

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

Anna Jean, Administrative Assistant

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 for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits by a Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion when someone is homebound.



October 21/22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repay to God What Belongs to God

Power Struggles

If you are engaged in struggles over your own and others' power in your life, this week's scriptures provide a way of resolving many of those struggles without taking sides. The readings leave little doubt as to who holds the real power in the world. It is "the Lord, and there is no other" who anoints Cyrus and grasps him by the right hand (the hand of power), making him victorious and giving the Israelites their freedom. The psalm tells us to give glory and honor to the Lord, who is "beyond all gods" and "governs the peoples with equity." Paul gives thanks to God, whose power is at work in the gospel Paul preached and in the Thessalonians themselves. In Jesus' power struggle with the Pharisees, he says, "Repay... to God what belongs to God." God is the power above all human powers—in government, business, the Church, and our own families. We owe God all "glory and honor," thanks, loyalty, and our lives.

Power Within

We are to give praise and pay tribute to God as the one and only source of true power in our lives. When we do, our ordinary power struggles can more easily be resolved. Like the Thessalonians, we discover the power within ourselves. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live in faith, hope, and love. We no longer feel we must dominate others. We are compelled neither to resist those who have power over us nor always to give in to them. We stop fearing our own power. God's power within us and over all human powers gives us confidence, courage, and humility in every power struggle we may encounter.



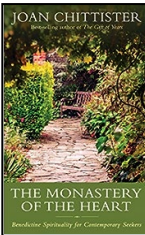
Sunday, October 22, 2023
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*—We are to worship God alone, the God who calls us by name.

Responsorial: *Psalms 96*—Give the Lord glory and honor.

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*—We have received the gospel not only in word, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

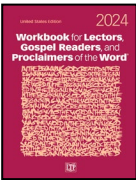
Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-21*—Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.



Spiritual Book Club

Even if you did not make it to our first meeting, you are welcome to join us at our second one this Tuesday, **October 24**, at 10:00 a.m. in the church Quiet Room. We will be reflecting on Chapters 4-7 from Joan Chittister's book, *The Monastery of the Heart, Benedictine Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers*. Our last gathering will be November 21.

The book can be purchased on Amazon. Any questions? Email Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.



Attention Lectors

The *2024 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* is now available for you to pick up in the Parish office. Thank you to all our Lectors for your service.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), *One Family in Mission*.

Our parish goal is **\$28,352**, and we have not yet reached it. If parishioner contributions don't reach the targeted goal, the difference will have to be taken from parish funds to meet it.

AMA envelopes are still available for those who have not yet made their pledge or contribution. It is important to print "Star of the Valley" on the Parish line, and make checks payable to 2023 AMA. Completed envelopes may be mailed, or placed in the offertory basket.

To fix a broken Jack-O-Lantern, use a pumpkin patch.

MASS INTENTIONS—OCTOBER 21-29

Sat	21	4:00	† Pat Marabella (Tom & Janet Ahearn)
Sun	22	10:00	† Richard Burkhard (Tim & Barbara Burkhard)
Mon	23		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	24	8:00	† Yvonne Hanlon (Len Marabella)
Wed	25	8:00	† Larry Hughes (Karen & Burt Schraga)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	26	8:00	† Albert Draper (Harriet Draper)
Fri	27	8:00	† Sr. Lillian Repak, OSU (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	28	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	29	10:00	† Jay Flack (Karen & Larry Schlereth)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Rich Busalacchi, Michael & Jessica Curtis, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Mary Gorrell, Myrtle Gunning, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Maureen Latimer, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Mark Ochlesli, Joyce O'Connor, Karen O'Malley, Tobi O'Neill, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Eileen Poggi, Jill Ramage, Greg Sack, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Amelia Stafford, Claire Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Dolores Zeni, and all who need healing in body, mind, or spirit.

Also pray for those who have died.



A Prayer for Jerusalem

Lord, we pray for Jerusalem, the city that Your feet stood upon

2,000 years ago. We pray, Lord, that you give safety, peace, protection and send your blessing on this land. Empower Your Church in the Holy Land and everywhere, so that in difficult times it would be a living testimony of Your light and love to every person. You love everyone, our blessed Lord. We pray for the Holy Land, for its safety.
 — Rev. Dr. Jack Sara

	This Weekend — October 21–22		Next Weekend — October 28–29		All Saints' Day—Nov. 1
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
EMs:	Linda Luceti	Cristina Wadsworth	Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia	Don Shelhart
Lector:	Len Marabella	Connie Pearson	Judy Rodgers	Don Forst	Blanche Kaiser
Server:	Judy Rodgers	Jim Warman	Connie Montague	Mike Hanlon	Don Shelhart
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Marietta Mancuso Paula Scull	Gloria Bowers Evelyn Zigmont	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings	NA NA
Ushers:	Agnes Apicella	Rick Ragan	Tom Beirne	Clarence Younger	Tim Cummings

PARISH EVENTS—OCTOBER 21–29

Tuesday, October 24, 10:00, Spiritual Book Club—
Church Quiet Room

Thursday, October 26, 5:00 Fall Harvest Dinner—Parish
Center (by reservation only)

Weekly Collection Report

Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Weekly Goal
\$4,728	\$4,846	TBD	\$5,365*

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

*Needed to help meet monthly expenses.

**Second Collection for World Mission Sunday
October 21/22, 2023**

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The second collection today, for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit of sun,
A bit of work and a bit of fun.
Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for other’s sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

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: _____

Star of the Valley
Presents

fall HARVEST DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Happy Hour Hors d’ Oeuvres

DINNER MENU
Tomato Bisque & Rolls,
Stuffed Pork Loin with Dried Fruit,
Roasted Carrots with Fresh Herbs,
Potatoes Au Gratin

Dessert: Prepared by Chef at
Vineyard at Fountaingrove Memory Care

FULL CASH BAR
\$25 per person
By reservation only—**by October 22**

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Reservations can be made by placing a
check in the Men’s Club box. For tables of
5-10 people, place each check in one
envelope with the names listed on the front.
Reservations fill up fast, so
get your request in early.

QUESTIONS?
Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682,
or email: warman804@yahoo.com

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH
Helping Israeli Families in Need

As the genocidal violence in Israel rages on, we continue to stand united, supporting the people of Israel who are suffering unspeakable losses. In our community, there are many people who have lost family and friends in Israel.

As always, Jewish Family and Children's Services takes action immediately to offer urgent assistance when needed, and we are here for you.

If you are looking for a way to help, please join us with a gift to [JFCS' Israel Emergency Fund](#) to aid families in Israel. We are working closely with our partner agencies on the ground, and 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go to provide direct help to those in crisis.

For those in our community who are struggling emotionally during these painful times, we are here to offer expert counseling and support. If you or someone you care about needs assistance, please call JFCS' Bay Area Critical Helpline at 415-449-3700.

Pope Francis Announces Prayer Vigil, Day of Fasting for Peace in Israel-Hamas War

Pope Francis, at the end of his general audience on Wednesday morning, announced another day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war.

"I have decided to call for a day of fasting and prayer on **Friday, Oct. 27,**" the pope said.

It will be "a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit," the Holy Father continued.

The vigil will take place at 6 p.m. in St. Peter's Square, (9 a.m. in Santa Rosa—9 hours behind Rome) where the faithful will join the pope to participate in "an hour of prayer in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world."

The Holy Father's announcement comes after the Catholic Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, called for a global day of prayer and fasting, which was held on Oct. 17, "to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation."

The Holy Father's announcement was preceded by his renewed appeal for peace in the Holy Land.

"Our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel," the pope said. "The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster. The possible widening of the conflict is disturbing, while so many war fronts are already open in the world. May weapons be silenced, and let us heed the cry for peace of the poor, the people, the children."

"Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: It sows only death and destruction, foments hate, proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not in words—in prayer, with total dedication," he concluded.

The Holy Father's comments come as the death toll continues to rise in the conflict-ridden area. The United Nations issued a press release on Tuesday evening stating that "a staggering" 4,200 people have been killed and "over 1 million people [have been] displaced in just 10 days."




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