

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.

Feb. 5, 2012

Pastor's Desk

Fr. Sean left last Sunday night for a vacation and will return on Feb. 21st, the night before Ash Wednesday. While he's gone, Fr. Zomo from St. James will be taking the daily masses on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Fr. Steve Canny is helping out this weekend and the weekend of the 18th-19th and Msgr. Joe Alzugaray will help out on the weekend of the 11th-12th.

This weekend I'm concluding the Offertory Renewal in the Hispanic community. We've had a very good response: new envelope users, new EFT users (including in the Hispanic community), and many who have increased their Sunday giving. For the Hispanic community using envelopes and EFT is radically different from the custom of church support in Mexico and other Latin countries. I am very grateful for the response from both our language communities. We are helping each other.

There is one more bit of financial work that I need to attend to: the Annual Ministry Appeal from the diocese. I had hoped to complete our own work before anything came out from the diocese, but I think everyone on our mailing list already got a mailer about the AMA. I will be sending out a letter, probably next week, about the AMA. I'm thinking of tying it to a maintenance project that we are planning for the fall. We are in the process of making plans to refinish our pews, install a new carpet, repaint the interior of the church, and refinish the hardwood floors underneath the pews. It's work that is needed to make the pews and carpet match the beauty of everything else we've done. I'll fill you in on more of the details next weekend.

**God Bless,
Fr. Gary**

Mass intentions during February 6th-February 12th

Mon.	8:00	The Holy Souls of Purgatory Katherine M. Sweeney
Tues.	8:00	David W. Sweeney
Wed.	8:00	Katherine L. Sweeney
Thurs.	8:00	Rosie Crews
Fri.	8:00	Paul Moore (L)
Sat.	8:00	-
	5:00	Lina Mancini, Georgia Cort Dora Sherwood
	7:30	Jose Ruben Vasquez Manuel Romo (L) Dominga Barajas, Juan Garcia
Sun.	7:30	Mary Miller
	9:00	Tina Melo, Sarah Wadsworth
	10:30	Eva Barsotti, Arnold Cort
	12:00	Lourdes Flores Anaya Josefina Del Toro Francisco Martinez Federico Romero Salvador Barajas

Liturgical Ministers on the weekend of February 11th – February 12th

Sat. 5:00pm - Lector	Ed Vota
Eucharistic	Raeanne Facendini, Katie Facendini, Michael Nistler
Cup	Jill Tuttle, Pat Donegan, Alena Kosewic
Altar Minister	(CB)Aidan Ross(1)Cassandra Bailon(2)Nicholas Murphy(3)Julia Murphy
Sun. 7:30am - Lector	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic	Andrea Glynn, Melissa Johnson, Andy Isetta
Cup	Marie Fletcher, Carolyn Scherini, Carolyn Maloney
Altar Minister	(CB)Nicholas Saisi(1)Tristan Atkinson(2)Ursyla Baumgarten
Sun. 9:00am - Lector	Ross Hicks
Eucharistic	Ross Hicks
Cup	Knights of Columbus Members
Altar Minister	(CB)Nicholas Vollert(1)Lauren Vollert (2)Olivia Lee(3)Camille Lee
Sun. 10:30am - Lector	Jean Bell
Eucharistic	Helen Brilliant, Carole Giacomini, Donna Dilena
Cup	Ann Markovich, Pat Peck, George Rousseau
Altar Minister	(CB)A. Silbermann(1)C. Silbermann(2)K. Silbermann(3)J. Mankowski

LOS ANGELES YOUTH DAY: March 21-24, during the Petaluma Schools spring break. Amazing opportunity for teens to get a feel of the LARGE Catholic Church. 16,000 Teens in an arena hearing speakers that make them think, singing with engaging Christian rock musicians and loving it. We end the day with a huge Mass celebrated by 100 priests and the Cardinal. Always the kids return with a closer relationship to God and wanting to return again. The following day we go to Disneyland and leave Anaheim by bus at 10:00 p.m. returning to Petaluma Sat. a.m. Forms are in the rectory OR email LouiseMartin2@yahoo.com to have them attached in an email. <http://www.recongress.org/yd/youthday.htm>

MOMENTS WITH OUR MINISTRIES: Catholic Adult Confirmation Preparation Have you ever felt you were on the periphery of a joyous group of people, and wished you could be gathered up into the center of them? There are adult parishioners who have experienced this sense of separateness and longing. Though baptized as Catholics who also received First Eucharist, they had not been Confirmed. Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation, the other two being Baptism and First Communion, and it brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles at Pentecost. If you feel called to complete your initiation into your adult Catholic faith, St. Vincent's offers special classes to do so. A session begins February 7th. Those interested in participating may contact Rose Marie at 762-4278 ext. 14. At the same time, we thank the ministers who assist in bringing us all into the fullness of our faith, and we acknowledge their stewardship through their time and talent. If you feel inspired to help, you can also call Rose Marie at the above number. She will welcome you into the ministry!

Small Christian Communities – (formerly known as RENEW) are groups of Parishioners who meet during Advent and Lent for prayer and faith-sharing fellowship. Since one of our goals in the parish is to deepen community life, we encourage those of you who have never tried Renew (or those whose groups are inactive) to call Claire at 763-9075 or the Rectory at 762-4278 and inquire about meeting new people in the parish and getting together. Groups will be forming now to meet during the weeks of Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6TH-FEBRUARY 12TH

Our Lady of Lourdes



Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/GENERATIONS OF FAITH

is a process of faith formation **FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH FROM THE YOUNGEST TO THE OLDEST PARISHIONERS.** It is rooted in the traditions and practices of the faith community, and in that context teaches and prepares **EVERYONE** to more fully understand and practice their faith. The lifelong intergenerational faith learning and sharing recognizes the Church (us) and the home as the critical setting for the learning and passing on to the next generation the living faith.

WE BEGAN OUR SIXTH YEAR of our study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Our focus for this year is the section on Social Justice. The next classes will be held Sunday, Feb 25th and Wed, Feb 29th. For more information, please call Rose Marie, Mon-Thur. at 762-4278 ext 14.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Are you 18 years



old or older? Are you a baptized Catholic who has received their First Eucharist? Have you never had the chance to be confirmed? Here is your opportunity to be confirmed! The classes begin on February 7th and will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rectory. The last class is on Monday March 26th. The classes will end with an all day retreat on Saturday, March 31st. Please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received on Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 a.m. To register or for more information, call Rose Marie, Monday – Thursday 762-4278 ext 14.

RCIA INQUIRY/WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? Have you always wanted to join the Catholic Church or maybe just thought about it once in a while? Do you know someone who might be interested? For an appointment or information, please contact RoseMarie at 762-4278. The next session is on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00pm.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—is held every Wednesday at St. Vincent’s Church beginning at 1:00pm and ending at 6:00pm with Benediction.

THE SPANISH COMMUNITY invites you to participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that is held every third Saturday of the month after the 7:30pm Spanish Mass. Everyone is welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HOSTING TOURS of our programs on the following 2012 dates: 2nd Thursday of each month (except November) at 465 A Street, Santa Rosa (Family Support Center), 3:30 – 4:30pm 3rd Thursday of every month at 987 Airway Court, Santa Rosa, 3:30 – 4:30pm RSVP with name and phone to Rebecca Kendall: 528-8712 ext. 160 or rkendall@srcharities.org Please follow Catholic Charities on Facebook – www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesSantaRosa.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Sunday’s offering was

Sunday’s Basket: \$10, 493.

Electronic Funds Transfers was \$1,006 = Total \$11, 499.

The collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society was \$5,053.
Thank You for your generous donations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Alexandra Gevevieve Haynes and Evelyn Rose Claussen who received the Sacrament of Baptism.



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS. Thursday, February 9 from 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and Friday, February 10 at 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Boys and girls who have received their first communion and are in the third grade or higher are invited to become an altar server. Trainings are conducted by seminarian, Kris Lewandowski. Two classes/training are needed to be ready for serving. It is a great way to experience the mass and deepen your relationship with God. For more information, please call St. Vincent de Paul Rectory at 762-4278.



St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School

will have a tour on Feb. 8th at 9am. It's a great opportunity to see the students and teachers involved in their daily routines. They get the best academic preparation in a safe and caring environment. The tuition is very reasonable, close to pre-school prices. Please call 762-6426 for more information. Check us out on Facebook!

St. Vincent de Paul High School

2012 Annual Food Fest and Jazz Band Showcase, Presented by Petaluma Host Lions Club on March 10th, 2012 at Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building from 6:00pm-8:30pm. \$40.00 Admission (no host beverages) 100% of the ticket proceeds goes to St Vincent's Senior Safe & Sober Project Grad Night. For ticket purchase or more information, contact Caroline (Lampe) Purtell at 707-486-3307.

St. Vincent de Paul High School Application

Process is in Full Swing—Come check us out! Sign up to be a *Mustang for a Day* and experience all that St. Vincent de Paul High School has to offer. Sit in on classes, talk with students, meet the teachers, and check out our campus. Call 763-1032 x 113 to learn more and to schedule your Mustang for a Day visit! SVHS is now accepting applications for 9th - 12th grades, Excellence in Catholic Education, Over 99% of our students go on to college, Grads in 2011 earned \$3.4 million in scholarships, tuition assistance available. Parent Tours available, please contact Jody Tobin and the number above.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHANGING A TEENAGER’S LIFE, think about hosting an exchange student for a semester or an entire school year. Students are from other countries. It is a rewarding experience for your whole family. For more information, please call Kelly Rankin (EF Foundation) at (707) 478-0958.