

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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Located in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
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*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

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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 25/26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Outsiders & Insiders

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been led to a deeper awareness of the universal call to holiness rooted in baptism. This call to holiness, that we once thought we alone possessed, we now know to be true of all the baptized. Division among those who have followed Jesus has been around since the very beginning of Christianity. Jesus' apostles complained to him about others, outside their circle, who were driving out demons in the name of the Lord. Jesus set them straight by telling them that "whoever is not against us is for us." Imagine what the world would be like if we were able to lay down the divisions that exist among us and work together, inspired by God, to bring peace and justice to those who are in need.

Unity & The Call To Holiness

In John's Gospel, the Lord utters a long final discourse in which he prays that his disciples and all who follow him will become one. It is a sad reality that in a world marked by division, even those who are baptized into Christ Jesus frequently cannot come together in unity to work toward building God's reign. We often expect the leaders of the Christian churches to do the work of Christian unity. In reality, that work begins within our homes, neighborhoods, schools, civic organizations, and places of business. In today's Gospel from Mark, the Lord tells his followers that they should cut away any part of their bodies that leads them into sinfulness. The Church—the Body of Christ—sometimes needs to take a look at itself to see if there is anything that needs to be cut away.



**Sunday, September 25/26, 2021
Scripture Readings**

Reading I: *Numbers 11:25-29*—Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

Responsorial: *Psalm 19*—The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Reading II: *James 5:1-6*—Your wealth has rotted away.

Gospel: *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*—Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

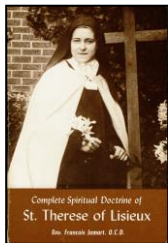
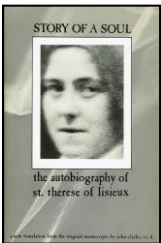
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“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41)

This Friday, October 1, is the Memorial of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**, one of the four female doctors of the Church. St. Thérèse was known for her little way. Aware that she was not going to be a saint like St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Augustine, yet ardently desiring sainthood, Thérèse confessed that “God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so, in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.” And so Thérèse pursued heaven by doing the smallest, humblest of tasks, with a great love for Christ: “Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love” (Story of a Soul).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus acknowledges this little way. Even the smallest, seemingly mundane tasks, when done with love, prove to be a path to heaven: *“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward” (Mark 9:41)*. It seems so easy, and yet, Jesus quickly warns that this reward requires great sacrifice. While the Lord does not demand tremendous gestures from us, he does call us to radical, sacrificial love. Let us never miss a single opportunity to live a life of charity and generosity.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux In the SOV Library:



- **Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux** by Rev. John Clark, OCD
- **Complete Spiritual Doctrine of St. Thérèse of Lisieux** by Rev. Francois Jamart, OCD



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 if you would like to help in this ministry, 707-539-6262.

Listen To Your Doctors

Jesus’ ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle, picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honored last Friday, September 17, was to interpret Jesus’ message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine’s **Catechism** clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen’s songs, such as *“O virtus sapientie,”* helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it.

Our library, in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, has numerous shelves of books which offer multiple ways to hear and read Good News. Check it out during the week!

What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September.

Why is Priesthood Sunday important? Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* and *World Day for Consecrated Life*. In the United States, we also have *National Vocation Awareness Week* and *National Catholic Sisters Week*. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

Thank you, Msgr. Pulskamp, for becoming a priest, and being our pastor.



**Prayers for Priests
October Calendar**

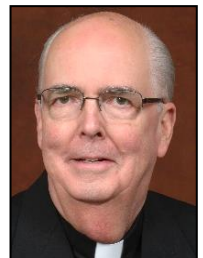
The October calendar of priests to pray for is on the counter near the Divine Mercy painting in the church, and on the SOV website.

**This Weekend – September 25–26
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.**

- EMs:** Blanche Kaiser Linda Nolet
- Lector:** Gail Passalacqua Connie Pearson
- Server:** Judy Rodgers Drew Hofmann
- Greeters:** Justine Haugen Mary Bell
Jackie Kenilvort Paula Scull

**Next Weekend – October 2–3
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.**

- Connie Montague Christina Wadsworth
- Judy Rodgers Ted Sullivan
- Mary Kay Riccioni Jennifer Martinez
- Gloria Bowers Marietta Mancuso
- Sherry Rosevear Mimi May



MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 25—OCTOBER 3

Sat	25	4:00	† Frank Smith (Elaine Smith)
Sun	26	10:00	† Kevin Kelly (Mimi May)
Mon	27		No Mass
Tue	28	8:00	† Don Peters & Intention of Liza Peters (Liza Peters)
Wed	29	8:00	† Agnes Kolling (Msgr. Pulskamp)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thurs	30	8:00	† Carl Schipper (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Fri	1	8:00	† Alice Curran (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Sat	2	4:00	†† Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cunha (Fred Cunha)
Sun	3	10:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Gloria Cerutti, David Charlton, 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, Karen O'Malley, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Joel Rivera, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Mimi O'Connor and Janet Pyne.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Friday, **October 1**, 10:00 a.m.: Catherine McBride

Friday, **October 8**, 11:00 a.m.: Vic Fryling

Second Collections

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Missionaries**. Cash or checks made to Star of the Valley Church are appreciated.

Special Collection for Missionaries

Every year our Diocese participates in the Mission Cooperative program which allows us to unite with the Mission Church around the world by providing mission awareness throughout our parishes. Your past generous participation, is a reflection of that ongoing awareness and concern.

Due to the COVID restrictions, we are not supporting the travel required for these missionaries to visit the diocese in 2021, however, the desperate need for the support of our prayers and our financial contributions is greater than ever before. To this end, we will be taking a special second collection during all Masses on **September 25th and 26th**, with all proceeds to be sent to the missionary partners that the Diocese of Santa Rosa has historically supported.

Around the world, those who are suffering need to experience the solidarity of other Christians with our Universal Church in facing the pandemic and the other daily harsh realities that our brothers and sisters constantly face. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

October is the Month of

The Holy Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

But why is it that on October 7th the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary?

On October 7, 1571, a great victory over the mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces primarily from Spain, Venice, and Genoa under the command of Don Juan of Austria. It was the last battle at sea between "oared" ships, which featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Muslim force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers.

The patchwork team of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the holy pontiff, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory.

We know today that the victory was significant, prevented the Islamic invasion of Europe, and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady.

At the hour of victory, St. Pope Pius V, who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican, is said to have gotten up from a meeting, went over to a window, and exclaimed with supernatural radiance: "The Christian fleet is victorious!" and shed tears of thanksgiving to God. What you may not know is that one of three admirals commanding the Catholic forces at Lepanto was Andrea Doria.

He carried a small copy of Mexico's Our Lady of Guadalupe into battle. This image is now enshrined in the Church of San Stefano in Aveto, Italy.

At Lepanto, the Victory over the Muslims was won by the faithful praying the Rosary. Even though they had superior numbers, the Turks really were overmatched. Blessed Padre Pio, the Spiritual Father of the Blue Army, said: "The Rosary is the weapon," and how right he was!

The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory."

Later, the feast of October 7th was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary" and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712).

And with that we are back to Fatima, Portugal where Our Lady, when asked her name, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary **every day**.

Heaven presented its peace plan at Fatima and truly gave us hope for the world.

In this month of October, let us consider the beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we, too, can use to draw closer to God by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us!

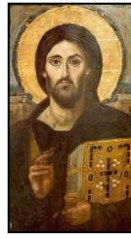
The 6 Ps of Planning

Sadly, it's that time of the year again where local Sonoma County residents ponder the thought of another fire. Many of us were evacuated around this time last year. Although we hope nothing major affects our beloved county, it doesn't hurt to be prepared. We ask that everyone take a moment to go over the 6 Ps of planning.

- **People/Pets:** Have a plan for your family and animals. How will you leave and where will you go?
- **Papers:** It is important to be aware of where important documents stay. Rather than shuffling around for important papers, keep them in the same location that can be grabbed at a moment's notice.
- **Prescriptions:** Eyeglasses, medicine, etc. Take note that if you evacuate you might not be able to return home for a few days. Be sure you have access to all your required health related items.
- **Pictures:** This includes any irreplaceable memorabilia. Take into account everything you deem replaceable or irreplaceable. Rather than making the decision on your signed baseball during evacuation, have a plan for what you might want to bring with you ahead of time to expedite your departure.
- **Personal:** Any necessary items stored electronically. Make sure to upload any necessary documents to a cloud service or have it on a removable storage device that is easy to access.

- **Plastics:** These are your credit cards, ATM cards and other forms of monetary value. Be sure to have a plan for your money when the time comes. You might not be returning home any time soon and can incur some expenses while evacuated.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE 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.

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

—St. Padre Pio

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