

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 22, 2026

Mass intentions during March 23rd - 29th

Mon.	8:00	Joey Pappas and Family (L), Carolyn and Jim Maestri Robert Hu, Yap Lian Hoa
Tues.	8:00	The Duffy Family (L), Rose Ann Greecott (L) James Duffy, Carlos Rivera
Wed.	8:00	Sylvia Samija and Family (L) The Lavio-Manni Family (L) Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L) Bonifacio Gonzalez, Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo
Thurs.	8:00	Susan Hoberg, Doug Smith, Tony Adiego, Frank Adiego
Fri.	8:00	Joey Pappas and Family (L) Carmen Dominguez Medrano
Sat.	8:00	-
	5:00	Pro Populo
	7:00	The Gutierrez-Enriquez Family (L) The Arango Mendoza Family (L) Altagracia Zavala, Gerardo Enriquez
Sun.	7:30	Norbert Galego
	9:00	Tessa Bordi (L), George Bordi (L) Isabel Madera, Francisco Valdez
	10:30	Paul Caletti, Richard A. Callahan
	12:00	The Arango Amador Family (L) The Chanure Hernandez Family (L) Elberth Gil, Hermila Vargas Barajas

2026 Holy Week at St. Vincent's Church

Palm Sunday – March 29
Regular Sunday Schedule

THE EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday – April 2
 (No Mass at 8:00 a.m.)
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7:30 p.m. (bilingual)
 Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 3
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 1:15 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross 3:30 p.m.
 The Lord's Passion (Spanish) 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 4
 No Mass other than
 Celebration of the Easter Vigil
 8:00 p.m. (bilingual)

Easter Sunday – April 5
 English Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Spanish Mass: 12:00 p.m.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE: Fr. Raul Lemus, the pastor of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati, invites you on a pilgrimage through some of the holy sites of France October 19 - 29, 2026. The cost is \$5,499, which includes airfare, hotel accommodation, tour bus, tour guides, breakfast and all dinners, except for one dinner in Paris. This will be a bilingual pilgrimage in English and in Spanish. For more information, please visit www.sjccotati.org and scroll down to the pilgrimage information link. You can also call Fr. Raul Lemus at 707-795-4807 ext. 113 or email atpastor@sjccotati.org. You can also visit www.unitours.com/showtrip.aspx



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23RD - 29TH

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-3
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



The "Scrutinies" will be celebrated solemnly on the Sundays of March 8, 15, and 22 at the 9:00 am Mass.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES are available at the entrance of the church. It's a great opportunity to have your loved ones remembered by making a donation to help decorate our beautiful church for the Easter season.



CRS RICE BOWLS—Please return your rice bowls on Palm Sunday, March 29th. For more information, go to crsrice-bowl.org.

ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - are 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.



CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side. **Confessions next Thursday, March 26th, at 6 pm are canceled.**

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 - Benito Lopez, Harry Mills, Mabelle Angel, Melvin LaFranchi, Karen Gronberg, Rosie Greeott, Alexine Silveira, Mary Barber, Irene Carnazola, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Both of the Petaluma KoC Councils (#1586 St James and #11431 St Vincent), 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 M - F. The deadline for this scholarship is April 20th. There are no exceptions.



CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: On March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, Catholics from across California will gather in Sacramento for a sacred day of prayer, unity, and public witness with our California bishops. This gathering is meant for everyone - families, young adults, school communities, ministry leaders, and parish groups. It is an opportunity to make Lent visible and to stand together in hope at the center of our state's civic life. There will be a bus departing from St. Joseph's Church, Cotati, with a transportation fee of \$27.50. The bus QR code is located on the right side of this announcement. For more information about the event go to: <https://cacatholic.org/capitol/> or scan the QR code on the top left.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$10,726
On-Line Giving 2,303
Total \$13,029

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 SOCIETY-will have a second collection next weekend. This is to inform our longtime and new contributors to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as to what we do with their generous contributions. The 5th Sunday collections, the Poor Box (in the back of the church), Christmas Giving Tree, Thanksgiving donations, plus individual gifts allow us to distribute gift cards. The gift cards allow Petalumans in need to purchase food and household items (excluding alcohol, tobacco and lottery). Thanks again for your continued support!

ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the SVES Class of 2026 as our 8th grade girls receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a special milestone in their faith journey, as they are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and take a more active role in the life of the Church.

We congratulate them on this sacred occasion and wish them a lifetime of Catholic faith, blessings, and abundant grace as they continue to grow in their relationship with Christ.

We ask our parish community to keep these young women in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, courage, and love for Christ.

May they be blessed with a life rich in faith and grace, always walking in Your light and truth.

Congratulations to the following:

- Valentina Amaya, Reese DeBerardinis, Elizabeth Dollar
- Cecilia Lagos, Evelyn Neves, Audrey Petersen
- Elizabeth Rynning, Cassidy Whitman, Charlotte Yeager

PART-TIME SPANISH TEACHER for Grades (5-8): St.

Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School is seeking a part-time Spanish teacher for grades 5-8 who will support students' academic growth and Christian formation by modeling Catholic values in and out of the classroom. Reporting to the principal, the teacher will plan and deliver a rigorous Spanish curriculum aligned with state, diocesan, and federal standards; maintain effective classroom management; assess student progress; and communicate regularly with parents. Candidates should be organized, professional, and committed to the mission and policies of the Diocese of Santa Rosa and the school community. Please contact the principal, Mr. Joseph Clapp, if interested in applying. (707) 762-6426.

