

# **St. Vincent de Paul Parish**

*35 Liberty Street  
Petaluma, Ca. 94952*



## **Directory of Ministries, Programs and Services**

Our parish of St. Vincent de Paul has a long and proud history. It was founded in Petaluma by Archbishop Joseph Alemany of San Francisco on January 18, 1857. The church that we worship in today was built in 1927. Over the years, St. Vincent's built and continues to maintain both an elementary school and a high school. In the last few years our parishioners completed a project to restore our church both structurally and aesthetically. The result is the beautiful church that we call home.

This booklet lists the current forms of parish ministry available to the people of St. Vincent's. As baptized people, we are called to a spirituality of stewardship, recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and is entrusted to us to be used wisely, faithfully, and generously. Through the stewardship of our time, our treasure, and the many different talents that we possess, we are invited to work together to help fulfill the mission of Christ.

Under the guiding and unifying influence of the spirit of Christ, we will sanctify our parish and the world through the ministry of our daily life and through the ministries of the Church. You are invited to participate in the call we share together and to become part of the history of who we are as the parish community of St. Vincent de Paul.

## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Gary Lombardi - Pastor  
Rev. Sean Rogers - Associate Pastor  
Rose Marie Woodruff - Pastoral Associate  
Abraham Solar - Director Pastoral  
Louise Martin - Youth Minister  
Dorothy Callaghan - Administrative Assistant  
Noelia Gonzalez - Secretary  
Marisela Sedano - Office Assistant

## **Telephone Numbers**

Parish Office:	762-4278
Fax	763-8188
Hispanic Ministry:	769-4195
S.V. Website: <a href="http://www.svdpch.org">www.svdpch.org</a>	
S. V. Elementary School:	
Susan Roffmann (Principal)	762-6426
Fax	762-6791
S. V. High School:	
John Walker (Principal)	763-1032
Fax	763-9448

## **Mass Schedule**

Mon.- Sat. 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (fulfills Sunday obligation)  
Sunday English 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Spanish 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

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### **I. The Sacraments**

#### **Baptism**

Call the parish office to arrange for a preparation class and a date.

We ask you to contact us at least 2 months in advance of your desired date. Baptisms are celebrated:

English: 2nd and 4th Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Spanish: 1st and 3rd Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Baptismal Preparation**

We ask all parents of children being baptized at St. Vincent's to participate in preparatory sessions. The first session is a personal conversation. The second session is for parents and sponsors. It is held in the church on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. In the case of adults preparing for Baptism this usually involves being a part of the Catechumenate or an adult preparation program.

Contact: Parish Office 762-4278

#### **Confession (Reconciliation)**

English and Spanish: Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual confessions may be scheduled by appointment.

Contact: Parish Office 762-4278

#### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the completion of the sacraments of initiation. The preparation for Confirmation is part of an overall High School Youth Ministry Program. (Please check the section II - Parish Religious Life and Education). The Confirmation is a two year program.

Contact: Louise Martin 762-4278

We also offer 6 weeks of catechetical sessions during Lent for Catholic adults who wish to celebration the Sacrament of Confirmation as a completion of Christian initiation.

Contact: Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278

#### **Marriage**

Couples wishing to be married at St. Vincent's need to contact one of the priests at least six months before their wedding date in order to allow sufficient time to complete the period of pre-marriage preparation.

Contact: Parish Office 762-4278

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Formerly known as convert classes, R.C.I.A. is a process of welcoming those who want to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. This includes non-baptized people, as well as those who are baptized in another tradition. It also includes Catholic adults asking for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but who have very little training in the faith.

Contact: Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278

## **II. Parish Religious Life and Education**

### **Generations of Faith/Religious Education**

Generations of Faith, also known as Whole Community Catechesis or Lifelong Learning, is an approach to continuous religious education that involves each and every member of the parish regardless of age. It is the community of God's people handing down the faith from one generation to the next.

There are carefully planned monthly lessons that involve the whole person rather than the intellect alone. It is not a linear approach - therefore it does not have a beginning or ending point. It is seamless and life-long.

Each household is given a home kit to continue their learning process and reflection at home. The result is more meaningful liturgy, community building and a deeper personal understanding of our faith. This is the parish's Religious Education process for all ages.

Contact: Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278




### **First Sacraments Preparation**

Classes are offered during the months of September through May on Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Vincent's Parish Hall (Western & Howard). Classes are for second year students who have completed one year of formal religious education preparation.

Contact: Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278

### **High School Youth Ministry - Confirmation**

St. Vincent's Youth Ministry has three purposes:

-  Seeks to engage our high school parish in developing their personal and spiritual growth.
-  Forms relationships with both youth and adults in our community of believers.
-  Empowers them to be leaders working for justice, peace and service in the Petaluma community.

Sessions are on Sundays.

Contact: Louise Martin 762-4278

### **Junior High Youth Ministry**

Junior High Youth Ministry is for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. The program meets most Wednesdays of the month, plus special outreach projects along the way from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Renewing the Vision: Catholic Bishops challenge youth ministry to focus our efforts in these directions:

- ✚ To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.
- ✚ To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- ✚ To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

Contact: Louise Martin 762-4278

### **Sunday Pre-School Program**

Three, four and five year olds are invited to attend the pre-school program during the 9:00 a.m. mass between September through June. Parents are welcome to help in the program.

Contact: Lori Elbert 778-8824

### **Vacation Bible School**

For one week each summer, children, teens and adults from St. Vincent and St. James parishes work together to provide a fun, faithfilled experience for our youth. This daily adventure focuses on God's love for us through art, crafts, music, skits, sculpture, snacks and lots of love. We welcome energetic hearts and hands to provide this ministry to children of both parishes.

Contact: Roberta Guerra 763-4773 (St. James)

Amy Wheless 773-3183 (St. Vincent's)

## **III. Sunday Liturgical Ministries**

### **Altar Ministers/Servers**

The Altar Ministers are scheduled to assist at Mass. They must have completed fourth grade and want to make and keep the commitment to scheduled assignments.

Contact: Christina Silbermann 766-7040

### **Altar Linen Ministry**

The Altar Society cares for the altar linen and other items used in the celebration of our parish liturgies.

Contact: Cameron Carey 778-8506

### **Art and Environment Ministry**

In dialogue with the Liturgy committee, the Art and Environment team meets to plan seasonal and special celebrations such as Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Thanksgiving, Pentecost, etc. The purpose of the team is to create both inside and outside the church, a prayerful environment which will set the mood, the spirit and the theme for a particular season. We always welcome artistic parishioners to be part of the team. We always need people to help with decorating the church. Please give us a call if you should like to be on our list.

Contact: Annette Dessel 762-6980

### **Eucharistic Ministry**

Liturgical Ministers serve the community by assisting in the distribution of Communion at Sunday and weekday Masses.

Contact: Joanne Longaker 762-8162

### **Flower Ministry**

The Flower Committee takes care of floral arrangements for the Sunday masses throughout the year. The members will rotate on a regular basis. This committee will also coordinate with couples planning their weddings at St. Vincent's. There are a number of tasks associated with this ministry, so even if you don't specialize in arranging flowers, your help is needed and would be appreciated. We also would appreciate flowers or greens from your garden that you would like to donate. You can leave them in a bucket with water in the flower room on Fridays or Saturdays. If you have an interest in this ministry, please contact us.

Contact: Mary Clare Anderka 664-1774

### **Hospitality Ministry**

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors as they enter church for our Sunday liturgies. All parishioners are welcome to host one of our Masses.

Contact: Janet Clark 765-6513

### **Ushers**

The usher ministry is one not only of taking up the collection at mass, but also of welcoming and attending to the needs of the people who come to mass. Both men, women and older children are welcome in this ministry. We ask those who would like to be involved to please give us your name and at which mass you would like to usher.

Contact: Lori Nelson 762-0985

**Lector Ministry**

The Lectors participate in the liturgy by proclaiming the scripture readings. Proclaiming the Scripture on Sunday involves personal preparation time as well as periodic meetings for on-going lector formation.

Contact: Kathie Sullivan 765-2506

**Music Ministry**

Music is integral to Catholic liturgy. St. Vincent's needs people willing to contribute their musical talents to our celebrations of Sunday mass. There is someone in charge of music at each of these masses, but we are in need of those willing to donate their time and musical talent to help our parish celebrate.

Contact:

Sat. 5:00pm Marcia Kostielney 585-0130

Sun. 7:30am Dennis Melfa 789-9567

Sun. 9:00am Christina Kauk 765-1706

Sun. 10:30am Eve Gmeiner 766-1729

Sun. 5:00pm Louise Martin 762-4278

**Parish Organist /Pianist**

Marilyn Thompson 762-1190

**Parish Children's Choir**

"They who sing, pray twice." This ministry is offered to everyone beginning in 4th grade through high school. Singing is once or twice a month at the 9:00am Mass and occasionally at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. Rehearsals are held every Friday from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

Contact: Office 762-4278

**Sacristan Ministry**

Sacristans make sure that all the "nuts and bolts" are ready for mass. We would also hope to find people willing to take responsibility for the overall care of the sacristy. Those participating in this ministry would need to be present before and after the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday evening and the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. masses on Sunday morning. If enough are willing, a rotating schedule can be worked out.

Contact: Office 762-4278

### **Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children**

First Grade through Sixth Graders are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word, a special time to hear God's Word and to share in learning more about its meaning in their lives. We have this on Saturdays at 5:00pm and on Sundays at 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am Masses.

Contact: Lou Karen Pritchett 763-3779

## **VI. Parish Outreach Ministries**

### **Birthright**

This organization lends support to pregnant women or couples who are searching for solutions. They provide financial assistance, medical referrals, counseling, birthing and parenting classes, educational materials and clothing donations. Birthright is always in need of volunteers. Every volunteer is trained to choose his or her words with care and non-judgmental guidance when dealing with the woman's natural fear about pregnancy and how to deal with it in her circumstances. Expenses are met through volunteer fundraisers and tax deductible donations from individuals and organizations.

Contact: Laura Petersen 763-9888

### **Cots: Food for the Homeless**

The feeding of the homeless is a program that many of the local churches take part in. It is under the direction of COTS. The volunteers from St. Vincent's prepare a hot vegetable dish or a salad every other Tuesday from November thru March. It is delivered to the Kitchen on Payran.

Contact: Office 762-4278

### **Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick**

This ministry involves bringing Communion to the sick in their homes and in nursing homes. If you are aware of someone who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion in their homes, please contact the parish office at 762-4278. If you would like to bring communion to the sick, Please contact the name listed below.

Contact: Carole Giacomini 664-1611

### **Small Christian Communities**

Small Christian Communities, or "SCCs", represent an ongoing effort among parishoners to gather at home in small groups and reflect upon how the scriptures apply to their daily, personal lives.

Commonly known as "faith sharing," this concept has its roots in the early Church, when believers "broke open" Christ's teachings in the context of community and mutual faith.

SCC's are the modern

version of the domestic Church. They developed out of St. Vincent's

five-season Renew effort in 1997-1999 and form a strong

foundation for the life of our parish. Small groups meet on various days, times, monthly and weekly during the holy seasons of Advent and Lent.

Contact: Claire Pass 763-9075

### **Welcome Ministry**

The Welcome Ministry's mission is to personally welcome new parishioners into our parish family. Each month Welcome Ministry members will receive the names of 2 to 4 new parishioners. Ministry members will call each new parishioner to welcome them to the parish, and schedule a time for a personal visit and to deliver the Welcome Package. The Welcome Package will include Father Gary's welcome letter and information on stewardship, the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Booklet, the Welcomer's Ministry Card, and a small personal gift from the welcomer. Information on Petaluma could also be included if the new parishioner is new to the area as well.

The gift can be a dozen cookies, muffins, flowers from your garden, gourmet coffee or tea, a prayer card or an inspirational verse, etc. Be creative. Anything personal that says, "Welcome to our parish family"

Contact: Rosalie Steward-Snook 769-1594

## **V. Parish Teams and Committees**

### **Baptismal Preparation Team**

There is a need in our Baptism preparation program for Catechists to lead classes in church on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Catechists would have guidelines and preparation to help the parents and Godparents be ready for the ceremony on the day of Baptism.

Contact Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278

### **Cornerstone Group**

Cornerstone is a process of gathering people together to engage in St. Vincent's Community Conversations that will assist the Pastor in maintaining a regular way of discovering the desires, concerns, interests and issues that are important to our parishioners with a view to seeing where we want to apply our energy and resources. To contribute to these conversations, contact a team member to join and share your ideas.

Contact: Jim Carr - 762-4278

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee oversees the fiscal aspect of parish life. It works with the pastor in making decisions regarding finance and the financial policy of the parish. It develops and regularly reviews the parish budget. It also takes the lead in coordinating financial plans for the parish and its schools.

Contact: John Dado 763-2534  
Dorothy Callaghan 762-4278

### **Liturgical Seasonal Planning Committee**

The primary mission of the Liturgy Committee is to enable focused, balanced and prayerful worship at each mass in the parish regardless of time, day or season. It also plans for other spiritual activities pertinent to the liturgical seasons of the year and oversees the coordination of all the liturgical ministries of the parish.

Contact: Deacon James Carr 762-1797

### **Marriage Preparation Team**

The marriage preparation program for both St. Vincent's and St. James needs married couples willing to spend a Friday evening and a Saturday once or twice a year as part of a team preparing engaged couples for marriage. During these sessions, the role of the team couples is to provide hospitality and to share brief insights and personal experience on certain aspects of married life. This ministry involves periodic planning and team formation sessions.

Contact: Don + Donna Forst 775-4705

### **Office Helpers**

Periodically we need help in the office at the rectory for general parish mailings, answering phones, and other projects. We want to develop a list of volunteers we can call on for help. Please let us know if we can call on you.

Contact: Parish Rectory 762-4278

### **Religious Education Team**

Our elementary Religious Education, High School, Junior High, Preschool, Children's Sunday Liturgy and Liturgy of the Word programs need a variety of people to help in many different ways. If you would be interested, please call.

Contact: Rose Marie Woodruff 762-4278

### **Respect Life**

The parish Respect Life committee in conjunction with the pastor facilitates Respect Life issues from natural conception through natural death. The committee provides times of prayer, opportunities for education on respect life issues, supportive services such as sponsoring events to support Birthright, detention ministry, expectant parents and advocacy efforts such as postcard campaigns, life chain, phone trees and letter writing campaigns. The parish Respect Life committee works with the Diocesan Respect Life office.

Contact: Office 762-4278

## **VI Catholic Schools**

### **St. Vincent's Elementary School**

The elementary school serves both the spiritual and intellectual needs of children from first through eighth grades. Registration takes place from December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15th. It is important to contact the school as early as possible.

Principal: Susan Roffmann

Address: Howard and Union Sts.

Contact: School Office: 762-6426

### **St. Vincent's High School**

The high school is a four year accredited school that offers the many advantages of a small Catholic high school.

Principal: John Walker

Address: Keokuk and Magnolia

Contact: School Office: 762-1032

### **Parents and Friends Organization**

St. Vincent's Parents and Friends Organization (P.F.O) is the fundraising organization of the parish that benefits both schools equally. Members are parents of the students attending both schools and also anyone interested in supporting the schools.

Contact the school for more information.

## **VII Parish/Catholic Organizations**

### **Knights of Columbus**

St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus members are part of the world's largest fraternal Catholic family service organization. Knights and their families stand together in support of each other and the parish through various charitable activities. Members work together in supporting parish schools, RCIA programs, Generations of Faith, the handicapped and Camp St. Michael. Also they serve as Eucharistic ministers, ushers and as leaders of various parish activities.

Contact: Grand Knight, David Lee 776-0657

### **Cursillo**

Through Cursillo, Christians learn more about Christianity during an initial, laity-led weekend of talks, small group discussions and community sharing. Frequent small group reunions offer support and continued spiritual growth. Cursillo is a worldwide movement. The four-county Redwood Empire Cursillo is ecumenical and has over 2,000 active members. There is a group reunion for men at St. James on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the parish education building.

Contact: Office 762-4278

### **Young Ladies' Institute**

The Young Ladies Institute (Y.L.I.) is an organization of Catholic women who are dedicated to the Christian principles of charity and love. Their purpose is to help others. They rotate assisting in the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen on Fridays, provide scholarships for St. Vincent's High School students, and are active in many ministries within the parish. Meetings are held on the first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at St. James Parish.

Contact: Office 762-4278

### **Young Men's Institute**

The Young Men's Institute (Y.M.I.) is an organization of Catholic men whose primary benevolence is the assurance of Catholic education for families in need. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the St. James Education Building.

Contact: Office 762-4278

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Chancery Office	545-7610
Alzheimer's Respite Center	528-8712
Camp St. Michael	703-9171
Catholic Cemeteries	546-6290
Petaluma Office	762-8462
Catholic Charities	528-8712
Catholic Schools, Department of	566-3311
Immigration and Resettlement Office	578-6000
Loyola Institute for Family Life (Family Counseling)	526-1167
(Petaluma Office)	765-1009
Respect Life Council	942-6143
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store	584-1579