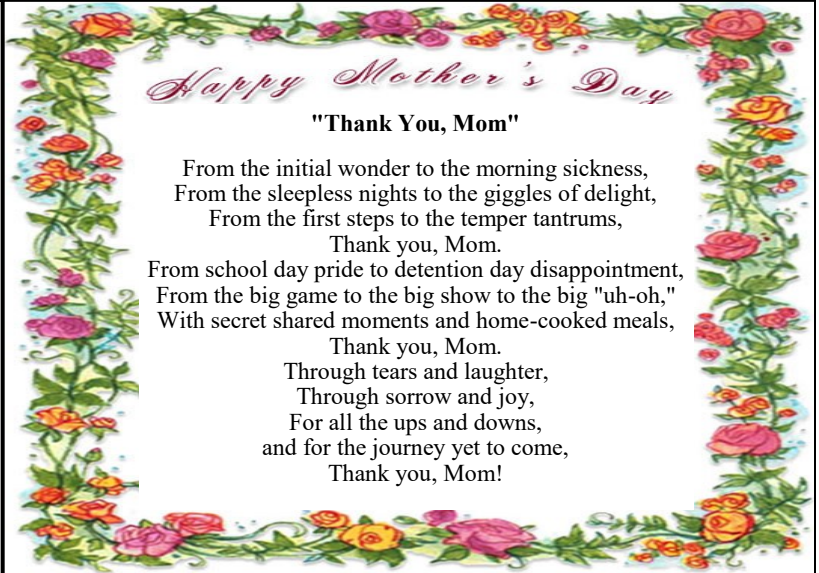


**WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED.**

**May 10, 2026**

Mass intentions during May 11th - 17th

Mon.	8:00	Chris Ferrua (L), Marcia Ryan
Tues.	8:00	Bonifacio Gonzalez, John H. Adams, Jr.
Wed.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliares (L) Norbert Galego, Inocencia Carrillo
Thurs.	8:00	Frances Kennedy, Hank Corda
Fri.	8:00	Sinead McGinley William Dallas Henry, III
Sat.	8:00	Maddie Wiley (L), Russell Kustic (L)
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Christine Nantell Jerry Gause
	7:00	Silvestre Martin, Estela Velasco Pedro Alvarez, Antonio Vasquez
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo
	9:00	-
	10:30	Patricia Cady
	12:00	Mario Herrera, Ramon Ochoa Diaz Olivia Lopez, Jose Maria Lopez Adair Placencia Arango



**Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

This past Friday, May 8, was the one-year anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV. I had to look up the date just to be sure. Pope Leo has needed to make several adjustments, first from his life as a Roman Cardinal, and before that as a Peruvian bishop and citizen. In fact, Pope Leo holds citizenship in three countries: the United States, the Republic of Peru, and the Vatican City State.

About two months after he became pope, he began to put his personal affairs in order. His Holiness called his bank back in Chicago to change his address and other contact information. He correctly answered all of the security questions posed to him by the customer service agent. Still, she was not satisfied, and told the Pope that he would need to visit his branch office to settle the matter in person. He told the employee that it would be impossible for him to visit the branch in person. Then the Pope asked her, “Would it help if I told you that I am the Pope?” She assumed it was a prank call and hung up on His Holiness.

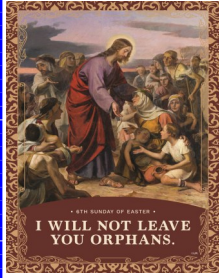
Fortunately, the Pope knew someone in his Augustinian religious community in Chicago who happened to be friends with the president of that particular bank . He called the friend, and got it straightened out. The Pope should know better than anyone that it helps to have friends in high places. And there’s something remotely gratifying knowing that even Vicar of Christ doesn’t get better customer service than the rest of us.

Pope Leo is of French, Italian, Spanish and Louisiana Creole background. His maternal grandfather and grandmother, Joseph and Marie, were born in the Dominican Republic (still under Spanish occupation) and New Orleans, respectively. In census documents of 1900 in New Orleans, they were described as “black” or “mulatto”. (Today we might say “bi-racial” or “mixed African and European heritage”.) In the census documents of 1920, after they had moved to Chicago, they were listed as “white.” The South was much more racially exclusionary; in the North, they could “pass.” Two of Pope Leo’s maternal aunts were religious sisters – one a Mercy Sister, the other a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B.V.M.) – the same order that taught at our parish schools for nearly a century.

Thanks to technology, which has given us the ability to be busybodies, you can look up the pope’s childhood home on Zillow or Realtor.com (“Own a piece of papal history...”). It’s 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,050 square feet, and located at 212 East 141st Place, Dolton, IL. Since the Pope left home after the 8th grade to attend seminary high school, his parents and brothers rarely saw him after that, so his two remaining brothers each could have their own room.

**Blessings,  
Fr. Bill Donahue**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11TH - 17TH**



Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1: 17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**THE MINISTRY OF BETHLEHEM HANDCRAFTS ASSOCIATION**



will be selling their handcrafts this Saturday and Sunday after all the Masses. This sale helps support the Christian families in Jerusalem who are now only 2% of the population in the Holy Land.



**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** - Frank and Marlene Hench, Lori Madrid, Consuelo Alvarez, Rudy Campos, Ana Solar, Benito Lopez, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** go out to the family of Brian Marcelino Gallardo who passed away March 23rd, and Maria Rita Dinapoli Altieri who passed away March 22nd. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD BOOK CLUB** is reading Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. They will meet for discussion on Thursday, May 14th at 6 pm at Amanda Tarrant's house, 900 Gossage Avenue, Petaluma. Please call Joanne Ferris at 708-481-6431 if you have questions.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS:** Please join us at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 304 Magnolia Drive, Petaluma, on Monday, May 25th at 10 am to celebrate Mass on Memorial Day. It will be a special opportunity to join in prayer for all those who have died in war, that we may live in peace, and for all who are buried in our cemeteries. Memorial Day also reminds us to pray for all our departed loved ones and our presence expresses our gratitude for the generosity of their lives and their selfless example.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** All ministries and parishioners of our parish are invited to the celebration of our priest's birthdays and priestly anniversaries, which will take place on Sunday, May 31st in the parish hall at 2:00 p.m. If you wish, feel free to bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there! For more information please call Ana Chanure at 707-774-1128.

**HOLY GHOST MASS:** On May 31st at our 10:30 am Mass the Petaluma Holy Ghost Society and the North Bay's Portuguese community will be celebrating their annual Festa Do Espirito Santo. After mass, everyone is invited back to the Portuguese Hall, 4649 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, to celebrate this tradition with a traditional Portuguese meal that is open to the public. For more information, please visit their website: [www.petalumaholyghostsociety.org](http://www.petalumaholyghostsociety.org).

**PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Last Sunday's offering:	
Sunday Basket	\$11,796
On-Line Giving	3,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,046</b>

**Thank you for your generosity.**

There is a second collection this weekend for Catholic Communications.

**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**



We joyfully celebrate a special milestone in the faith journey of our students this weekend. Our Second Grade class, along with one of our Third Grade students, will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

This sacred occasion marks the first time these young members of our community will receive the Body and Blood of Christ, deepening their relationship with Jesus and strengthening their place within our Church family. It is also a true blessing that at our Catholic school, our students are able to learn about God, grow in their faith, and praise Him each and every day.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they take this important step in their spiritual lives. May their hearts always remain open to God's love, and may this day be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith.

Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families!

**Congratulations to the following SVES students:**

- Makenna Cheda, Charles Clapp, Ray De La Cadena Ortega
- Elouise Forster, Charlotte Hampton, Kazimir Krouzil
- Walker Miller, James Moore, Maleah Qudsieh
- Bellamia Svedise, Arlowe Thomas, Rory Wuthrich

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:** The



Knights of Columbus of St Vincent's Parish wish to congratulate the three seniors receiving \$1,000 scholarships: Melanie Garcia, Sarah Garcia, and Alexa Ruiz! We wish them well in their future studies!

**DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA BILINGUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**



- All women ages 18 and older are warmly invited to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Women's Retreat on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. This year's theme, "Where Do You Find Your Worth as a Daughter of God?," invites women to rediscover their true dignity as beloved daughters of God. The retreat will include prayer, Holy Mass, the Rosary,

Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and opportunities for fellowship and reflection through Scripture and art led by the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa. For more information and registration, visit [www.srcatholicwomen.org](http://www.srcatholicwomen.org) or scan the QR code.

