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.

November 1, 2026

Mass intentions during November 2nd - 8th

Mon.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliares (L) Evangelina de Vasquez, Ramon Ochoa Diaz Ricardo Vasquez, Bonifacio Gonzalez
Tues.	8:00	Lois Lee, Federico Valencia, Maria de Valencia, Holy Souls
Wed.	8:00	Holy Souls, Gloria "Cookie" Zahra, Jesus and Inocencia Carrillo
Thurs.	8:00	Joe Fitzgerald, Mary Moore Grala, Holy Souls Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes
Fri.	8:00	Jodi Fitzgerald (L), The Alcaraz Family (L), Holy Souls
Sat.	8:00	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Milicent Saludek, Holy Souls
	5:00	Mark Kostielney, Sharon Almeida, Mary Gayle Starke
	7:00	The Romo Gonzalez Family (L) Rafael Martin, Telesforo Torres, Silvestre Martin
Sun.	7:30	Mary McCaffrey, Jim Perry
	9:00	Edward Anacleto, Holy Souls, Charlie Starrett
	10:30	Pro Populo
	12:00	Espiridion Solorio, Mariano Cardenas Santos Abigail Rodriguez, Sebastian Garcia Guerrero Almas Benditas del Purgatorio

All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:1-12

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Since I became pastor nearly 10 (!) years ago, I said that I would ask for money only when I believed it was absolutely necessary for the well-being of our parish. I did this for two reasons: 1) We have about 8 hours per year in Sunday homily time. I want to spend as much of that time as possible addressing the scriptures. 2) We are all adults, and can make a reasoned and generous assessment as to what each of us can provide in time, talent and treasure to our shared mission.

The season for the 2026 Annual Ministries Appeal is coming to a close. Many, if not most, parishes spend considerable pulpit time every year to address it. Several parishes take at least one entire Sunday homily time to instruct parishioners to fill out pledge cards then and there, and collecting before Mass continues. Unless absolutely necessary, I did not, and do not, want to do that.

The Annual Ministries Appeal supports almost exclusively lay ministries in the Diocese of Santa Rosa including, but not limited to, Religious Education, Safe Environment, Marriage and Family Life, Youth Ministry, legal and human resources services, clergy education and formation, etc. These are services which few parishes can afford on their own, so we share the burden with 41 other parishes, on a proportional basis. Our parish depends upon these specialized services, even though they are not immediately visible in the daily life of a parish.

The goal for each parish is based on parish income and ability to pay.

I have good news and bad news. The good news is that our goal for AMA 2027 will be slightly lower than 2026. The less-than-good news is that we are still roughly $15,000 short of our 2026 goal of $51,300. Any shortfall will be billed directly to the parish, and blow a hole in our budget. (Any surplus will be refunded to the parish.)

A couple of weeks ago, I was contacted by the Chancery regarding our current shortfall, and asked if I needed any "help." That "help" would almost certainly include taking Mass time, and having the pastor do a "hard sell." Based on our success in past years, I still do not believe that is necessary, provided that we come together to meet the goal.

There have been Appeal Envelopes in the pews for a few weeks already, and they will continue to be there. With the envelope, you use cash, check or credit card. You may also designate an AMA donation by writing "St. Vincent AMA" on your check and depositing it in the regular collection. Visiting the rectory office or using the secure rectory mailbox are two more ways to participate.

Thank you for your patience, consideration, and generosity. Next week, we should have the results of the October Mass Count.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2ND - 8TH

Monday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 Lk 14:15-24
Wed.:	Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/ Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members will be collecting donations benefiting People with Intellectual Disabilities this SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st.Your generous donations from previous years have directly benefited local-Petaluma based organizations dedicated to providing people with intellectual disabilities resources to live a happy life! We kindly ask for your generous support, any amount will help, or scan the QR code in the insert or on the church boards to directly donate to our cause!

CONGRATULATIONS - to Amara Rose De La Cruz-Giusti, Archie John Waldron, Selah Grayce and Enastasia Gene Garcia who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES will be available at all entrances of the church this weekend. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.

PRIEST APPRECIATION WEEK is November 1–7! Join the Diocese of Santa Rosa in thanking our priests for their faithful service, spiritual guidance, and the many ways they lead us to Christ. Offer a prayer, write a note, or share a word of encouragement this week.

WINE, WOMEN, AND WORD: Please join us for a screening of **The Scarlet and the Black** on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, bring a pillow, appetizers are welcomed, donations are accepted.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Marylou Alvarado, Norberto Cruz, Lupita Corchado, Phyllis Johnson, Janet Krolak, Rene Deloso, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Jeanette Elaine Giacomini who passed away October 9th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	$7,306
On-Line Giving	1,713
Total	$9,019

The second collection last weekend for the Maintenance Fund was $4,583.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic University of America.

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

Discover what makes our Catholic school community so special! Prospective parents are invited to tour our campus, meet our dedicated teachers, and learn about our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs:

Parent Tours will be November 9th, December 2nd, December 14th, and January 13th from 8:45 am – 10:00 am.

Open House will be December 9th and January 11th from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

Please RSVP online by scanning the QR code on our flyer, please visit our website at www.svelem.org.The flyer is also posted in the church bulletin boards.

Applications for the 2027–2028 school year open on December 1. Submit your application by December 31 for priority registration!

For questions, call 707-762-6426 or follow us on social media @svespetaluma.

Support SVES Students' DC & NYC Trip – Spring 2027!

Bring some holiday cheer to your home while supporting our students! Order your holiday wreath today. The 22-inch evergreen wreath with a festive bow and greenery is $30. Payment: Cash or checks payable to SVES. Preorder deadline: Friday, November 7. Orders can be sent directly to Ms. Penry at penry@svelem.org.

A limited number of additional wreaths will also be available for purchase after Mass in late November and early December.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS WITH BISHOP VASA | Nov. 2: Join Most Reverend Bishop Vasa on Monday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. for All Souls' Day Mass at the chapel of Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 2930 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa.

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, November 7th. For any questions, please contact Lilian Dubow at (510) 205-3712 or at Lilian.Dubow@gmail.com or go to www. CommunalFirstSaturdays.org.