

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.



November 20/21, 2021— Feast of Christ the King



Is It or Isn't It?

As Jesus rightly tells Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world. It isn't. But Christians believe that, in Jesus Christ, his kingdom has broken into the world, and continues to be made manifest in the world until the final day of his glorious return. A very early Christian term, *autobasilea*, was used to say that Jesus was the "kingdom-in-himself" on earth. As we, the Church, celebrate this feast of Christ our King, we recall our own mission through baptism to be "Christ's-kingdom-in-ourselves" and to do our own part to continue introducing his reign wherever it is not yet a part of this world. A look back at our whole Church year from this final Sunday will show us that this reign in Christ is one of love, of proclaiming salvation, of healing, of forgiving and reconciling, of humble service, of self-giving. We pray "Your kingdom come" because it isn't completely here yet, which is why we likewise pray "Your will be done" so that it might be.



The Word Among Us—Advent

Advent begins next Sunday, **November 28**. Copies of the Advent issue of *The Word Among Us* are available on the Divine Mercy counter in church for you to take home. It contains meditations and daily Mass readings through the end of the year. Help yourself while supplies last (one per family).



Sunday, November 20/21, 2021 Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Daniel 7:13-14*—The dominion of the Son of man is an everlasting dominion.

Responsorial: *Psalms 93*—The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Reading II: *Revelation 1:5-8*—He freed us by his blood and has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

Gospel: *John 18:33b-37*—You say I am a king.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

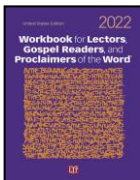
Next Sunday begins the first week of Advent, and with it, the 2022 liturgical year. Today, on the final Sunday of the 2021 liturgical year, we are presented with the opportunity to reflect on the past 365 days.

Though perhaps not as tumultuous as 2020, 2021 still came with plenty of challenges and hardships. Once again, we witnessed suffering, brokenness, sin—tangible reminders that the world we are living in is not heaven. And yet, despite all of the darkness, it is possible to reflect upon the times in which God's light, grace, and peace prevailed. Perhaps more important and more thought-provoking is to ponder the moments when we managed to be beacons of his light, bearers of his love.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to follow him. Thus, we too are called to not only listen to his voice, but to testify to God's truth. This upcoming year, may we be a witness to this truth by living lives of service, lives that bring his love to all people regardless of their circumstances, lives that are generous, and selfless, lives that embrace his example of sacrificial love.

—Jim Messa

Thanksgiving Mass: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, **November 25.**



Attention Lectors

The 2022 *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* is available for you to pick up in the parish office during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Parish Office Needs Your Help: Stuffing Envelopes

It's almost time to mail the parish's annual Christmas letter. If you can help stuff envelopes on Tuesday, **November 23** at 8:45 a.m., please call the Parish Office at 539-6262 to let us know, or just show up.

Delta Remedy

Regarding the Corona virus, if someone is worried about the Delta, remind them about the Alpha and the Omega!

Healthy Flu Season & Coronavirus Practice

For your safety and protection while at Mass, please continue to use the hand sanitizer provided.

Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this coming week, **November 25 & 26.** Our answering service will take messages if you call, and we will respond as needed the following week.

light up a life



CHERISHING COMMUNITY | REMEMBERING LIGHT | HONORING LIFE

Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health invites you to the 36th annual "Light Up a Life" tree-lighting ceremony, Sunday, **December 5,** 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

This in-person community event celebrates treasured memories; each light symbolizing the life, hope and dreams of a loved one. There will be music and festivities.

Your donation of any amount will light a bulb on the tree in honor or memory of your loved one. Information packets and Donation Forms are at the main entry door of church.

For more information, contact Light Up a Life at 707-522-3622 or visit SonomaCountyHospice.org

This Weekend – November 20–21 4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Jack Luceti	Linda Nolet
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Joyce O'Connor
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann
Greeters:	Kathleen Beirne Sherry Rosevear	Donna Forst & Cricket Mimi May
Ushers:	Mike Apicella Dennis Sabourin Micki Sabourin	Tim Burkhard Tim Cummings Rick Ragan

Next Weekend – November 27–28 4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Connie Montague	Kar Hofmann
Karen Schraga	Mimi May
Mike Hanlon	John Dolan
Tom Beirne Marietta Mancuso	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman
Mike Apicella Jan Rosshirt Ted Rosshirt	Tim Cummings Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



Synod 2021 2023

"There is no need to create another church, but to create a different church." —Pope Francis

Twenty-five members and neighbors of Star of the Valley Parish met at our first Synod meeting on Thursday, November 18. Our goal was to envision together a "different church."

Questions we considered:

- 1 Do you have friends or family who are no longer attending the Catholic Church? If so, what is keeping them away?
- 2 Do you feel that the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to speak at this meeting today? What are your thoughts?
- 3 How is God speaking to us today through those our Church often ignores, for example through women, young people, the elderly, divorced people, LGBT community, the poor, etc.?
- 4 What inhibits the local Church's listening to the laity? What might help it?

Some of the summary statements given:

- "We hope that the Church will turn from dogma and demands to love and acceptance, especially of those on the fringes of society."
- "We envision a Church that doesn't judge others but where all can find the love of God."
- "We hope for a different Church, one that undertakes the mission of inclusiveness, especially for youth, LGBT community, the divorced, in other words all God's children."
- "We admire the steps Pope Francis is taking to identify and address the issues facing our Church today."
- "The American Church seems to be building walls today, walls of exclusion. Pope Francis is trying to open up our Church. We want an open church, not a Church for the few."
- "There are no structures for the laity to make their voices heard in our diocese. There is a disassociation of the diocesan Administration from the Parishes."

Those interested in joining in this process are welcome to come to our second Synod gathering:

Date: 1:30 p.m., Thursday, **December 16**

Place: Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

If you have questions or concerns contact Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com. Please feel free to invite friends, family or neighbors, whether they are Catholic or not.

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 20–28

Sat	20	4:00	†Fr. Kelly & †Msgr. Keys (Fred Cunha)
Sun	21	10:00	†Charlotte Muzio (Richard Muzio)
Mon	22		No Mass
Tue	23	8:00	†Luigi Palombo (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Wed	24	8:00	Intention of Jackie Kenilvort & Intention of Dan Kenilvort (Anonymous)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens For the People of the Parish
Thurs	25	9:00	†Pulskamp Family (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Fri	26	8:00	†Don D'Ambrogia (Msgr. Pulskamp)
Sat	27	4:00	†Fr. Rogers & †Fr. Monago (Fred Cunha)
Sun	28	10:00	†Vic Fryling (Bill & Terry Cutler)

Please keep the sick in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Gloria Cerutti, David Charlton, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Fran Evans, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Bette Johnson, Dan Kenilvort, Jackie Kenilvort, 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, Phyllis Rogers, Angela Saul, Don Schulte, Charlie Smith, Bart Taylor, Ed Turpin, Mercedes Vegvary, Claire Vincent, William Wallace, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Ed O'Donnell and Rita Vergara.

Collections

This weekend, November 20/21: **Catholic Communications & the Catholic University of America.**
The collection on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25: **Neighbor-to-Neighbor.**

Collection Report—Corrected

Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Weekly Goal
\$3,893	\$4,202	\$5,544	\$8,668

Correction: The amounts reported last week did not include online giving offerings received. We apologize for the oversight. Giving online is very important!

Note: The amounts consist of First collections, Parish Repair & Maintenance, and Holy Day collections received during the preceding week and weekend.

Synod Participation Online

If you'd like to participate in the Synod but aren't able to attend the in-person gatherings, you may go online to <https://www.srdiocese.org/synod>.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



THE JESUIT
RETREAT CENTER
OF LOS ALTOS

Advent Day of Recollection

Tuesday, **November 30**,
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with Fr.

Kevin Leidich, SJ, at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos.
<https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=21SDY03291>

Mass Servers Needed at SOV

Star of the Valley Parish is in need of additional servers who are available to serve at weekend and/or 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.

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 at 707-539-6262.

Help Yourself to Free VHS Tapes in the Quiet Room

Go "shopping" after Mass by looking at the selection of **VHS tapes in the Quiet Room**, in the clear plastic bin.

You can't beat the prices: **FREE!** Take as many as you like, to keep, share, or transfer to DVD. We will have to dispose of them after Wednesday, December 1.

■ The Teaching of Jesus Christ by Father John Corapi

This major series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church is Father John Corapi's greatest work of teaching and preaching. It consists of 24 VHS tapes still in their original packaging. This series has helped countless people to love and know the Catholic faith better.



More VHS Tapes

- **Holy Land: Birthplace of Jesus** produced by BG Soft
- **Mannheim Steamroller: A Renaissance Christmas** by Chip Davis
- **Monasteries: A Stressed-Out American's Search for Solitude** by Alan Hartwick
- **Mother Teresa: A Life of Devotion** produced by A&E's Biography
- **Ocean of Mercy: Three Lives, One Vision, No Limits—Saint Maximilian, Saint Faustina, and Saint Pope John Paul II** produced by the Mercy Foundation
- **Ritual: The Language of Worship** presented by Barry Brunsman, O.F.M.
- **St. Augustine: His Life & Spirituality** by Fr. Benedict Groeschel
- **The Bible: Passion** presented by Charlton Heston
- **The Passion of the Christ** produced by Mel Gibson
- **The Popes: The Legacy of Peter** produced by A&E's Biography
- **The Riddle of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Mysteries of the Bible Unraveled** produced by James Mitchell
- **The Story of Knock** from the Knock Shrine Books Centre
- **Tradition: Latin Mass with Gregorian Choir** celebrated by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

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