

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 5, 2026

Mass intentions during July 6th - 12th

Mon.	8:00	Marcia Ryan
Tues.	8:00	Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes Richard Kingsbury
Wed.	8:00	Juan Rodriguez and Family (L)
Thurs.	8:00	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph of Cupertino
Fri.	8:00	John Anthony Chicano
Sat.	8:00	Marissa Filice (L)
	5:00	Pro Populo
	7:00	Jovanny Cisneros (L) Pedro Alvarez, Gabriel Silva Rodriguez Telesforo Torres, Nicolas Escamilla
Sun.	7:30	-
	9:00	Aaron and Brisa Vasquez (L) John H. Adams, Jr., Sharon Ann Bourassa
	10:30	-
	12:00	The Chanure Hernandez Family (L) Arelin and Leslie Jimenez (L) Miguel and Jose Alcala, Ramon Ochoa Diaz

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel. Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith. Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We rarely realize how dependent on basic utilities we are until service is interrupted – whether it's electricity, water, gas or telephone. I always preferred a gas stove, if only because during power outages, you can still make coffee. The group of utilities we can't do without has now expanded to include cable TV and internet service. In former times, the hard-wired residential telephone was the most reliable of utilities. Even when the power went off, the phone almost never did. Now, if electricity or the internet is down, business comes to a halt.

Now that more and more people have home medical devices on which their lives depend (oxygen concentrators, CPAP machines, hospital beds, artificial heart machines that can run on battery power only so long, etc.), it can be a challenge. In fire season, planned outages and emergency evacuations require electric companies to designate centers for people to plug in their devices, much as in other parts of the country, community hurricane and tornado shelters are set up.

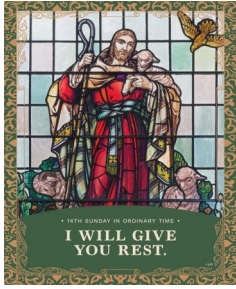
All this is a lead-in to the fact that there has been a utility failure here at SV. We are replacing broken concrete around the rectory (including the front porch) for obvious safety reasons. The workers pulled up the old concrete between the garage and the church and found an underground broken pipe that has been leaking for a long time. Roots from a nearby tree were actually growing inside the pipes, but it was deep enough that we never noticed it. I expect it all to be completed by this weekend. In the meantime, we have no water, and no toilets. I got the brilliant idea that I could fill the toilet tanks with a bucket of water, until I realized there was no place to fill the bucket.

The front steps of the rectory will be replaced as well, as they have been chipped and cracked due to age and wayward skateboarders. The re-poured concrete will be colored to match the house and specially treated with a slip-resistant sealant. There may be a very few days on which we will need to enter the rectory from the seldom-used side door. (That door led directly into what were originally the private living quarters which only the priests and the housekeeper entered. In those days, very few people saw – much less entered – anywhere beyond the first interior door of the entryway.) This is the first step of a multi-phase project to repair or replace all damaged concrete on the premises at the rate at which we can afford it.

On the subject of sidewalks, you can still see the curb cut on Western Ave. between the rectory and the hall, which led into Fr. Kiely's garage (now torn down). He was well into adulthood before cars were even invented, and never quite mastered the fine points of motoring safety. I understand that he took his half of the road out of the middle, and he was notorious for throwing his car into reverse out of his garage. If you were in his way, that was your problem. I believe the only time he entered a Protestant church was when he drove his car into the Christian Science Church on the corner of 6th and B Streets.

**Blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6TH - 12TH



Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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 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 available 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, dreaanenson@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. Class begins in September. For a registration form, please call Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com.

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 CERTIFICATE**, even if they were baptized at St. Vincent's Church. For more information, please call the parish office at 707-762-4278.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Henry Michael Luis Calderon who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Jose Carranza, Elaine Stevick, Ana Ruiz, Jovanny Cisneros, Consuelo Alvarez, Ana Solar, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Dolorez Arango who passed away June 25th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$8,297
 On-Line Giving 1,823
 Total \$10,120

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was \$4,880.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next 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'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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

Through daily prayer, participation in the sacraments, and opportunities to deepen their relationship with Christ, our students are nurtured in a vibrant faith-filled environment. In the classroom, they are challenged to achieve academic excellence while developing critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. Beyond our campus, our students embrace the call to serve others through acts of kindness, 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 become 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@svelem.org. We are grateful for the continued prayers and support of our parish community.

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

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 Sunday, July 19th. Admission is free of charge — a true gift for the soul. Learn more at: stanthonysofmendocino.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 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, please call 707-763-9888.

