

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 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.



September 2/3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Following Christ

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some under-

standing of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God, "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being the Messiah means suffering and dying, and being the follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.



Sunday September 3, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*—God's word has brought me derision.

Responsorial: *Psalms 63*—My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading II: *Romans 12:1-2*—

Discern what is the will of God.

Gospel: *Matthew 16:21-27*—Take up your cross and follow the Lord.

Weekly Collection Report

August 13	August 20	August 27	Weekly Goal
\$5,181	\$4,768	\$3,798	\$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.

Second Collections

This weekend's second collection is for **Diocesan Seminarians**. Next weekend's will be for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.

SOV's Summer Welcoming Dinner BBQ—

A huge success, \$20,000 was raised for the parish!

It was a wonderful event, excellent BBQ dinner, the hall was full of friendship, and fun!

Congrats to raffle winners: Linda Luceti: \$250, Drew & Kar Hofmann: \$250, Dolores Zeni: \$500, and Rosemary Haver: \$1,000.

An enormous thank you to the outstanding SOV team that made the Welcoming Dinner BBQ happen: Pete Hardy, Drew Hofmann, and Martin Kilgariff for the outstanding dinner; Fritz and Barbara Spotleson and team for operating the bar; Drew Hofmann for coordinating the raffle ticket sales; Kathy McKeon and team for selling raffle tickets at Masses; Dennis and Micki Sabourin for raffle ticket sales at the event; Kar Hofmann for the Welcoming; our bus boys, Tom Beirne, Tim Cummings; the office staff for their outstanding support; the Women's Circle for partnering with the Men's Club; Maryellen for the great music; all of our helpers, waiters, decorators, cleanup volunteers; and all who came out and had a great time!

Thank you, Jim Warman

Pray for Priests in September

Pick up the September calendar in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 2–10

Sat	2	4:00	† Bob Flores (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Sun	3	10:00	† Jack Luceti (Joan Ballard)
Mon	4		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	5	8:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	6	8:00	† Yvonne Hanlon (Carole & Martin Kilgariff)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	7	8:00	† Marilyn Stornetta (Mary & Gary Montague)
Fri	8	8:00	† Yvonne Hanlon (Apicella Family)
Sat	9	4:00	† Mildred Waska & †Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	10	10:00	Intention of Diana Guida (Lisa Munoz Flores)

Please keep the sick, and those in need, in your prayers: Gail Barrett, Ruth Beauchamp, Michael & Jessica Curtis, Mike Cusack, Rosalie Cushman, Lola Danielli, Patricia Daniels, Fran Dias, Mike Dines, Audrey Engen, Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Mary Gorrell, Justine Haugen, Mary Jo Henrikson, Barbara Hoffman, Lorraine Kowalkowski, Maureen Latimer, Eve Marcucci, Roberta McElroy, Carolyn McKenna, Bill McNeany, Nancy McNeill, Lea Nelson, Mark Ochlesli, 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, Dolores Zeni, and all the sick and suffering.

Also pray for those who have died: Fred Cunha, Yvonne Hanlon, Rockne Lucia, and Maui fire victims.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **September 9**, 11:00 a.m.: Beverlie Malvestiti



Donut Sunday—September 3

In Memory of Bob Flores

Many thanks to Lisa Munoz Flores for sponsoring this 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. October's Donut Sunday is being sponsored by Connie Pearson.

This Weekend — September 2–3

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Blanche Kaiser	Marcy Fox
Lector:	Gail Passalacqua	Connie Pearson
Server:	Judy Rodgers	Mike Hanlon
Greeters:	Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Mary Bell Kathy McKeon
Ushers:	TBD	Tim Burkhard

Next Weekend — September 9–10

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

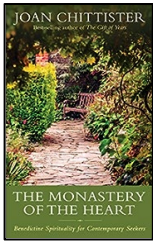
Don Shelhart	Marge Lamb
Karen Schraga	Don Forst
Bev Shelhart	John Dolan
Cathy Hardy	Esther Dolan
Evelyn Zigmont	Judy Monroe
Agnes Apicella	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—September 2–10

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

Monday, September 4, Parish Office **Closed**—Labor Day



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.



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



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 707-775-9241 for more information.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California

In re: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa,
Case No. 23-10113, Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims:
October 20, 2023

You may have a sexual abuse claim or other claim against the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

On March 13, 2023, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Santa Rosa aka Diocese of Santa Rosa ("Debtor") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be **received by October 20, 2023**, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before March 13, 2023, must be **filed on or before October 20, 2023**, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before March 13, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit www.donlinrecano.com/rcbsr, or contact Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via e-mail at rcbsantarosainfo@drc.equiniti.com or toll free at 1-800-236-1551, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday.

If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Diocese of Santa Rosa, please also visit the website at <https://srdiocese.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Reorganization.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille 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. *Retrouvaille* has helped so many couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the **September 15-17 Retrouvaille** weekend in San Jose, call 408-605-4998, or email SanJose@retroca.com, and visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Religious Education Congress 2023

On Saturday, **September 23, 2023**, starting at 8:30 a.m. the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese at Cardinal Newman High School, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy., Santa Rosa. The theme is "*Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist.*"

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 Dept. of Rel. Ed. at dre@srdiocese.org, 707-566-3366, or visit the website www.srdiocese.org.

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

Pun Fun

Bread is like the sun.

It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.



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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