

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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*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

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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.



September 24-25, 2022— Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Woe to the Complacent

In the time of the prophet Amos a few people enjoyed a superabundance of material goods. But it wasn't the wealth itself that the prophet saw as problematic. Amos preached against the complacency that deafened the wealthy to the cries of the poor and prevented them from alleviating their suffering. Even worse, complacency blinded them to the ways in which their own habits of doing business, buying, and consuming goods contributed to the oppression of the needy on their doorsteps.

In our own time on a global scale, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. The high standard of living in one country, region, or social class almost always seems to come at the expense of extreme poverty in other countries, regions, or social classes.

Listen & Repent

The Scriptures for today urge us to change all that before it is too late. The letter to Timothy calls us to live in readiness for the "appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ," when all will be judged and rewarded according to their deeds. No clearer illustration could be drawn than the parable Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. Lazarus, the poorest of the poor, is rewarded with eternal comfort, while the complacent rich man finds himself in eternal torment.

Those of us who live in comfort can't afford to be complacent about the chasm between the rich and the poor. We Christians have the added benefit of hearing the message from someone who rose from the dead. Today's scriptures warn us. If we don't ease Lazarus' torment now, we must be prepared to suffer the consequences.



Sunday September 25, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time Scripture Readings

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7—Woe to the complacent rich!

Responsorial: Psalm 146—Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16—Seek after virtues with lasting value.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31—There once was a rich man, and at his gate lay the beggar Lazarus.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Presentation Offered

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa are planning to present **Care of the Church and Sacristy**, a three-hour session, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Eugene’s Parish Life Center on Saturday, **October 8, 2022**. This presentation will focus on supporting the work of sacristans, care and maintenance of the cloths and vessels used on the altar, and teaching proper care and placement of items for the altar.

The first part will cover more general topics relating to care of the Church and sacristy such as sacred vessels, and vestments. The second part will focus on the care and handling of sacred linens.

Freewill offerings will be accepted at this in-person event, and a Zoom conference option will also be available. For reservations and Zoom information contact Char Mayclin, President of Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, at 707-331-3126 or SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com.



Attention First Responders & Active Military Parishioners

The Diocese of Santa Rosa will hold an annual Blue Mass on **October 9th** during the

10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. All Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and active duty/reserve Military Personnel are invited with their families as VIPs. To reserve seating please contact George Berg at ephesians6eleven@icloud.com.

Pray for Priests in October

The October calendar of Prayers for Priests is available on the Divine Mercy counter in church.

	This Weekend — September 24–25		Next Weekend — October 1–2	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
EMs:	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Cristina Wadsworth	Jan Rosshirt	Barbara Spotleson
Lectors:	Len Marabella	Joyce O’Connor	Ted Rosshirt	Don Forst
Servers:	Connie Montague	John Dolan	Judy Rodgers	Jennifer Martinez
Greeters:	Sherry Rosevear Evelyn Zigmont	Sue Cummings Paula Scull	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Esther Dolan Mimi May
Ushers:	Jack Luceti TBD	Fritz Spotleson TBD	Tom Beirne TBD	Tim Burkhard TBD



Landscape Project Update

Our “Time to Roll Out the Green” effort has been very successful so far. If you have not yet made a donation in support of new landscaping at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, you may still do so through Friday. This fundraising campaign ends this week, on September 30, 2022.

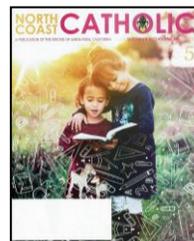
Thank you for your generosity. Any and all funds received over our goal amount of \$23,695 will be saved for future Parish repair and maintenance needs and improvements. We look forward to beginning the installation of the new landscaping at the Parish Center in early October of this year.

Eucharistic Minister Home Visiting Ministry

Do you, or does someone you know need Holy Communion brought to your or their home? Are you interested in being a part of this ministry?

After a long COVID-caused hiatus, in October we’re planning on resuming our ministry of visiting the homebound. If you would like Communion brought weekly, on Sundays, to you or someone you know, please contact Sister Joanne Abrams at 707-327-7394 or Cristina Wadsworth at 707-583-3194.

To volunteer for this valuable ministry and receive more information and training, please contact Sister Joanne Abrams at 707-327-7394 or Cristina Wadsworth at 707-583-3194.



September North Coast Catholic

The September issue of the North Coast Catholic is now available at the entrances of the church and on the literature table in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Some of this month’s stories are Roe vs. Wade, Drive-By Shootings, and Caritas Center.

Singer-Song Leader Needed at SOV

We’re looking for a cantor for the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses at Star of the Valley. Can you read music? Do you like to sing? Contact Maryellen Birkland at 707-477-2925.



MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 2

Sat	24	4:00	Intentions of the Charlton Family
Sun	25	10:00	† Richard Burkhard (Tim Burkhard)
Mon	26		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	27	8:00	† Michael LaForge
Wed	28	8:00	† Richard Muzio, Jr.
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	29	8:00	† Mary Knight (Kathy & Mike Mouat)
Fri	30	8:00	† Breda O’Riordan
Sat	1	4:00	Intention of Liza Peters
Sun	2	10:00	† Jack Collins (Shirley Collins)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Mike Cusack, Lola Danielli, Fran Dias, Audrey Engen, Bob Flores, Marcy Fox, Patricia Frankus, Mary Gorrell, Yvonne Hanlon, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, 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.

Weekly Collection Report

Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Weekly Goal
\$4,236	\$4,560	\$3,119	\$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

This weekend’s second collection will be for **Mission Cooperative**. See story below.

Mission Cooperative Collection

Every year our Diocese participates in the Mission Cooperative program which allows us to unite with the Mission Church around the world by providing mission awareness throughout our parishes. Your past generous participation is a reflection of that ongoing awareness and concern.

Due to COVID, we are, again, not supporting the travel required for these missionaries to visit the diocese in 2022. However, the desperate need for the support of our prayers and our financial contributions is greater than ever before. To this end, we will be taking a special second collection during all Masses on **September 24–25**, with all proceeds to be sent to the missionary partners that the Diocese of Santa Rosa has historically supported. For a list of Missions and Missionaries this collection supports, see the bulletin board in the church.

Around the world, those who are suffering need to experience the solidarity of other Christians with our Universal Church in facing the pandemic and the other daily harsh realities that our brothers and sisters constantly face. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Please make checks to Star of the Valley.



Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join our *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 straightforward. You merely submit the form 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.



Donut Sunday Next Week!

Thanks to our Men’s Club, SOV will host Donut Sunday on **October 2nd** 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. Check out our library while you’re there, too!

NEWS INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Mass of Thanksgiving for Cardinal Robert McElroy

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, there was a Mass of Thanksgiving for Cardinal Robert McElroy at one of his former parishes, St. Gregory’s Church in San Mateo, CA. Cardinal

McElroy served 14 years as pastor at St. Gregory’s, and the parish invited him back for a thanksgiving Mass to celebrate his service to the parish and his elevation to Cardinal by Pope Francis on August 27, 2022.



Star of the Valley parishioners, Bianca Bailie, Harriet Draper, Kara Sewale, and Cristina Wadsworth, attended this

Mass and reception with former parishioner, Roberta McElroy. Roberta moved to San Mateo during the beginning of the pandemic, and has dearly missed her Star of the Valley family. It was a joyful and special day for all who attended, but most of all for Roberta, who was unable to attend the Consistory for the creation of new Cardinals’ ceremony at the Vatican last month. Instead, she watched her son become a Cardinal via livestream video online.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

What are SFMNP & Bonus Bucks?

SFMNP is a federally funded program with the goal of increasing low-income seniors' access to locally grown produce. Qualified individuals receive a booklet of five \$10 checks that may be used at certified farmers' markets in Sonoma County! Additionally, Bonus bucks is a state-funded program with the same aim. Seniors receiving SFMNP will also receive a packet of five \$5 Bonus Bucks. After spending all SFMNP checks and Bonus Bucks, and completing a brief survey, seniors will receive an additional \$50 in Bonus Bucks. That's over \$125 in vouchers for the farmers' market! Learn more at: cdfa.ca.gov/SeniorFarmersMrktNutritionPrgm/

Take Sides

I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. —Elie Wiesel



Senior Services

Caring Rides helps with transportation needs. Call Catholic Charities at 707-308-4811 to enroll.

Caring Voices is a daily phone reassurance service provided by trained volunteers to homebound seniors. Calls run Monday through Sunday during a timeframe of the participant's choosing. To enroll, call Catholic Charities at 707-687-8271.



Caritas Homes

at Caritas Village: A Place to Find Home—128 apartments of affordable permanent housing are being built and managed by **Burbank Housing**. It will be home to people who represent a cross-section of our community including working singles, vulnerable seniors, veterans, and families whose income can't keep up with the current rental market.

Read more about Caritas Village or schedule a tour at <https://www.caritas-village.org/>.

Courage

Anything worthwhile costs an effort. If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well. Opportunities only come to those prepared to grasp them. Do the thing you fear and so overcome. —"Wonder O' the Wind" by W. Phillip Keller

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