

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.

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

Sharon A. Charlton, Office Manager
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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.



November 7-8, 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Autumn Leaves

In the autumn, as leaves are dying all around us and nights are growing longer, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to the end of our lives. We may ask ourselves if we will be ready when the Lord comes to meet us. Perhaps we have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one. Perhaps we have kept vigil with someone who died slowly. If so, we know that death is an unpredictable and ever-present reality in every human life.

How are we to live our lives in the face of such knowledge? What is wise? Today's scriptures address this question. We are not to live as though we are immortal and nothing can harm us. Neither are we to live in fear and despair, as though we were already dead. Paul tells the Thessalonians to console one another with the knowledge that we are meant to be reunited with our loved ones for eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be so foolish as to think that they can get by with only the bare minimum of faith, hope, and love.

How then, shall we live our lives? We are told to keep vigil and to "stay awake." What does that mean? It means that we keep our spirits well stocked with faith, hope, and love, so that our "lamps" will not burn out too soon. It means that we continually seek out wisdom, especially in dark times of suffering. It means that we are always ready for the Lord to come in unexpected ways, teach us unexpected lessons, and bring us unexpected joys, even in unexpected situations. Then, at the moment of death we will be prepared, because we will be in the habit of watching for and welcoming the Lord.



Sunday, November 8 Readings

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16—

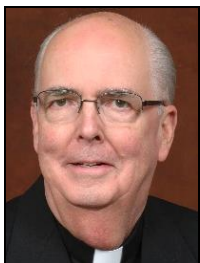
Rise before dawn and watch for wisdom's appearance and you will not be disappointed.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63—My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—We do not mourn death as those who have no hope.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13—The wise virgins were prepared for the coming of the bridegroom.

Stay Awake & Be Ready



The wise and foolish virgins remind us to stay awake and be prepared for the Lord whenever he comes.

When does the Lord come?

- In the present moment.
- In every moment of the day and night.
- At the time of our death.
- At the end of time.

What do we do so we are prepared for whenever he comes?

- Live in his presence.
- Stay busy doing his work.
- Follow his Way: Love God, Love Neighbor, Love Self.

A Story—The Bus to Macon

There was once a man from a small southern city who bought a bus ticket for Macon, Georgia. Because he had arrived at the bus station early, he walked around looking for something interesting to do. It was then that he noticed a large scale that claimed it could tell not only the person's weight, but also other pertinent information about the person.

After putting a quarter in the slot, the man stepped on the scale. Immediately, a slip came out that said, "Your name is Harry Hanson. You live in Sparta, Georgia. You weigh 197 pounds. You are seventeen pounds overweight. You are on your way to Macon. The bus to Macon has been delayed. Have a nice day."

Harry was quite amused by this scale. So, after waiting for a few minutes, he stepped back on the scale and put in another quarter. The slip came out right away and said, "Your name is Harry Hanson. You live in Sparta. Your weight has not changed in the last few minutes. You still weigh 197 pounds, and you are still seventeen pounds overweight. The bus to Macon is still late. Have a nice day."

Now the man was convinced that this was some kind of a ruse, and he was determined to somehow fool the machine. Therefore, he walked across the street to a variety store. He bought a pair of Groucho Marx glasses with the big nose, mustache, and eyebrows. He also bought a black hat and cane. Then, once he put on his disguise, and walking with a limp, he went back across the street to the bus station and approached the scale.

For the third time, he put a quarter into the scale and stood on it. When the slip came out, it read, "You are still

Harry Hanson, from Sparta, Georgia. Your weight is still 197 pounds, and you are still seventeen pounds overweight. You are still on your way to visit your sister in Macon, but while you were across the street wasting time, you missed the bus. Have a nice day, anyway."

Conclusion

Mr. Hanson missed the bus to Macon. We do not want to miss the bus to heaven. To make sure we are on that bus our best bet is to stay close to Jesus now, continue the work he began and love God and all people like he did.



Follow Along with Monsignor's YouTube Mass for November 8

New each week! Attached to this email (and in the Bulletins section of our website) you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **November 8** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2020-11-08 Mass Responses.pdf** file.

Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Dorene Musilli** (requested by John Musilli.)

Prayer Intentions

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

Also pray for those who have died: Bill Schang and Armin Tietze.

Parish Security Team Schedule

Thank you to our SOV volunteers for continuing the service of ensuring that our church and parish center are secure.

November 9-15: Tim Cummings, **November 16-22:** Mike O'Callaghan, **November 23-29:** Don Shelhart, **November 30-December 6:** Bob Chapman.

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





**Fr. Emil
Kapuan**

Honoring our Military Chaplains

Each year on **November 11**, we observe Veterans Day and remember all those who have served our country in times of war. Among those veterans are our military chaplains.

Five military chaplains, all of them Catholic priests, have received the Medal of Honor since the Civil War.

Father Emil Kapuan, an Army chaplain from Kansas, died as a prisoner of war in Korea.

Father Vincent Capodanno, a Maryknoll priest from Staten Island, New York, died when, despite his own war injuries, he tended injured Marines during battle in Vietnam. The Navy named the USS Capodanno after him. The church has named both "Servants of God," a step toward becoming an officially recognized saint.

The three other Medal of Honor winners have dramatic stories too.

Father Joseph O'Callaghan, a Jesuit priest and Navy chaplain in World War II, ministered to injured sailors on a ship hit by two bombs. He worked to jettison bombs



USS O'Callaghan

close to exploding and led a group on a dangerous mission to stop ammunition from exploding. The Navy named the USS O'Callaghan after him.

Father Charles J. Watters, from New Jersey, served in Vietnam. He rescued wounded men at the Battle of Dak To. He ran through intense gunfire to help wounded soldiers. He carried one man to safety. Once though injured himself, he moved about the war zone to apply bandages and give food and water to other wounded. He died in the worst "friendly-fire" incident in Vietnam when he and 41 others were hit by shrapnel when a 500-pound bomb dropped by a Marine fighter hit a tree over the U.S. command post.

Father Angelo Liteky, won his medal for carrying 20 wounded soldiers to safety during intense fighting on a search and destroy mission in Vietnam.

Four additional Catholic military chaplains have also been recognized for bravery in the line of duty with United States Navy ships named in their honor.

The annual observance of **Veterans Day** in the United States on November 11th has its roots in the armistice that ended World War I hostilities in 1918. The armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed thereafter that November 11 be observed as "Armistice Day." In 1954, Congress passed legislation that renamed the federal holiday "Veterans Day," in recognition of the service of veterans of all U.S. Wars.

Veterans Day is a day for heroes and saints in uniform. They do us proud.

Veterans Day—November 11

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory in November Vatican extends time to obtain full indulgences for souls in purgatory

ROME—Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church to pray on Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." [They need your prayers.]

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Outdoor Mass at Holy Spirit Church

Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the plaza between the church and its parking lot. Please wear a face covering.

Online Retreat

The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos cordially invites you to *Spirituality and Public Service*, on **November 12**. Internationally renowned Fr. Tom Weston, S.J. will be our featured speaker, JRC Board President Kim Manca will MC and Executive Director Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J., will moderate. This Zoom event begins at 6:00 p.m. Click [Retreat](#) to register.





Joan & Andy Andrew

Veterans Appreciation Event

Joan and Andy Andrew, Oakmont residents, Star of the Valley Church parishioners, and World War II Navy Veterans, met and married during the war and will share

their memories and experience in the war at the online Oakmont Veterans Appreciation Event November 11.

Please join us this coming Veterans Day for Oakmont's exclusive 16th annual Veterans Appreciation Event. The program will highlight the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, those Oakmont veterans who

served in that crisis, and videos of events taken during this period including: a video of Bob Hope shows provided to our troops during the war, the playing of the military service anthems and an invitation to stand while your service anthem is played, video of the unconditional surrender of Japan on the Battleship USS Missouri, and the exuberant celebration in our country just afterwards, and patriotic music including Kate Smith singing the popular WWII Irving Berlin song "God Bless America."

Because of the COVID-19 virus and restrictions on group gatherings, this year's program will be provided online and you will be able to watch it in the comfort of your home on your smart TV, computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone starting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, **November 11**, and be available for several days afterward. To view, click on [Veterans Day Event](https://oakmontvillage.com/events), or search for oakmontvillage.com/events. ★

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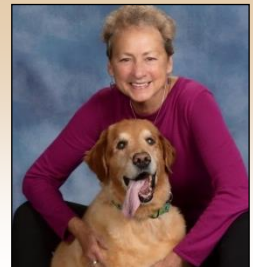
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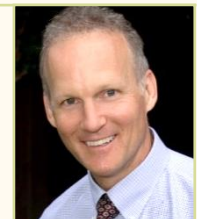
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