

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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*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 16/17, 2021—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stolen Thunder

By the time the Gospels were written, James and John, sons of Zebedee (sons of “thunder”) were revered leaders of the Christian community. It is common to place the failings of the early Christians on the shoulders of their leaders to illustrate a point about discipleship, and perhaps to comfort them with the fact that Jesus chose common, flawed humans to spread the Good News. It must have seemed odd that these two, already honored and revered, were chastised by Jesus when they requested positions of honor: Jesus, stole their thunder, and in the Gospel he likewise steals the thunder of the others who get indignant at James and John. Jesus reminds us that it is in the humility of service that we come to know the reign of God in our midst.

God's Work of Salvation

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom. It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize this ransom as God's gift to us.



**Sunday, October 16/17, 2021
Scripture Readings**

Reading I: *Isaiah 53:10-11*—If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.

Responsorial: *Psalms 33*—Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our

trust in you.

Reading II: *Hebrews 4:14-16*—Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

Gospel: *Mark 10:35-45*—The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Priest's Annual Retreat—No Daily Masses

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Moments before James and John boldly approached Jesus and requested, or rather, demanded, that they be given a seat of honor, Jesus had warned them of his impending Passion. It is clear, by their request, that James and John do not comprehend the meaning of the Cross, nor do they fully understand what it means to follow Jesus. Enchanted by their worldly idea of Jesus' Kingdom, they ask Jesus for a share in his glory. Jesus informs them that they do not understand what they are asking, that to share in his glory, they must be willing to suffer with him.

Today's Gospel concludes with Jesus reminding his twelve apostles once again that God's power looks different from the power of the world. The power of God is not lorded over people or used to oppress people. Instead the power of God is evidenced in sacrifice. To be great is not to have worldly power; to be great in the eyes of God is to be willing to generously serve others. Are we more attached to our status and to symbols of greatness and wealth? Or are we willing to give of ourselves—our time, talent, and treasure—so as to serve the Body of Christ?
—Jim Messa

October is the month of Mary, the Holy Rosary, and we are repeatedly stirred by her Magnificat prayer where she praises our God who lifts up the lowly and tears the mighty from their thrones (Luke 1). You can read the Magnificat on the next page of this bulletin.

—Take Five for Faith



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.

Count on the Rosary

The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

—Take Five for Faith

**This Weekend – October 16–17
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Don Shelhart	Barbara Spotleson
Lector:	Len Marabella	Don Forst
Server:	Beverly Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
Greeters:	Jan Rosshirt	Mary Bell
	Ted Rosshirt	Joyce O'Connor

**Next Weekend – October 23–24
4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.**

Jan Rosshirt	Marcy Fox
Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon
Mary Kay Riccioni	John Dolan
Gloria Bowers	Mary Bell
Evelyn Zigmont	Paula Scull

*Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus.
St. Louis de Montforte*

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 16–24

Sat 16	4:00	†Daniel J. Erlach (Lynette Erlach)
Sun 17	10:00	†Lee Bollinger (Norma Person)
Mon 18		No Mass
Tue 19	8:00	No Mass—Priests on Retreat
Wed 20	8:00	No Mass—Priests on Retreat
	10:30	Oakmont Gardens: No Mass—Priests on Retreat
Thurs 21	8:00	No Mass—Priests on Retreat
Fri 22	8:00	No Mass—Priests on Retreat
Sat 23	4:00	††Jack & Mary Marsh (Fred Cunha)
Sun 24	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.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend's second collection is for **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Francis reminds us of our baptismal call. We respond to that call through prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions—in places like Uganda, the Philippines, Oceania, and in remote regions of Latin America—supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need.



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor
on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations
will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever. *Luke 1:46-55*

Magnificat Music

To hear a beautiful musical rendition of the Magnificat, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y67GDT2kwU.

From the Star of the Valley Library

Saint John Paul II

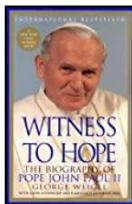
Our Gospel [last Sunday], blesses those who hear the word of God and observe it. In this regard, I would like to speak about the response of the Polish people to the word proclaimed by **St. John Paul II**. The power of the Polish Communist state, and behind that, the power of the Soviet Union, is what John Paul faced at the beginning of the 1980s. But he was practiced in the art of facing down oppressive political forces, having grown up under Nazism and Communism.

He spoke of God, of human rights, of the dignity of the individual frightening at every turn, his handlers worried about diplomatic repercussions. As he spoke, the crowds got bigger and more enthusiastic. This went beyond mere Polish nationalism. At one gathering, the millions of people gathered began to chant "We want God! We want God!" over and over for fifteen minutes.

There was no controlling this power, born of the confidence that God's love is more powerful than any of the weapons of the empires of the world, from crosses to nuclear bombs. This is, of course, why Communist officialdom tried vehemently to stop John Paul II. But there is no chaining the Word of God!

—Bishop Robert Barron

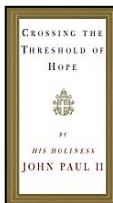
In the Star of the Valley library 3 of 24 Books on JP II:



Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II by George Weigel

Witness to Hope is the authoritative biography of one of the singular figures of our time. With unprecedented cooperation from John Paul II and the people who knew and worked with him throughout his life,

George Weigel offers a groundbreaking portrait of the Pope as a man, a thinker, and a leader whose religious convictions defined a new approach to world politics—and changed the course of history.

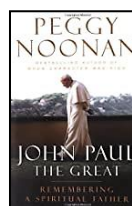


Crossing the Threshold of Hope

by Pope John Paul II

A great international bestseller, the book in which, on the eve of the millennium, Pope John Paul II brings to an accessible level the profoundest theological concerns of our lives.

He goes to the heart of his personal beliefs and speaks with passion about the existence of God; the dignity of man; pain, suffering, and evil; about eternal life and the meaning of salvation; about hope; and that of Catholicism to other branches of the Christian faith.



John Paul the Great:

Remembering a Spiritual Father

by Peggy Noonan

A commemorative portrait of Pope John Paul II recounts his struggles against such factors as Nazism, communism, and scandal, describing his work for freedom, his written works, his political endeavors, his survival of an assassination attempt, and his lasting influence on both world history and the Catholic Church.

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Telephone Number Dialing Change

Get your dialing fingers ready Sonoma—they're about to get a little busier. That's because, beginning **October 24**, some California area codes—including Sonoma County's—will be moving to a 10-digit dialing system.

To complete all local calls, callers will need to dial the area code—for example, 707—followed by the telephone number. Unlike previously, the area code and the seven-digit phone number must be dialed regardless of whether it is a local or long-distance call.

After October 24, failing to dial the full 10 digits will result in a recording informing the caller that their call cannot be completed as dialed.

Under the new system, telephone numbers will remain the same and it will have no effect on charges. Callers will continue to dial 1 before the area code for long-distance calls.

Other emergency services, such as 911, can still be reached with their three-digit code.

Quail Quips

- I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- I run like the winded.
- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- The older I get, the earlier it gets late.



Stand With Those Who Hold the Fire Line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of **Blessed Marie Rose Durocher** (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave, hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that are stronger and more widespread by the year.



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 and John Lewis, an American civil rights leader.

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

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