

**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.**

October 11, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during October 12th - 18th</u>			Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:1-14
Mon.	8:00	Marguerita Waters, John H. Adams, Jr. Margaret and Ralph Giacomini	Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"
Tues.	8:00	Dominic Puga (L), Holy Souls	
Wed.	8:00	Francelina and Manuel V. Lopes Veronica Harris, Stephanie Lee	In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.
Thurs.	8:00	St. Vincent's Church Secular Carmelites (L) Richard Kingsbury, Veronica Harris Stephanie Lee	
Fri.	8:00	Arlene Valdez (L), Alex Ibarra, Jr.,	What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.
Sat.	8:00	Gabriel Naal and Family (L), Frank Huddleston	
	5:00	Mary McCaffrey	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	7:00	Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros, Ana Solar Antonia Garcia, Martina Romo Gonzalez	
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo	
	9:00	Brett Daniel Cabanas, Jerry Dixon Fred Holden, Felisbina and Antonio Parda Mary McCaffrey	
	10:30	Dorothy Williams, Judy Spencer Minnie Corda	
	12:00	Julissa Pacheco (L), Andres Pacheco (L) The Jimenez Garcia Family (L) Estela Contreras Benditas Almas del Purgatorio	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The question I've gotten most often over these past two-and-a-half months has been, "When will you be back offering Masses?" For a long time, I didn't know. Once the reality of a serious injury sets in, it seems at first that one will never recover. Slowly, little by little, I have improved enough to begin offering Masses. The main questions remaining in my recovery were balance and how long I could stand without sitting down. I'm ready to give it a try. At first, I will have the help of a trained and instituted acolyte, if necessary, to go to the tabernacle and be on stand-by to help with other tasks.

In the beginning, lest anyone think I have become antisocial, I may not be quite ready to walk down the aisle after the final blessing to greet you after Masses. I'll take it one step at a time.

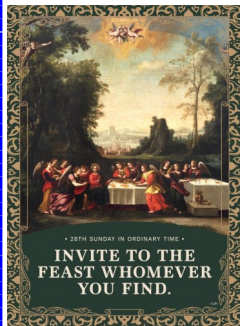
In the meantime, I want to thank the many of you who offered prayers and expressed your best wishes in cards and offerings of food. It was all very much appreciated. (If I haven't returned your container, please let me know.) I also want to thank Fr. Rodriguez, Msgr. Whelton, Fr. Lombardi, Fr. Culligan and Fr. Canny, the last three of whom generously came out of retirement to help in this time of need. I would also like to thank our wonderful parish staff who made this time minimally disruptive to the parish. Once I got home from the hospital and rehab, I was able to keep in regular contact by phone and text. Finally, I would like to thank you, the people of St. Vincent Parish, for your continued understanding, generosity and support of our parish. About one-third of my time of recovery had already been set aside for my planned vacation, so that helped a bit as well.

I've often thought of time as God's way of keeping everything from happening all at once. The seasons also play a role in this, and fall is my favorite of them all. In Petaluma, fall often begins with a wicked heat wave, and this year is no different. Another sign of fall is the increasing nearness of Thanksgiving and Christmas, which are mere weeks away. At our parish staff meeting this week, we laid plans for those two holy days and through the beginning of 2027. Recently I opened my new 2027 desk calendar to a page that read, "Order Your 2028 Calendar Now." That calendar will include the dates of feast days through 2029. Good grief!

In the passing beauty of the seasons, God speaks to us in the language that He and we perhaps know best.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12TH - 18TH



Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
 Wed.: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

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.

CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side. **There will be no evening Confessions this Thursday, October 15th.**



CONGRATULATIONS to Kenzo Koken Gonzalez who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Anastasia Amante, Janet Krolak, Rene Deloso, Richard Rains, Colin Lagos, and Michelle Paskal.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Jim Perry who passed away September 29th. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices." Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit <https://srdiocese.org/respect-life>.



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 \$13,049.
 On-Line Giving 3,851
 Total \$16,900

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the World Mission Sunday.

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

Come See What Makes St. Vincent's Special!

At St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School, we believe a Catholic education is about more than academics—it is about forming the whole child in Faith, Academics, and Service.

Faith – We nurture a strong relationship with Christ and help our students live out their Catholic faith each day. Academics – We challenge and inspire our students to grow as confident, curious, and lifelong learners. Service – We teach our students to recognize the needs of others and put their faith into action through service to our school, parish, and community.

We invite our St. Vincent parishioners to come visit our campus, meet our teachers and students, and see Catholic education in action. Whether you are considering St. Vincent for your children or grandchildren, know a family who may be looking for a Catholic school, or simply want to see what is happening on our campus, we would love to welcome you!

Come see what makes St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School a special place to learn, grow, and live our Catholic faith.

Visit www.svelem.org or contact the school office at 707-762-6426 to learn more or schedule a visit.

THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA invites you to deepen your faith and grow your ministry. The Faith, Formation, and Catechist Certification 2026 - 2027 Weekend Formation program classes will be October 17, December 5, 2026, February 20, 2027 and April 17, 2027 at Cardinal Newman High School, Santa Rosa, from 9 am - 3 pm. The cost of the Program will be \$75 per person for the entire program, or \$20 per class for walk-ins. For more information, please scan the QR code on the flyer on the church boards, or to register, go to certification@srdiocese.org



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP ADMISSIONS DEPT NEWS: Registrations for 2027—2028 are now open. Open House is Monday, October 19th at 6:15 pm. 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 kpetersen@svhs-pet.org.

