

**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 18, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during October 19th – 25th</u>			Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:15-21
Mon.	8:00	Pete and Dorothy Querello, Mauricio Ibarra, Hermila Aguilar	Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.
Tues.	8:00	Lucero Alvarez (L), Brett Daniel Cabanas, Marolyn Ibarra	
Wed.	8:00	Kate Doherty and Family (L) Veronica Harris, Stephanie Lee	With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.
Thurs.	8:00	All the Families in the World (L) Yesenia Calvillo and Family (L), Jack Quinn	
Fri.	8:00	Jose Luis Del Toro, Jr. (L), Robert Camozzi, Sr. Giovanni, Kiah, Dakota, and Malakai Huerta	We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.
Sat.	8:00	Lisa and Damon Galindo (L) Gabriel and Vicki Naal (L)	
	5:00	Bob and Florence Lago, Sharon Almeida Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes Jim Perry, Magdalena Gonzalez	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	7:00	Toñita Ortiz Carreño, Ana Maura Solar, Jesus Alfaro Juan Carlos de Leon, Benditas Almas del Purgatorio	
Sun.	7:30	The Lavio-Manni Family (L), Norbert Galego	
	9:00	Pro Populo	
	10:30	Wilfred and Helen Fatooh, Arthur Barboni Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes, Tito Orozco	
	12:00	Ignacio and Emma Gonzalez and Family (L) Juan Andres Avalos and Family (L) Dulce Salgado (L), Maria Cervantes de Chavez	

Annual Ministries Appeal 2026

I would like to thank those of you who have already made a gift or pledge. We have placed the AMA envelopes in the church pews. I hope this will help make AMA envelopes more readily available for those who want to help us meet our goal.

– Fr. Bill Donahue

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Whose Image We Bear

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?



Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

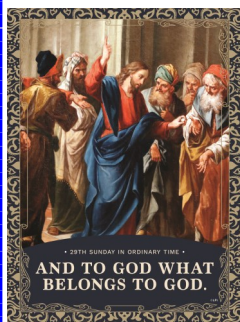
It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH - 25TH



Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-
14/Lk 12:35-38
Wed.: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12,
18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and
51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members will be collecting donations benefiting People with Intellectual Disabilities on **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 to directly donate to our cause!



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.



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



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 22nd.**



Holy Baptism

CONGRATULATIONS to Adriel Alfredo Ambriz and Miralyn Danielle Rice Richardson who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Kevin Mark Kilgariff who passed away August 25th and Mildred "Milly" Murrin who passed away August 10. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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	\$10,076
On-Line Giving	1,883
Total	\$11,959

The second collection last weekend for World Mission Sunday was \$4,484.

Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next 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

Come See What Makes St. Vincent 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!

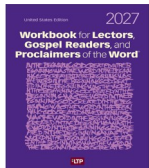
Come see what makes St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School a special place to learn, grow, and live our Catholic faith.

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



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

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP ADMISSIONS DEPT NEWS:

Registrations for 2027—2028 are now open. 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 kpetersen@svhs-pet.org.

