

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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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.

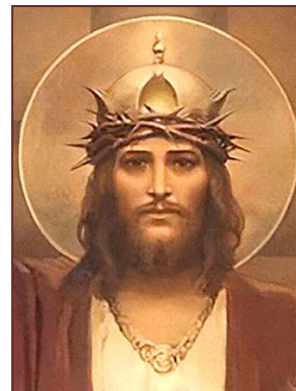
Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

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 22, 2020

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Christ the King

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.



Sunday, November 22 Readings

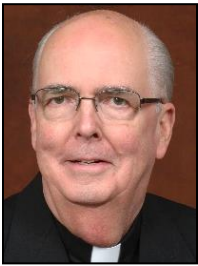
Reading I: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*—

The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 23*—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading II: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*—Christ our king has conquered death.

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*—The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.



Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King reminds us that the Reign of Jesus is not a reign of glory and power, but of service, love, and complete self-giving in order to bring us and our world to new life now and forever.

One author described our King this way:

- Jesus did not have a royal staff, but he did have a towel.
- He did not have people bowing down in his presence but he himself bowed down and washed their feet.
- He had no army, but he did have disciples.
- He sat on no throne but rather on the back of a donkey.
- He wore no crown of gold but one of thorns.
- He did not take life. He gave it.
- He did not build barriers but instead included prostitutes, tax collectors, foreigners, and good thieves in his kingdom.
- He did not exploit people but spoke sympathetically of widows' mites, prodigal sons, good Samaritans, and poor farmers.
- He did not force people to follow him. He invited them.
- He did not wield the sword but mercy. "Today you will be with me in paradise."

As we just heard, we are not Jesus' soldiers, we are his disciples. He leads, we follow. He is in us; we are in him. We extend the reign of our God by being faithful to him, saying "yes" to what he asks of us, living by his values, serving his people, and trying to love as he loves—unconditionally.

A Story—Heart Transplant

In December 1997, a young man in West Paducah, Kentucky, took a gun to school and killed seven of his classmates. Parents came from all over the community, frantically praying a parent's most heartfelt prayer: "Not my child. Please do not let anything happen to my child."

One mother's prayer was not answered that day. Her son died in the shooting. In spite of her shock and grief, the mother did not hesitate when doctors asked if she would donate her son's organs to someone else in critical need.

Many months passed and the mother discovered that some of her son's organs went to a Methodist pastor. She contacted him and asked to meet him. The day of

their meeting, the grieving mother and the grateful pastor talked and prayed and celebrated the life of the precious son who died. And then the mother startled the pastor by making a strange request. She asked: "Can I put my ear to your heart? Can I hear my son's heart beating one more time?"

Conclusion

As disciples you and I are called to be the person who has a transplanted heart, the heart of Jesus. There are so many people today who are desperately in need to hear Jesus' heartbeat one more time. They need to put their ears to our hearts and know that Jesus Christ the King still reigns.



Follow Along with Monsignor's YouTube Mass for November 22

New each week! Attached to this email (and in the Bulletins section of our website) you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **November 22** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2020-11-22 Mass Responses.pdf** file.

Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Charlotte Muzio** (requested by Richard Muzio.)

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 and Fr. Robert Walsh, SJ.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Remember Advent calendars? Included with this bulletin is a *Reverse Advent Calendar* for those who wish to participate. It's an opportunity to prepare for Christmas by considering those in need. As it suggests you may gather items daily, or take it to the grocery store as your shopping list and get everything at once. You choose which items to get or not, and you don't have to wait until December 23rd to deliver them. Have fun!

Give Thanks by Giving Online

We have much to be thankful for! Consider using Online Giving to make a special "Thanksgiving Gift." You can use the "Give Now" feature to give a one-time gift without creating a login, and you'll see a list of our special funds from which you can choose to contribute. We'll also be giving thanks when you use Online Giving because it's so easy for us to process! Click on [SOV Online Giving](#) to make your donation.



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!

Joey Cuneo

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



Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion Service Starts November 29th

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. rain or shine. The plan is to continue this sacred service every Sunday, from 10:30–11:00 a.m., 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.

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.

A Prayer as I Put on My Mask Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth—let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace”—a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.



Christ,

since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled,

help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully—and full of care—to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.
May it be so.

—Rev. Richard Bott

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

When does Season Two of 2020 start? I do not like Season One.

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