni Family, Douglas Smith	<p>When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.</p> <p>Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.</p> <p>We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.</p> <p>Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?</p> <p>Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir ©LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00	Litiana Tuidraki (L), Mabelle Angel (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Emma Van Bramer (L)	
Thurs.	8:00	Vicki Aguilar and Family (L) Rosa Maria Martinez (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Maria Lopez and Family (L) The Alcaraz Family (L)	
Sat.	8:00	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Charles Bunker	
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Jim Doolittle	
Sun.	7:00	Rosalina Solis Padilla, Rafael Martin Guadalupe Garcia, Eduardo Vargas	
	7:30	Pat Doherty, May Lew	
	9:00	Edward Anacleto, Michael Woods, Jr. Evangalina de Vasquez	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) The Jaramillo Rodriguez Family (L) Aida, Mirian, and Oscar Mejia	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Just a few days ago, we took part in the perhaps the most widely attended Mass of the year: Ash Wednesday. The most likely estimates set the number of people worldwide who received the ashes of penitence above one billion, and probably significantly more. In many parishes, including our own, more people attend Ash Wednesday than Christmas or Easter. Though it has no special rank as a feast and is not a Holy Day of Obligation, people come out of a deeply felt inner need.

Unlike Christmas and Easter, Ash Wednesday is a work day for most people, requiring them to attend either before or after work. And the Mass count does not include those parishes which distribute Ashes from morning to night, without Mass. People can walk in, receive ashes, and go. One parish I read about calls it "Ash and Dash." Nor does this count the many people who receive ashes in other faith communities (e.g., Lutherans, Episcopalians).

It has been called Ash Wednesday, and celebrated 40 days before Easter, since at least 601 A.D. The tradition of imposing ashes on the forehead dates back to the 11th century. The older practice was not to sign the cross on the forehead, but to sprinkle the ashes over their heads— a practice still observed in other areas of the world.

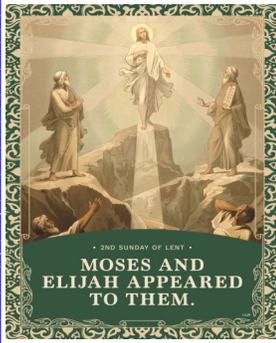
At St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, in addition to scheduled Masses, ashes were available continuously from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. I believe well over 50,000 people received ashes in that parish alone, while hearing "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

The two main changes to the Mass for Lent here at SV are the elimination of the Gloria, and the elimination of the word, "Alleluia", so that those two words can, after period of disuse, resound all the more clearly at the Easter Vigil.

Last Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we also had the Rite of Sending, in which we formally present the catechumens and candidates to the People of God, and then they go to the cathedral to be received by the bishop. The difference between catechumens and candidates is that "catechumens" are unbaptized and will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Candidates or those who have been baptized (whether as Catholics or non-Catholics) but who still want to receive the remaining Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) in full communion with the Church. In the meantime, I ask you to join with me in prayer for these catechumens and candidates (and their families) as we all continue our journey to Easter.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2ND - 8TH



Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:
16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43,
45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:
1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

**Lenten
Penance
Service**



The Lenten Penance Service this year will be on Monday, March 16th at 7 pm. You are invited to come to this service to prepare for the season of Easter.

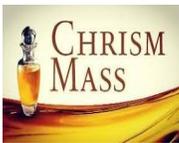
CRS RICE BOWLS - are available at the entrance of the church. Please return your rice bowls on Palm Sunday, March 29th. PRAY "Jesus, Bread of Life, As we encounter you in the Eucharist this Lent, nourish us with your love, unite us in communion with our sisters and brothers, showing us how we are connected. 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.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Harry Mills, Mabelle Angel, Melvin LaFranchi, Rosie Greott, Alexine Silveira, Mary Barber, Irene Carnazola, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$9,668
 On-Line Giving 1,632
 Total \$11,300

The second collection for the Maintenance Fund last weekend was \$4,736

The Ash Wednesday collection was \$4,798.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services.

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 our Catholic school, rooted in the teachings of the Church and united with our parish community, we see Lent as a sacred opportunity to help our students grow into the people God created them to be.

Each day, our students encounter Christ not only in religion class, but through prayer, the Sacraments, and the loving witness of teachers who model the Gospel. What makes a Catholic education beautiful and unique is that faith is woven into every subject, every relationship, and every moment forming hearts as well as minds.

In partnership with our families and guided by the mission of the Catholic Church, we nurture academic excellence grounded in virtue, service, and compassion. Nowhere else will children be so intentionally formed to seek truth, grow in holiness, and use their God-given gifts to serve others with courage and joy.

If you are interested in exploring our Faith Based Education for TK-8th grade students please visit our website at www.svelem.org or call the office at 707-762-6426.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: A devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month. We begin at 7:15 am, with Prayers & the Rosary, then Holy Mass, followed by a 15 min Scripture Meditation on Saturday, March 8th. For any questions, please contact Lilian Dubow at (510) 205-3712 or at Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

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.

