

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.**

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.



November 11/12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Autumn Leaves

In the autumn, as leaves are dying all around us and nights are growing longer, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to the end of our lives. We may ask ourselves if we will be ready when the Lord comes to meet us. Perhaps we have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one. Perhaps we have kept vigil with someone who died slowly. If so, we know that death is an unpredictable and ever-present reality in every human life.

How are we to live our lives in the face of such knowledge? What is wise? Today's scriptures address these questions. We are not to live as though we are immortal and nothing can harm us. Neither are we to live in fear and despair. Paul tells the Thessalonians to console one another with the knowledge that we are meant to be reunited with our loved ones for eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be so foolish as to think that they can get by with only the bare minimum of faith, hope, and love.

Stay Awake!

How then, shall we live our lives?

We are told to keep vigil and to "stay awake." What does that mean? It means that we keep our spirits well stocked with faith, hope, and love, so that our "lamps" will not burn out too soon. It means that we continually seek out wisdom, especially in dark times of suffering. It means that we are always ready for the Lord to come in unexpected ways, teach us unexpected lessons, and bring unexpected joys, even in unexpected situations. Then, at the moment of death we will be prepared, because we will be in the habit of watching for and welcoming the Lord.



Sunday, November 12, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Wisdom 6:12-16*—Rise before dawn and watch for wisdom’s appearance and you will not be disappointed.

Responsorial: *Psalm 63*—My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading II: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*—We do not mourn death as those who have no hope.

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*—The wise virgins were prepared for the coming of the bridegroom.



**Vocation Awareness
Priest Appreciation Day—
November 12**

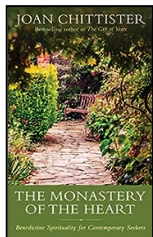
The Family Support Network is embarking on a campaign to celebrate our priests. We are encouraging parishes and

parishioners to show their appreciation to our priests on Sunday, **November 12th**.

This campaign is inspired two-fold. First is our focus on “Eucharistic Revival.” We hope parishioners will reimagine the importance of the Real Presence of Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament, only made possible by our priests. Second, is to promote authentic friendship and appreciation of our priests as a witness to our children of the importance of the priestly vocation.

Some ways to show appreciation:

Send a card; favorite treats; invite to dinner at your home; arrive early for Mass; volunteer for needs around the parish; give flowers; novena prayers; gift cards.



Spiritual Book Club

You are welcome to join us at our last meeting coming up on Tuesday, **November 21**, at 10:00 a.m. in the church Quiet Room. We will be reflecting on Joan Chittister’s book, *The Monastery of the Heart, Benedictine Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers*. Please read

Chapters 8-12. The book can be purchased on Amazon. Questions? Email Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

Chaplet for the Dead

Copies of **Chaplet for the Dead** are on the Divine Mercy counter. This form of prayer is similar to a Rosary, and may be prayed for a deceased loved one.

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 11-19

Sat	11	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	12	10:00	† Charlotte Muzio (Richard Muzio)
Mon	13		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	14	8:00	† Charles Coughlin (Yoshiko Coughlin)
Wed	15	8:00	† Claire Vincent (Kathy McKeon)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	16	8:00	† Veryl Drews (Frank Drews)
Fri	17	8:00	† Sr. Lillian Repak, OSU (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	18	4:00	† Bob Waska, ††Bernice & Charles Chappelle (Frances Waska)
Sun	19	10:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)

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, 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 Ochesli, 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, Marilyn Warman, Dolores Zeni, and all who need healing in body, mind, or spirit.

Also pray for those who have died: Agnes Apicella and Dorothy Beardsley.

A Prayer for All Veterans

O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America’s heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.

WE ARE *thankful* FOR YOUR SERVICE

This Weekend — November 11–12

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs: Jan Rosshirt

Connie Pearson

Lector: Ted Rosshirt

Don Forst

Server: Judy Rodgers

John Dolan

Greeters: Lisa Munoz Flores
Sherry Rosevear

Elizabeth McKee
Judy Monroe

Ushers: Tom Beirne

Tim Burkhard

Next Weekend — November 18–19

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Don Shelhart

Connie Pearson

Karen Schraga

John Knight

Bev Shelhart

Drew Hofmann

Cathy Hardy
Pete Hardy

Dick D’Oliva
Vi D’Oliva

Judy Rodgers

Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 12–19

Sunday, November 12, Pancake Breakfast—Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

Tuesday, November 14, 11:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—Bello Room

Weekly Collection Report

Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Weekly Goal
\$3,686	\$3,937	\$7,153	\$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 Collections

This weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Catholic Communications and Catholic University of America**.

Second Collection November 18/19

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Catholic Communications** and the **Catholic University of America**. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education.

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Santa Rosa to fund local communications efforts.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Star of the Valley Parish has been maintaining and keeping the church, rectory, and Monsignor Fahey Parish Center in good repair due to your contributions to our collections for Parish Repair & Maintenance. These are some projects that have been completed lately, and some that are underway:

- ▶ Installed new meter, controller, belts, drain line, and trap on church HVAC.
- ▶ Prune back Oak tree branches above roof to be 5 feet away from church roof and building for fire safety.

We will have a second collection this weekend, November 11 and 12, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Please be as generous as you usually are. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



St. Julius the Veteran

Born in 255 to pagan parents, Julius converted to Christianity sometime before he was conscripted into the Roman army. He served in seven military campaigns over 27 years, and his faith was overlooked because he was an excellent soldier and he served during a time when Christianity was tolerated by the Romans. That changed during the Diocletian persecution, however, and when Julius refused to give a public sacrifice to the Roman gods he was brought before Maximus the prefect. Maximus complimented Julius on his excellent military record and offered freedom and 10 years of wages as a bonus if he would offer the public sacrifice. Julius refused and was put to death by a sword.

St. Julius the Veteran bravely served his country, but he remained steadfast when it came to serving the King of Kings. Many brave men and women have served their country and are now in veteran hospitals that work to mend veterans' bodies, but little is done to mend and attend to their souls. Today, find a nearby veteran hospital, contact the chaplain there, and find out what you can do to help bring the faith to those who served their country.

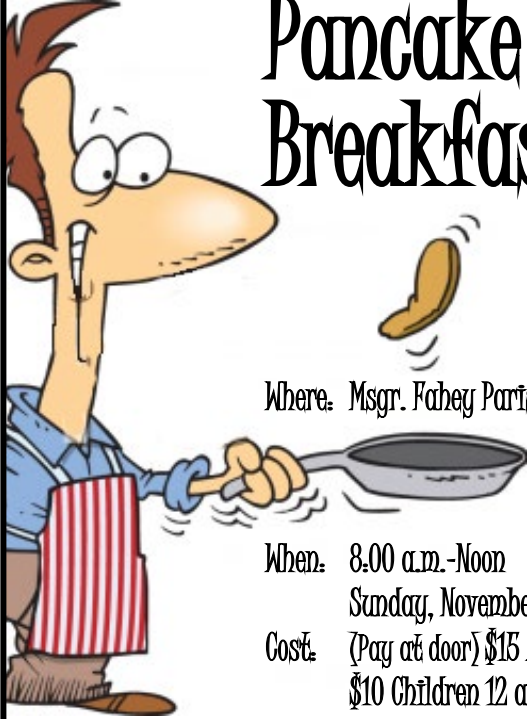


November is All Souls' Month

All Souls' Day was November 2, but at Star of the Valley, we celebrate it the whole month of November. If you

did not get an All Souls' Day envelope, there are extras at both church entrances. You may place them in the offertory basket or drop them off at the office.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Pancake Breakfast



Where: Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

When: 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Sunday, November 12

Cost: (Pay at door) \$15 Adults
\$10 Children 12 and under

Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Juice, Champagne, Coffee

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Taizé Prayer at Resurrection Church

Join us for a candle-lit Taizé Prayer Service around the Cross at Resurrection Church, 303 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa, on Monday, **November 13**, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 707-544-7272.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Holy Spirit Men's Club is hosting a "Thank you, Lord!" traditional Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, **November 14** at Holy Spirit Church in Santa Rosa. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Grace at 6:45 p.m. with dinner to follow. \$25 per person includes dinner, two cocktails and prize tickets.

Fans of the Chosen

Come join us for Season 3 each Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall! Each gathering will include the Bible Roundtable analysis of each episode.



Grief Support at Holy Spirit Church

Join us for a special GriefShare workshop, "Surviving the Holidays" on Saturday, **November 18**, 1-3:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 1244 St. Francis Road in Santa Rosa. Grief can catch us off guard sometimes, no matter how long ago the loss. God knows our needs during this tender time and provides generously. One way is through the loving support group at Holy Spirit. We hope you will join us in a community of loving support, faith sharing, and intercessory prayer. For more information, call Deanna Bowers, Grief Group Coordinator at 909-532-0102 or go to www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/48739



Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced/Separated Parents

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will be hosting a Life-Giving Wounds retreat in Menlo Park on **November 17-19**, 2023. Dealing with your parents' divorce is not easy, but confronting this wound with faith can allow you to find great healing. Attending this 3-day retreat is a great way to start your journey of healing.

The retreat focuses on overcoming the effects of parental divorce, forgiving our parents, and connecting with others from this background.

Go to: lifegivingwounds.org and click on the "Retreats" heading to find the San Francisco retreat. Or, contact Ed Hopfner of the Archdiocese at 415-614-5547.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities & Tours

- ♥ **Caring Voices:** A telephone outreach program where volunteers call participants for a daily check in call.
- ♥ **Caring Rides:** Trained volunteer drivers take seniors to medical appointments and on other errands. We operate Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please call Catholic Charities at 707-308-4805 or email cstone@srcharities.org for more information.
- ♥ **Grocery Delivery:** On the third Thursday of each month, volunteers deliver groceries to homebound seniors in Santa Rosa to ensure they don't lack for nutritious food.
- ♥ **Tour Caritas Village:** Walk through and see the new facility in Santa Rosa that serves the homeless. If interested in volunteering or taking a tour, please contact Mike O'Callaghan at 707-888-6583 or mike@powerof2.us.

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