

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.

April 19, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during April 20th - 26th</u>		3rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35
Mon.	8:00 Mary Nizibian (L) Stella and David Cosenza, James Fatooh	<p>When I first read Homer’s Odyssey as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.</p> <p>A similar mystery is at the heart of today’s Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church. Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.</p> <p>And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are. — Father John Muir LPi</p>
Tues.	8:00 Claire Gibson and Family (L), Alex Velarde (L) The Fletes Robles Family (L) Flor Naal and Family (L) Victoria Alicia Campos	
Wed.	8:00 Mary Nizibian (L), Flor Naal (L) Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo	
Thurs.	8:00 Pedro Alvarez, Tom Helmstetter, Paul Petersen	
Fri.	8:00 Tyler Alexander Ruiz (L), Mary Nizibian (L) Donna Michel, Audrey and Robert Dunham	
Sat.	8:00 The Lavio-Manni Family (L)	
	5:00 Kirk Cheda 7:00 The Enriquez-Gutierrez (L), Gerardo Enriquez Isaias and Guadalupe Contreras	
Sun.	7:30 Benditas Almas del Purgatorio Norbert and Pauline Andres, Georgia Cort Dora Sherwood	
	9:00 Jose Luis Del Toro, Jr. (L) Louis and Barbara Novotny Arlene Calvillo, Sister Lucy Calvillo	
	10:30 Pro Populo	
	12:00 Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Dulce Salgado (L) Luis Ayala Vargas, Olgaldia Amador Diaz	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Now that Easter Sunday is behind us, it’s beginning to dawn on me how little of this school year is left. Confirmation of both adults and young people is done, and I’m still signing a huge pile of certificates. First Communion are just around the corner. Graduation dates for 2027 are already on the parish calendar.

Before we zoom off into the next set of events and celebrations, I would like to thank all of the many people – especially our volunteers – who made our Easter Sunday celebration such a beautiful one:

Our Flower Committee and those who prepared the church for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Easter is not the end, as the flowers need continuing maintenance for weeks to come.

Our music ministries bring beauty and spirit to our liturgies all year round, but especially at Christmas and Easter. Many of those involved take time from family at busy times of the year to rehearse outside of Mass times.

Our office staff and volunteers do all sorts of things behind the scenes leading up to Easter Sunday, including prayers and Mass intentions, the huge Easter mailings, issuing and recording literally hundreds of sacramental certificates for Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations and Weddings. And they do all of this in two languages!

Our replenished ranks of altar servers, in English and Spanish, has been great to see. We even needed to buy several new Altar Server outfits, as the servers are growing in size as well as in numbers.

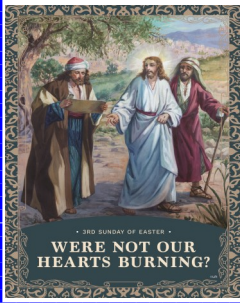
I would like to thank my fellow clergy – Fr. Rodriguez, Msgr. Dan, Deacon Jim Carr – for being such dedicated and gifted colleagues. This Easter, Fr. Rodriguez officiated again at the Easter Vigil, fully initiating 14 adults into the Catholic faith. Deacon Jim Carr lead the Stations of the Cross for several Fridays.

And finally, a thanks to you, our parishioners. And a special welcome and thanks to those many of you who are new parishioners. The visible growth of our community over the past few years has been gratifying, to say the least.

Finally, a brief non-political word on the current dust-up between the pope and the president. This is not merely a Catholic matter, as many non-Catholics tell me that they also look to the pope for leadership and perspective. One of his titles is “Pontiff,” that is, “Pontifex,” or “Bridge-Builder.” Unlike nearly all politicians, no matter how popular, popes in general can take enormous amounts of exposure over years. This pope is not the sum total of what he says, but of who he is: a wise and benevolent pastor especially in tense and troubled times, who bears a guarantee in his person that somehow this world will not destroy itself. Let that be our hope in this season of hope.

Blessings, Fr Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20TH - 26TH



Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/ Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/ Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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 - Ana Ruiz, Roman Nolasco, Grace Smith, Benito Lopez, 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.

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.

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY, Secular Franciscan Order, invites you to join us in a Day of Reflection on Sunday, May 3rd at St. James Church, 125 Sonoma Mtn. Pkwy., beginning with Mass at 9am. We will move to the parish multi-purpose room until 4 pm. We will reflect upon "St. Francis Brings Us to the Love of Jesus and life in abundance; The rule is Love." Our presenters, Francisco and Maria Christina Herrera, will be offering this reflection in English and Spanish. There will be a potluck brunch – please bring something that you would like to share, drinks will be provided. This event will be free but a Good Will offering will be accepted to help cover our expenses. Please see the posted flyer on the parish church boards and RSVP. For further information, send an email to Edd Ringlein, OFS, ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com.



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/

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$9,731
 On-Line Giving 2,693
 Total \$12,424

The second collection this weekend for the Catholic Home Missions was \$3,988.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next 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'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School we are committed to providing an excellent Catholic education grounded in the foundational pillars of Faith, Service, and Academics.

Faith: We foster the spiritual development of our students through daily prayer, participation in the sacramental life, and a deep commitment to Gospel values.

Service: Students are guided to live out their faith through acts of service, cultivating a lifelong dedication to compassion and stewardship.

Academics: We uphold rigorous academic standards that promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and the pursuit of excellence.

We invite families to consider the lasting value of a Catholic education within our nurturing and faith-centered community. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office at 707-762-6426.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP NEWS:



Now enrolling: grades 9–12: St. Vincent de Paul College Prep is currently accepting applications for the upcoming school year. We invite you to experience our vibrant campus community firsthand. To schedule a personalized family tour, please contact Kerry Pedersen at kpetersen@svhs-pet.org or call 707-763-1032 ext. 113.

FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP



FOR SENIORS: Join a free 2-part emergency preparedness workshop plus free go-bag with emergency supplies. The two-part workshop (which will be translated in Spanish for Spanish speakers) will be offered: Thurs., April 9, 11 am - 1 pm and Thurs., April 23, 1 - 3 pm at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma. Register online at emergencyprephelp.org/ events. More information and a QR code can be found on the parish bulletin boards.