

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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Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
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*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

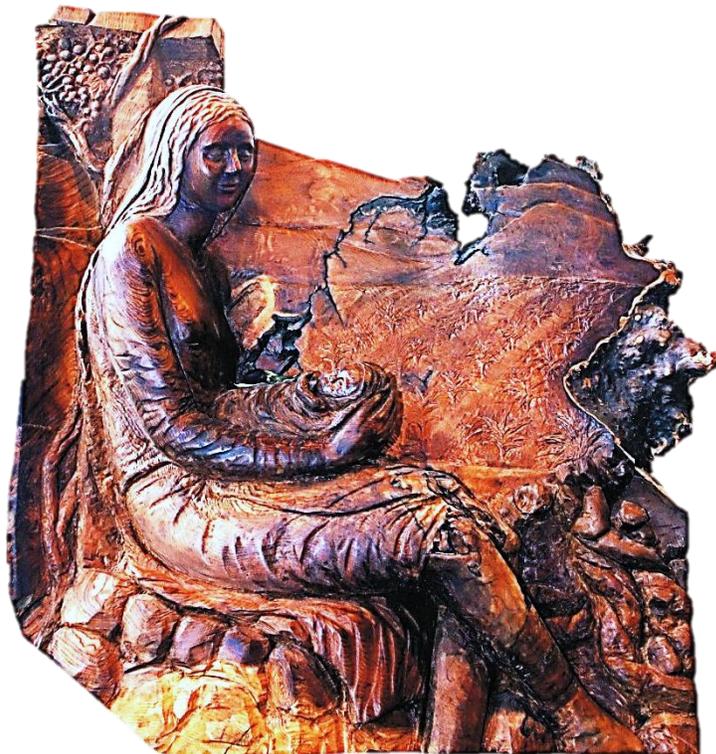
Saturday **from 3:00-3:30 p.m.** and by appointment

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 17/18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We are called:
to be God's voice,
God's presence,
and God's caring
and guiding hand
in the world. ☩**

Not Me!

No matter what we might think our role or place is within the fold, each of us has some responsibility to be a shepherd in daily living. In the smallest acts of justice, charity, or compassion we are living out the call of our covenant with the Lord: to be God's voice, God's presence, God's caring and guiding hand in the world.

Yes, You!

The apostle Paul tells us that in Christ we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. With this tremendous and wonderful gift comes the responsibility to make it a gift again for the life of the world. As Christ made peace through the blood of his cross, as he reconciled earth with heaven, we are called to continue that peace-making, reconciling work day by day. Each week we gather with Jesus Christ as the apostles do in today's Gospel. We pray in the Eucharistic Prayer: "May this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of the world." Each of us, baptized into the one Body of Christ, saved by the blood of his cross that we share in one cup, are chosen and called for the mission of shepherding in his name. If we take but a moment to look around, we can easily see that there are many places where people are like sheep without a shepherd. Are our hearts, filled with the presence of the Good Shepherd, moved with pity for them? More important, are our lives moved to action?



Sunday, July 18, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*—I will gather the remnant of my flock and appoint shepherds for them.

Responsorial: *Psalms 23*—

The Lord is my shepherd; there is

nothing I shall want.

Reading II: *Ephesians 2:13-18*—You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

Gospel: *Mark 6:30-34*—They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:34)

In this passage from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus starts by calling his apostles to a deserted place to rest. But when they reach their destination, they see a vast crowd who followed them to this place. Jesus has a change of plans. His heart is moved with pity, and he begins to teach them many things.

It is powerful when we hear about Jesus’ heart being moved. This very real human feeling is something that we have all experienced. Whether it be a joyful occasion or an encounter with suffering, our heart being moved may be a sign of God’s direction. Indeed, in the gospel it prompts Jesus to action. How are we prompted to respond when our hearts are moved?

This week, let us focus more intently on what moves our heart. May God help us to listen more closely to it, and may we use it to help us to practice stewardship.

—Jim Messa



Thank You Frances!

Frances Waska has been Star of the Valley Parish’s librarian, keeping our library neat and tidy by replacing borrowed books and incorporating donations into our collection. She also helped serve our Nick’s Pantry guests when they came for food, but has now retired from these valuable positions

and we will miss her. We appreciate you, Frances, and all you contribute to our parish.

Sunday, 25 July 2021

Designated by Pope Francis As

The First World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

- Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. —*Welsh Proverb*
- What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance: unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies. —*Rudolph Giuliani*
- The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is that they have a common enemy. —*Sam Levenson*
- One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. —*Joy Hargrove*
- A grandparent is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television. —*Author Unknown*
- Grandmother-grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. —*Author Unknown*
- If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I’d have had them first. —*Lois Wyse*
- Grandparents are there to help the child get into mischief they haven’t thought of yet. —*Gene Perret*
- Grandchildren don’t make a man feel old; it’s the knowledge that he’s married to a grandmother. —*G. Norman Collie*
- The best place to be when you’re sad is Grandpa’s lap. —*Author Unknown*
- An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. —*Gene Perret*
- If nothing is going well, call your grandmother. —*Italian Proverb*
- Grandchildren are God’s way of compensating us for growing old. —*Mary H. Waldrip*
- On the seventh day God rested. His grandchildren must have been out of town. —*Gene Perret*
- No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet. —*Author Unknown*
- To a small child, the perfect granddad is unafraid of big dogs and fierce storms but absolutely terrified of the word “boo.” —*Rober Brault*
- I don’t intentionally spoil my grandkids. It’s just that correcting them often takes more energy than I have left. —*Gene Perret*

	This Weekend – July 17–18		Next Weekend – July 24–25	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers:	Don Shelhart	Linda Nolet	Jan Rosshirt	Kar Hofmann
	<i>(Eucharistic Ministers are to wear a face covering during distribution of Communion.)</i>			
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Rosemary Haver	Ted Rosshirt	Bianca Bailie
Server:	Beverly Shelhart	Mike Hanlon	Jack Krause	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Jackie Kenilvort	Donna Forst & Cricket	Justine Haugen	Elizabeth McKee
	Evelyn Zigmont	Paula Scull		Paula Scull
Ushers:	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



To serve as an Usher, please contact the office during the week, and let us know which Mass you prefer. Thanks!

MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 17–25

Sat 17	4:00	†Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sun 18	10:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Mon 19		No Mass
Tue 20	8:00	†Don D'Ambrogia (Diane D'Ambrogia)
Wed 21	8:00	†Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
	10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thur 22	8:00	†Prince & Scout (Jack Krause)
Fri 23	8:00	†Bob McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sat 24	4:00	††Bernice & Charles Chappelle (Frances Waska)
Sun 25	10:00	†Andy Andrew (Joan Andrew)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, John Dolan, Fran Evans, 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: Irene Aubert, Patrick Gunning, and Bob Thorsen.

Mass Intention Scheduling

Masses may now be scheduled for your intentions. You may call or come into the office during the week, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

Collection for Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** program sponsors two rooms at Catholic Charities' Caritas House, being built in Santa Rosa, 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 open during the pandemic to serve some very grateful guests.

Christmas Basket Program Help Needed

Please contact the office for more information about helping to ensure our annual Christmas program for those in need continues.

Welcome Back!

It's great to see more and more of you returning to celebrate Mass in our beautiful church. So many attended last weekend that we ran out of bulletins. The office staff thinks that's a good problem to have!

Our bulletin is available on our website at any time, and can be obtained by visiting the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center during the week.

Besides weekend Masses, we hope to also see you at Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

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

It is recommended that we continue to adhere to social distancing and the wearing of face coverings when in church. 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

We currently have a limited supply of missals which is why we have a new procedure to use them. They are available in the back of the church, on the counter in the Divine Mercy Alcove, for you to pick up. If you pick one up before Mass, please return it to the alcove after Mass.

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you'd like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please let us know by either, signing our Newcomers Register in the back of church, or completing this form and returning it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- New Parishioner
- New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- I have a question. Please contact me.

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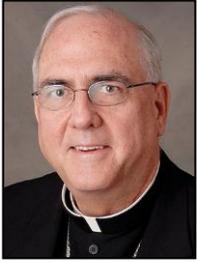
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NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



The Holy Eucharist & the Culture of Life

What does our reception of Holy Communion mean for the Catholic faith we profess and how should it inform our witness to the Faith in public? How should bishops and priests minister to prominent Catholic politicians who publicly promote legislation opposed to the culture of life? Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, will address these matters on Wednesday, **July 21st** at Kolbe-Trinity Catholic School, 2055 Redwood Road in Napa at 7:30 p.m. at an outdoor setting. No charge. Donations gratefully accepted.

Grandparents—In the Words of Children

- When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.
- They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and why we shouldn't walk on cracks.
- They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'
- They don't say 'Hurry up.'
- When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.
- My grandparents really, really spoil us—but they get cranky when we don't go to sleep.
- A grandmother we know makes a point of having a special outing with a different grandchild at regular intervals. Each outing is planned according to the special interests of just that child so that he or she is made to feel really loved and special. It strengthens the sense of self-worth of each child.

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