

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

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 13-14, 2022— Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Valued?

Listening to Jesus describe the divided households that would result from following him is somewhat startling in our society, where the Christian church is seen as one of the last great refuges of the family. And yet we know that in many ways religion still divides families, when one spouse is observant and another is not, when children choose or reject the beliefs of their parents, when lifestyles of a loved one do not conform to Church teachings, when a marriage or remarriage occurs outside of the sanctuary, when a non-believing yet baptized child merely goes through the religious motions to satisfy a grandparent... the list goes on. Centuries ago, Jesus knew that deeply held and honestly followed religious convictions could often be a source of division, in spite of the fact that what he and his Father in heaven wanted most deeply was unity.

Typical Teenager

In the days when Luke's Gospel was written, Christianity was in its adolescence. In its infancy it was a branch or sect of Judaism. Ongoing dissension within the Jewish faith about the nature of Jesus and his messianic role created a rift. Social and political situations aggravated by the destruction of the Jerusalem temple deepened it. Luke was preaching and writing to many people who, day by day, were living through the kinds of household divisions that Jesus was describing. Anyone who has lived through a child's teenage years know that "son against father, daughter against mother" is a common situation. It was no different for Christianity as it wrested itself away from its parent religion. The followers of Christ in Luke's day were learning that sometimes a household divided was the price they paid.



Sunday August 14, 2022

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*—

Because he demoralized the people, Jeremiah is condemned to death.

Responsorial: *Psalms 40*—Lord, come to my aid!

Reading II: *Hebrews 12:1-4*—We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who can teach us how to struggle for glory.

Gospel: *Luke 12:49-53*—Jesus says: I have come to divide.

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.



SOV Funeral Ministry

Blanche Kaiser led the Funeral Ministry at Star of the Valley as the liaison and coordinator for over 12 years. We have been very blessed by her dedicated, loving service to all the (approximately 290) families she helped get through a difficult time after the loss of a loved one.

Blanche continues to serve as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, SOV wedding coordinator, and is on the parish Collections Counting Team, but has decided that it's time to let someone else lead the Funeral Ministry. We can't thank Blanche enough, for all the time and effort she has put into the service she provided as Funeral Liaison.

Some of you have expressed interest in filling the role of Funeral Liaison/Coordinator, for which we are grateful, but it's still open for others to apply. If you would like to help parishioners with funeral planning and memorial services, or would like more information, please contact Msgr. Pulskamp.

Parish Office Closed Monday, August 15, 2022

Parish BBQ Reservations Close Soon

You can still submit your RSVP by putting your payment (checks made to SOV Men's Club) in an envelope with the names of the people attending, and dropping it into the locked mailbox at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center through Monday, August 15, 2022.

LAST CHANCE TO RSVP!

STAR OF THE VALLEY

WESTERN

BBQ

Welcome New Parishioners!

5:00

Appetizers

THURSDAY, AUGUST

18th

6:00

in the evening

\$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 — August 13-14

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Jack or Linda Luceti

Lectors: Gail Passalacqua

Servers: Judy Rodgers

Greeters: Gloria Bowers
Evelyn Zigmont

Ushers: Agnes Apicella
TBD

10:00 a.m.

Barbara Spotleson

Don Forst

Mike Hanlon

Donna Forst & Cricket
Mimi May

Tim Burkhard
TBD

Next Weekend — August 20-21

4:00 p.m.

Micki Sabourin

Connie Pearson

Dennis Sabourin

Justine Haugen
Evelyn Zigmont

Ted Rosshirt
TBD

10:00 a.m.

Kar Hofmann

Rosemary Haver

Drew Hofmann

Mary Bell
Paula Scull

Rick Ragan
TBD

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 13–21

Sat 13	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun 14	10:00	† Patrick Gunning (Myrtle Gunning)
Mon 15		No Mass—Pray a Rosary Parish Office Closed Today
Tue 16	8:00	† Patricia Hayes (Carole & Martin Kilgariff)
Wed 17	8:00	† Terry Moriarty (Carole & Martin Kilgariff)
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 18	8:00	† Gary Curto
Fri 19	8:00	† Albert Draper
Sat 20	4:00	† Breada O’Riordan (Patty Davis)
Sun 21	10:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Cricket, Mike Cusack, 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, Pricilla Peralejo, 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.

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).

Schedule:

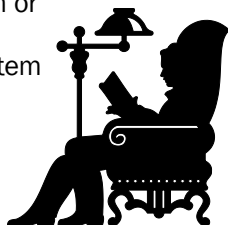
- August 25, 4:00–4:30 p.m.
(Star of the Valley – Mary’s Garden)
- September 8, 4:00–4:30 p.m.
(Kenwood Community Church)
- September 22, 4:00–4:30 p.m.
(Star of the Valley – Mary’s Garden)

All are welcome. No charge.



Star of the Valley Library

Star of the Valley Church has a library inside the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, in the multi-purpose room also known as the Fireside Room or Library. You’re welcome to browse, sit and read, and borrow on an honor system from a variety of books and electronic media. It is open on weekdays during office hours. Thanks to John Dolan for being our librarian!



New Landscaping

Doesn’t the new landscaping around the church look good? We hope you agree that it’s an improvement, and look forward, as we do, to seeing a fresh look at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center as well.

Thank you for your donations toward Phase Two, new landscaping for the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center. All funds received over the \$23,695 goal amount will be put in our Parish Repair & Maintenance fund for future improvements. If you have any questions, contact Finance Council members Dennis Sabourin or Ted Rosshirt.

Weekly Collection Report

July 17	July 24	July 31	Weekly Goal
\$3,298	\$5,694	\$2,890	\$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 Collection

The second collection this weekend will be for **Parish Repair and Maintenance**.

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:

- ▶ Repaired sinkhole in driveway to church.
- ▶ Repaired window leak at Parish Center.
- ▶ Repaired handrail on Rectory deck.
- ▶ Repaired storage closet door handle.
- ▶ Repaired kneeler in church.
- ▶ Replaced 3 old fire extinguishers with new.
- ▶ 12-year kitchen ansul maintenance.
- ▶ Ordered new window to replace failed one.
- ▶ Repaired Monsignor Pulskamp’s desk chair.
- ▶ Mis-functioning electric window blind.
- ▶ Replaced rotten wood trim around sign.
- ▶ Repaired fire-sprinkler system.
- ▶ New landscaping at the church.

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





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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Camino de Sonoma Update!



The list of pilgrims and miles we've traveled continues to grow. Please join us for a transformative experience. August 20 thru 25th, (w/August 23rd celebrating our Diocesan Patron, St. Rose of Lima,) plus Sept 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Join any day or multiple days.

12+ miles too much? We can customize a smaller walk, just ask. RSVP/INFO: email Stephen Morris at dsr youth@sr diocese.org or call 310-849-2342.

alzheimer's association

Effective Communication Strategies
Wednesday,
August 17, 2022

The Alzheimer's Association and Council on Aging are partnering for this In-Person training, open to all caregivers, but most beneficial for those caring for an older adult with cognitive impairment.

Time: 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Place: Council on Aging, 30 Kawana Springs Road, Santa Rosa.

Register: tinyurl.com/ECS08172022

Effective Communications Strategies:

Communication is more than just talking and listening—it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias progress in their journey and the ability to use words is lost, families need new ways to connect.

Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

For additional information call: 1-800-272-3900

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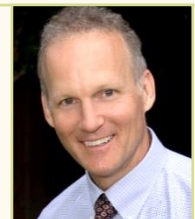
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