# 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

#### **Contact Numbers**

Parish Office Phone: 539-6262 Parish Office Fax: 539-8620 Answering service when the Office is closed.

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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.

#### **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.



### August 6-7, 2022— Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Our Fathers in Faith**

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called "father" in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God's call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know, and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham's faith was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

#### **Expectant Waiting**

We spend much of our lives waiting: waiting at the doctor's office, for a show to begin, for a loved one to arrive. Each of these examples of waiting has a focus, however, a reason to justify our patience. The faithful servants in today's Gospel have a focus as well: the master's return. This gives the wait meaning, a purpose. We may slowly grow impatient while we wait, but when we focus on the object of our expectation, we find it easier.

We don't wait for Jesus, though, in the same way we wait for anything else in life, for Jesus is already present with us as we wait. Jesus arrives for us every day of our lives—often in the person of someone in need, or in those moments of grace, when we need support (or patience.)



## **Sunday, August 7, 2022**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings

**Reading I:** Wisdom 18:6-9—On the long-awaited Passover night, God's children offered the paschal sacrifice. **Responsorial:** Psalm 33—Blessed the

people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Reading II:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12—By faith we join our ancestors in faith, as together in hope we journey toward our homeland.

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48—The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour. Be prepared.

#### No Mass at SOV on Monday, August 15

Since the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. This was decided by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America (Canon 1246 §2) effective January 1, 1993. So, next Monday, August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M. is not a holy day of obligation this year. However, no matter what weekday upon which it falls, each year the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on August 15, either online, on television, or at a church, to celebrate and honor the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### **Bingo Caller Needed**

Star of the Valley's Men's Club is in need of a "Bingo Caller" for our monthly Bingo games. If necessary, training will be provided.

Bingo is generally held on the first or third Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. Our first Bingo will be on Tuesday, **September 6**. The bingo caller will be compensated with a FREE meal, and a glass of wine or soft drink at the end of Bingo. If you are interested, please contact Pete Hardy at 707-537-8257.

#### **House Blessing**

Bless this house dear Lord above, with happiness and with thy love. Bless the door that opens wide, to the warmth that waits inside. Touch the windows with Thy light, Be its comfort in the night. Grant it peace and sweet accord:

Make this house Thy home, dear Lord.



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#### **Donut Sunday This Weekend!**

Thanks to our Men's Club, SOV will host Donut Sunday on **August 7**th 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.





#### **MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 6–14**

Sat	6	4:00	†Martin Breuer
Sun	7	10:00	†Rey Frimmersdorf (Isabel
			Frimmersdorf)
Mon	8		No Mass—Pray for the U.S.A.
Tue	9	8:00	†Lynn Brinker
Wed	10	8:00	†Roger Briole
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	11	8:00	†Sherry & Joe Busterna
Fri	12	8:00	†Jim Cochrane
Sat	13	4:00	†Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	14	10:00	<b>†Patrick Gunning</b> (Myrtle Gunning)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Cricket, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Frank Donovan, Audrey Engen, 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, 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 10	July 17	July 24	Weekly Goal
\$4.434	\$3,298	\$5.694	\$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.

#### **Second Collections**

The second collection this 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.

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**.



## Become A Member of Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley 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.



#### **New Landscaping**

The new landscaping at the church is coming along, and God even provided some rain to help the new plantings. What a gift! Phase One of Time to Roll Out the Green is almost complete.

Thank you for your donations toward Phase Two, new landscaping

for the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. Every contribution will help us meet the \$23,695 goal.

If you have any questions, contact Finance Council members Dennis Sabourin or Ted Rosshirt.

#### **Meditation in the Garden**

Star of the Valley and Kenwood Community Church are joining together to present several half hour meditations centered on our common home, this earth.

"Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all people." Job 12:7-8,10

Marcy Fox, retired theology teacher and Star of the Valley parishioner, will use the "seven steps to inspire kinship and care for our sacred earth" as presented by Rosanne M. Siino, PhD (Student of ecological theology at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley).

Our first of four gatherings will be at Kenwood Community Church on **August 11**th at 4:00–4:30 p.m. in the garden behind the church.

#### **Remaining Schedule:**

- August 25, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
   (Star of the Valley Mary's Garden)
- September 8, 4:00–4:30 p.m. (Kenwood Community Church)
- September 22, 4:00–4:30 p.m.
   (Star of the Valley Mary's Garden)

All are welcome. No charge.

#### **Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church**

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.

<ul> <li>□ New Parishioner</li> <li>□ New contact info (address, email, phone number)</li> <li>□ I'm moving; remove my name from the parish list.</li> <li>□ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.</li> <li>□ I have a question. Please contact me.</li> </ul>
Name:
Address:
City & Zip:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:

#### **NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**



#### **An Opportunity for Pilgrimage**

The Camino de Sonoma is one of many pilgrimage routes being established in a growing global movement. People want to get out, walk, and connect.

There are different understandings of

what makes a route a pilgrimage. We see three significant components to the unique experience the Camino de Sonoma offers pilgrims. First, a pilgrimage invites you to encounter a bigger story. Secondly, pilgrimage welcomes those who walk to go deeper with their own story via a symbolic journey, an act that helps one move forward in their life. Finally, a pilgrimage provides a context for a meaningful embodied experience. The surprising enrichment that comes from walking purposefully or prayerfully, over an extended time is a gift many pilgrims bring home with them.

We are grateful that the Camino de Sonoma is providing an exceptional opportunity to those who are interested in experiencing pilgrimage for themselves.

In August, the complete Camino de Sonoma, is scheduled to be done in six days. Join us for this guided and meaningful pilgrimage through gorgeous Sonoma County. The pathway travels over a variety of terrain and elevation, and showcases the bounty and beauty of Sonoma County—with its rural splendor, historical

significance, and welcoming hospitality. The journey begins in Sonoma at Mission San Francisco Solano and finishes on the bluffs at Fort Ross State Historic State Park overlooking the majestic Pacific Ocean. This 80-mile route has been broken into 6 Stages that are roughly 13 miles each.

You are invited to reserve a spot to walk individual stages, or join us for the entire pilgrimage.

- August 20: Stage 1 Sonoma to Kenwood
- August 21: Stage 2 Kenwood to Santa Rosa
- August 22: Stage 3 Santa Rosa to Sebastopol
- August 23: Stage 4 Sebastopol to Occidental
- August 24: Stage 5 Occidental to Jenner
- August 25: Stage 6 Jenner to Fort Ross
   AllTrails Map: <u>Camino de Sonoma | List | AllTrails</u>
   Days begin at 8:00 a.m. and finish around 4:00 p.m.

when we complete the stage for the day. Let us know which stage you'd like to join us for (or all!) and we will reserve your spot and provide you with all the details. For more information email <a href="mailto:info@cominodesonoma.com">info@cominodesonoma.com</a>. Camino de Sonoma is a 501c3 organization.

#### **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.

-Chinese Proverb



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