

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.

August 2, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during August 3rd — 9th</u>			Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 14:13-21
Mon.	8:00	Teresa Cornejo (L), Ana E. Guzman (L)	In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, “the mood all changed.” We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, “When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.” Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth. And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life. This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift. Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi
Tues.	8:00	Norbert Galego, Raul Perez All Active and Retired Catholic Priests (L) Paul and Kirsten Doherty (L) Raul Perez	
Wed.	8:00	Erik Perez (L), Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes	
Thurs.	8:00	Baylee Burbank (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), The Alcaraz Family (L) Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) Joe Fitzgerald, Holy Souls	
Sat.	8:00	Kallen Doherty (L) Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo	
	5:00	Mark Kostilney, Sharon Almeida	
	7:00	Antonio Vasquez, Estela Velasco Roberto Roa, Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros Belem Medina Gonzalez	
Sun.	7:30	Douglas and Michael Dolcini, David Laveroni Lorenzo Marcucci	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Eugene and Jim Williams, Robert Wheeler	
	12:00	The Cuellar Family (L) Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) The Jimenez Garcia Family (L) Maria Garcia de Gomez Belem Medina Gonzalez	

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Miracles We Don’t See

“Why aren’t there miracles anymore?”

I’ve heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it’s been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.



I don’t know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can’t picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more?

Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It’s not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that’s what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin’s execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

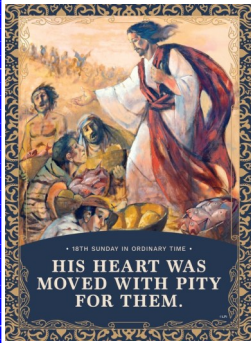
Maybe. But that’s not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3RD- 9TH



Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	\$8,607
On-Line Giving	2,355
Total	\$10,962

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$5,152.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next week for the Diocesan Seminarians.

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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027

Registrations for the English Religious Education Program have begun. You can pick up a registration form in the bell room at the church entrance or on the Rectory's front porch. Kindly return the completed form and fee in a sealed envelope to the rectory office, attention Carmen Aanenson, Director of Religious Education. PLEASE NOTE: Carmen Aanenson is at the parish rectory Tuesday and Wednesday ONLY.

ALL in-person registrations for the Religious Education programs are scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 22, and 29 in the parish hall from 9 - 11:30 am.

English First Communion Preparation classes will begin Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th.

The PreK and K Program begins Sunday, September 27th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you an adult and missed the sacrament of confirmation? Are you ready to deepen your baptismal life, which calls you to be a missionary witness of Jesus Christ? For a registration form, please contact Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com or pick one up from the bell room or parish office before class begins.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Are you interested in being a Catholic? Have you ever thought about it? Are you being called to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Now is the time to come and see what's next. For a registration form, please call Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com or meet her at the in-person registration; the dates are listed above.

The class for Adult Confirmation and OCIA will begin Wednesday, September 23rd from 6 - 7 pm.



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.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm at St. Vincent's church. All are welcome.



PLEASE PRAY FOR - Alexine Silveira, Joyce Souza, Harry Mills, Kiki Baumsteiger, Rose Wooley, Lori Madrid, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

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

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 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026-2027

Registration for the English and Spanish Confirmation program will begin the following Saturdays in the parish hall from 9 - 11:50 am: August 15th, 22nd, 29th and Sept. 5th. If you're registering your child for 2nd Year Confirmation, **YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.



THE WESTSIDE FAITH PANTRY - Free bags of groceries are provided to low-income families and individuals in Petaluma, through Petaluma Interfaith Pantry, which operates every Thursday evening. No paperwork needed; we serve all in need. The Interfaith Pantry opens at 5:00 pm at the Elim Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 504 Baker Street. For more information, please call 762-4081 or if you would like to be part of the team of volunteers that help, please contact the church office to get on the reminder list. Or just show up at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.