

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.

September 27, 2026

Mass intentions during September 28th - October 4th

Mon.	8:00	Bob and Lisa Dietlin (L) Rene Dominguez Parada, Jesus Carrillo
Tues.	8:00	Mercedes Ibarra
Wed.	8:00	-
Thurs.	8:00	Maria Romo Gonzalez
Fri.	8:00	The Alcaraz Family (L) Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo
Sat.	8:00	Teresa Mendoza (L) In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
	5:00	Norma de la Cruz, Wolfgang Zoeller Phyllis Johnson (L), Minnie Corda
	7:00	Jose Dolores Hernandez, Sharon Almeida Rafael Martin, Tomas Mejia, Ignacio Melo
Sun.	7:30	Librado Garcia, Silvestre Martin
	9:00	Mary McCaffrey, The Manni Family
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Mary Gayle Starke Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros Rosalina Solis Padilla, Maria G. Garcia Eduardo Vargas, Clodomiro Sandoval

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the first son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.



The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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FRANCISCAN MONTH: This October we welcome you to Franciscan Month. Franciscan Month celebrates the Franciscan way of life, educates others about this way, and offers a prayerful perspective on living Franciscan in today's world. Explore Franciscan Month, visit the website: www.franciscanmonth.org/ Each week of October, we gather around a theme drawn from the Franciscan tradition —

Week 1: Meeting St. Francis and St. Clare

Week 2: Opening Our Hearts to God's Love

Week 3: Caring for the Earth, Our Sacred Home

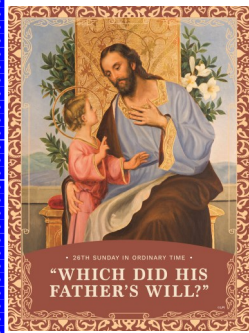
Week 4: Living the Gospel through Compassion

Week 5: Living Simply with God: Purpose and Service



ROSARY RALLY: All are invited to come and Pray the Rosary on **Saturday, October 10th at 10 am at St. Vincent's Church Plaza.** Please join us as we pray for our nation that is in need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 28TH - OCTOBER 4TH



Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wed.: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-
14/
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8,
9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71,
91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16,
19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

ST. VINCENT'S USHERS: The official mass attendance for the Diocese of Santa Rosa will be taken at ALL masses during the month of October 2026.

ST. VINCENT'S 2027 LECTOR AND VISITING OF THE SICK BOOKS are available at the rectory office. If you haven't picked up your book, please do so. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, closed for lunch from 12 to 1 pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 707-762-4278.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: There will be a blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 12 pm at St. Vincent's Church plaza.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the families of Ana Maria Gomez who passed away September 3rd, and Minnie Ann Corda who passed away September 7th. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Rene Deloso, Richard Rains, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

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

FAITH, HOPS, AND LOVE: Join us from 6 - 7:30 pm the first three Mondays of October for discussion about our expression of faith in the Public square. We'll have time for food, fellowship, apologetics, and theological discussion. We will be at the following places: Monday, Oct. 5th at The Junction in Santa Rosa, Monday, Oct. 12th at The Backyard in Petaluma, and Monday Oct. 19th at Napa Yard Oxbow Garde, in Napa. For more information or to register go to, <https://forms.gle/8D6CcoqFTWafqYEB9>.

THE SSU NEWMAN CENTER INVITES YOU TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 in the Warren Auditorium at SSU. Ready to encounter Christ more deeply in the Eucharist? Join the SSU Newman Center for a two-day conference, "Encountering Christ in the Eucharist: Learning, Loving, and Living the Truth," featuring Sr. Mary Emmanuel, Rev. Fr. Alan Acevedo, and more inspiring speakers. Tickets are \$60, but the first 100 students get in free. You can find the flyer with more information and a QR code on the parish boards at the entrance of the church.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$9,795
On-Line Giving 1,874
Total \$11,669

The second collection last weekend for the Solidarity Church in Africa was \$4,081.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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 St. Vincent de Paul School, we believe that some of the greatest gifts of a TK-8th grade education are the friendships formed along the way.

Our first trimester virtue is Friendship, and what better place to learn the meaning of true friendship than within a school community where children have the opportunity to grow alongside one another for so many years.

One of the beautiful things about being a TK-8 school is that our students are part of something bigger than their individual classroom. Older students have opportunities to encourage and mentor younger students, while our younger students look up to those who have walked the halls before them. We celebrate together, pray together, learn together, and support one another as one school family.

True friendship also means recognizing that we are called to be a friend to everyone, not just those who are most like us or part of our closest circle. Jesus calls us to love one another, to notice those who may feel left out, and to treat each person with dignity and kindness.

May God bless our students with friendships rooted in faith, kindness, and love, and may our entire school community continue to grow together as one family.

If you are interested in a tour, please call our office at 707-762-6426 or email Mrs. Rynning at rynning@svelem.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP ADMISSIONS DEPT NEWS:

Open House is Monday, October 19th at 6:15pm. Your family is invited to explore St. Vincent de Paul College Prep. Learn how your child can benefit from the 21st century education we offer in a small but diverse learning community. Contact Mrs. Kerry Pedersen for more information at kpeder-sen@svhs-pet.org.

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 and the Rosary, then Holy Mass, followed by 15 min Scripture Meditation on Saturday, October 3rd. For any questions, please contact Lilian Dubow at (510) 205-3712 or at Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www.CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.

