

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

Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, Pastor
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
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 10/11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Looking Ahead To Listen Today

Amos left his vocation as a shepherd of sheep and dresser of sycamore trees to become a shepherd of the flock of Israel and a re-dresser of the wrongs committed by those whose status as priest or prophet of Israel had led them astray from their own vocation.

Jesus sent them out two by two.

Looking Back To Look Ahead

It is important to connect this week's Gospel with last week's. Jesus had just encountered a severe lack of faith in his family and neighbors, who took offense at him. So severe was their reaction to him that he couldn't work much in the way of healing or other mighty deeds. Yet immediately upon the heels of that incident, he summons the Twelve and sends them out ("apostle" means "one who is sent"). Jesus remains stalwart in the pursuit of the vocation he was given by God: to recover the lost sheep of the house of Israel. We have to admire the Twelve, who like Amos have left their own livelihoods as they are sent out on a rather intimidating new mission. Our admiration ought to increase when we realize that this takes place immediately after the rather humiliating scene Jesus had just endured. But having witnessed Jesus face rejection and still persevere in his vocation, they must have been made bold as he told them of the rejection they would face when he sent them out. Christ, through the Spirit and the waters of baptism, still sends us out on mission. This is our first calling. Let us, strengthened by the prophetic witness of Christ and the Twelve, be faithful to that calling.



Sunday, July 11, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Amos 7:12-15*—Go, prophesy to my people.

Responsorial: *Psalms 85*—Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading II: *Ephesians 1:3-14*—God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world.

Gospel: *Mark 6:7-13*—He began to send them out.

Altar Linens Ministry

Thanks to Carole Kilgariff who headed up the Altar Linens team before the pandemic hit, and for the past service everyone on the team did, working “behind the scenes.”

We also want to recognize Jack Krause for making sure the linens were laundered throughout the shutdown when Mass was being recorded, and Agnes Orser for taking care of the altar linens during our initial reopening phase. Their unseen service is valuable and we really appreciate it, as well as those who serve in all other capacities for our liturgies!

Mass Greeters Ministry

Thank you to Donna Forst (and Cricket) for being our new Chairperson for the Mass Greeters. Letters have been mailed and emailed to some SOV Greeters this week. If you weren't a Greeter before the pandemic and would like to be one now, please call Donna at 707-978-2511 or 707-775-9241. Donna has done a great job of getting the Mass Greeters Ministry started again, after being closed down for so long during the shutdown, and says it's a great way to meet new people.



Your Repair & Maintenance Dollars at Work

Have you noticed something missing 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.

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.

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. As we get back “in action,” there are openings to be filled.

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
- **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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.” (Mark 6:7)

After some time following Jesus, witnessing his miracles, and hearing his teachings, Jesus appoints the Twelve from his disciples. He commissions them to take what they have received from him and bring it out into the greater world. He sends them out two by two, and gives them directions to follow.

It is striking that he sends them out two by two. In this way, they are a support for one another. We, too, have support on our faith journey. Our different faith communities lift us up as we follow the path of discipleship. Let us consider how our faith community strengthens us. Our parishes give us abundant support through ministries and programs. And let us also consider how we strengthen it. How can we better use the gifts that God has given to us to be more supportive of others on their faith journey?

In our baptismal call, God sends us out to witness to our faith to others. Let us grow in this mission, mindful of how we are supported by others and how we are in turn called to support others on their way. —Jim Messa

	This Weekend – July 10–11		Next Weekend – July 17–18	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers:	Blanche Kaiser	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Don Shelhart	Linda Nolet
	<i>(Eucharistic Ministers are to wear a face covering during the distribution of Communion.)</i>			
Lector:	Len Marabella	Martin Kilgariff	Judy Rodgers	Rosemary Haver
Server:	Mary Kay Riccioni	Jennifer Martinez	Beverly Shelhart	Mike Hanlon
Greeters:	Jackie Kenilvort	Donna Forst & Cricket	Jackie Kenilvort	Donna Forst & Cricket
	Evelyn Zigmont	Joyce O'Connor	Evelyn Zigmont	Paula Scull
Ushers:	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 10–18

Sat 10	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun 11	10:00	† R. J. Brant (Livie Brant)
Mon 12		No Mass
Tue 13	8:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed 14	8:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
	10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thur 15	8:00	† Betty Calvi (Maria McCarthy)
Fri 16	8:00	† Daniel J. Erlach (Lynette Erlach)
Sat 17	4:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sun 18	10:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, John Dolan, Fran Evans, 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, Karen O'Malley, Gail Passalacqua, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Janet Pyne, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Kara Sewale, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Frances Waska, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Bob Thorsen.

Mass Intention Scheduling

Masses may now be scheduled for your intentions for dates beginning and following July 27, 2021.

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

Collection for Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** collection sponsors two rooms at Catholic Charities' Caritas House, hosts our annual Christmas Basket Program, and stocks Nick's Pantry in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. During the pandemic we hosted a drive-through Christmas Giveaway. The "Pandemic Version" of our usual Christmas Basket Program was very successful thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who organized, planned, set up, stood out in the cold, and made special deliveries. 91 families were invited and those able to attend were given a special Safeway Gift Card, with a higher monetary value than usual, since we couldn't invite them inside or give them food or gifts last year. 58 children at the Catholic Charities Family Support Shelter also received Target gift cards. Nick's Pantry was also open during the pandemic to serve some very grateful guests.

Donate Your Car, Boat, or Golf Cart

Since we are a non-profit organization, you may receive an IRS tax deduction if you donate your old car, boat, or golf cart to our parish. All proceeds go directly to our parish. All the paperwork is handled and the vehicle will be smogged for you. Call Phil Marvier at 539-7055.



We Are Open!

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 16 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.



Become A Member of Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join our Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley. Members of

Heritage Friends are a part of Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in Heritage Friends is straight forward. You merely submit the form that is available in the Parish Center indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift, without including any amount.

It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley.

Quiet Reflection

- Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.
- Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.
- The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway.

Laughter is the best medicine, or wine, it might be wine.

Great Truths That Little Children Have Learned:

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back—they always catch the second person.
- Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

Great Truths about Growing Old:

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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