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 15, 2026

Mass intentions during November 16th - 22nd

Mon.	8:00	Richard Kingsbury, Evangelina Jimenez
		Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes
Tues.	8:00	William Dallas Henry, III, Wolfgang Scherer
		Siegfred Mason
Wed.	8:00	Ralph Giacomini
Thurs.	8:00	Richard Ballerini, Alfonzo Mendez
		Maximiliana Valencia
Fri.	8:00	Manfred Zoeller, Ida Mae Kempel, Fr. Paul Schmidt
Sat.	8:00	Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries (L)
	5:00	Loretta Samet, Sharon Almeida
		Joseph and Virginia Sled, Henry and Theresa Morth
	7:00	Estela Contreras, Maria Elena Prado, Jose Cisneros
		Gloria Rodriguez, Miguel Herrera Chavez
Sun.	7:30	Pro Populo
	9:00	George Bordi (L), Mary McCaffrey, Don Borg
		Fred Holden, Robert and Ellen Holden
	10:30	Judy Williams and Family (L)
		Tobias and Geronimo Munguia
		Manuel V. and Francelina Lopes
	12:00	The Jimenez Garcia Family (L), Dolores Renteria
		Ana Laura Carrillo, Rosaura Gopar, Felix Carrillo, Sr.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

There are a few copies of the Parish Finance Report for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at the entrance of the church for those who didn't get one in last weekend bulletin or want an extra copy. This is the 10th annual report I have submitted to you as pastor of this parish, and the 21st such report I have submitted since I became a pastor 20 years ago.

As you can see, $821,314 of total parish expenses is attributable to three line items: personnel costs, liability insurance and utilities. They are three categories over which the parish has limited control.

Thank you for your generosity in the Sunday offering, second collections and special donations. That, plus our continued efforts to control costs, make managing our budget much more possible.

This Parish Finance Report is only one of several major reports the Finance Committee, and our office manager, Noelia Gonzalez, generate each year. They create, and closely review, detailed monthly reports at our meetings. In August, they create a budget for the entire coming fiscal year as part of our annual Diocesan Report, predicting both income and expenses. Due to their skill and professionalism, we already have a surprisingly clear picture of parish finances through June 2027.

On behalf of the parish, I want to acknowledge and thank our Parish Finance Committee and its chair, Mike Marovich, and Noelia, for their effective work throughout the year. This parish would be far poorer – in every sense of the word – without them.

Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA): Since I mentioned the AMA in a recent Pastor's Desk, we have come about $5,000 closer to our goal of $51,300. We are still short by $9,554,which will be billed directly to the parish in about 7 weeks. That is much more costly to the parish than if that money were paid by gifts directly from parishioners. The pledge envelopes are still in the church. I encourage you to consider making a gift or redeeming the remainder of your pledge today.

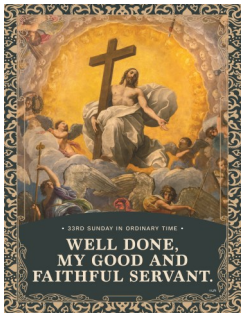
Blessings, Fr Bill Donahue

"THE NEEDLE AND THE THREAD"



You are invited to come see "The Needle and the Thread," the story of Sor Maria De Agreda and the Jumano Nation, on Sunday November 22 at 2 pm at St. Vincent de Paul College Prep, 849 Keokuk St., Petaluma. This documentary is about a 17th century Spanish nun who bilocated and evangelized the Jumano people in the Texas area. Tickets are $10, including popcorn and a beverage. RSVP at mosmith@svhs-pet.org. After the 75-minute documentary, there will be a short talk and Q & A with the producer/director: Victor Mancilla. For more information, see www.lady-in-blue.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH - 22ND



Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10
Wed:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20: 27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

THE THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES will be on Thursday November 26th. There will be an 8:00 am in English and 10:00 am bilingual Mass. There will be a table behind the church rail where you can place an item you will be sharing for Thanksgiving dinner later that day.



THE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be on Monday, November 30th at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Holy Baptism

CONGRATULATIONS - to Henry Joseph Hermsmeyer, and Luca Graham and Graciela Mia Burguin who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES are available at all entrances of the church. You may write the names of your loved ones on them (additional names can be written on a list and put inside the envelope). During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor them with great respect as we pray for them.

REMEMBRANCE TABLE: You are invited to bring a picture of your loved ones who have passed and place it on the table, located under our Blessed Mother (please put your name and telephone number in the back of the picture). November is dedicated to remembering and praying for All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed. Please take your pictures the weekend of Nov. 21st and 22nd.



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 the 19th and 26th of November. Evening Confessions will resume on Thursday, December 3rd.**



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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR - Michael Ambrosio, Elaine Stevick, Marylou Alvarado, Norberto Cruz, Lupita Corchado, Phyllis Johnson, 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.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:

Sunday Basket	$8,889
On-Line Giving	2,573
Total	$11,462

The second collection last weekend for the Catholic University of America was $4,722.

Thank you for your generosity.

There is 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.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE COMMUNITY? Do you live in Petaluma and want to register and receive Sunday offering envelopes ? Have you been receiving Sunday offering envelopes, but are not using them? Please call the parish office at 707-762-4278 to get more information or to discontinue the offering envelopes.

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

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 in 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!

II POVERELLO FRATERNITY: Our fraternity's annual Advent DAY OF REFLECTION, "How has the Jubilee Year of St. Francis affected you?" We will be meeting on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the St. James Parish Multi-Use Room, 125 Sonoma Mt. Parkway, Petaluma. Prayer, presentation, and discussion from Deacon Randy Kokke will help us celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the Easter of St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome to participate. For more information, please see the posted flier. There is no charge, however a good will offering would be gratefully appreciated. Contact Edd Ringlein, OFS (707) 246-5311, text message, or email: ejringlein.ofs@gmail.com for more information.

