

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.



September 9/10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love your neighbor as yourself

Heed the Warning

In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility

to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear: To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and as the Gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by choosing not to get involved.

How am I at heeding the warnings of messengers? Do I resist or follow the information and suggestions from doctors; church pastors and leaders; police and fire officers; evacuation alerts; county, state and federal medical experts; the county and state government COVID-19 mandates; scientists regarding global warming and pollution? How can I do better? *God, please help me be grateful for messengers, no matter what their news is, and help me to respond with love.*



Sunday September 10, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9—We are responsible for one another and must try to lead each other in the path of righteousness.

Responsorial: Psalm 95—If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10—We are bound by the law of love.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20—Jesus is present in our midst wherever two or three are gathered in his name.

Weekly Collection Report

August 20	August 27	Sept. 3	Weekly Goal
\$4,768	\$3,798	\$4,400	\$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 **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**. Next weekend's will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder
and your hand over my mouth.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Recent work completed at Star of the Valley buildings includes:

- ▶ New toilet installed in women's bathroom at Parish Center
- ▶ Lighting conversion in progress at the Parish Center
- ▶ New locks on Parish Center fire alarm system

Upcoming projects include:

- ▶ Replace water heater at the rectory

A 2nd collection will be taken this weekend, on **September 9/10**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 9–17

Sat	9	4:00	†Mildred Waska & †Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	10	10:00	Intention of Diana Guida (Lisa Munoz Flores)
Mon	11		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	12	8:00	†Jeanne Press (Isabel Frimmersdorf)
Wed	13	8:00	†Fr. Bruce Lamb, OFM
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	14	8:00	†Dr. Joseph Thie
Fri	15	8:00	†Bev Malvestiti
Sat	16	4:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	17	10:00	†Phil Marvier (Kathy McKeon)

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, 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: Mary Lou Doxtader, Justine Haugen, Bette Johnson, and Rockne Lucia.

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **September 16**, 11:00 a.m.: Yvonne Hanlon



4:00 Saturday Mass Opportunity

Thank you, Elizabeth McKee, for volunteering to join **Cricket**, as a Greeter! Who will help at Saturday Masses? Please contact Donna Forst at 707-775-9241 for more information.



Ushers Needed

Yes, **you** can be an usher and help take the collections at Mass on a regular basis. Your availability and weekend Mass preference determines the schedule. Please contact the parish office during the week to

volunteer, or for more information. Call 707-539-6262 or email sov@sonic.net.

This Weekend — September 9–10

4:00 p.m.

EMs: Don Shelhart

Lector: Karen Schraga

Server: Bev Shelhart

Greeters: Cathy Hardy
Evelyn Zigmont

Ushers: Agnes Apicella

10:00 a.m.

Marge Lamb

Don Forst

John Dolan

Esther Dolan
Judy Monroe

Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — September 16–17

4:00 p.m.

Dennis Sabourin

Bob Zeni

Micki Sabourin

Cathy Hardy
Pete Hardy

Tom Beirne

10:00 a.m.

Barbara Spotleson

Bianca Bailie

Fritz Spotleson

Marietta Mancuso
Paula Scull

Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—September 9–16

Tuesday, September 12, 11:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—Bello Room

Tuesday, September 12, 4:00 Bingo—Monsignor Fahey Parish Center (See ad on back page.)

FINANCE COUNCIL

Join Our Finance Council

The Star of the Valley Finance Council is composed of members with the appropriate expertise, and possessing a love for the

Church and its mission. The Council provides our pastor, Monsignor Pulskamp, with advice and assistance in the execution of his parish financial administration duties, including budgeting and reviewing financial results.

If you have skills and experience in any of the following areas—accounting, finance, property management, personnel management, business management, or business law—consider joining the Finance Council. We could use your help. Please contact the parish office if you are interested, at 707-539-6262 or email sov@sonic.net.



Annual Ministry Appeal 2023

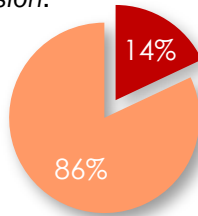
Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), *One Family in Mission*.

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

As of August 31, 2023, 86% of that has been pledged by 85 Star of the Valley parishioners, and 80% has been paid. We have 14%, or \$3,966 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.



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

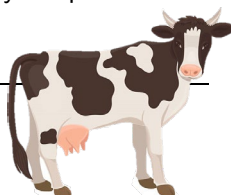
Religious Education Congress 2023

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. You may also stop by the parish office for a registration form and to see the schedule of speakers for this event.

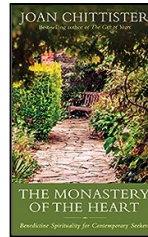
Pun Fun Riddle

How does a farmer buy new cows?
Orders through a Cattle Log.



Happy Birthday!

Eve Marcucci celebrates 103 years on **September 10, 2023**. Have a great day, Eve, full of happy memories.



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



What's in the Library?

All kinds of fabulous books and other media are in the Star of the Valley Fireside Room, aka the library, including two books written by two of our very own parishioners, Magda Shelton and Marcella Fox.

Come on in to the library, inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, any weekday during office hours.

We all get heavier as we get older,
because there's a lot more information in our heads.
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.



& Gourmet Sandwiches

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

Dinner: \$10

Bingo Cards: \$2 each

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

Dinner:

Gourmet Sandwiches & Dessert

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.



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