

**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.**

July 12, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during July 13th - 19th</u>			Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 13:1-23
Mon.	8:00	Norbert Galego	Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word? Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing. God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways. When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold. Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi
Tues.	8:00	Ashley Nelson-Levy (L), Anna Lavio	
Wed.	8:00	Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) Manuel V. and Fancelina Lopes Yolanda Hromek	
Thurs.	8:00	Teresa Cornejo and Family (L) The Secular Carmelites of SVDP Church (L) Benito Lopez	
Fri.	8:00	Claire Gibson and Family (L) Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) Fitzhugh William Moore, Holy Souls	
Sat.	8:00	Jimena Altamirano (L) Benito Lopez	
	5:00	Jerry Beene, Alexander Nguyen	
	7:00	Clodomiro Sandoval, Aurora Alvarado Cruz Eduardo Vargas, Benito Lopez	
Sun.	7:30	Norbert and Pauline Andres Georgia Cort, Dora Sheerwood	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Ignacio Romo and Family (L) Eugene Williams	
	12:00	Ignacio and Emma Gonzalez and Family (L) Luis Ayala Vargas, Mario Herrera Alma Benitas del Purgatorio	

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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. We will schedule an in-person registration; the date is still to be determined. 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.



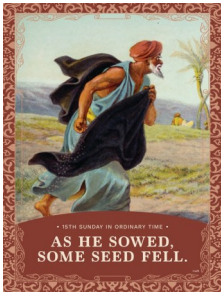
English First Communion Preparation classes will begin Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th.

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? Class begins in September. For a registration form, please contact Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreanaanenson@gmail.com.

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. Classes begin in September. For a registration form, please call Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreanaanenson@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13TH - 19TH



Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
16-18, 19-21/ Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/
Mt 12: 14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$9,044
On-Line Giving 3,857
Total \$12,901

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the
Priests' Benefits and Welfare.

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 DE PAUL CONFIRMATION

PROGRAM 2026-2027: Registrations for the
English and Spanish Confirmation programs 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 CER-
TIFICATE, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's
Church. For more information, please call 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.

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 - Rose Wooley, Lori Madrid, Jose
Carranza, Elaine Stevick, Ana Ruiz, Jovanny
Cisneros, Consuelo Alvarez, Ana Solar, Colin
Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.



SACRAMENTAL CERTIFICATES: There are many origi-
nal and updated Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
Certificates in the parish office. If you didn't receive the origi-
nal or forgot to pick up the certificate you requested, please
stop by to pick them up, or call the parish office for more in-
formation at 707-762-4278.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT AT ST. ANTHONY'S:

Join St. Anthony's Church in Mendocino for a beautiful
afternoon featuring harpist Anna Maria Mendieta,
cellist August Lee, the Lord's Land Acapella
Group, and the Swaggerty Family Schola on Sun-
day, July 19th. Admission is free of charge — a

true gift for the soul. Learn more at: stanthonysfomendo-cino.org/



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 din-
ners, 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 pilgrim-
age 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/showtrip.aspx?tripid=2774.

ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



At our Catholic elementary school, we are com-
mitted to forming students who grow in Faith,
Academics, and Service, the three pillars that
guide everything we do.

Through daily prayer, participation in the sacra-
ments, and opportunities to deepen their relationship with
Christ, our students are nurtured in a vibrant faith-filled envi-
ronment. In the classroom, they are challenged to achieve aca-
demic excellence while developing critical thinking, creativi-
ty, and a lifelong love of learning. Beyond our campus, our
students embrace the call to serve others through acts of kind-
ness, outreach projects, and service opportunities that reflect
the Gospel values we cherish.

We invite you to support our mission of educating the whole
child—mind, body, and spirit—and helping our students be-
come compassionate leaders and faithful disciples of Christ.

If you would like to learn more about our school, schedule a
visit, or inquire about enrollment, please contact the school
office 762-6426 or email our Admission Director, Mrs.
Rynning at rynnings@svalem.org. We are grateful for the con-
tinued prayers and support of our parish community.

Together, we are building a strong foundation of Faith, Aca-
demic Excellence, and Service for the next generation.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PETALUMA – Do you or someone you
know need free diapers, bottles, baby clothes, ma-
ternity 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.



THE CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES ASSOCIATION OF MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTY:



The Catholic Adult Sin-
gles Association of Marin and Sonoma is a group
of 55+ single or single again Catholics who are
interested in making new friends, taking part in
social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual
growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will
benefit our parishes, our community, and one another. We wel-
come those who are interested. For Membership and Event in-
formation, please call Bob at 415-897-0639.