

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.



February 14, 2021— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do Everything for the Glory of God

What is your true calling in life? Is it to help other people? Is it to develop the talents that God gave you? Is it to love and support your family? While all of these may be true for us, we don't often recognize that our deepest calling, or vocation, is to give glory to the God who creates, saves, and sanctifies us. In the First Letter to the Corinthians Paul exhorts us to "do everything for the glory of God." The one person who did this better than anyone else was Jesus Christ. It comes as no surprise that Paul also tells us to "be imitators of Christ." How did Jesus give glory to God? He sought not his "own benefit but that of the many, that they might be saved." Today's Gospel gives us a challenging example from Jesus' life. Jesus saves a leper from the stigma and suffering of leprosy. Afterward the leper joyfully returns to the community and tells everyone the good news about what Jesus did for him. As a result, Jesus finds that he now experiences the exclusion that the leper had once known. he can no longer "enter a town openly" and must remain "outside in deserted places."

Imitators of Christ

Most of us will probably never cure anyone from leprosy or any other disease. How, then are we to imitate the Christ who worked such wonders? We are called to give glory to God by using our own gifts with courage and generosity, as Jesus did. We are called to seek not our "own benefit but that of the many," risking our own pride, status, time, money, or pleasure for the common good. We are called to tell everyone the good news about what Christ does for us—and through us—every day.

Then everything we do will be for the glory of God.



Sunday, February 14, 2021

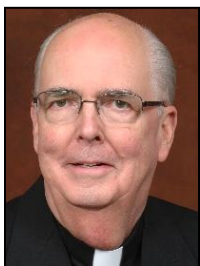
Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46—

The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

Responsorial: *Psalm 32*—I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading II: 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1—Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

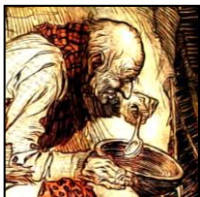
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45—The leprosy left him, and he was made clean.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this morning's Gospel we see that Jesus' ministry is all about inclusion. He felt that all people were meant to be in community, not in isolation. Everyone belonged.

Jesus was there for the leper as he was for so many other people isolated from community. He reached out and touched them. In place of isolation, he gave companionship. In place of rejection, he gave acceptance. In place of illness, he gave healing. No one was beyond the reach of his mercy and compassion.



A Story—The Old Man & His Grandson

Once upon a time there was a very old man, whose eyes had become dim, his ears dull of hearing, his knees trembled, and when he sat at the table, he could hardly hold the spoon, and he spilt the broth upon the tablecloth or let it run out of his mouth.

His son and his son's wife were disgusted at this, so the old grandfather at last had to sit in the corner behind the stove, and they gave him his food in an earthenware bowl, and not even enough of it. He used to look toward the table with his eyes full of tears. Once, too, his trembling hands could not hold the bowl, and it fell to the ground and broke. The young wife scolded him, but he said nothing and only sighed. Then they bought him a wooden bowl for a few halfpence, out of which he had to eat.

They were once sitting down for dinner when the little grandson of four years of age began to gather together some bits of wood upon the ground. "What are you doing there?" asked the father. "I am making a little trough," answered the child "for father and mother to eat out of when I am big." The man and his wife looked at each other for a while, and presently began to cry. They then took the old grandfather to the table, and henceforth always let him eat with them, and likewise said nothing if he did spill a little of anything. —Grimm's Fairy Tale

Conclusion

You and I are surrounded by people in our community much like the leper in the Gospel and the old man in the story. They are on the fringes of society, not fully included in the mainstream of life. Like Jesus, we have to reach out to them, touch their lives in some way and make them feel that they count and that they belong.

Prayer Intentions

Pray for the sick: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Fran Evans, Frank Gyorgy, Mike Hanlon, 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, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Marguerite (Maggie) Kelly and Agnes Polly Richards.

Sunday's Mass Intention

The intention for this weekend's Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Daniel Erlach** (requested by Lynette Erlach.)

The intention for the Sunday, February 21 Mass is for the repose of the soul of **Sarah Firpo** (requested by Isabel Frimmersdorf.)



Follow Along with Monsignor's YouTube Mass for February 14, 2021

Included with this bulletin you will find Mass Responses & Prayers for the **February 14** Mass. You can print them out by opening the **2021-02-14 Mass Responses.pdf** file.



Star of the Valley Outdoor Communion

The drive-thru distribution of Holy Communion at Star of the Valley is continuing this **Sunday** at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

parking lot from 10:30-11:00 a.m. rain or shine.

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.

You may hand in offertory envelopes, or receive a 2021 calendar **before you get your hands sprayed with sanitizer.**

The ministers assigned for **this Sunday** are: Ted Sullivan, Stacey Hill Thomas, Cristina Wadsworth, and Bob Zeni. The ministers assigned for **February 21** are: Sr. Joanne Abrams, Bianca Bailie, Marcy Fox, and Jennifer Willwerth. Please find your own substitute to fill in for you if needed.

Ash-less Wednesday—Lent Begins

This year, February 17 is Ash Wednesday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation. So, to help keep you, our liturgical ministers and Msgr. Pulskamp safe and healthy, there will be no distribution of ashes at Star of the Valley, inside or outside. See the story "**Supreme Court & the Mass**" on the next page.

Supreme Court & The Mass

Msgr. Pulskamp, pastor of Star of the Valley Church, received a memo from Bishop Vasa (see attached) and will be in touch with our Pastoral Council in order to reassess the opening of the church for indoor Masses, and discuss our next steps for moving in that direction. However, he, himself, thinks that we will probably not get together for Mass in our church much before June 2021.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2021

The Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), *One Family in Mission*, is COVID-style this year. You may have received the mailing at home, or the AMA donation envelope that came inside the January *North Coast Catholic*. If you didn't receive either, please let the parish office know so we can send you an AMA contribution envelope.

Our parish target is **\$28,352** this year, and we will receive 100% of what we raise over this goal to use here at Star of the Valley. If you haven't already contributed, please prayerfully consider a pledge or one-time donation to the 2021 AMA.

In order for our parish to get credited with your donation, it is important to properly and thoroughly print the information on the stub of the letter or envelope, writing "**Star of the Valley**" on the Parish line, and include that stub inside the return envelope with your check. Then simply put a stamp on the envelope to mail. Please *do not* drop them off at the Msgr. Fahey Center.

2021 ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL — ONE FAMILY IN MISSION

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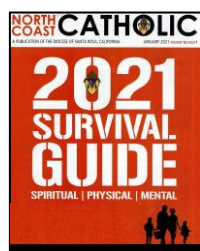
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Parish: Star of the Valley

With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese.



The New North Coast Catholic

The January issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. If you didn't receive one in the mail, you may come by the Parish Center wearing your face covering, ring the doorbell and we'll give you a copy.

FAITH BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE



A Mini Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection

Let us dream, pondering Pope Francis' writings in a leisurely, prayerful way as we begin our Lenten journey on Wednesday, **February 17**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon via Zoom. Presented by Fr. Jack Conley, CP and Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP.

Suggested Registration Fee is \$20. For details and to register, click on [Register Now](#).



Zooming with Father Leslie—Every Week During Lent

Join us every week during Lent, on **Wednesdays, February 17–March 24**, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Lenten reflections by Joan Chittister based on the Sunday Scripture readings. The first session will include readings for Ash Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

Each week there will be an opportunity to share thoughts on a couple of **Reflection Questions**. For this **Wednesday, February 17**, the questions are:

1. What "doors of [your] heart" do you need to open this Lent, to live a fuller, holier life?
2. Do you think there are "worlds" you may have "allowed to go sterile" in your life? What might they be? Maybe you have overlooked your family life, your physical health, your spiritual practice, or allowed your friendships, or your relationship with art and beauty to lapse over the years. Can you pick one to devote yourself to during this Lenten season as a way to grow into a more-full human being?

We look forward to your companionship as we journey through Lent together. If you haven't joined us previously, send your request for the Zoom meeting link to Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

Valentine Blessings from Jesus

This Valentine's Day remember that you have a special place in My heart. I love you and will always care about you. Happy Valentine's Day!



MORE FAITH BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

Virtual Lenten Preparation

Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guests, Curtis Martin, along with Craig Miller, for a special one-hour episode of The Augustine Institute Show: **Prepare Your Heart for Lent**, on Tuesday, **February 16**—Mardi Gras—at 4:00 p.m.

This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on Formed.org for free! Sign up by clicking on formed.org/lent.



From Ashes to Glory—A Virtual Lenten Retreat

Composer and author Dan Schutte is offering a new virtual retreat for the season of Lent: *From Ashes to Glory*. The program includes 18 music reflection videos to foster personal prayer and aid you on your Lenten journey. The video series will be accessible from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Registration includes a downloadable retreat workbook/journal to help participants reflect on their experience, and at the end of the retreat, you'll have the option to join a live Zoom conversation with Dan. The cost for this retreat is \$100 per person. For more information and/or to register, click on [Dan Schutte Virtual Lenten Retreat](#).



**Thoughts from Catholic Musician/
Composer/Retreat Leader—
Sarah Hart**

Exactly one year ago today, I was visiting my parents in Ohio. I have not seen them in person since.

What a long year it has been; a year in which, though it seems counter-intuitive, love has meant “I’m not going to visit you”— “No, I can’t give you a hug”— “I’ll cover my face and stay six feet away from you.” Who would have thought one year ago that these would be the ways we would all be saying “I love you”?!

Love has also been extra painful this year, as so many have lost someone dear to them, someone cherished. Love has been made manifest in our health care workers, grocery and food delivery people,

teachers, front-line folks. We have all been on the receiving end of these gifts.

For me personally, my own halt on travel has meant not hugging strangers (as I am wont to do,) not singing in person, not seeing people I so care about and hold dear. And yet, the year was made incredibly sweet by having true, deep, quality time with my family, growing a community of friends virtually, studying and writing and recording and growing.

God has reminded me this year more than ever that we are loved (for who we are, not what we do!), and has shown me new ways of expressing love to others. As we celebrate Valentine’s day, let us be reminded that love is a gift, and be grateful that this year has given us a measure of seeing love in new and different ways.

Peace, Sarah

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