

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 29, 2026

Mass intentions during March 30th - April 5th

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| Mon. | 8:00 | Bruce Chester, Norbert Galego |
| Tues. | 8:00 | Tom Helmstetter, Pedro Alvarez |
| Wed. | 8:00 | Elberth Gil, Charles Sickles |
| Thurs. | 8:00 | - |
| Fri. | 8:00 | - |
| Sat. | 8:00 | - |
| | 5:00 | - |
| | 7:00 | - |
| Sun. | 7:30 | Caley Brown, The Arnold Family, Egidio Mancini Theresa and Henry Morth |
| | 9:00 | Bonifacio Gonzalez, Jerry Dixon, Frederic Holden Felisbina and Antonio Pardal |
| | 10:30 | Pro Populo |
| | 12:00 | Ignacio and Emma Gonzalez and Family (L) Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Eracleo Ramirez |

2026 Holy Week at St. Vincent's Church

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophecy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophecy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30TH - APRIL 5TH

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed. Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

ST. VINCENT'S ENGLISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Student Programs are taking an Easter Holiday break.

- March 29th and April 5th: No Children's Liturgy.
- April 5th: No PreK & K classes.
- After School programs on Tuesday and Wednesday are on break the weeks of March 29th and April 5th, student classes resume Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

We are asking for students and their families to attend Holy Week services and Easter Sunday Holy Mass.

OCIA: This Palm Sunday will be the last Scripture Dismissal for our Catechumens and Candidates.

On Saturday April 4th, at 9 am, the Catechumens and Candidates will join Fr. Bill for prayer service and practice. They will return for Easter Vigil at 8 pm.

As they seek new life in the Catholic faith, we pray they will continue growing in their faith and share it with those who need it most. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God" Matthew 5:8.

Have a Blessed Easter, Carmen Aanenson
707-762-4278 ext 114; email dreaanenson@gmail.com

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED next Thursday, April 2nd (Holy Thursday), Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday), and Monday, April 6th (Easter Monday).

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—the rice bowls are due this weekend or you can bring them to the parish office during normal business hours. For more information, go to crsricebowl.org.

ST. VINCENT'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd, will be at 3:30 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Roman Nolasco, Grace Smith, Benito Lopez, Harry Mills, 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.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

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| Sunday Basket | \$8,938 |
| On-Line Giving | 1,733 |
| Total | \$10,671 |

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$8,939.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.



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

CONGRATULATIONS to Eliot Alexander Aguilar who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD will be gathering on Thursday, April 23 at St. Vincent Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the program runs 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All women of faith are welcome. Our theme will be: "Where is Your Pilgrimage?" How do you walk with Jesus the other six days.



WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD BOOKCLUB: Our next selection to read is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. Discussion will be May 14 at 6 pm. Location TBA.

THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS: Please be informed that on April 4th, 2026 we will NOT meet at St. Vincent's for our monthly First Saturday Devotion as this will be Holy Saturday. We ask that you fulfill the requests privately in your own home. We will gather again in St. Vincent's on the first Saturday of the following month: May 2, 2026 at 7:15am. Please contact Lilian Dubow for questions at (510) 205-3712.



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.

ST. ROSE CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL is looking for new team members. If you have ECE credits and are interested learning more, please contact the Preschool Director at: srpdirector@sonic.net