

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.



September 4/5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Opened

The miracle that Jesus performs in today's Gospel is intimately linked with the proclamation of the first reading from Isaiah. The prophetic signs of God's coming to save the people include the rejoicing of all of nature: its dry places become gardens and its deserts pools of water. Those who are deaf will hear and the mute will sing God's praises. For Isaiah these are messianic signs, signs that God has come among us.

Jesus heals the deaf man and enables him to hear and speak. This is not just an individual healing, but a prophetic sign that God has come to save us. He comes not only to heal physical ailments, but to open the ears of those who cannot or will not hear the saving word of God. He comes to open our eyes to the saving action of God and to open our lips to proclaim praise.

Here is Your God

Nature itself will proclaim the saving power of God, and the poor are the first to hear and rejoice in God's saving work. Those who are powerless against nature, disease, tyranny, and injustice are the ones who most welcome Jesus' ministry. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?" Fear can move us to seek power and to oppress others. The first step in overcoming our fear is to recognize our weakness and our poverty before God. Instead of embracing power and oppression, we can welcome the saving work of God in our lives and in our world. Our ears will hear the good news of the gospel of peace, and our tongues will proclaim the saving power of God.



Sunday, September 4/5, 2021 Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 35:4-7a*—The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

Responsorial: *Psalms 146*—Praise the

Lord, my soul!

Reading II: *James 2:1-5*—Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*—He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Sunday, September 4/5, 2021

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mark 7:37)

In today's Gospel, the onlookers are amazed that Jesus has healed a deaf and mute man. But they are also likely amazed by the fact that Jesus, a renowned rabbi, generously extends himself to the poor, vulnerable, and forgotten. Through his example we are reminded of this simple truth—every person is worthy of our attention, love, and generosity. There is not a single person who is "below" us. Because we are called to emulate the life of Christ, we too must extend ourselves to those whose needs are greater than our own. May God free our tongues to courageously speak on behalf of vulnerable members of our society and may he open our ears to hear the cries of the poor. As we work to make the Kingdom of God present on earth, may onlookers see Christ in us and proclaim that we too have done all things well.

Happy 106th Birthday to Al Maggini

Al Maggini will be celebrating his 106th birthday on **September 5th, 2021**. Congratulations Al!



Building & Grounds Overseer Needed

If the hat fits—the job is yours. Would you like to serve Star of the Valley Parish by sharing your experience gained from being a

business or homeowner? Do you or others consider you as having handyman or handy-ma'am talents? We need someone or a team, men and/or women, who will be available to help with coordinating and implementing repairs, maintenance, and new installations for the parish's buildings, grounds, and landscaping.

Please call the parish office during the week to volunteer, and for more information.



Message From Father Pat

My sincerest thanks for the celebration last Saturday. I deeply appreciate your loving support, your presence at the Mass and reception, and the many cards, notes, and gifts. I will treasure my time here forever. Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep praying for all of you. —Pat



Father Pat's Last Mass at Star of the Valley Church

Labor Day Holiday—September 6—Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 6.

No Events in October

Due to the increase in COVID-19 infections and deaths in Sonoma County, the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center will not be available for funeral receptions or other events throughout October. The possibility of having events in November will be evaluated in October.

September 2021—Prayers for Priests Calendar

A September Prayers for Priests calendar is included with this bulletin. Be sure to pray for our pastor on Monday, September 13, and every day.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Ushers at 4:00 Saturday Masses

Thank you to those men and women who signed up to be ushers last week. We still have openings in this important ministry. Please talk to Mike Apicella if you are interested.



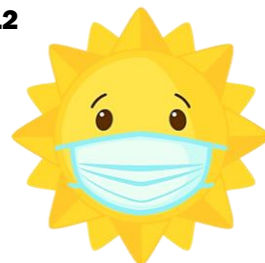
Church Decorators Needed

Please join our team of parishioners who take turns putting flowers in the church. Many silk arrangements are available to use, or fresh flowers may be bought with the parish's flower funds. Please call the parish office to volunteer.



	This Weekend – September 4–5	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	Jackie Kenilvort
Lector:	Karen Schraga	Mimi May
Server:	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Justine Haugen Jackie Kenilvort	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings

	Next Weekend – September 11–12	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Connie Montague	Kar Hofmann
	Ted Sullivan	Elizabeth McKee
	Mary Kay Riccioni	Jennifer Martinez
	Justine Haugen Jackie Kenilvort	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings



MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 4–12

Sat	4	4:00	† Bob Personette (Fred Cunha)
Sun	5	10:00	† Richard Muzio, Jr. (Richard Muzio)
Mon	6		No Mass
Tue	7	8:00	†† Mary & Richard (Hilary)
Wed	8	8:00	Intention of Janet Pyne (Frances Waska)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	9	8:00	† Catherine McBride (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Fri	10	8:00	† Bob Marotto (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Sat	11	4:00	† Victims of 9/11 20th Anniversary
Sun	12	10:00	Intention of Tracy Hinman (Maryellen Birkland)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Gloria Cerutti, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Fran Evans, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Bette Johnson, Trula La Calle, Maureen Latipmer, Charles Marchese, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Leo McKenna, Jacqua Miller, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Mimi O'Connor, Karen O'Malley, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Janet Pyne, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Jim Warman, Frances Waska, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Catherine McBride.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, September 11, 11:00 a.m.: Bob Marotto

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Diocesan Seminarians**. Next weekend the second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.



Our Pastor Got A New Roof!

Thanks to your generosity, a new roof was installed on our pastor's house last week.

The new roof is good for another 50 years.

Your Money at Work

We are happy to report how your donations to Star of the Valley's **Parish Repair & Maintenance** collections are being used. Thank you for your help in keeping our church, the parish center, and the rectory in good running condition.

On Thursday, August 26, we did some more landscape clean-up to follow Oakmont's Firewise recommendations. We had 6 Birch trees and several bushes behind the parish center cut down and taken away. We appreciate your caring support in making this maintenance possible.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



For Those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, on St. Francis Road in Santa Rosa, will be hosting a weekly grief support group on Wednesdays, from 6:30–8:30 p.m., starting **September 15** through December 15, 2021. This will be a thirteen-week Grief-Share program that you are welcome to begin attending at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. (FYI, see the posters on the bulletin board in church.) To register or for more information call 707-539-4495.

Serenity In the Time of Uncertainty

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P. will share his reflections as we come together to share our wisdom and experiences on this Online Day of Spirituality for people in recovery, Friday, **September 24**, 2021, 10:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Fee \$35. For questions, please email retreatctk@passionist.org, or call 916-725-4720 ext. 307. To register, click on [Online Retreat](https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/) or visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/> and click on Retreats.



Diocese of Santa Rosa

Religious Education Congress

On Saturday, **September 25**, 2021, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese at Cardinal Newman High School, 50 Ursuline Road, Santa Rosa. The theme is

"Praying Always."

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym with Holy Mass by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day.

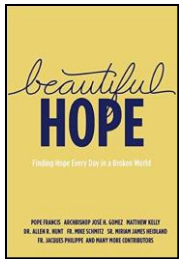
This is a onetime offer due to COVID19 restrictions this event is **FREE**. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed.: 707-566-3366, email dre@srdiocese.org, visit www.santarosacatholic.org, or ask your local parish.



An Invitation from SRDCCW

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites men and women to a free Zoom series: **Consecration to St. Joseph**, beginning Thursday, **September 30**, and ending on All Saints Day, Monday, **November 1**, 2021. Your choice of 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Each group meets for about 90 minutes on Zoom each week on Thursdays, and Monday, November 1.

To guide us in our consecration the first 40 people to register will receive a free book by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*. To register for a group, or if you have questions, please contact Cindy by email at SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com.



HOPE

We live in a culture that produces hopelessness with astounding consistency. When everything seems chaotic and we are faced with a multitude of negative realities, we might be tempted to say that nothing makes sense anymore. But we are not alone—God walks with us and his lively

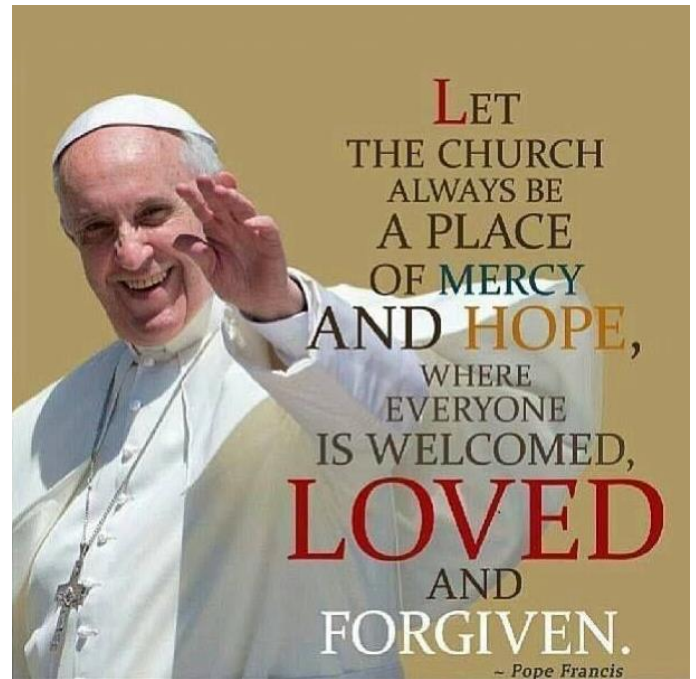
presence fills us with hope. And so, we are able to smile in spite of our difficulties. Despair is defeated because God is among us. Hope does not disappoint!

What gives you hope? What are your hopes and dreams for yourself, your children, your church, your community, your nation? What sustains that hope and turns those dreams into reality? What are some of the unique ways you bring hope to people in your life? The contributors (Pope Francis, Archbishop José Gomez, Matthew Kelly, Dr. Allen R. Hunt, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam Heidland, and many more) featured in *Beautiful Hope—Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World*, offers intensely personal answers to these questions, and their stories will spark your own exploration of hope and increase its abundance in your life.

Today many are worried about the future and what it holds. Many are concerned about the future of our Church. If we are to become people who can shine the

light of faith into the darkness of our world, things must change. We need an infusion of hope so we can see more clearly and live boldly as children of God.

You can borrow this book, and other inspirational books from our library in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.



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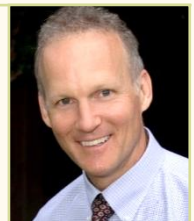
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