

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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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 24/25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The hand of the Lord feeds us. ✠

Coming Attractions

Today's Gospel account of the feeding of the multitude is the introduction to what is known as the "Bread of Life" discourse. Like the people of Israel and Moses, Jesus passes through the waters and then ascends a mountain. The ascent of the mountain is particularly important. It is the trumpet blast announcing that something tremendous is about to happen; something central and crucial to the ministry of Jesus is about to be handed on. And so it is that the crowds come to him today looking for physical healing and for the nourishment of their spirits and bodies.

Bread of Earth & Heaven

Jesus knew that there is not much point in speaking to people about the Bread of Heaven when their stomachs are grumbling for the bread of earth. For Jesus there was none of the Greeks' separation of the human person into body and spirit, each entity with its different needs. He knew people were created in love, flesh and soul, by his Father in heaven. Once again, the ministry of Jesus signals for us the intimate connection of the church's ministry to people as both embodied and spiritual beings. Feeding the multitude is a pragmatic way to help his listeners focus on the teaching of his presence as the new manna sent from heaven. And for us today, that manna, the Bread of Life, becomes our strength and sustenance, so we are fortified to go forth in the name of Christ, to be nourishment for the bodies and spirits of all those we encounter each day.



Sunday, July 25, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44—They shall eat and there will be some left over.

Responsorial: Psalm 145—

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6—One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-15—He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." (John 6:11)

While the story of the feeding of the five thousand is familiar to us, it never ceases to amaze. Jesus sees the large crowd and immediately talks to the disciples about what it would take to feed them. It seems like an insurmountable challenge, but Jesus persists. There is just one boy who has five loaves and two fish, but Jesus tells the people to recline and prepare to eat. Jesus transforms the boy's humble offering to an abundance of food. So much so, that people are satisfied and there are leftovers.

One truth of this gospel passage is that God is abundantly generous to us. While we might feel like our gifts are not enough to satisfy the needs of others, we are called to have faith in God that He can lift them up to abundance. It is good to take inventory of the gifts that we have been given. How can we use what we have to meet the physical and spiritual hungers of others?

As we discern this, let us be mindful that God is with us. God has given us an example to follow in his Son, Jesus. May we work to more closely understand his way and exemplify it with our actions.

—Jim Messa

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Friday, July 30, 11:00 a.m., for new parishioner Patrick Gunning.

August Pray for Priests

The August calendar of Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in the back of the church. Please pray for them as well as for new vocations.



Thank You Sister Joanne Abrams & Welcome Babara Gasparini!

Star of the Valley Parish has been blessed with **Sister Joanne's** leadership as the "Head Counter" of our Mass Collections Counting Team ever since Patty Frankus retired from that position in October 2016. As her duties have increased for the Ursuline Sisters, she is stepping down from her role on the counting team. Thank you, Sister Joanne, for your generous gift of time and talent.

Now we are happy to have **Barbara Gasparini** filling the "Head Counter" position. Barbara retired from being the Principal of St. Eugene's School, is a member of our Finance Council, and has graciously accepted this new role on our counting team. Thank you, Barbara!



Thank You Jackie

Jackie Kenilvort has volunteered to be Star of the Valley's new librarian, keeping our library neat and tidy by replacing borrowed books and incorporating donations into our collection. Now that the Parish Center is open again, be sure to come by and check out our library—and a book.

Christmas Basket Program Organizer Needed

Thank you to **Sister Joanne Abrams** and **Barbara Spotleson** for their work over the past five years in organizing our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Christmas Basket Giveaway.



Pete Hardy, continues to handle the food ordering and bagging (also a big part of our Christmas Giveaway,) but in order to continue this worthwhile and fun program, we need a new organizer or two (Chief Elf/Elves.) Please consider this service position, and contact the office for more information about helping to ensure

our annual Christmas program for those in need continues.

	This Weekend – July 24–25		Next Weekend – July 31–Aug 1	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jan Rosshirt	Kar Hofmann	Connie Pearson	Barbara Spotleson
	<i>(Eucharistic Ministers are to wear a face covering during distribution of Communion.)</i>			
Lector:	Ted Rosshirt	Bianca Bailie	Ted Sullivan	Mimi May
Server:	Jack Krause	Drew Hofmann	Micki Sabourin	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Justine Haugen	Elizabeth McKee	Justine Haugen	Marietta Mancuso
	Evelyn Zigmont	Paula Scull	Jackie Kenilvort	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 24—AUGUST 1

Sat 24	4:00	††Bernice & Charles Chappelle (Frances Waska)
Sun 25	10:00	†Andy Andrew (Joan Andrew)
Mon 26		No Mass
Tue 27	8:00	For Grandparents & the Elderly
Wed 28	8:00	
	10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thur 29	8:00	†George Floyd (Jack Krause)
Fri 30	8:00	
Sat 31	4:00	
Sun 1	10:00	†Grace Bennett Simpson (Rick Ragan)

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 and Patrick Gunning.

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.



Donut Sunday—August 1

Thanks to Green Acres Manor, we will have Donut Sunday on **August 1**, at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Come by before or after Mass, to enjoy some juice, coffee, donuts, and conversation

with friends, and check out the library while you're there.

Welcome back!
Stay and celebrate with us
after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 7
Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
Sponsored by the Men's Club

Welcome Back
WINE & CHEESE



Sunday, July 25th, 2021

Designated by Pope Francis As The First World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated this Sunday, July 25th.

You can hear the Holy Father, Pope Francis in his video message, the text of which is included in today's bulletin, by clicking on, or typing into your browser window the following link:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event_dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/mes-saggio-giornata-nonni.html. Or, you can go to our website: www.starofthevalley.org, select this weekend's bulletin, and click on the hot link shown above.

We hope this joyous message reaches every grandparent and elderly person, even the most isolated.

Each grandparent is unique and irreplaceable. As society changes, the role of a grandparent changes. But some things about grandparents are constant. Let's take some time to reflect on...

The Gift of Grandparents

Grandparents provide memories

Memories help us to understand who we are. For most families, grandparents are the 'Central Bank of Memories.' Grandchildren never tire of hearing stories about their own parents when they were children. *"My brother died young, leaving a large family. When we come together at family gatherings the hunger for memories of their father is obvious."*

Grandparents see the inner beauty of the grandchild

To a grandparent, each grandchild is a wonderful mystery. Other people may look and see a pimply little child, but the grandparent sees someone unique, special and loveable.

Grandparents benefit too. It's a two-way street!

To young children, their grandparents are simply beautiful and they tell them so; they don't seem to notice the wrinkles and sagging skin. As one grandfather said, "They even laugh at my jokes!" So both generations are helped to see themselves as God sees us—loveable, good and made in his image.

Grandparenting can also involve deep suffering and heavy sacrifices

The deepest hurts can come when we love most deeply. Grandparenting can involve hurtful separation, unfulfilled dreams. The inability to pass on the values we hold dearest can be a source of deep distress and a sense of helplessness when it seems that all one can do is to stand, like Mary and John at the foot of the Cross.

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Grandparents help wellbeing

British research from Oxford University showed that grandparents who are involved in the upbringing of their grandchildren contribute to the child's wellbeing.

Professor Ann Buchanan said: "Grandparents who got stuck in and did things with their grandchildren had this positive impact on their grandchildren."

"The educational task of grandparents is always very important, and it becomes even more so when, for different reasons, the parents are not able to ensure an adequate presence to their children. May the Virgin Mary, who, ..., learned to read sacred Scriptures at the knee of her mother, Anne, help grandparents to always nourish their faith and hope at the font of the Word of God." (Pope Benedict XVI on the Feast Day of Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus).

Grandchildren provide grandparents with a sense of meaning to life

As their health fails and not all their hopes are fulfilled, grandchildren remain as the living expression of their relationship. They give a sense that their life together had and has a purpose, and that it was and is worthwhile.

"I will never forget this cosmic shift as I watched our first-born walk from the birthing room with his first born in his arms. What a blessing it is to live this long."

Grandparents are 'significant other adults' in the lives of grandchildren

Their support starts at the most elementary level of presence—babysitting, shopping, helping with homework, and chauffeuring to sporting activities. Many grandparents are engaged in caring for grandchildren for an average of about 12 hours per week—a high percentage considering the common limitations of geographical distance or poor health.

Grandparents are strong witnesses to the faith

Nowhere is their presence more important than in passing on the faith. This is most obvious at special faith events such as First Communion. More often, this witness is expressed through small family rituals such as grace before meals, the reading of bible stories, celebrating patron saint feast days and offering to pray for their special concerns.

There are many resources, including websites, that offer ideas for family rituals and many of these are ideally suited to grandparents.

Grandparents often have the gift of time

They are usually not as rushed as modern young parents. Many grandparents have the gift of time—to listen, to affirm, and to explore the world together.

Now go out and enjoy your grandchildren!

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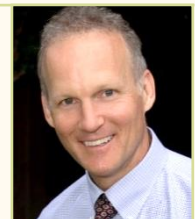
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