

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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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 18/19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When? When? When?

Biblical authors and characters are frustratingly elusive whenever we try to pin them down on the precise time of the end of the world. What may be most frustrating to us is not so much not having the clear-cut information, but rather the types of lives this lack of information calls us to lead. Malachi tells us the blazing day will come, but our only way to be saved by the healing sun of justice is to live in awe and fear of the Lord. Paul instructs us not to be idle, but to work for our place in the community awaiting Christ's return. Jesus himself doesn't give the day or time, but knows that those who follow him will have to persevere day by day, in steadfast and joyful hope.

In God's Time

In Matthew's and Mark's presentation of today's Gospel scene, Jesus leaves the temple to foretell its downfall; he makes the connection to Israel's belief that it would signal the end of the world. In Luke, Jesus remains in the temple, predicting its downfall as one of many tribulations that the early Christian community will endure. This is a broader view of the end-times. Throughout history, many monumental buildings rose in splendor and fell violently. In our own day we have had some experience of this. Jesus seems to know the natural human reaction that when this happens to us, then surely it means the end of the world. We are reminded today that God's plans are not tied to our architecture: God's time is not bound by our calendars. What God's own word calls us to do today is to persevere in faithful lives, until that day—whenever it may be, however it may happen—is fulfilled.



Sunday, November 19, 2023

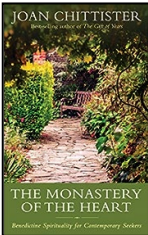
Scripture Readings

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31—The value of a worthy woman is beyond measure.

Responsorial: Psalm 128—Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6—The day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30—The parable of the talents.



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.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good!

Light Up A Life

Community tree lighting and remembrance celebration

Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health invites you to their "Light Up A Life" tree-lighting ceremony, Sunday, **December 3**, 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

This community event celebrates cherished memories; each light symbolizing the life, hope and dreams of a loved one. There will be music and refreshments.

Donation Forms are at the back of church and in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center.

For information, contact Memorial Hospice at 707-568-1092 or visit www.SonomaCountyHospice.org

MASS INTENTIONS—NOVEMBER 18-26

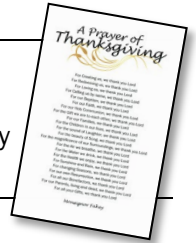
Sat	18	4:00	† Bob Waska, ††Bernice & Charles Chappelle (Frances Waska)
Sun	19	10:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Mon	20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	21	8:00	† Veryl Drews (Frank Drews)
Wed	22	8:00	† Charles Coughlin (Yoshiko Coughlin)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	23	9:00	† Pat Marabella (Tom & Janet Ahearn)
Fri	24	8:00	† Agnes Apicella (Maryellen Birkland)
Sat	25	4:00	† Justine Haugen (Nancy Blake)
Sun	26	10:00	† Justine Haugen (Kathy McKeon)

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, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Pinky Ezekiel, 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: Dorothy Beardsley and Frances Dias.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

There are copies of Monsignor Fahey's *A Prayer of Thanksgiving* on the Divine Mercy counter for you to take home if you like.



Thanksgiving Tradition

Set the table with 3 dried corn kernels on each plate. After, or as a part of grace, pass around an empty bowl. Each person says one thing they are thankful for this year and places one corn kernel from their plate into the bowl, and then passes it to the next person. The bowl will go around the table a full three times, until all kernels are in it.

Ushers Needed

Please call the parish office at 707-539-6262, to volunteer as an usher for weekend and holiday Masses.

	This Weekend — November 18-19		Thanksgiving — Nov. 23	Next Weekend — November 25-26	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Thursday	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Don Shelhart	Connie Pearson	Micki Sabourin	Blanche Kaiser	Marge Lamb
Lector:	Karen Schraga	John Knight	Judy Rodgers	Len Marabella	Rosemary Haver
Server:	Bev Shelhart	Drew Hofmann	Dennis Sabourin	Bev Shelhart	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy	Dick D'Oliva Vi D'Oliva	NA NA	Gloria Bowers Lisa Munoz Flores	Sue Cummings Tim Cummings
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan	Tim Burkhard	Judy Rodgers	Clarence Younger

PARISH EVENTS—NOVEMBER 18–26

Tuesday, November 21, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—
Church Quiet Room

Thursday, November 23, Office Closed—Happy
Thanksgiving!

Weekly Collection Report

Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Weekly Goal
\$3,937	\$7,153	\$4,383	\$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 **Catholic Communications and Catholic University of America**. Next weekend's second collection will be for **Christmas Flowers**. This Thursday, on Thanksgiving, there will be a collection for our **Neighbor-to-Neighbor** program.

Attention Men!

The Star of the Valley Men's Club is getting ready for next year and has mailed out an invitation to join or renew your membership, as well as attend the **Men's Club Prime Rib Installation Dinner** which will be in January, 2024. If you didn't receive it in your mailbox, or need another to give to a friend, neighbor, or relative, please stop by the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center during the week to pick up the details and Membership Application. Don't miss out. You can't get a better prime rib dinner for this price anywhere else!



Pancake Breakfast Success

Our Fall pancake breakfast was an outstanding success. After all expenses, the Men's Club will donate \$2,500 to our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program.

Congratulations and thanks to our SOV Team.

Thanksgiving Neighbor-to-Neighbor Collection

Please help those in need this Thanksgiving.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

Star of the Valley's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program Supports the Following:

Christmas Gift Day: Each year we help 130-200 families in need. \$100 Safeway gift cards are given to them for their holiday groceries.

Nick's Pantry: Throughout the year, Safeway gift cards and food (purchased at a discount from the Redwood Empire Food Bank) are given to families in need. Parishioners also help stock our pantry by putting non-perishable food in our donation box.

Advent

REFLECTION & PRAYER SERVICE

All parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors, are invited to start the Christmas season with prayer and reflection focusing on the theme:

Light in the Midst of Darkness

Wednesday, December 6

3:00-4:00 in the church

4:00-5:30 in the

Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

for some

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Enjoy:

Oakmont Play Readers

Christmas Carols

Christmas Cookies

Apple Cider, Wine

No Cost/No RSVP

Sponsored by the Women's Circle

Prayer of Thansgiving by Monsignor Fahey

For Creating us, we thank you Lord
For Redeeming us, we thank you Lord
For Loving us, we thank you Lord
For Calling us by name, we thank you Lord
For our Baptism, we thank you Lord
For our Faith, we thank you Lord
For our Holy Communion, we thank you Lord
For the Gift we are to each other, we thank you Lord
For our Families, we thank you Lord
For the Children in our lives, we thank you Lord
For the sound of Laughter, we thank you Lord
For the beauty of Song, we thank you Lord
For the magnificence of our Surroundings,
we thank you Lord
For the Air we breathe, we thank you Lord
For the Water we drink, we thank you Lord
For the Health we enjoy, we thank you Lord
For Sunshine and Rain, we thank you Lord
For changing Seasons, we thank you Lord
For our own Resurrection, we thank you Lord
For all our Benefactors, we thank you Lord
For our Parents, living and dead, we thank you Lord
For all your Gifts, we thank you Lord

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thursday, **November 23** at 3:00 p.m. in the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, meals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and all are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend, however, donations are gratefully accepted to help offset the cost of producing the event.

Christmas Picnic Dinner Dance

Holy Spirit Men's Club invites you to their 20th Annual Christmas Picnic Dinner Dance, catered by Charlies Bar-B-Que at Holy Spirit Church on Friday, **December 8, 2023**, for adults only.

Reservations are \$65 per person and are limited to 100 guests. Call Loyde Johnson at 707-921-9292. No sales at the door, and no walk-ins.

Hors d'oeuvres from 6:00-7:00, followed by a buffet with tri-tip, chicken, salad, penne pesto, rolls and butter, plus a dessert table. Complimentary wine will be on the table with dinner. No host full bar and live music.

Thanksgiving

Did you know that what is often called a "secular feast"—such as the American Holiday Thanksgiving—proceeds from a Jewish and Christian memory present in our ancestors? In fact, the American settlers intentionally stopped to thank the Lord. That is the origin of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

And, the American Founders acknowledged in the birth certificate of the United States of America, the Declaration of Independence, that inalienable Rights came not from Government but from the Creator.

Most Americans know that we are a people who have received immense gifts, not only from other people, but from God, and it is VITAL that we stop and give Him thanks! For Catholics, and other Christians, we give thanks to God first for His Greatest Gift, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. He knew we needed a Savior, to save us from sin and death. And, He sent His only Son.

—Deacon Keith, Dean and Chaplain,
Catholic Online School




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