

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 26, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during July 27th - August 2nd</u>			Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 13:44-52
Mon.	8:00	Alexa Hernandez (L), Roger Goodman, Else Albert Rene Dominguez Parada, Raul Perez	Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity. In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church. This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged. Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us. — Father John Muir ©LPi
Tues.	8:00	Erasto Pacheco Juarez (L), Raul Perez Joey Pappas and Family (L), Douglas Smith	
Wed.	8:00	Katherine O'Malley (L), Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) The Alvarez Porras Family (L), Raul Perez Jeanne and Norm "Pop" Lubeck	
Thurs.	8:00	Cuahtemoc Alvarez (L), Ruben Bojorquez Ortiz Raul Perez	
Fri.	8:00	Benito Lopez, Olga Lucia Gutierrez (L) Raul Perez	
Sat.	8:00	In Reparation to the Imm. Heart Of Mary Jack Kiley, Raul Perez	
	5:00	Richard Kingsbury	
	7:00	Rafael Martin, Silvestre Martin, Telesforo Torres Dominic Arroyo, Adolfo Mendoza Valencia	
Sun.	7:30	Dorothy Marcucci, Manni Family, Norbert Galego Jim Ceresa, Edward Anacleto, Pablo Cornejo (L) J. Guadalupe Hernandez	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Rosalina Solis Padilla, Luis Angel Acosta Raul Perez, Hilario, Nazario & Cornelio Ramirez	
	12:00		

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Choosing Heaven



My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

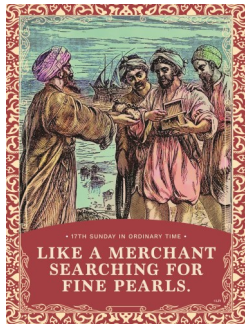
Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27TH—AUGUST 2ND



Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11,
17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-
58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,
33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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, dreanaanenson@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, dreanaanenson@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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$8,276
On-Line Giving 1,938
Total \$10,214

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? Do you live in Petaluma and want to register and receive Sunday offering envelopes? Have you been receiving Sunday offering envelopes, but are not using them? Please call the parish office at 707-762-4278 to get more information or to discontinue the offering envelopes.

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

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



THE COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAYS:

A devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is held every first Saturday of the month. We begin at 7:15am, with Prayers & the Rosary, then Holy Mass, followed by 15 min Scripture Meditation next Saturday, August 1st. For any questions, please contact Lilian Dubow at (510) 205-3712 or at Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.Communal-FirstSaturdays.org.



MARIAN SHRINES 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 accommodations, tour bus, tour guides, breakfast and all dinners, except for one dinner in Paris. This will be a bilingual pilgrimage in English and 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 him at pastor@sjccotati.org. You can also visit www.unitours.com/showtrip.aspx?tripid=2774



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.

