

# STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

**495 White Oak Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

We members of Star of the Valley Parish gather around the central act of Catholic worship, the celebration of active participation in the Mass. As a Eucharistic centered people, we reach out to heal, console and listen in the spirit of truth and justice, with a preferential option for the poor, thus advancing as individuals and as a community into the image of Christ.

## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, Pastor  
Rev. Patrick Leslie, Assisting Clergy

## **Contact Numbers**

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center  
495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5939\*

\*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager  
Anna Jean, Office Secretary

## **Welcome New Parishioners**

Please sign the book next to the side door  
in the back of the Church.

## **Mass Times**

Weekday Masses: Tuesday-Friday **Suspended**  
Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **Suspended**  
Sunday Masses:  
Saturday **Suspended**, Sunday **Suspended**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Suspended**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday **Suspended**. For appointment, email or leave a message for Msgr. Pulskamp.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

For appointment, email or leave a message in the office.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Suspended during Coronavirus shelter-in-place order.  
Contact the office to arrange a visit or receive Holy Communion after the shelter-in-place is lifted.



**October 2-3, 2020**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Today, I have attempted to cobble together a bulletin for this week. I don't normally do the bulletin, that is done in the office by Anna and Sharon.

Using prior bulletins, changing dates, information, and content, I am attempting to keep you as up to date as possible. Please forgive any oversights, omissions, and outright mistakes.

When, and if, additional content is provided, this bulletin will be updated (or replaced with the actual bulletin).

I pray you are all safe and none of your houses were among the ones lost.

PAX,

Jane Gyorgy

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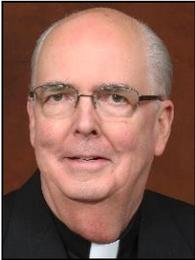
**Sunday, October 4 Readings**

**Reading I:** *Isiah 5:1-7*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20*

**Reading II:** *Philippians 4:6-9*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 33-43*



Homily

**A Story**

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**Conclusion**



**Donate Your Car, Boat, or Golf Cart**

Get a full IRS tax deduction for your donation to Star of the Valley. We make the paperwork easy and all proceeds go to the parish. Please call Star of the Valley parishioner and volunteer, Phil Marvier at 539-7055.



**Heritage Friends**

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join our *Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley*. Members of *Heritage Friends* are a part of Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in *Heritage Friends* is straight forward. You merely submit the form (available on our website) indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift without including any amount. It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust. The parish office can provide names of local attorneys is needed.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join *Heritage Friends* of Star of the Valley.



“Zooming with Father Leslie” will (maybe) be on Wednesday, **October 7**, at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a lively discussion about these three questions:

1. What is a challenge you face during this pandemic?
2. Has there been an unexpected blessing during the pandemic?
3. Is there any religious practice that is helping you stay connected with God and your faith?

There's still time to email your answers to any or all of these questions to [marcyfox@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfox@gmail.com). Or, to receive an email invitation to **Zooming with Father Leslie**, email [marcyfox@gmail.com](mailto:marcyfox@gmail.com) with your request.



**Video Mass for October 4 cancelled due to the Evacuation Orders.** Next week, God willing, you will see their smiling faces once again in the cyberspace of YouTube! You will find Mass Responses & Prayers in the Bulletins section of our website for the **October 4** Mass.

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### Quail Qulp

The Three Hardest Things to Say:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire sauce

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### Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for (our First Responders, theirs and our health, safety and well-being and return to our homes)

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### Parish Security Team Schedule

Thank you to our SOV volunteers for continuing the service of ensuring that our church and parish center are secure **October 5-11:** Jim Warman, **October 12-18:** Tom Basile, **October 19-25:** Dennis Sabourin.

If, for any reason, you're not able to fulfill your duty week, please call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682.

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### Prayer Intentions

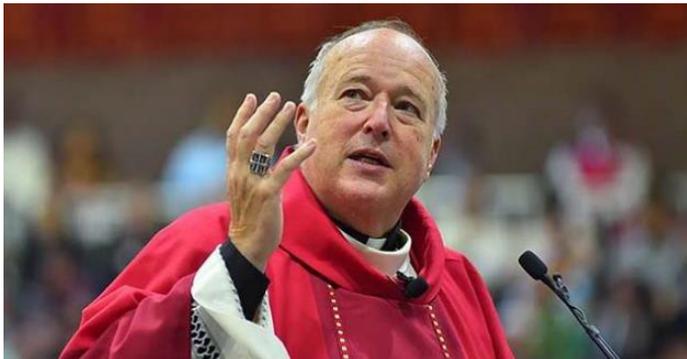
(Taken from last week's bulletin)

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, Bud Cappa, John Cordero, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Fran Evans, Charles Fulger, Frank Gyorgy, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Trula La Calle, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Louis Pappin, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Fr. David Shaw, Bill Schang, Bart Taylor, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Lorraine Pappin, Warren Schneider, and Pat Sienes.

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# Conscience, Candidates & Discipleship in Voting



Excerpts from “Conscience, Candidates and Discipleship in Voting,” an address by **Bishop Robert McElroy** of San Diego delivered on February 6, 2020.

Bishop McElroy begins by quoting Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*:

*An authentic faith... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.*

How do we do that? McElroy says we do that primarily through participation in the political process.

*It is primarily through the votes of Catholic women and men, rooted in conscience and in faith that the Church enters into the just ordering of society and the state. And it is primarily in voting for specific candidates for office that believers as citizens have the greatest opportunity to leave the earth better than we found it.*

Forming and exercising our consciences in voting requires us to look at both issues and candidates.

*Much focus is placed on individual policy issues and their moral implications in Catholic social teaching. If the primary role of citizens were to vote on specific issues, this might be sufficient. But a vote for individual candidates inevitably encapsulates a wide range of policy options... as well as varying capacities and intentions among the candidates.*

**Issues.** Bishop McElroy identifies at least ten “salient goals” that emerge from the Gospel and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching that are relevant to the upcoming 2020 election:

- The promotion of a culture and legal structures that protect the life of unborn children.
- The reversal of the climate change that threatens the future of humanity and particularly devastates the poor and the marginalized.
- Policies that safeguard the rights of immigrants and refugees in a moment of great intolerance.
- Laws that protect the aged, the ill, and the disabled from the lure and the scourge of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

- Vigorous opposition to racism in every form, both through cultural transformation and legal structures.
- The provision of work and the protection of workers’ rights across America.
- Systematic efforts to fight poverty and egregious inequalities of wealth.
- Policies that promote marriage and family, which are so essential for society.
- Substantial movement toward universal nuclear disarmament.
- The protection of religious liberty.

**Candidates.** As important as these issues are, we generally do not vote for issues, but for candidates.

*In America today a faith-filled voter is called to approach voting from a stance of bridge-building and healing for our nation. Such a voter is also called to integrate into his voting decisions the major salient elements of Catholic teaching that touch upon the political issues of our day, understanding that these teachings vary in priority and claim, but are united in their orientation to the common good.*

*But voting for candidates ultimately involves choosing a candidate for public office, not a stance, nor a specific teaching of the Church. And for this reason, faithful voting involves careful consideration of the specific ability of a particular candidate to actually advance the common good. In making this assessment, opportunity, competence and character all come into play.*

**Opportunity**—will a candidate be likely to advance a particular issue? How likely will she or he be to make changes in key areas to promote the common good?

**Competence**—is the candidate competent to carry out her or his duties effectively to advance the common good?

**Character**—especially in a climate of political divisions and degradation in public life, character is more important than ever.

*For the disciple of Jesus Christ, voting is a sacred action.*

*In the closing remarks of his address to Congress in 2015, Pope Francis said a nation is great when it defends liberty as Abraham Lincoln did, when it seeks equality as Martin Luther King did, and when it strives for justice for the oppressed as Dorothy Day did. Let us pray that our nation moves toward such greatness in this election year, and that faith-filled prudent disciples are leading the way.*

The full text of Bishop McElroy’s talk can be found at <https://www.sdcatholic.org/bishops/bishop-mcelroy/conscience-candidates-and-discipleship-in-voting/>.