

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

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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 for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

Call the office to arrange visits by a Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion when someone is homebound.



August 26/27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times

WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT
I AM?



Rumor Has It...

During Jesus' time, there were many beliefs circulating about the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God.

Matthew,

Mark, and Luke all recount the story of Peter's profession of faith at Caesarea Philippi; only Matthew inserts the portion we hear today in which this inbreaking manifestation of faith for Peter makes him the rock on which Jesus can found a church. Jesus knows, as he illustrated earlier in Matthew's Gospel with the parable of the houses built on sand and rock, that nothing can endure that doesn't have a sure foundation. We also hear Jesus today immediately follow up Peter's profession with a strict command not to go around right away and tell this to others. The faith that breaks in is the foundation, but it takes time and teaching and discernment to comprehend it adequately in order to tell others about it. Indeed, in all three Gospels, the very first thing Jesus does after he is revealed as Christ through Peter's faith is to begin teaching his followers that to be "Messiah" or "Christ" means to suffer much and to die, neither of which was commonly believed about God's Anointed One.



Sunday August 27, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Isaiah 22:19-23*—God places the key of David's house on the shoulders of Eliakim.

Responsorial: *Psalm 138*—Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the

work of your hands.

Reading II: *Romans 11:33-36*—To God be glory forever.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*—Peter is promised the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Weekly Collection Report

August 6	August 13	August 20	Weekly Goal
\$5,269	\$5,181	\$4,768	\$5,365*

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

*Needed to help meet monthly expenses.

Next weekend's second collection, **September 2-3**, will be for **Diocesan Seminarians**.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

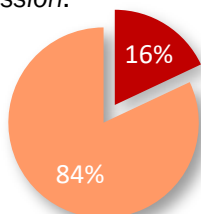
Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), *One Family in Mission*.

Our parish goal is **\$28,352**.

As of July 31, 2023, 84% of that has been pledged by 82 Star of the Valley parishioners, and 78% has been paid. We have 16%, or \$4,426 to go.

If parishioner contributions don't reach the targeted goal, the difference will have to be taken from parish funds to meet it.

AMA envelopes are still available for those who have not yet made their pledge or contribution. It is important to print "**Star of the Valley**" on the Parish line, and make checks payable to **2023 AMA**. Completed envelopes may be mailed, or placed in the offertory basket.



4:00 Saturday Mass Opportunity

"Hey, Saturday Mass folks. We need you to step up and help us out by being a greeter at Mass. it's so easy! All I do is smile at people when they walk in the door! Please help!

Woof, woof and thanks," **Cricket**, part of the Forst Greeter Team. Please contact Donna Forst at 707-978-2511 for more information.



MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 26–SEPTEMBER 3

Sat 26	4:00	† Betty Moore (Bob & Dolores Zeni)
Sun 27	10:00	† Pat Hart (Mardie Hart)
Mon 28		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 29	8:00	† Msgr. Warren Halleran
Wed 30	8:00	† Yvonne Hanlon & Family (Maryellen Birkland)
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 31	8:00	† Bishop Patrick J. McGrath
Fri 1	8:00	† Pope Benedict XVI
Sat 2	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun 3	10:00	† Jack Luceti (Joan Ballard)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Mary Gorrell, Justines Haugen, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Maureen Latimer, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Mark Ochesli, Karen O'Malley, Tobi O'Neill, Agnes Orser, Lauri Paolinetti, Pricilla Peralejo, Eileen Poggi, Jill Ramage, Greg Sack, Angela Saul, Magda Shelton, Elaine Smith, Bob & Barbara Spaulding, Oceana Spotleson, Claire Vincent, Marilyn Warman, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Fred Cunha and Yvonne Hanlon.

Funeral Mass at St. Francis Solano Church

Friday, **September 1**, 10:30 a.m.: Fred Cunha
St. Francis Solano Church, 469 Third Street West in Sonoma.

Pray for Priests in September

Pick up the September calendar in the church.



Donut Sunday—September 3 In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring next weekend's Donut Sunday, **September 3**, in loving memory of her husband, Bob Flores.

Please come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit fellow parishioners.

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

This Weekend — August 26-27

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Eva McGinn

Lector: Len Marabella

Server: Mary Kay Riccioni

Greeters: Kathleen Beirne
Tom Beirne

Ushers: Agnes Apicella

10:00 a.m.

Marge Lamb

Bowman Olds

Jim Warman

Dick D'Oliva
Vi D'Oliva

Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — September 2-3

4:00 p.m.

Blanche Kaiser

Gail Passalacqua

Judy Rodgers

Bob Chapman
Pat Chapman

TBD

10:00 a.m.

Marcy Fox

Connie Pearson

Mike Hanlon

Mary Bell
Donna Forst & **Cricket**

Tim Burkhard



PARISH EVENTS—August 26–September 3

Thursday, August 31, 1:30 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

Sunday, September 3, Donut Sunday—Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

Parish Photo Directory?

At their last meeting, the Pastoral Council discussed the possibility of a new Star of the Valley photo directory. The previous edition was created by a company that is no



longer in business, and other companies are quite expensive. Therefore, a simpler directory created “in house” is desired, if possible.

Do you have expertise in photography and/or technical skills to offer for this project? Please contact the office to volunteer or to get more information, 707-539-6262.

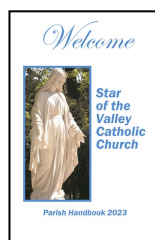


Join a Spiritual Book Club at SOV

Star of the Valley Parish's Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join a Spiritual Book Club. Marcy Fox will lead the hour-long reflections in the Quiet Room in the church at 10:00 a.m. on three Tuesdays, **September 19, October 24, and November 21, 2023.**

To participate, you will need to have the book *The Monastery of the Heart: Benedictine Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers* by Sister Joan Chittister, and read the Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2 prior to the first meeting. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

RSVP/Questions? Email marcyfox@gmail.com.



Parish Handbook 2023 Available

Our Parish Handbook for 2023, is available on the counter under the Divine Mercy painting, for anyone wishing to pick one up. It includes our parish mission statement, the history of our church and cross, the architecture of our church and parish center, and our parish committees and ministries.

Thank you, Marcy Fox and Jan Rosshirt, for putting the new handbook together.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. *Retrouaille* has helped so many couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the **September 15-17 Retrouaille** weekend in San Jose, call 408-605-4998, or email SanJose@retroca.com, and visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



Human Trafficking Presentation—September 26, 2023

Would it surprise you to learn that California has the highest rate of human trafficking in the nation? On Tuesday,

September 26 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., the Star of the Valley Women's Circle presents **Elizabeth Quiroz** and **Lisa Diaz-McQuaid**, two amazingly brave, former victims of abuse and human trafficking who, together in 2019, co-founded the **REDEMPTION HOUSE OF THE BAY AREA**, Sonoma County's first group dedicated specifically to helping women being trafficked or who have escaped from trafficking. In 2022, Redemption House of the Bay Area helped 137 women who had experienced exploitation.

Elizabeth is an author and graduate of Arizona State University. She has a Master's Degree in Social Justice and Human Rights.

Lisa, a Santa Rosa native, is working on her AA at SRJC and plans to transfer to Sonoma State to work toward a BA in Sociology and ultimately earn a Master's in Social Work.

All are invited *free of charge* to come to this informative and inspiring presentation in our Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, Tuesday, **September 26** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** No RSVP needed. Refreshments will be available. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Women's Circle



Ever stop to think and forget to start again?

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



Rotarians Help Maui

August 9, 2023, was a tragic day for our Rotarians, families, and friends on the Island of Maui. Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with everyone impacted.

As people of action, we can take immediate action. Through our Rotary District 5000 Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Please consider donating to this special fund by clicking here: [Maui Fires Relief Fund](#).

If you prefer to donate by check, make checks payable to **Rotary District 5000 Foundation** and mail to: P O Box 2784 Honolulu, HI, 96803.

If you would prefer to donate from your Donor Advised Fund (DAF), here is the information:

- * Legal Name: Rotary District 5000 Foundation
- * Tax ID/EIN: 99-0339185
- * Registered Address is: P O Box 2784 Honolulu, HI 96803.

Thank you for your assistance and your compassion. Northern California knows all too well the difficulties the people of Maui are facing. Together Rotarians can Create Hope in the World.

Stay safe, take care, and mahalo for creating hope.

Mark Merriam, District Governor

Rotary District 5000, Hawaii, USA

Tom Boylan, District Governor 2023-2024

Rotary District 5130

"Your Mission If You Choose to Accept It..."

Here's a simple test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't. —Anonymous



Message From the Diocese of Honolulu

To our Catholic Faithful in Hawaii and Beyond:

Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui... In 2008, the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to support our parish and school communities. We have set up a dedicated webpage for donations to go directly to HCCF to support the relief efforts for our fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.

Let us also remember the power of prayer. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let our faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible.

May God bless you all abundantly, and may our efforts bring comfort and hope to those in need. Maria Lanakila (Our Lady of Victory), pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu

Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, Vicar Forane of Maui-Lanai




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