

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.

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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.



October 2/3, 2021—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Trusting Child

Specialists in the psychological development of children tell us that an infant or child can go immediately from crying to laughing and back to crying again because the child has complete trust in the person who is holding them. The child has no inhibitions about expressing the swing of emotions because the child knows that the embrace will continue despite the emotions displayed.

Placing Our Trust in God

In today's Gospel story, the Lord Jesus embraces and blesses the children whom the apostles tried to prevent from coming to him. He simply states that "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Perhaps we can make a connection between what psychologists say about the trust level of the developing child and the words of Jesus. Part of our Christian journey involves learning how to place our trust in God. Sometimes this is a challenge, especially when bad things happen. Just as the small child who fully trusts, so, too, when we fully trust God, should we be comfortable moving from expressions of joy to cries of lament. This is an honest way of living the Christian life. Those in whom we have placed our trust are usually those with whom we feel we can share our feelings of deep joy and sharp disappointment.

To accept the kingdom of God like a child may mean a change in the way we approach God. We are assured that when we are honest about who we are, honest with God about our deepest longings, joys, and sorrows, God's loving embrace will remain always.



Sunday, October 2/3, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Genesis 2:18-24*—The two of them became one flesh.

Responsorial: *Psalm 128*—May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Reading II: *Hebrews 2:9-11*—He who

consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.

Gospel: *Mark 10:2-16*—Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” (Mark 10:15)

Children have a wonderful way of seeing beauty in astonishingly simple things. Dandelions, clutched in a tiny hand, are not seen as crumpled weeds, but rather as a lovely bouquet of flowers. A masterpiece worthy of a frame, or at very least a place on the fridge, is composed of incomprehensible scribbles. For them, beauty is not defined by perfection or grandeur. They give generously, from the little they have, unaware of the humility they demonstrate. Moreover, these gifts are not given out of guilt or obligation or expectation (they are too young, too unaware to recognize how dependent they are upon their parents), but are given simply because they find joy in offering something precious to someone they love.

It is this humility and generosity that Jesus speaks of when encouraging his disciples to enter the kingdom of God like a child. Childlike faith requires us to humbly and totally depend on God in the ways that children depend upon their parents and to give freely to God out of sheer love for his goodness.

—Jim Messa

Rosary for America by the USCCB

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, along with several other bishops, leads us in praying the rosary in a moment of unified prayer for America. On the Feast of the Lady of the Rosary, **October 7**, we seek healing and ask Our Lady to pray for us and help lead us to Jesus by meditating on the Glorious Mysteries. Click on [Rosary for America](#) or visit #RosaryforAmerica.

Oh Mother

To honor Our Lady of the Rosary, listen to a song by John Finch, Greg Boudreaux, Shawn Williams, click on [Oh Mother](#) (7:18), or go to youtube.com and type into the search field: oh mother finch.



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.

Mass Servers Needed at SOV

Being a server, or altar server, is an official ministry of the Church. As such, a minister is placing his or her/self at the service of the Church. A server is a lay assistant to a member of the clergy during a Christian liturgy.

An altar server (aka an acolyte) is responsible for setting up the altar for Mass and assists the priest. They may also serve as a Eucharistic Minister, distributing Holy Communion at Mass.

Each server will be required to set up the church for Mass.

Star of the Valley Parish is in need of additional servers who are available to serve at weekend and daily Masses. Training is available. Please contact the office during the week if interested. Or you may contact our Head Sacristan, Jennifer Martinez, for more information.

Let Your Soul Proclaim Greatness

Take an opportunity today to celebrate Mary, who found her voice in difficult circumstances so that we might follow her voice and find our own in these difficult times. Read her “Magnificat” (Luke 1:46-56) for a canticle to the power of trust. Imagine how she waited years to understand her son’s calling, grieved his inconceivable death, and then, in the many years of her grief, nurtured the early Christian community. That’s greatness!

—Take Five for Faith

Ever Virgin, Ever Esteemed

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam’s Qur’an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur’an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary’s family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences.

—Take Five for Faith

	This Weekend – October 2–3	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Connie Montague	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Ted Sullivan
Server:	Mary Kay Riccioni	Jennifer Martinez
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers	Marietta Mancuso
	Sherry Rosevear	Mimi May

	Next Weekend – October 9–10	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Dennis Sabourin	Kar Hofmann
	Sherry Rosevear	Bob Zeni
	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
	Jan Rosshirt	Marietta Mancuso
	Ted Rosshirt	Joyce O’Connor



MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 2–10

Sat	2	4:00	†† Mr. & Mrs. Fred Cunha (Fred Cunha)
Sun	3	10:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)
Mon	4		No Mass
Tue	5	8:00	† Ray Lazo (Bianca Bailie & Terrie McKenna)
Wed	6	8:00	Intention of David Charlton (Sharon Charlton)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thurs	7	8:00	† Ed Schudel (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Fri	8	8:00	† Vic Fryling (Barbara & Fritz Spotleson)
Sat	9	4:00	† Florence Cunha Hourcade & Mary Lou Cunha (Fred Cunha)
Sun	10	10:00	† Panagiota Hroundas (Tim Burkhard)

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, JoAnn Marchese, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Leo McKenna, Jacqua Miller, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Peggy Pavone, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, 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.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

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

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.

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 complete this form and return 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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

From the Star of the Valley Library

Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. A perfect time to pray the rosary daily, even if you can only do a decade a day. The way to pray the rosary is from the heart. Our library has seven prayerful books on the rosary. Here are three:

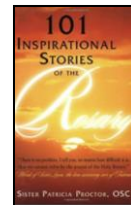


Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heros of a Spiritual Weapon

by Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC

In *Champions of the Rosary*, Fr. Calloway has written what is probably the most comprehensive book ever published on the rosary. The author deftly negotiates

the complexities of the story of the rosary, weaving the historical, theological, and devotional strands into a veritable masterpiece of scholarship and piety. This book should turn every one of its readers into a champion of the rosary!

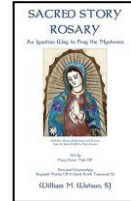


101 Inspirational Stories of the Rosary

by Sister Patricia Proctor

101 true, real-life experiences will show you just how powerful the rosary is. "Sr. Patricia has put together a knock-your-socks-off collection of true stories that will inspire both new and veteran pray-ers of the

rosary... you're going to love this book."



Sacred Story Rosary:

An Ignatian Way to Pray the Mysteries

by Rev. William M. Watson

Fidelity to a spiritual discipline requires more than sheer willpower. Many people have begun a new spiritual regimen with dedication but in time the passion wanes.

This has happened to me countless times. I knew the Rosary was important when I started praying it but sometimes became bored or distracted when I prayed. Many times, I took heart in the comment attributed to St. Therese of Lisieux that she oftentimes fell asleep before she finished the Rosary. She had a child's joy however, because she said the Blessed Mother would finish it for her! Some get bored or distracted in praying and others rattle off the Mysteries to "get through them." Both are better than no Rosary at all. I was searching for something more contemplative and spiritually nourishing. The Rosary's Mysteries should engage my heart and my mind. Twenty years of praying aided by hefty doses of graced inspiration have led me to a profoundly fruitful practice of this great prayer. I hope it helps you, too, find a new path to God's graces through this most popular of Catholic/Christian devotional prayers.

Priest's Annual Retreat—No Daily Masses

There will not be any Daily Masses at Star of the Valley Church during the week of **October 18-22** due to Msgr. Pulskamp attending the Diocese's annual retreat for priests. Please keep them all in your prayers.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

2021-2022 Retreat Season

This year's retreat offers the opportunity to ponder God's dream for our world. If you've been wondering how to make sense of the last year and a half, we will be stepping back to look at the bigger picture—the state of our church and our country, and, of course, our own personal lives—all through the lens of Sacred Scripture and storytelling.



Women's Retreat Weekends

November 19-21, 2021
January 7-9, 2022
January 21-23, 2022
January 28-30, 2022
February 18-20, 2022
March 4-6, 2022
March 25-27, 2022
April 8-10, 2022
April 22-24, 2022

Men's Retreat Weekends

December 3-5, 2021
February 4-6, 2022
February 11-13, 2022
February 25-27, 2022
April 1-3, 2022

All weekends are open to members of any Parish group and individuals. Retreats will be in person and may change at any time based on COVID-19 Guidance. Space is limited. Visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>, or call Monday-Friday 916-725-4720. The retreat center is in Citrus Heights at 6520 Van Maren Lane.



THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

Birth of St. Ignatius Loyola: Life after the Cannonball, an in-person retreat with

Fr. John Auther, SJ, at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, 300 Manresa Way, 4:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 8-10, 2021. \$320 per person. [Click here to Register](#)

The Response of Love and Faith, an in-person silent retreat: 4:00 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15-17 with Fr. Kevin Leidich, SJ. [Click here to Register](#)

Gardening Morning (Free), Saturday, October 16, 9:00-Noon. Email Fr. John Auther, SJ at jauther@jrclosaltos.org to sign up.

Quail Quips

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

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