

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.

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 visits

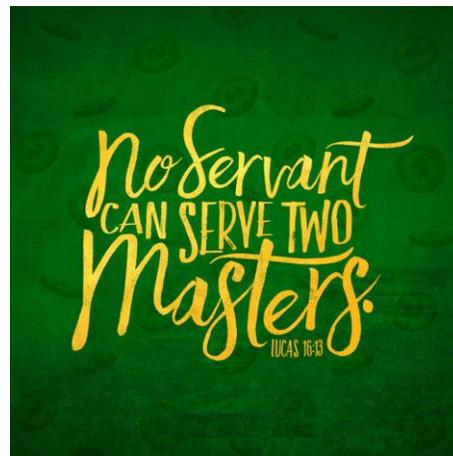
by a Priest or Eucharistic Minister,

when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound suspended.



September 17-18, 2022 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lifting Up the Poor

Today's scriptures leave no doubt that lifting up the lowliest in society is essential to serving God, our one and only Master. In St. Paul's words, God "wills everyone to be saved"—both spiritually and physically (1 Timothy 2:4).

But how are we to assist God in lifting up the poor? Are we to make more time to hold our children in our arms, or to move closer to our aging parents? Should we contribute more money or goods to those less fortunate than we are? Should we defend a co-worker who is being ridiculed, invest in socially responsible stocks, or actively seek legislation to protect the vulnerable in our society?

Each of us must daily discover how to serve God—or risk dire consequences. Today's reading from Amos clearly describes God's disgust with those who "trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!" (Amos 8:4) It is in our own true self-interest to lift up the poor in this life, for when we die it is the lowly ones who will be waiting in paradise to lift us up and welcome us into our "eternal dwellings."



Sunday September 18, 2022

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Amos 8:4-7*—God cannot forget the sin of those who cheat the poor.

Responsorial: *Psalms 113*—Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Reading II: *1 Timothy 2:1-8*—Pray for everyone, not just your own.

Gospel: *Luke 16:1-13*—You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money.

Divorced Catholics & the Eucharist

Q: What does canon law say about divorced people receiving Holy Communion?

A: The issue of who may, and who may not, receive the Eucharist lawfully is a canonical question with deep theological roots. Consequently, the Church has spoken on this matter not merely in the Code of Canon Law, but also in the Catechism and in other theological contexts. As always, canon law follows theology, and the two are consistent, for they can never contradict each other.

The code states that Catholics are not to be allowed to receive Holy Communion if they are under the penalty of excommunication or interdict, or obstinately persist in manifest grave sin (c. 915). Canon 916 notes that as a rule, anyone who is conscious of grave sin may not... receive the Eucharist without previously having been to sacramental confession. This is entirely in keeping with the Catechism’s teaching that “anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion” (1385).

Does the fact that a Catholic is divorced, in and of itself, constitute a mortal sin?

The answer, of course, is no. Yet while the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is, by its very nature, intended to last until death, it acknowledges that being divorced is not necessarily sinful.

Therefore, one can and certainly does encounter sincerely devout, practicing Catholics who happen to be divorced.

So, why is it that we hear the Church teaching that divorced Catholics cannot receive the Eucharist?

The fact is, the Church does **not** teach that Catholics are forbidden to receive Holy Communion if they are divorced. Rather, it teaches that a Catholic who has been divorced and remarried, without having first obtained an annulment of the first marriage, is not permitted to receive the Eucharist.

A Christian marriage lasts until the death of one of the spouses—unless a Catholic marriage tribunal has ruled that the marriage was null from the beginning. If a Catholic obtains a civil divorce, but does not have a declaration from the Church that his marriage was null, he is still married in the eyes of the Church—even if civil law asserts that his marriage has ended. A person in this situation cannot remarry in the Catholic Church; he is impeded from doing so because he is already married to someone else (c. 1085).

Consequently, if a Catholic does remarry under these circumstances, he necessarily does so outside the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church naturally does not accept that this second marriage is valid! Instead, the Catechism teaches that the remarried Catholic is living in a state of sin with the new spouse.

The Church regards the relationship between a Catholic and a second spouse as adulterous, if the first spouse is still living. And since adultery constitutes a grave moral evil, a Catholic who is living in this situation is not permitted to receive the Eucharist.

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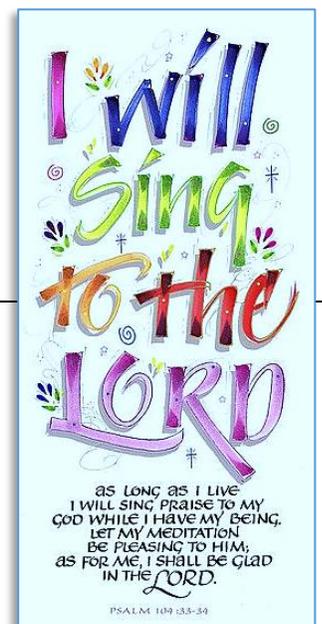
Landscape Project Update

Our “Time to Roll Out the Green” effort has been very successful so far. If you have not yet made a donation in support of new landscaping at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, you may still do so throughout September. This fundraising campaign ends September 30, 2022.

Thank you for your generosity. Any and all funds received over our goal amount of \$23,695 will be saved for future Parish repair and maintenance needs and improvements. We look forward to beginning the installation of the new landscaping at the Parish Center in early October of this year.

Singer-Song Leader Needed at SOV

We’re looking for a cantor for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses at Star of the Valley. Can you read music? Do you like to sing? Contact Maryellen Birkland at 707-477-2925.



	This Weekend — September 17–18		Next Weekend — September 24–25	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Linda Nolet	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth
Lectors:	Bob Zeni	Mimi May	Len Marabella	Joyce O’Connor
Servers:	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson	Connie Montague	John Dolan
Greeters:	Marietta Mancuso	Mary Bell	Sherry Rosevear	Dick D’Oliva
	Sherry Rosevear	Paula Scull	Evelyn Zigmont	Vi D’Oliva
Ushers:	Agnes Apicella	Clarence Younger	Jack Luceti	Fritz Spotleson
	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

AS LONG AS I LIVE
I WILL SING PRAISE TO MY
GOD WHILE I HAVE MY BEING,
LET MY MEDITATION
BE PLEASING TO HIM;
AS FOR ME, I SHALL BE GLAD
IN THE LORD.

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 17–25

Sat 17	4:00	†Michael La Forge
Sun 18	10:00	††Albert & Sarah Firpo (Isabel Frimmersdorf)
Mon 19		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 20	8:00	†Jerry Hughes
Wed 21	8:00	†Michael LaForge
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 22	8:00	†Andy Andrew (Joan Andrew)
Fri 23	8:00	†Rey Frimmersdorf
Sat 24	4:00	Intentions of the Charlton Family
Sun 25	10:00	†Richard Burkhard (Tim Burkhard)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Mike Cusack, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Bob Flores, Marcy Fox, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Martin Kilgariff, Maureen Latimer, Bob Lappin, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Don McQuaid, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Pricilla Peralejo, Richard Peterson, Jill Ramage, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died.

Weekly Collection Report

August 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Weekly Goal
\$3,651	\$4,236	\$4,560	\$5,365

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Take Action

September is Hunger Action Month. This is a time when people all over America stand together against hunger! Sharing, volunteering, pledging to advocate, fundraising, and donating are just a few ideas for how to get involved.

Here in Sonoma County, 1 in 6 of our neighbors is facing food insecurity. Folks confronting hunger often have to choose between food or gas to get to work, food or medicine to stay healthy, food or childcare. Food shouldn't be an impossible choice. Take action this September and give in any way you can.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank can put volunteers to work all year round. Donating your time can help to end hunger in our community.

Non-perishable food items may be donated to help stock Nick's Pantry at Star of the Valley by putting them into the donation box inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center during the week.

You may also donate funds to our collection for Neighbor-to-Neighbor this weekend.

Resemblance

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is on this that we belong to God.

—St. Francis de Sales

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Mission Cooperative**.



Neighbor-to-Neighbor at Star of the Valley Parish

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor program at our parish supports those in need in our area in several ways. Thanks to your generous contributions, we became a benefactor of

Catholic Charities' brand-new Caritas Center by sponsoring a room there. On the top floor of this beautiful, top-notch, and impressive building, Room 337, sponsored by SOV, will be temporary shelter for homeless families waiting for more permanent housing. Caritas Center, opening this month, also contains a preschool and medical clinic, among other services for the homeless and those in need.

Thank you for your continued donations to our Neighbor-to-Neighbor program which also helps stock Nick's Pantry, inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center to benefit those who need food.

Your donations also help our Christmas Program. Last year, 100 grateful families received a \$100 Safeway gift card and, 274 children 18-years-old and under received a \$15 Target gift card.

A second collection for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** will be taken this weekend, **September 17 & 18**, at each Mass.

Mission Cooperative Collection

Every year our Diocese participates in the Mission Cooperative program which allows us to unite with the Mission Church around the world by providing mission awareness throughout our parishes. Your past generous participation is a reflection of that ongoing awareness and concern.

Due to COVID, we are, again, not supporting the travel required for these missionaries to visit the diocese in 2022. However, the desperate need for the support of our prayers and our financial contributions is greater than ever before. To this end, we will be taking a special second collection during all Masses on **September 24-25**, with all proceeds to be sent to the missionary partners that the Diocese of Santa Rosa has historically supported. For a list of Missions and Missionaries this collection supports, see the bulletin board in the church.

Around the world, those who are suffering need to experience the solidarity of other Christians with our Universal Church in facing the pandemic and the other daily harsh realities that our brothers and sisters constantly face. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Planning

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Scripture Study Fall Series

The Interrelationship of the Passion and the Hebrew Bible presented by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP, both online and in person at the CTK Retreat Center will be on Thursday mornings, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

The Hebrew Scriptures not only provide the imagery for the Gospel Passion Narratives but reveal the Passionate Heart of God. We will continue our journey through the pages of the Scriptures in our search for the wisdom of God. Wisdom is almost always found in the details of life, narrative, and story. The beauty of God's love is embedded and revealed in the Crucified and Risen Jesus who is risen in our lives today. The imagery found in these ancient texts provide the basis for the Advent/Christmas Cycles.

This series begins **October 6** and continues October 20, November 3, and ends December 1, 2022. Registration closed at 10:00 a.m. the day before. [Click Here for More Information](#), or contact Ksmith@passionist.org or 916-725-4720 ext. 307.

Fall Gala 2022: An Evening in Paradise

You are invited to our 5th Annual Fall Gala, a fundraising event, with Mass, dinner, and dancing, silent and live auctions at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center on Saturday, **October 8**, 4:00-10:00 p.m.

Tropical and island attire encouraged. Overnight accommodations available. Tickets are \$135 per person. Overnight \$100, includes breakfast. Contact Sandra Gill with questions at sgill@passionst.org or 916-725-4720, ext. 302.

Bridges Pregnancy Clinic and Care Center is a pro-life, women's care center located in Santa Rosa. Highly trained and caring client advocates help women to be empowered in making informed physical, emotional, and spiritual choices about their pregnancies. Go to: www.bridgespregnancyclinic.org or call them at 707-575-9000 for more information about volunteering and what services are offered.



Attention First Responders & Active Military Parishioners

The Diocese of Santa Rosa will hold an annual Blue Mass on **October 9th** during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the

Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. All Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and active duty/reserve Military Personnel are invited with their families as VIPs. To reserve seating please contact George Berg at ephesians6eleven@icloud.com.

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