

STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

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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.



December 13, 2020—3rd Sunday of Advent

An Upside-Down World

The Church has just celebrated two great Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is appropriate in this Advent time that we look to Mary's great song, the **Magnificat***, as a lens for today's readings, and to her life as the first of faithful disciples. In her canticle, Mary describes a world similar to the one for which Isaiah tells us the Spirit anoints the prophet: where the mighty arm of God scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly, where the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty. This world is upside down from the one most of us experience. But if we are to follow our call to be disciples of Jesus, as Mary did, we must be committed to believing in and proclaiming a world like this.

John, the baptizer, had the role of forerunner, the herald of the light. By him saying "make straight" the way, he actually described our own vocation given to us in our baptism of water and the Holy Spirit.

*See *Magnificat* inside this bulletin.



The Third Advent Candle—Rose The Candle of Love

The third candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, with the first two, is the Shepherd's

Candle. We are reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.

This candle is pink or rose and represents God's love and faithfulness.

Suggested Bible reading: *Isaiah 52:7* and *Luke 2:8-20*.



Sunday, December 13 Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*—

I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *Luke 1*—

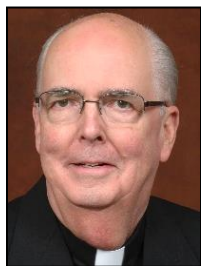
“My soul rejoices in my God.”

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*—

May you entirely, spirit, soul, and

body, be preserve blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: *John 1:6-8, 19-28*—There is one among you whom you do not recognize.



Third Sunday of Advent

The Scriptures shout out “Joy” on this Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent:

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Isaiah)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke)

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. (Paul)

Source of Joy

The Lord is near.

He claims us as his own.

His spirit is upon us.

Share the Joy

Bring glad tidings to the poor.

Heal the broken hearted.

Proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

Let the light and life of Christ shine forth in what you say and do.

JOY
JOY

A Story—Anybody Home?

The man in the shadows waited pretty much until the family got all of its belongings into the car, checked everything, had the car loaded up, and pulled away for their summer vacation. The man in the shadows waited until it was dark and then he went to the front door of the house and rang the bell. When there was no answer, this man, seasoned burglar that he was, had no trouble picking the lock and getting inside. As a precaution he called out into the darkness, “Is anybody home?” and he was stunned when he heard a voice reply, “I see you, and Jesus sees you.”

Terrified, the burglar called out, “Who’s there?” And again, the voice came back, “I see you, and Jesus sees you.” So, the burglar switched on his flashlight toward the direction of the voice and was immediately relieved to see a caged parrot who recited once more, “I see you, and Jesus sees you.” He laughed to himself and then went to the wall and threw on the light switch. Then he saw it. Beneath the parrot’s cage was a huge Doberman Pinscher. Then the parrot said, “Attack, Jesus, Attack!”

Today’s readings and story remind us that Jesus is near. So, rejoice and let his joy and his light shine on all the people around you. They will be drawn to you and through you, to the Lord.



Follow Along with Monsignor’s YouTube Mass for December 13

New each week! Attached to this email (and in the Bulletins section of our website) you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **December 13** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2020-12-13 Mass Responses.pdf** file.

Sunday’s Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend’s Mass is for the repose of the souls of **Marie and Joseph Faimali** (requested by their children: Linda, Tom, and Joe.)

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as ‘Gaudete’ Sunday, a word that in Latin means ‘rejoice’ or ‘be merry.’ On this Sunday, the liturgical color also changes from purple to pink, and in the Advent Wreath, the third candle of the same color is lit. However, for many, it may be a bit difficult to express a feeling of joy this year—in the midst of so much hardship, suffering and losses of loved ones.

But during this time of sheltering-in-place we have much to be thankful for:

We have been able to watch Msgr. Pulskamp say the **Mass** every week **on YouTube** thanks to our great video team: Jim Warman, Dennis Sabourin, Drew Hofmann, and Mike Apicella. Thank you to our organ player Maryellen Birkland for providing the beautiful music. Thank you to our Flower Committee, Dennis Ciecko, for keeping our church beautiful, with lush, shiny green plants, and now the Advent decorations behind the altar and in front of the statue of Mary, with assistance from Blanche Kaiser. Thank you to our Sacristan Jack Krause for taking care of the overall preparations of the liturgical celebrations, and thank you to our Lectors Mike Hanlon and Gail Passalacqua.

We are now able to receive **Holy Communion** each Sunday in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Thank you to the setup team: Peter Hardy, John Barrett, Bob Chapman, Bob Lane, Ted Rosshirt, and Fritz Spotleson; and all our Eucharistic Ministers.

The parish office would like to thank the parishioners for all the love and support we have received with your encouraging and kind emails, phone calls, and notes.

So, in this third week of Advent, we ask God to give us peace in our hearts and to allow us to be joyful even in the midst of challenges and difficulties. Pope Francis proposed that during Advent we invite God to be present in our lives with the prayer: **“Come, Lord Jesus.”**

How many times have we been sad or discouraged? Yet, after putting ourselves in prayer we are transformed through the Holy Spirit who fills our hearts with love, inspiration and hope, and then feel completely at peace. Let us be peaceful and joyful in the midst of trials.



Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion

The second drive-thru distribution of Holy Communion at Star of the Valley went very well.

The plan is to continue this sacred

service *each Sunday* in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. rain or shine, until we can resume indoor public Masses. Spread the word!

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.

The ministers assigned for **this Sunday** are: Mimi May, Eva McGinn, Linda Nolet, and Connie Pearson. On **December 20**: Mary Kay Riccioni, Sherry Rosevear, Ted Rosshirt, and Jan Rosshirt. Please find your own substitute to fill in for you if needed.



Advent Reflection

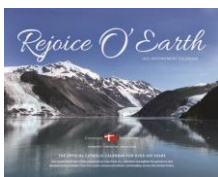
At the conclusion of the virtual Mass, please stay tuned to the SOV YouTube Channel for an Advent Reflection presented by Fr. Pat Leslie and Marcy Fox.

The presentation will appear right after the Mass's closing prayer. This weekend's reflection will be on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Prayer Intentions

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, 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: Msgr. Gerard Brady, Bud Cappa, and Mia Ruhm.



2021 Star of the Valley Catholic Calendar

The 2021 calendar is here. You can pick your copy when you drive-thru for Holy communion in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center parking lot. You

may take home more than one.



Zooming with Father Leslie

Join us this week, **Wednesday, December 16** at 11:30 a.m., to discuss this weekend's reflection, on the Third Sunday of Advent. Send your request for the Zoom meeting link and information to Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Come Lord Jesus

Come, Lord Jesus,
make our distracted hearts watchful.
Awaken within us the desire to pray
and the need to love.

"Second" Collections

All parishes take up at least one collection, the "Plate" or "First Collection," at almost all Masses to help support the parish and diocese. The exception being the Masses on Thanksgiving, Ash Wednesday, and holy days of obligation that fall on weekdays. The collection on those days either stay at our parish or help fund other worthy causes.

"Second" Collections are taken after the First, at many "in-person" Masses, which help support various national and worldwide Catholic charities chosen by the diocese, and some to support our own parish mission and ministries—Flowers (to decorate the church), our Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, and the monthly Parish Repair & Maintenance collections.

*This weekend's "Second" Collection is for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**. We appreciate your generosity.*

Retirement Fund for Religious—Gratitude

Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

The feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** is celebrated on **December 12**.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe
for the Protection from Coronavirus**

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We come to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain
the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,

wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church
to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus
to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

To see a short presentation by Fr. Barron on Our Lady of Guadalupe click on [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#).

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