

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.

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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 14-15, 2020

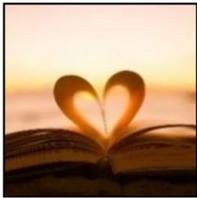
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

With Loving Hands

So often we are defined by the work that we do to make a living. Unpaid work or volunteer work is almost invisible, even though its value to families and to our society is immense. Work done in the home, such as rearing children, is invisible and is not counted in the gross national product, the official evaluation of productivity of our society. The work of rearing children, of guiding adolescents, of donating blood, helping in libraries, delivering meals to seniors, raising funds for not-for-profit organizations, and so on, is coming up short as people are pressed to give more and more of their time and energy to paid jobs.

Our “job” is what we do, but our “vocation” is who we are. We are called to serve others, to help those who need us in a variety of situations. We aren’t all called to the same work, or the same amount of work. We give what we have, according to our abilities, in fidelity to the call each of us received. How we live our call is a matter of individual gifts and “talents.” Even if our work is unpaid or unappreciated, it is valuable in God’s eyes. Work done “with loving hands” is worthwhile and good, even if it is invisible to those who decide what is economically valuable.

We may not work at what society calls a “full-time job” (defined as being paid), but anyone who cares for children or for ill or frail family members would be grateful if the work ended after a “normal” number of work hours! Work done for love and for the good of another is work indeed, and its payment will be in a different currency. Our call to serve is a call to love, and the payment is joy in God’s presence and in the knowledge that the reign of God is being brought closer each day by the work of our hands.



Sunday, November 15 Readings

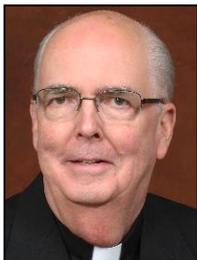
Reading I: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*—The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 128*—Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*—

You are children of the light.

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*—To those who have, more will be given.



Are You Ready?

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we begin to hear more about being ready for the coming of the Lord. For most of us, if not all of us, it will be our deaths, rather than the second coming of Christ.

St. Paul warns us today, as he did the Thessalonians, to stay alert and sober, for the day of the Lord “will come like a thief in the night.” The best way to get ready for the coming of the Lord is not just to hang around waiting. **The best way to get ready is to imitate the Lord Jesus**, commit ourselves to his work, and use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God until he comes.

This best way is presented to us in the Gospel parable we just heard.

- An owner left 5 million dollars to one servant, 2 million to another, and 1 million to a third. Then the owner went on a journey.
- All three servants had seen the owner at work. They understood how he operated and what he had done to earn his wealth.
- The first and second servants emulated the master. They did what he did and achieved similar results, doubling the fortune while showing commitment to his enterprise. The third servant did not follow the owner’s ways. His commitment to the enterprise was to bury his money in the ground.
- Upon his return, the owner praised the first two servants for increasing their wealth and strengthening the enterprise. He rebuked the third servant for his failure to increase his wealth and doing nothing for the enterprise.
- God has gifted us in so many ways. We should follow the example of the first two servants.
 - Imitate the Lord Jesus
 - Commit ourselves to his work
 - Don’t bury, but use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God until he comes

The book of Proverbs presents us with a model servant of God: the valiant woman who is a “worthy wife.” She is someone we can imitate—a simple, honorable person of industry and character. She simply fulfills the vocation that God called her to—a wife and mother—and uses and develops her gifts for the good of her family and for others, especially the poor and the needy.

If we are following the example of the successful servants and the worthy wife, we are ready for the

coming of the Lord. Are you ready? If so, Christ’s own joy awaits you now and forever.



Follow Along with Monsignor’s YouTube Mass for November 15

New each week! Attached to this email (and in the Bulletins section of our website) you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **November 15** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2020-11-15 Mass Responses.pdf** file.

Sunday’s Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend’s Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Marion DeAngelis** (requested by Jack Krause.)

Prayer Intentions

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, Bud Cappa, 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: John Cordero, Armin Tietze, and Fr. Robert Walsh, SJ.



Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion Service Starts

Star of the Valley Parish will offer weekly drive-thru distribution of Holy Communion starting the

First Sunday of Advent, **November 29** in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The plan is to continue this sacred service until we can resume indoor public Masses.

To participate, please prepare by either viewing our parish’s Sunday Mass for the weekend (by clicking on [SOV Mass on YouTube](#)), viewing an outside the parish recorded Mass, praying and meditating on the Rosary, or having your own quiet prayer time beforehand.

Wear a face covering and stay in your vehicle as you proceed in the line through the parking lot. You will stop and roll down your window to get your hands sprayed with sanitizer (remove gloves if you’re wearing them), and then stop again to receive Communion in your hands. You may then pull your mask away to consume the Host, then drive away and say your prayer of thanksgiving when you arrive at home.

Did You Miss the Veterans Appreciation Event?

You can still watch Joan and Andy Andrew, Star of the Valley Church parishioners, and World War II Navy Veterans, share their memories and experience in the war at the online Oakmont Veterans Appreciation Event. To view, click on [Veterans Day Event](#), or search for oakmontvillage.com/events. ★



SOV Women's Club News From Your President

2020 has been a year of profound changes in the way we live, and none more so than having our beloved Star of the Valley Parish and our vibrant Women's Club on hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has affected everything we do!

Back in March, at our last Board of Directors meeting, as we were planning for our April luncheon, we decided to have that luncheon be a "Tribute to **Marilyn Brown**" for her years of service to the parish, to the Women's Club as a President in 2001, and for her "anonymous" service as coordinator of the Marthas—a ministry that sets the tables for the social events of the parish. When I first came into the parish, I heard about the Marthas and how they appear out of nowhere to set the tables, not to mention doing the washing and ironing of the altar linens, all quietly and without recognition! Oh, and Marilyn is a great bridge player, too! So, a huge **thank you** to Marilyn for all she has done for us. Marilyn was delighted to hear of our luncheon plan, even though we weren't able to honor her in April. So, we honor her now!

The Women's Club has lost several members in 2020—**Margaret Focha**, **Shirley Marelli**, and Women's Club founder and past President 1982, 1983, **Agnes Kolling** passed away. May they rest in peace!

Another past President, 1989, and Lector Coordinator, **Roberta McElroy**, has moved away from the parish to be closer to her family. For me, Roberta was a steadying presence in the community and a wealth of wisdom and love. Thank you, Roberta, for everything you did for our Women's Club and the parish!

Several other members have moved out of Oakmont—**Joan Delp**, **Trula La Calle**, and **Joan Vevoda**, and **Pat Sack**, President 2012, 2013, will be moving soon. It is hard to think of Oakmont and the Women's Club without Pat Sack!

On September 24th it was decided at the Pastoral Council meeting that the Women's Club will continue to be on hiatus until it is safe for all of us to join together to celebrate Mass and the Eucharist, and, once again, have social interactions. When that time comes, the Pastoral Council will decide what best serves both the men and women of the parish and in what format that will be.

As the 2020 Board members' terms expire on December 31st: Justine Haugen, Treasurer; Liz Young, Corresponding Secretary; Marcy Fox, Recording Secretary; Paula Scull, Mary Valentine, and Leila O'Callaghan, Vice Presidents Committee—I thank you for your service, however limited, during 2020.

As for me, I have served the Board since 2015 as Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and President. It has been my joy, honor and privilege to serve. Believe me, the Women's Club has done more for me than you can imagine! I thank you all!

Ora Pro Nobis,
Joey Cuneo
President, 2019, 2020

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Taizé Prayer Service

This is a virtual Taizé prayer service for November, brought to you by the Mercy Center sisters. It consists of a reading from scripture, beautiful photos, and twelve recorded songs sung in Taizé style. Light a candle and relax for this time of meditative prayer which is approximately 45 minutes long if done in one sitting. Click on [Taizé Prayer Service](#).

Songs included:

- Stay with Us, O Lord (5:07)
- Confitemini Domino (4:09)
- Stilled and Quiet Is My Soul, Ps. 139 (3:10)
- Alleluia (3:14)
- Adoramus te Christe (5:20)
- Kyrie (2:00)
- Mane Nobiscum/Stay with Us, O Lord (4:33)
- Take O Take Me as I Am (4:21)
- Nothing Can Ever Come Between Us (3:29)
- Do Not Be Afraid (2:38)
- Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ—Yesterday, Today and Forever (3:59)
- Now in Peace, O God (1:54)

light up a life



CHERISHING COMMUNITY | REMEMBERING LIGHT | HONORING LIFE

Community Tree Lighting & Remembrance Friday, December 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Light Up a Life is an annual community celebration of treasured memories. For the past 35 years, during the month of December, hundreds of bright, clear lights have illuminate our Light Up a Life trees; each light symbolizing the life, hopes and dreams of a loved one.

We invite you to remember or honor your loved one(s) by calling our office at 707-778-6242 and asking to purchase a light. Each name will be carefully added to our online and printed Memory Books.

For tree locations, candle pick-up, and virtual event details, visit: SonomaCountyHospice.org.

Throughout Sonoma County, our Light Up a Life trees will shine brightly, candles will be available, and the spirit of community will be on display as we celebrate (apart) together.

Join us online, Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. for our virtual tree lighting and remembrance ceremony. If you'd like to view the event at a later date, it will continue to be available through the end of the year.

They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. They lied. Everybody else had clothes on.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

At the store there was a big X at the register for me to stand on. I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called: thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and nextday.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are.

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