

# 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**

Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, Pastor

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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 27/28, 2021— First Sunday of Advent**

### **Advent ABCs**

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord's "holy ones" it is a reason to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today's psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from "A" to "Z." That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm's instruction on following God's way of faithful love. Today's New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do "to be blameless in holiness... at the coming of our Lord Jesus."

### **"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

We are to "be vigilant," expecting Christ to come into our lives at every moment. We are to "abound in love for one another," working constantly for the coming of Christ's love into our relationships and communities. And we are to "stand erect" and pray without fear for the coming of the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come bringing perfect justice and peace. Christians in the first centuries of the church prayed the acclamation, "Come, Lord Jesus!" The Advent season invites us to enter into this spirit of hopeful expectation for the "advent" of Christ's reign. **(Come, Lord Jesus continues inside)**



**Sunday, November 27/28, 2021**

### Scripture Readings

**Reading I:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*—I will raise up for David a just shoot.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 25*—To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Reading II:** *1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

—May the Lord make you abound in love.

**Gospel:** *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*—Be vigilant at all times.

### Today marks the beginning of the season

**of Advent**—a time during which we await the coming of the Lord, a time for us to reflect upon the darkness of sin and long for his Light to be born anew within our hearts.

And yet, as Advent precedes Christmas, it is also a season in which consumerism runs rampant. It becomes so easy for us to turn our attention to the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the gifts that need to be wrapped and purchased, the cookies that need to be baked, the cleaning that needs to be done. Slipping into a mentality of comparison also becomes easy during this time of year – we compare our homes, budget, presents, even our lawn decorations to our neighbors and family members, measuring ourselves up to some invisible standard.

This sort of worldly distraction is exactly what Jesus warns us against in today's Gospel. This Advent may we pray to have the grace to slow down, to embrace this season of waiting, to see God in unexpected ways. May we seek to make the Light of Christ present to our neighbors who are experiencing darkness; may our generosity come in forms of joy, forgiveness, mercy, and peace, rather than neatly wrapped boxes; may we seek ways to spend time with the poor as we recall how our God chose to enter into the chaos of our lives - not as a rich, wealthy, powerful influencer – but as a poor, homeless, vulnerable child.

—Jim Messa



### The Word Among Us—Advent

Advent begins this weekend on 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).

(**Come, Lord Jesus** continued from cover)

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus' first coming in time, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: "Come, Lord Jesus!"



### The First Week of Advent—Hope

One purple candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. It is called the Prophecy Candle and reminds us that Jesus' coming was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born. The candle's purple color represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings.

### 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.

*light up a life*



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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](http://SonomaCountyHospice.org)

	<b>This Weekend – November 27–28</b>		<b>Next Weekend – December 4–5</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Connie Montague	Kar Hofmann	Micki Sabourin	Connie Pearson
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Schraga	Mimi May	Mike Hanlon	Ted Sullivan
<b>Server:</b>	Mike Hanlon	John Dolan	Dennis Sabourin	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tom Beirne Marietta Mancuso	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Gloria Bowers Sherry Rosevear	Sue Commings Tim Cummings
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Apicella Jan Rosshirt Ted Rosshirt	Tim Cummings Rick Ragan Clarence Younger	Mike Apicella Agnes Apicella Fritz Spotleson	Dick Muzio Tim Burkhard Rick Ragan

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ALWAYS BE  
A PLACE OF MERCY  
& **HOPE**,  
WHERE EVERYONE  
IS WELCOMED,  
**LOVED**  
AND FORGIVEN.  
—Pope Francis

# 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 where we will consider different questions:

**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](mailto:marcyfox@gmail.com). Please feel free to invite friends, family or neighbors, whether they are Catholic or not.

## MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 27–DECEMBER 5

Sat	27	4:00	†Fr. Rogers & †Fr. Monago (Fred Cunha)
Sun	28	10:00	†Vic Fryling (Bill & Terry Cutler)
Mon	29		No Mass
Tue	30	8:00	†Bud Cappa (Connie Cappa)
Wed	1	8:00	†Steve Smith (Pat Hendricks)
		10:30	Oakmont Gardens <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	2	8:00	†Sigrid Pregent (Jennifer Martinez)
Fri	3	8:00	<b>Intention of Bishop McElroy</b> (Harriet Draper)
Sat	4	4:00	††Ugo & Juanita Lea (Fred Cunha)
Sun	5	10:00	†Albert Firpo (Isabel Frimmersdorf)

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, 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: Rita Vergara.

## Collection Report

Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Weekly Goal
\$4,202	\$5,544	\$5,862	\$8,668

**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.srдиоcese.org/synod>.



## 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.



## Pray for Priests

The December calendar of priests to pray for each day of the month is on the Divine Mercy counter in the back of church. Please pray for them as well as for new vocations to religious life.



## 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>

**Cardinal Newman Catholic High School** is looking for a Campus Ministry Coordinator. For more information, please contact [bogel@cardinalnewman.org](mailto:bogel@cardinalnewman.org)



### 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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