

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.

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.



July 30-31, 2022 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hitting it Big

It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he'd want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It's exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this "common wisdom" make the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

Spending Wisely

The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life.
—William James

Divine By Any Name

An accomplished Catholic writer used to joke that "God" was the worst nickname ever: The term had acquired way too much baggage for him. Fortunately, the church has dozens of terms and metaphors for God, including the vivid image of God as potter. The reality of God is beyond any one term or comparison, so it is fortunate that the Christian tradition gives us so many. Light, Rock, Creator, Wisdom, Savior, Shepherd, Fortress, Vine, Shield, and on and on. What terms help bring God alive for you?



Sunday July 31, 2022

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*—Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial: *Ps. 90*—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II: *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*—In Christ you have died. In Christ you have been raised up.

Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21*—Avoid greed in all its forms.

Catholic Women in the News

We are happy to announce a new place for women in our Catholic Church. When it comes to the selection of bishops, Pope Francis has appointed three women to serve in what is called the “Dicastery for Bishops.” In other words, their opinion will be important and considered in the selection of every new bishop.

As Catholic women, we are proud of Sister Simone Campbell (member of the Sisters of Social Service) who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Joe Biden. Her years as director of the Catholic Social Justice Lobby, NETWORK has given a voice to the poor and underserved in our country. Thank you, Sister.

We also have some **summer reading suggestions:**

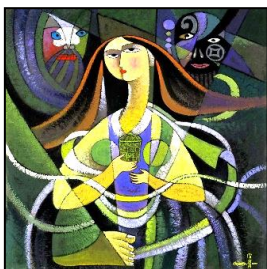
The Gift of Years by Sister Joan Chittister

The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage by Sister Joan Chittister

Saints for All Occasions by J. Courtney Sullivan.

—*Star of the Valley Women’s Circle*

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Solemnity of St. Mary Magdalene

Jesus chose a woman, Mary Magdalene, to be the first to see him after his resurrection and the one to announce this good news to his other disciples. St. Thomas Aquinas recognized Mary’s unique role

and named her “the apostle to the apostles.”

Pope Francis elevated Mary’s feast day, July 22, to the status of a solemnity. All the other apostles are celebrated with solemnities and now so is she. You can honor Mary on her feast day by honoring a woman you know, or know of, who witnesses to Jesus’ good news of love and mercy.

—*Good Ground Press 2022*



Donut Sunday Next Weekend

Thanks to our Men’s Club, SOV will host Donut Sunday on **August 7th** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners.

STAR OF THE VALLEY
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BBQ

Welcome New Parishioners!

5:00
Appetizers

6:00
in the evening

THURSDAY, AUGUST

18th

\$25 PER PERSON

Musical Entertainment provided by Mac & Porter

Menu: Western Style Tri-Tip, Hand Rubbed Slow Cooked BBQ Ribs, Oven-Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Dessert, Full cash bar

Reservations can be made by placing a check, payable to SOV Men’s Club, in the Men’s Club box by August 15. For tables of 5-10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front. Questions?

Contact Jim Warman 707-230-2682 or
Email warman804@yahoo.com

New parishioners: Contact Drew or
Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706



This Weekend — July 30–31

4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	Marcy Fox
Lectors:	Bob Zeni	Joyce O’Connor
Servers:	Micki Sabourin	John Dolan
Greeters:	Gloria Bowers	Donna Forst & Cricket
	Justine Haugen	Mimi May
Ushers:	Agnes Apicella	Rick Ragan
	TBD	TBD

Next Weekend — August 6–7

4:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn	Linda Nolet
Len Marabella	Bianca Bailie
Connie Montague	Jennifer Martinez
Justine Haugen	Mary Bell
Marietta Mancuso	Donna Forst & Cricket
Jack Luceti	Clarence Younger
TBD	TBD

MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 30–AUGUST 7

Sat	30	4:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)
Sun	31	10:00	† Charlotte Muzio (Richard Muzio)
Mon	1		No Mass—Pray for the U.S.A.
Tue	2	8:00	† Andy Andrew
Wed	3	8:00	† Evelyn Anenson
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	4	8:00	† Jean Boies
Fri	5	8:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Sat	6	4:00	† Martin Breuer
Sun	7	10:00	† Rey Frimmersdorf (Isabel Frimmersdorf)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Cricket, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Frank Donovan, Bob Flores, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Jackie Kenilvort, Martin Kilgariff, Maureen Latimer, Charles Marchese, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Don McQuaid, Liz Mullins, Lea Nelson, Karen O'Malley, Richard Peterson, Ray Pregent, Jill Ramage, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Ed Turpin, Claire Vincent, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni. Also pray for those who have died: Michael Owen.

Weekly Collection Report

July 3	July 10	July 17	Weekly Goal
\$3,876	\$4,434	\$3,298	\$5,365

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

Second Collection August 6 & 7, 2022

The second collection next weekend will be for **Black and Indian Missions**. Founded by the Catholic bishops of the U.S. to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions, this collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.



Become A Member of Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley. Members of

Heritage Friends are a part of Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in *Heritage Friends* is straight forward. You merely submit the form (found in our parish office and on our website) indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift without including any amount.

It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join *Heritage Friends* of Star of the Valley.

We have nothing if we don't have faith.



Have You Noticed?

The landscape renovation has begun at the church!

A "Time to Roll Out the Green" mailing went out to explain the plan for relandscaping the grounds of the church and the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Phase One, relandscaping the church grounds

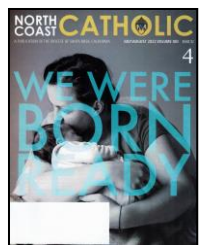
has started, but funds need to be raised for Phase Two, relandscaping the Parish Center grounds. Wouldn't it be nice if both were refreshed and looked more welcoming?

If you have any questions, contact Finance Council members Dennis Sabourin or Ted Rosshirt. We look forward to your support.



New Member of Finance Council

We are happy to announce that **Justine Haugen**, a Star of the Valley parishioner who served as our Women's Club Treasurer, is now a member of our Parish Finance Council. Thank you, Justine, for your dedication to Star of the Valley, and for using your talents by serving the parish.



North Coast Catholic & August Prayers for Priests

The July/August issue of the North Coast Catholic is available to pick up in the back of the church.

Also, be sure to pick up *Prayers for Priests* and say at least one prayer for the priest of the day.

Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, 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: _____

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Community Dinner Invitation

The St. Vincent de Paul District Council of Sonoma County (SVdP) is hosting a community dinner, Friday, **August 12**, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mary Agatha Furth Center, 8400 Old Redwood Highway in Windsor. This is not a fundraiser, nor a plea for support, but a chance to share information about what they've accomplished during the course of COVID.

Tickets for a delicious meal, complete with BBQ Oysters, are only \$20 each. And, if you buy one ticket and bring someone who is unfamiliar with SVdP, or who is not able to afford a ticket on their own, you will receive a free ticket for that person (a buy-one-get-one deal based on the honor system.) There will also be wine, beer, spirits, and non-alcoholic options for all to enjoy. For tickets, go to or click on:

<https://SVdPCommunityDinner.eventbrite.com>.

For the Poor,
Jack Tibbetts, Executive Director
jtibbetts@svdp-sonoma.org

The Burnt Pie Lesson

My Grandmother always cooked tasty food. But one day, she put a burnt pie in front of my Grandpa. Not just a little burnt, but black as coal.

I waited to see what my Grandpa would say. But he

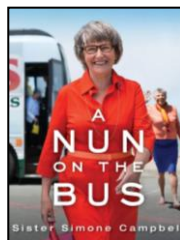
just ate the pie 'n asked how my day was.

Then I heard my Grandmother apologize to him for his dinner. I'll never forget his response, "Dear, I like yur pie."

Later, I asked him if he had told the truth. He put his arm on my shoulder 'n said, "Yur Grandma had a tough day at work. She was tired. The burnt pie didn't harm me, but a sharp word could've hurt her."

We all make mistakes. We shouldn't focus on mistakes, but support those we love.

~Unknown Author



A Medal for the Nun on the Bus

Simone Campbell, S.S.S., was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom this month, so the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is featuring her and her book on their blog in this month's Book Note. Describing Sister Campbell as "a prominent advocate for economic

justice, immigration reform, and healthcare policy," the announcement from the White House said that the award is given to Americans "who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the United States, world peace, or other significant societal, public or private endeavors. Read more at www.jrclosaltos.org/post/a-medal-for-the-nun-on-the-bus.

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