

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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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.



October 9/10, 2021

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rich Young Man & Me

Try putting yourself in the place of the character of the rich young man in today's Gospel. We have all asked the kind of ultimate question posed by the young man: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" So often we focus on other kinds of questions that have to do with our lives here on earth, questions like "What percentage of my salary should I dedicate to my 401(k) plan in order to retire comfortably?" While considerations such as these are important to ensure a comfortable future, today's Gospel challenges us to ask the question that matters so much more.

Foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus' response to the rich young man reveals an understanding of what God's kingdom is all about. What we do here on earth is simply a rehearsal for the life to come. In God's kingdom, there is no suffering, no poverty, no injustice. We do not have to look far to realize that this world is in need of change. Like the rich young man, we all strive to keep the commandments. Like him, we, too, are asked to do much more, most of the time in small ways, in our families, neighborhoods, schools, and workplace. The first step is to live a life of awareness—we need to attune ourselves to opportunities for doing our part to alleviate suffering and injustice. We live in hope that when we arrive at heaven's door, what awaits us there will not be something completely surprising. What we hope to find is a kingdom of which we had a foretaste while we were here on earth.



Sunday, October 9/10, 2021

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Wisdom 7:7-11*—I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.

Responsorial: *Psalm 90*—Fill us with your love, O God, and we will sing for

joy!

Reading II: *Hebrews 4:12-13*—The word of God is living and effective.

Gospel: *Mark 10:17-30*—Sell what you have, and follow me.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

(*Mark 10:21*)

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters an earnest man who asks what he must do to enter the kingdom of heaven. We know that the man has followed the commandments since he was a child. Still, he wants to know what else he should do. So Jesus invites the man to give up all his earthly possessions, to give everything he has to the poor, and to become one of his disciples. We go on to read that the man departs from Jesus saddened, because he was very rich and had many possessions. Jesus had awakened this man to the reality that he was clinging to earthly possessions rather than to God. The invitation is one that requires great faith—will you give up everything you have, all your comforts and securities, to follow the Son of Man and to let God be your source of comfort and strength?

Today we are invited to examine our wealth and our possessions to determine if they are hindering us from giving ourselves fully to God. No, we do not need to sell everything. Indeed, Jesus would want us to provide for our families. But when material wealth becomes more important than heavenly treasure, we know we must consciously redefine our priorities and understanding of security. Let us be a people who seek the treasure of heaven rather than the temporary treasures of earth.

—Jim Messa

Indigenous Peoples' Day—Monday, October 11

The parish office will be closed on Monday, October 11.

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 From the Men's Club

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the Men's Club has decided to put a hold on all social events through the end of the year, December 31. We will let you know on January 1st what the new plans will be. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

—Michael Apicella, Men's Club President



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.

October Mass Count

What Are the Ushers Doing?

It's October, the month parishes count the people in the pews. Sadly, last year, we were sheltering-in-place.

Each October every parish is asked to count heads at each Saturday vigil and Sunday Mass. The numbers are recorded on a form that is sent to the office of the diocesan chancellor where the average weekend tally is calculated.

The resulting figure—the "October Count"—is submitted to the diocese for its records. The planning board of the diocese uses the numbers to determine the health and vitality of the parishes in the diocese.

	This Weekend – October 9–10	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	Kar Hofmann
Lector:	Sherry Rosevear	Bob Zeni
Server:	Micki Sabourin	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Jan Rosshirt Ted Rosshirt	Marietta Mancuso Joyce O'Connor

	Next Weekend – October 16–17	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
	Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
	Len Marabella	Don Forst
	Beverly Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
	Jan Rosshirt	Mary Bell
	Ted Rosshirt	Joyce O'Connor



MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 9–17

Sat	9	4:00	† Florence Cunha Hourcade & Mary Lou Cunha (Fred Cunha)
Sun	10	10:00	† Panagiota Hroundas (Tim Burkhard)
Mon	11		No Mass
Tue	12	8:00	† Nettie Dudley (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Wed	13	8:00	† Millie Schulte (Msgr. Pulskamp)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thurs	14	8:00	† Angelo Mancuso (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Fri	15	8:00	† Peggy Doolittle (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Sat	16	4:00	† Daniel J. Erlach (Lynette Erlach)
Sun	17	10:00	† Charlie Smith (Msgr. Pulskamp)

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

Thursday, **October 14**, 11:00 a.m.: Claire Kileen

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.

One filled with joy preaches without preaching.

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

The Communion of Saints

One of the best pieces of advice I have ever received about writing homilies came from a Dominican priest who taught at Catholic University. He instructed us to always begin by writing the word "NEED" at the top of the blank page—before we even considered the readings for the day! It was necessary, he said, to first articulate, as comprehensively as possible, the particular need of this people at this time.

So often now I start off with the word "tired" on my paper; these days I am keenly aware of how weary folks are. Natural disasters and global violence have robbed us of energy and confidence. But I also hear that the divisions in our Church and polarization in society might be an even greater cause for discouragement.

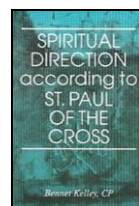
There are divides between the young and the old, liberal and conservative, men and women. Even some bishops are publicly arguing with one another. Our churches are ethnically and racially diverse; this is both a blessing and a challenge. We don't listen to the same music or watch the same news outlets. While pluralism can be a great strength, it is also a challenge to our unity in Christ.

Clearly there are no magic bullets or quick fixes for these disagreements or separations. When I get disillusioned, though, I like to return to the "communion of saints" for hope. This could be reading the lives of our ancestors in faith, the "great cloud of witnesses" like **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**, or **St. Paul of the Cross**, **Oscar Romero** or **Dorothy Day**... or simply having lunch with a friend who reminds me of God's goodness and love.

One of my favorite saints is **Pope John XXIII**; on October 11, 1962, he opened the Second Vatican Council. St. Peter's Square was jam-packed with people as that evening fell, and the excitement was unbridled.

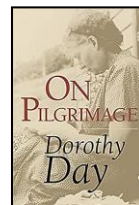
—Fr. Jim Strommer

In the Star of the Valley library:



Spiritual Direction According to St. Paul of the Cross by Bennet Kelley, CP

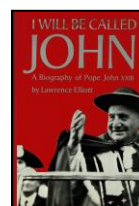
This is an eminently practical, commonsense approach to spiritual direction based on the insights of one of the Church's most skillful practitioners.



On Pilgrimage

by Dorothy Day

These diary entries written by Dorothy Day in 1948, provide an intimate look into Day's personal life and the Catholic Worker movement, which she founded.



I Will Be Called John: A Biography of Pope John XXIII by Lawrence Elliot

Before he became pope, scarcely anyone outside the Vatican had heard of him. By the time he died, less than five years later, he was one of the best-loved men in the world.

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**

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.



Meditation in the Garden

The theme of this month's meditations led by Marcy Fox at Kenwood Community Church, 9637 Channing Row, Kenwood, is "Meditating toward creating a better world." Our spiritual guides will be Mary Harris aka "Mother Jones" and John Lewis, an American civil rights leader.

All are welcome at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, **October 11** and **October 25**, 2021.

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