

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,

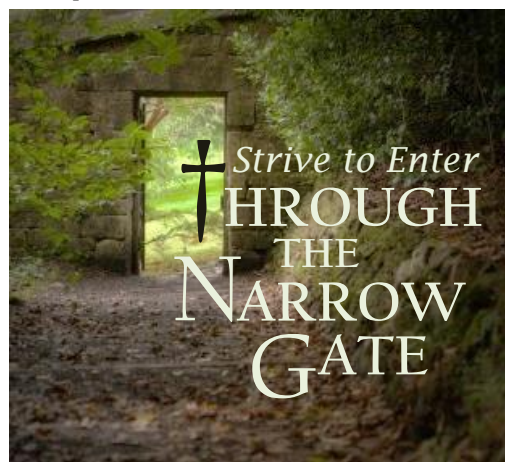
when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized
to arrange for Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound suspended.



August 20-21, 2022— Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Discipline



It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past

generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today.

Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.



Sunday August 21, 2022

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 66:18-21*—Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.

Responsorial: *Psalms 117*—Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Reading II: *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*—Discipline strengthens what is weak.

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*—The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.



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.

Find your favorite book in our library!

Woman's Circle Meeting

10:30 a.m., September 14

Come prepared to share **Your Favorite Books** with the Women of the Circle at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

There will be round table group discussions, followed by 10-minute reports from each table. You are sure to come away with a list for future great reading.

Questions:

Jane Borr 707-541-6862

Ruth Fulger 707-542-9185



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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Fr. Shaw Dedication & Celebration

Resurrection Parish will be celebrating and honoring the memory of their long-time pastor, Fr. David Shaw, on Saturday, **September 10, 2022**, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Church, 303 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa. (Program to begin

at 12:30, Pasta meal at 1:30 p.m.)

This mostly outside event will include a special dedication of the Religious Education building, Speakers, and Kids' activities. Winners of a raffle (with cash prizes) will also be drawn at the celebration. All are invited!

Reservations are required for the meal. Meal tickets are \$5 each, and Raffle tickets are \$20 for a book of ten, or \$2 each. Tickets are available in the Resurrection Parish office during the week, and after Masses on the weekends at Resurrection Parish only.

Raffle prizes: three \$100 prizes; two \$200 prizes; two \$300 prizes; one \$400 prize; one \$500 prize; and the grand prize is \$1,000. Need not be present to win. For more information, contact the Resurrection Parish Office at 707-544-7272.



This Weekend — August 20-21

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Micki Sabourin

Lectors: Connie Pearson

Servers: Dennis Sabourin

Greeters: Justine Haugen
Evelyn Zigmont

Ushers: Ted Rosshirt
TBD

10:00 a.m.

Kar Hofmann

Rosemary Haver

Drew Hofmann

Mary Bell
Paula Scull

Rick Ragan
TBD

Next Weekend — August 27-28

4:00 p.m.

Sr. Joanne Abrams

Judy Rodgers

Connie Montague

Marietta Mancuso
Sherry Rosevear

Tom Beirne
TBD

10:00 a.m.

Marcy Fox

Mike Hanlon

John Dolan

Dick/Vi D'Olive
Esther Dolan

Fritz Spotleson
TBD

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 20–28

Sat	20	4:00	† Breda O’Riordan (Patty Davis)
Sun	21	10:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)
Mon	22		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	23	8:00	† Jerry Hughes (Viola & Tom)
Wed	24	8:00	† Larry DeMars
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	25	8:00	† Dusty Destruel
Fri	26	8:00	† Margaret Borge (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	27	4:00	† Liz Mullins (Jack Krause)
Sun	28	10:00	† Michael LaForge (The Hughes & Hainke Families)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Mike Cusack, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Bob Flores, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Jackie Kenilvort, Martin Kilgariff, Maureen Latimer, Bob Lappin, Eve Marcucci, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Don McQuaid, Lea Nelson, Karen O’Malley, Pricilla Peralejo, Richard Peterson, Jill Ramage, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, Jim Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Don Lollock and Liz Mullins.

Call the parish office, at 707-539-6262, if you wish to have someone remain on the prayer list above, or to add someone to the list. Each name will remain for four weeks from the time we receive a request unless we hear otherwise. Thank you.

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:

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

All are welcome. No charge.



Lost & Found

Please look in the Quiet Room of the church to retrieve lost articles left in the church. Check the table in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center to retrieve lost articles left in the Parish Center.



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 24	July 31	August 7	Weekly Goal
\$5,694	\$2,890	\$4,197	\$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.

Prayer for Peace

Lord God, our Father,

You seek the welfare of your children and not their destruction.

Direct our wills towards the peace for which we yearn; and let there be peace among the nations, peace in our land, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

—The Family Prayer Book, 2013



4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$8

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

All are welcome. If you don’t play bingo, come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Baked Potato Bar, & Dessert



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Religious Education Congress 2022—Free!

On Saturday, **September 24, 2022**, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese. The event will be held at Cardinal Newman High School,

4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is **"The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist."**

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the gym, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. A variety of speakers will be presented throughout the day. This day is designed to bring spiritual nourishment to all adults in the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you.

We are happy to announce that this year's event is **FREE**. For more information or to register, please contact Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Department of Religious Education, at 707-566-3366, or email dre@srdiocese.org. You must register to guarantee a seat. The free admission covers all talks (tickets are required), liturgies and exhibits.

There will be: ministries and exhibitors showcasing books and gifts; coffee and doughnuts; bottled water.

For more information visit the Diocese of Santa Rosa website at srdiocese.org/religious-education-congress.

The Mystery of The Eucharist in The Church

As Christians we know that we need Christ to be present in our lives. He is our very sustenance as he reminded us: *unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you* (Jn 6:53).

The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter him in the Eucharist. On our journey toward eternal life, Christ nourishes us with his very self. Once, when told by someone that she no longer saw the point of going to daily Mass, the Servant of God Dorothy Day reflected: "We go eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to. ... He took upon himself our humanity that we might share in his divinity. We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe the child is nourished by the milk from his mother's breast."

Yet, we also know that he is present to us in a way that binds us together as one body, which we proclaim by our "Amen" in responding to the invitation: The Body of Christ. We call on the words of the beloved Pope Saint John Paul II: "For this presence to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God."

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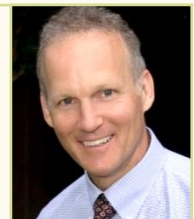
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