

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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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 Newcomers Register
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 11/12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Messiah

Jesus looks to his dear friends for a reading of the times. He learns that people who have seen and heard him are saying that he may be one of the great prophets finally returning to their once proud nation. It is no surprise that a subjected and humiliated people, with a long memory of good times, would look for a savior-king. They are vulnerable enough to snatch and make their leader anyone with boldness, arrogance, and power. This is a dangerous temptation, and Jesus knows it. So, who is he, then? Is he one of those great men of the past sent by God for deliverance? He is more. He is, by his own public admission, the Messiah, God's anointed one. That is the truth of his being. It is a quiet truth to be held by them until it reveals itself in God's own time.

Servant Again

Because we have the whole gospel two millennia later, we know that the Messiah, the Christ, can claim this title. And we know that a price is exacted. We know the price is his death leading to life. He is the suffering servant of whom Isaiah spoke. He is the one who has heard and obeyed God's word and who looks to the Lord God for help. And we who confess him as Messiah and Lord must imitate him in clear, down-to-earth ways, as James says, "What good is it... if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" We must walk the talk. If we are to walk in the presence of the Lord, we must reach out to help our neighbor. If we are to dwell in the land of the living, we must assist others to attain the same goal.



Sunday, September 11/12, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 50:4c-7a*—I gave my back to those who beat me.

Responsorial: *Psalms 116*—I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II: *James 2:14-18*—Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

Gospel: *Mark 8:27-35*—Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”

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“And he asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’”
(Mark 8:29)

Who do you say that Jesus is? This question is one of the most important questions we will ever answer. Do we turn to the world around us to find our answer? Or do we confidently and courageously declare him our Lord and Savior?

The answer to this question has the potential to change our lives and determine the trajectory of our faith. Our response requires more than just a confident declaration of our creed, it requires belief, and it requires lived faith. If we are to call Jesus our Lord and Savior, what does that mean for how we live our lives each day? When people encounter us, will they come to know the merciful, sacrificial love of Christ? To truly follow Jesus, we must love every person unconditionally, we must give generously of our time and talent, and we must tend to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

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.

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?

Star of the Valley Parish needs someone, or a team of 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.



20th Anniversary Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God,

We remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day twenty years ago and pray for their recovery.

We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign, and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen.



No Events through 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, including Donut Sunday, throughout October.

The possibility of having events in November will be evaluated next month.

Memorial Mass & Celebration Postponed

Due to continued pandemic restrictions, the Memorial Mass and celebration for **Msgr. Gerard Fahey** will, unfortunately, not happen in October as planned, but will be rescheduled in the future.

Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world.
Let us use love and compassion.
Peace begins with a smile.

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

	Next Weekend – September 18–19	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
	Len Marabella	Joyce O’Connor
	Beverly Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
	Justine Haugen Jackie Kenilvort	Donna Forst & Cricket Elizabeth McKee



MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 11–19

Sat	11	4:00	†Victims of 9/11 20th Anniversary
Sun	12	10:00	Intention of Tracy Hinman (Maryellen Birkland)
Mon	13		No Mass
Tue	14	8:00	Intention of Jim Warman (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Wed	15	8:00	†Earl O'Grady (Msgr. Pulskamp)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	16	8:00	†Jim O'Malley (Msgr. James Pulskamp)
Fri	17	8:00	†John Passalacqua (Msgr. James Pulskamp)
Sat	18	4:00	††Albert & Sarah Firpo (Isabel Frimmersdorf)
Sun	19	10:00	†Christina Sweeney (Catherine Sweeney)

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 Latimer, 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.

Second Collections

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



Dear Monsignor and my Star of the Valley family,

It is with such a heavy heart that I have to write this farewell letter to you.

Over the past few years, I have prayed for discernment in making a decision about my future, economically, and whether or not I can continue to live in Oakmont; as well as, anywhere

else in California. The fires, smoke, and outages only expedited my decision to explore some alternatives.

With most of my family living along the Eastern coastline and the cost of living appears more manageable there, I've decided to move to South Florida. Since each of you have become my family as well, this decision was very difficult.

You have inspired me and nurtured my spirit with your powerful faith and love. You are a manifestation of Our Lord's Presence in all that you do. My thanksgiving to you is constant. Life with each of you has been pure Grace.

Always, it is possible that there may be an opportunity to return to Oakmont but that remains in God's hands. Please continue to support and take care of each other. My prayers and loving thoughts will always be with you.

Your grateful and privileged brother, Jack Krause

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. (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** or visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/> and click on Retreats.



Diocese of Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress

All adults in the diocese are invited to attend on Saturday, **September 25**, 2021. The Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship 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. See the back page of this bulletin for bios of some of the speakers.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this event is **FREE**. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Religious Education at 707-566-3366, email dre@srdiocese.org, or visit www.santarosacatholic.org.



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.

Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress 2021

Praying Always



Mother Ann Marie Zierke, M.S.

Mother Ann Marie is a member of Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. Originally, from Lincoln, Nebraska, she professed her vows in 2000. She is a graduate of Benedictine College, where she studied Secondary Education and English. She has taught both Theology and English to middle school and high school students for 14 years. She completed her master's in Theology from Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College in 2016. She was elected as Mother Superior to the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln in 2018.



Rev. John Marie Bingham, O.P.

Fr. John Marie grew up as the son of an Episcopal priest in Augusta, GA. After his family's conversion to the Catholic Church in 1993, he attended Thomas Aquinas College for his undergraduate studies. In 2002, he joined the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and was ordained to the priesthood in 2010. He has served in parishes for 9 years

and now serves as Vocation Director for the Western Dominican Province.



Rev. Jeffrey Keyes

Fr. Keys is a Catholic Priest in the Diocese of Santa Rosa in California. Ordained to the priesthood in 1991, he has served as Pastor of St. Barnabas parish in Alameda 1994-2001, Director of Seminary Formation, 2001-2004, and as Pastor at St. Edward 2004-2015. He has preached several missions around the Bay Area and the United States, and has served as a Director of Vocations and Director of Lay Associates. He served in Provincial Leadership in the Province of the Pacific and as Provincial Secretary. He has served as Priest on the Team for Retrouvaille Weekends in the Oakland Diocese and as International Coordinating Team Priest. Fr. Keyes graduated from Moreau High School in 1971; University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas in 1975 with a BA in Philosophy; Franciscan School of Theology in 1990 with a Master of Divinity. He was a Theology instructor at Cardinal Newman High School. Since 2016 he has been the Chaplain for the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, and Director of the Chant Schola of the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. Presently, Fr. Keys is the chaplain for Sonoma State University's Newman Center.

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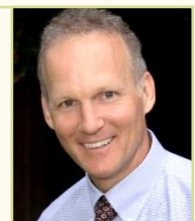
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