

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.

Pastoral Staff

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Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5939*
*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 **8:00 a.m.**
Oakmont Gardens: Wednesday **10:30 a.m.**
Sunday Masses:
Saturday **4:00 p.m. Vigil**, Sunday **10:00 a.m.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday until 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday **from 3:00–3:30 p.m.** and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

For appointment, email or leave a message in the office.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange a visit by a Priest
when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized
to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.
Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound suspended.



July 3/4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What Thorn?

Paul's "thorn in the flesh" in today's second reading is one of mystery—but the point is—Paul comes to know and live the paradox of the cross of Christ: it is in our weakness that God's greatest strength can be made manifest. When we are strong, we imagine the strength is ours; when we are weakest, we know that any strength or power we might have comes from God alone.

The Thorn of Self-Doubt

The neighbors and family of Jesus in Mark's Gospel passage today think that Jesus has a thorn: his dubious credentials to be a teacher in the synagogue or a worker of mighty deeds. Some of us might think that we have this "thorn" of insufficient qualifications to be witnesses for God's plan of salvation in Christ. Sometimes we use this imaginary "thorn" of ours to excuse ourselves from the challenging work of living "thy kingdom come" or to lead ourselves into a false humility about our inadequacy as disciples.

We can learn a lesson from Jesus and Paul today. Each of us, in spite of physical or personal shortcomings or limitations (real or imagined), is called and chosen to be a messenger of the saving grace of God, each in our own way. Whether we are spouse, parent, child, student, worker, employer—whatever role we have in life, God can work in us and through us to be signs of grace for others. When we find ourselves afflicted with the thorn of self-doubt, let us use that weakness to find our strength in God, and through our faith in Christ, continue to proclaim the Good News of salvation.



Sunday, July 4, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Ezekiel 2:2-5*—They are a rebellious house but shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Responsorial: *Psalms 123*—Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,

pleading for his mercy.

Reading II: *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*—I will boast in my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel: *Mark 6:1-6*—A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.

Your Repair & Maintenance Dollars at Work

Have you noticed something different at Star of the Valley, at the church or around the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center? Yes, some major landscape clean-up has been done to help make our parish and neighborhoods more firesafe.

Thanks to some of our parishioners who initiated and spearheaded the project, we are following the Oakmont Village Association's Firewise Landscape Policy. We are committed to taking actions to adapt to living with wildfire dangers, and to prevent losses.

Susan Miller, a new parishioner who is an Oakmont Firewise Assessor, lent her expertise and consulted with Monsignor Pulskamp, Dennis Sabourin, Chris Bradley, and Jorge Fernandez of Fernandez Landscape Maintenance, Inc., who surveyed our properties.

To reduce the threat of wildfire to lives and property Fernandez Landscape Maintenance, Inc. was hired to create defensible space around Monsignor's home, the Parish Center, and the church.



Thank you for donating to our Parish Repairs & Maintenance collections, which funded this expense, and for helping keep all of us as safe as possible.

For information about making your home more firesafe, visit <https://oakmontvillage.com/firesafety/>.

I'm So Old

I'm so old that I've actually dialed a rotary phone before, while listening to an 8-track, next to a black and white TV with aluminum foil on top of its rabbit ear antennas!

Thank You for Volunteering!

Star of the Valley Parish is full of generous and talented parishioners who like to share their gifts and skills, and be involved in our community of faith by lending a helping hand and serving in many different ways.

Does this describe you? All it takes is a simple phone call to offer your time, or get more information.

To help our parish, please consider the following areas that have urgent needs of assistance:

- **Usher Ministry**, call the parish office during the week at 707-539-6262
- **Mass Greeters Ministry**, call the parish office
- **Eucharistic Ministers**, call Jack Krause at 707-538-8308
- **Lector Ministry**, call Mike Hanlon at 707-537-1566
- **Flower & Church Decorating Ministry**, call Ruth Fulger at 707-539-9185
- **Parish Repair & Maintenance Ministry**, call the parish office during the week at 707-539-6262
- **Men's Club Ministry**, call Mike Apicella at 319-321-9836
- **Neighbor-to-Neighbor Christmas Program**, call the parish office during the week at 707-539-6262

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished."
(Mark 6:2)

To be astonished is to be greatly surprised or impressed. In this gospel reading, the people from Jesus' hometown who hear him speak are described as being astonished. But their astonishment is rooted in skepticism and doubt. We learn that because of their closed minds, Jesus is not able to perform the number of miracles that he usually does.

Our faith calls us to be astonished, but in a positive way. When our minds and hearts are open to God's grace in our lives, we can do amazing things. It can be difficult to lay down our doubt and skepticism with the challenges of today's world, but this is what God asks of us. When we do, we can be astonished at what God can accomplish through us.

This week, let us pray for a faith that keeps us astonished in a positive way. It can be easy to harden our hearts to the challenges we face in this world, but God can do wonderful things through us. May all of us work to bring others to this place of positive astonishment.

—Jim Messa

This Weekend – July 3–4

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Micki Sabourin

Marcy Fox

(Eucharistic Ministers are to wear a face covering during the distribution of Communion.)

Lector:

Gail Passalacqua

Bob Zeni

Server:

Dennis Sabourin

Jim Warman

Greeters:

TBD

TBD

Ushers:

TBD

TBD

Next Weekend – July 10–11

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Blanche Kaiser

Kar Hofmann

Len Marabella

Martin Kilgariff

Mary Kay Riccioni

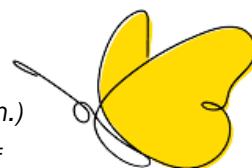
Drew Hofmann

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If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Server, Usher, or Greeter, please call the Office at 539-6262.

MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 3–11

Sat	3	4:00	†Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sun	4	10:00	†Albert Firpo (Isabel Frimmersdorf)
Mon	5		No Mass
Tue	6	8:00	†Nina Jo Luceti (Jack Luceti)
Wed	7	8:00	†Sigrid Pregent (Jennifer Martinez)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens Intention of Dorothy Beardsley (Barbara Zednik)
Thur	8	8:00	†Mary Lima (Livie Brant)
Fri	9	8:00	For the People of the Parish
Sat	10	4:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	11	10:00	†R. J. Brant (Livie Brant)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, John Dolan, Fran Evans, Don and Donna Forst, Frank Gyorgy, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Bette Johnson, Trula La Calle, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Leo McKenna, Jacqua Miller, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Gail Passalacqua, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Janet Pyne, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Frances Waska, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Cabo.

Mass Intention Scheduling

Masses may now be scheduled for your intentions for dates beginning and following July 25, 2021.

Office Closed July 5

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **July 5**, to celebrate Independence Day.

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Black & Indian Missions**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.

Black & Indian Missions Collection—July 3 & 4

Pope Francis continues to call us to an ever-stronger solidarity with the poor. He repeatedly reminds us of our responsibility to go out to the 'margins' and to assist those in need.

The annual Black and Indian Missions Collection has, for more than 100 years, helped provide the financial resources necessary for Dioceses to provide priestly and religious services to Native Americans, African Americans, Eskimo and Aleut communities. We ask for your continued support by contributing to this collection this weekend so that the Catholic mission among these groups might continue.

Through your assistance, churches and schools in these communities are able to receive grants to help sustain and build their Catholic communities and share the joy of knowing Christ. Your support helps assure that the Good News of Jesus Christ is spread throughout these communities and helps them respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

You can learn more about this collection at www.blackandindianmission.org.



Reopening News Changes

The **final Drive-by Communion Service** was last **Sunday, June 27**.

The final Sunday Mass recorded at Star of the Valley was posted to YouTube for **June 27, 2021**.

Our Saturday Mass remains at 4:00 p.m., but there will be **only one Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.** for the time being. Whether or not and when we return to our former, two Mass schedule is yet to be determined.

As restrictions are being lifted, we look forward to seeing you again.

It is recommended that we continue to adhere to social distancing and the wearing of face coverings when in church and other indoor gatherings. We will not require that people wear a face covering or be fully vaccinated against COVID, and will not presume that a person wearing a mask is unvaccinated, nor presume that a person not wearing a mask is vaccinated. Please stay home if you are ill or experiencing any respiratory symptoms.



Missals In the Divine Mercy Alcove

Because of the events of the last 15 months, we have ordered a limited supply of missals. There are not enough missals to place 3 in each pocket of the pews. Instead of placing them randomly in the pews, and to insure everyone gets one, we have placed them in the back of the church, in the Divine Mercy Alcove, for you to pick up. Please pick one up before Mass, and return it to the alcove after Mass so that it is available for the next person.

When you get to your wits end, you'll find God lives there.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

May God protect our beautiful, spacious skies, amber fields and hillsides, mountain majesties and vineyards from careless use of fireworks.

Any and all fireworks are illegal in Santa Rosa. Please dial 911 if you see anyone using fireworks in Santa Rosa, to help keep you, your family, neighborhood and community safe. Have a safe and sane 4th of July.





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