

**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 23, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during August 24th - 30th</u>			Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:13-20
Mon.	8:00	Lisa and Damon Galindo (L), Norbert Galego	The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily. What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.
Tues.	8:00	Joey Pappas and Family (L) The Lavio-Manni Family (L)	
Wed.	8:00	Kiki Baumgarten (L), George Girolo, Sr.	
Thurs.	8:00	Louise Macdonald	
Fri.	8:00	Kiki Baumgarten (L) Ryan and Kimberly Dunham (L)	
Sat.	8:00	Rev. Fr. Andrew Pacheco and Family (L) Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes Velia Willard, Scott Warner	
	5:00	Pro Populo	
	7:00	The Gutierrez Enriquez Family (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Leobaldo Marquez Juan Alcalá, Ana Maura Solar	
Sun.	7:30	-	
	9:00	Dave and Jennifer Ramirez and Family (L)	
	10:30	Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes Phyllis Robertson	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	12:00	The Flores Guzman Family (L) Trinidad Ocegüera, Maria Barajas Ruben Chavez, Joaquin Cornejo Alonzo	

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.

The last in-person registration for the Adult Confirmation, OCIA, and English First Communion preparation will be on Saturday, August 29 in the parish hall from 9 - 11:30 am.

PLEASE NOTE: The start date for some of the classes has changed:

The Junior High and High School classes begin Tuesday, September 15; Junior High at 3:45 pm and High School at 4 pm in the parish hall.

English First Communion Preparation Classes (1st - 6th grades) begin Wed., September 16 at 3:30 pm in the parish hall.

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

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

For more information, please call Carmen Aanenson, 707-762-4278 x114, dreaanenson@gmail.com or meet her at the in-person registration. **Please Note:** Carmen is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

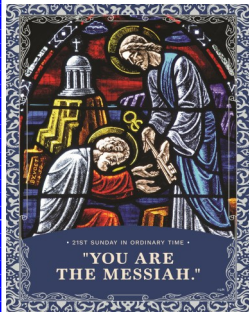
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026-2027

Registrations for the English and Spanish Confirmation program have begun. In-person registrations will be the following Saturdays in the parish hall from 9 - 11:50 am: August, 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.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD

Our 10th Anniversary gathering will be on Sunday, September 27, from 1 - 3 pm, at St. James Parish Center. Our anniversary party theme honors the Blessed Mother: She said Yes!" Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" Luke 1:38. All women of faith from St. Vincent's and St. James' parishes are invited. In lieu of an "anniversary gift" we invite you to bring household items for Welcome Home Baskets for clients of COTS moving into permanent housing. For more information, please contact Melissa Cabanas at 312-213-5156 or email at mccabanas@hotmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH - 30TH



Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



PLEASE PRAY FOR - Richard Rains, Phyllis Johnson, Henry Mills, Rose Wooley, Lori Madrid, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

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

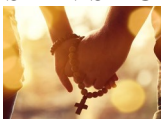
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday mornings after the weekday mass for one hour, and the first Thursday evening of the month, from 6 – 7 pm.



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

WINE WOMEN AND WORD BOOK CLUB: The Selection: Death Comes for the Archbishop, by Willa Cather, a 1927 novel based on two historical figures of the late 19th century, Jean-Baptiste Lamy and Joseph Projectus Machebeuf, and their attempt to establish a diocese in the New Mexico territory. Discussion will be on October 8, at 6 pm at Amanda's home, 900 Gossage Avenue, Petaluma.

SPANISH COUPLES' RETREAT: "They have no more wine." This Spanish-language Couples' Retreat invites husbands and wives to refill their marriage with the help of Jesus and Mary. Join Fr. Michael and Fr. Acevedo on August 29-30, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, at St. Rose of Lima Church, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, for pre-marriage talks, Holy Hour, and a vow renewal. The fee is \$100. Call 707-322-5815 to register.



ON FIRE NORCAL JAM: Ready to kick off youth and young adult ministry with a spark? Join thousands of young Catholics from across Northern California for the ON FIRE NorCal Jam at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom on Saturday, September 12. The day features featured artists and speakers, a Vocations Carnival, and a full day of faith, fun, and fellowship — tickets are on sale now at onfirenorcal.com.

DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS: Looking to be equipped as a disciple and inspired for mission? Join catechists, ministers, and faith leaders for a day of renewal and formation at the Religious Education Congress, hosted by the Office of Faith Formation at Cardinal Newman High School. The day includes Mass followed by sessions with guest speakers Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P., Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig, Paul Senz, Fr. Robert McTeigue, S.J., and more. Register at srdioocese.org/recongress.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket \$8,396
 On-Line Giving 2,454
 Total \$10,850

Thank you for your generosity.

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to share that the school year is off to a wonderful start at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School! Our TK-8th grade students and teachers have been busy learning, growing, and building community, and we are grateful for the continued support and prayers of our parish family.

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and are so happy to have you become part of the St. Vincent de Paul School community. We look forward to another year filled with faith, learning, friendship, service, and joy.

Our virtue for this trimester is Friendship. We are encouraging our students to be welcoming, kind, compassionate, and supportive of one another as they grow together as a school family.

"A friend loves at all times." — Proverbs 17:17

May we continue to nurture friendships that reflect Christ's love and remind our children of the importance of kindness, inclusion, and caring for others.

Please keep our students, teachers, staff, and families in your prayers as we begin another wonderful school year!

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School (707)762-6426 or visit www.svelem.org

TK-8th Grade • Growing in Faith, Academics & Service

ST. EUGENE'S CATHEDRAL 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.

