

**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 25, 2026

<u>Mass intentions during October 26th - November 1st</u>			Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:34-40
Mon.	8:00	Rose Ann Greecott (L) Paula Louise Moore, Mary Moore Grala Veronica Napoles, Norbert Galego	When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.
Tues.	8:00	Maria Castro and Family (L), Orville Donald Valdez	
Wed.	8:00	All the Families in the World (L)	In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.
Thurs.	8:00	George and Malissa Bordi (L) The Marin Alvarez Family (L)	
Fri.	8:00	Rafael Alejandro Cornejo (L) The Orozco Alvarez Family (L) Yessenia Calvillo and Family (L)	Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.
Sat.	8:00	The Gonzalez Family (L)	
	5:00	Phyllis Johnson (L), Sharon Almeida Manuel V. and Fancelina Lopes	— Father John Muir ©LPi
	7:00	The Enriquez-Gutierrez Family (L) Gerardo Enriquez, Miguel Herrera Chavez Ana Maura Solar, Toñita Carreño Ortiz	
Sun.	7:30	Robert Camozzi, II (L) Mary McCaffrey, The Manni Family	
	9:00	Jerry Thornton, Mary McCaffrey	
	10:30	Pro Populo	
	12:00	Maria Guadalupe Garcia, Eduardo Vargas Clodomiro Sandoval, Gloria Rodriguez, Jose Cisneros	

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Those of you who attend weekend Masses on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. have seen that I'm back celebrating Masses. It has been great to see you all. I have been covering some weekday Masses beginning this week, and will soon be able to cover the other weekend Masses as well. The one thing I haven't tried, but soon will, is offering two Masses in a row, since that means standing for most of 2-1/2 hours. (My ever-practical sister implied that it was my own fault, saying, "Then don't talk so long.")

A few miscellaneous matters:

1) By popular demand, the large nativity scene facing Western Avenue will be re-created this year. In the past, people visited it day and night, often to the wonder of small children. Families pulled up along the curb at night and took flash pictures from their cars. We already have the statues – Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Magi, etc. – which is the most expensive part. But not far behind is the cost of building a structure, roof and overhang which can be used for many years to come. That usually means redwood, which has served this parish so well. Look for it sometime after Thanksgiving, which is only a month away(!).

2) This year is the centenary of the laying of the cornerstone of our current church building. Since I came to SV, I have been studying its history and talking to the dwindling circle of people who remember the history. About three years ago, I buried what was almost certainly the last parishioner baptized in the old SV, now Elim Lutheran at Baker and Stanley Streets. The last person I knew who remembered the first Mass in the "new" church, an altar boy who was the archbishop's train bearer, died several years ago. This parish was created in 1857 by the new Archdiocese of San Francisco, one year before the incorporation of the City of Petaluma. Before that, as part of the Diocese of Monterey, SV was a mission station of Tomales. Enough history!

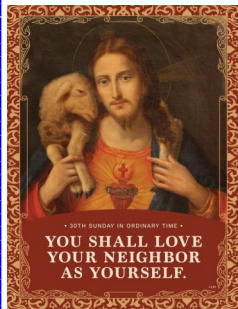
I don't know exactly when the church was first used for Mass. At the earliest, it was at the very end of 1926, but churches are built and furnished in stages – statues, stained glass windows, pews, mosaics, etc. They are all fabulously expensive and usually take a few years to complete. Important saints are not depicted because they were not authenticated when the church was completed.

Since we can be certain that the church was in full (or nearly full) use in 1927, I would like to dedicate 2027 as a jubilee year to celebrate our church as a monument of faith and beauty which elevates our hearts and minds and senses to God every week. I have been in this church countless times since 1965 and it never ceases to thrill.

I have given this a great deal of thought. In future Pastor's Desk columns, I would like to share with you the many things I have in mind for this Jubilee Year – from tours to all parts of the church, to an organ concert, to a liturgy for the Dedication of a Church. (Yes, there are special prayers.) In the meantime, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Blessings, Fr. Bill Donahue

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 1ST



Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/
Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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

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 in the insert or on the church boards 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.

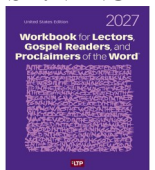


CONFESSIONS are held in the church on Thursdays at 6 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm; please enter through the confessional (left) side.



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

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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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
Sunday Basket \$8,767
On-Line Giving 1,908
Total \$10,675

Thank you for your generosity.

There is 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

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 13, December 5, and January 12 from 8:45 am – 10:00 am.

Open House will be December 10 and January 13 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.

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. Following Mass, attendees will gather at the historic priests' section for a special blessing of the newly refurbished burial grounds. All are welcome to join us in prayer as we remember and honor the faithful departed.

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.



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.