

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 3, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during May 4th - 10th</u>		5th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12
Mon.	8:00	<p>We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it. It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful? But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life. Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing; people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive. The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.</p> <p align="right">— Father John Muir LPI</p>
Tues.	8:00	
Wed.	8:00	
Thurs.	8:00	
Fri.	8:00	
Sat.	8:00	
	5:00	
	7:00	
Sun.	7:30	
	9:00	
	10:30	
	12:00	

Everyday Stewardship

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4TH - 10TH



Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,
21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/ Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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

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

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Gerald V. Ryan Jr. who passed away October 10th, Richard Ray LaFranchi who passed away April 12th, and Augustine Rivas who passed away April 25th. 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.

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. Please join us for this celebration. 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. The parade will arrive to the church at about 10:15 am (statues of saints, flags, queens, and a marching band). A Portuguese choir will sing during the Mass. The queens represent Queen St. Isabel of Portugal who honored and celebrated the poor by hosting a dinner and dance open to the public. After mass, everyone is invited back to the Portuguese Hall, 4649 Bodega Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94952, to celebrate this tradition with a traditional Portuguese meal that is open to the public. For more information, please visit our website: www.petalumaholyghostsociety.org.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Weekday Mass is at 8:00 am and Rosary from 8:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$9,579
On-Line Giving 1,768
Total \$11,347

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$4,732.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next 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.



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 or scan the QR code.



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.

CARDINAL NEWMAN: Under a new President, Cardinal Newman High School is looking for its next Principal/administrative partner! For more information visit the school page of www.srdiocese.org or email LNorcia@SRdiocese.org.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA - Do you or someone you know need free diapers, bottles, baby clothes, maternity clothes, children's toys and more? Visit BIRTHRIGHT center in Petaluma, 370 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy. Open Monday - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.

ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP has greatly expanded their shop and is carrying many new items. Visit the Cathedral Books and Gift shop for Catholic books, bibles, rosaries, jewelry, statues, religious gifts, gifts for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and more! Cathedral Books and Gift shop, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa CA, 95405. For more information, call (707) 542-0250 or email: steugenegiftshop@outlook.com.