

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 16/17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Forgiveness

Anger is a basic human emotion, its welling up within us is perfectly natural in many situations. However, if left to fester, or expressed as wrath or vengeance, it can become poisonous. Sirach tells us that “the sinner hugs (wrath and anger) tight,”

refusing to let go of their visceral reaction to being wronged. Instead, we must embrace the golden rule, forgiving our neighbor so that we may be forgiven ourselves. Forgiveness opens the door for reconciliation.

When the king in Jesus' parable forgave the loan, he didn't just wipe away the servant's debt, he restored him (and his family) to life. Had he not done so, the servant, his wife, and their children would have been sold, along with all their belongings, to pay his debt. He literally gave them their life back. How tragic to see him then go out and punish the servant with the smaller debt!

In ancient times seven was seen as the perfect number, so it was used to symbolize perfection or completeness, as in the creation story. When Peter suggests to Jesus that forgiving one's brother or sister “as many as seven times” would be sufficient, he is suggesting that seven times would amount to total forgiveness. But Jesus responds that “not seven times but seventy-seven times” is the answer, implying that there is no completion to forgiveness. Seventy-seven implies boundlessness, a sense that forgiveness is not a task to be quantified and completed, but an attitude to be integrated into our way of living. We are called to be forgiving. Always. Really, how can we stop forgiving if we so often need forgiveness ourselves?



Sunday September 17, 2023

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Sirach 27:30-28:7*—We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven.

Responsorial: *Psalm 103*—The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,

and rich in compassion.

Reading II: *Romans 14:7-9*—Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ.

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*—Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



Please join us

**TO CELEBRATE
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer Recognition & Blessing

BLESSING AT MASSES

Saturday, **September 30**, 4:00 p.m.
& Sunday, **October 1**, 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY RECEPTION

Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres
Saturday, **September 30**, 5:00 p.m.

DONUT SUNDAY RECEPTION

Mimosas & Donuts
Sunday, **October 1**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

MASS INTENTIONS—SEPTEMBER 16–24

Sat	16	4:00	† Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Sun	17	10:00	† Phil Marvier (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	18		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	19	8:00	† Loudeen Becchetti (Micki & Dennis Sabourin)
Wed	20	8:00	TBD
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	21	8:00	TBD
Fri	22	8:00	† Don Peters (Liza Peters)
Sat	23	4:00	†† John & Charline Curtin (Pat Hendricks)
Sun	24	10:00	† Yvonne Hanlon (Catholic Charities)

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, Maria Stafford, Claire Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Dolores Zeni, and all the sick and suffering.

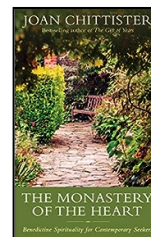
Also pray for those who have died: Mary Lou Doxtader, Justine Haugen, and Bette Johnson.

Funeral Mass at Calvary Cemetery Chapel

Wednesday, **September 20**, 1:30 p.m.: Bette Johnson

Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, **September 23**, 11:00 a.m.: Rockne Lucia



Spiritual Book Club First Meeting

Marcy Fox will lead the first of three hour-long reflections in the Quiet Room in the church at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **September 19**. The second session will be **October 24**, and the third on **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.

This Weekend — September 16–17

4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Dennis Sabourin	Barbara Spotleson

EMs: Bob Zeni Bianca Bailie

Lector: Micki Sabourin Fritz Spotleson

Greeters: Cathy Hardy Marietta Mancuso
Pete Hardy Paula Scull

Ushers: Tom Beirne Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — September 23–24

4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Linda Luceti	Kar Hofmann

Len Marabella Bowman Olds

Bev Shelhart Drew Hofmann

Gloria Bowers Sue Cummings
Lisa Munoz Flores Tim Cummings

Agnes Apicella Tim Burkhard



PARISH EVENTS—September 16–24

Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—
Church Quiet Room

Weekly Collection Report

August 27	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Weekly Goal
\$3,798	\$4,400	\$4,591	\$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 Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection is for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**, our parish program that supports a room at Caritas Village, and helps those in need with groceries from our Nick's Pantry.

Missionaries of Faith Collection Next Weekend

The celebrant for next weekend's Masses will be from the religious congregation of Missionaries of Faith, which was founded in Italy in 1982. The missionary activities in the Province of India greatly depend on the providence of God through donations that support seminarian formation, orphanages, education for more than 600 poor children, and other charitable works. Please make checks payable to Star of the Valley Church.



2023 Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year Awarded to Judy Rodgers

We are proud to announce that Judy Rodgers has been chosen as Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year. Her name is being submitted to the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for this year's celebration.

Judy has been a member of Star of the Valley Parish since August 2015, and has served the parish and its members in several ministries.

In the past, Judy served as a lead member of the Finance Council, using her finance background to bring expert business advice to our parish. Using her strong organizational and technical skills, Judy helped plan several Big Events for the parish, and assisted with fundraising for the former Women's Club. She was a founding member of the Women's Circle, and as such helped develop the mission and organizational structure of the Women's Circle. She has just recently volunteered to be its treasurer.

As a Eucharistic minister, Judy serves at Mass. She has a special gift with older parishioners and often visits the sick or parishioners who live alone, bringing the Eucharist to home-bound parishioners. She also is a daily and weekend Mass lector, a greeter, and an usher.

During the COVID shutdown, Judy formed and instituted a calling tree for parishioners to keep in contact and reduce isolation. We all appreciate that Judy has a quiet, but strong spiritual presence in our parish.

Congratulations, Judy. You have surely earned this wonderful award.

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.



In Prayerful Memory of Our Friend & Parishioner Justine Haugen

With deep sadness, we announce that Justine Haugen died on September 1, 2023. Justine was a long-time Star of the Valley parishioner who dedicated her life to service for the parish, her friends and family. For many years, Justine was

the Treasurer of the Star of the Valley Women's Club. When the new Women's Circle was formed, she stepped up to be the Treasurer of the new group.

Justine liked photography and volunteered as the SOV Women's Club photographer, enjoying taking photos at many Women's Club events. Justine took on the job of doing the photography for the Women's Club Directory, an important project.

Relying on her extensive banking experience, Justine was on the Star of the Valley Finance Council, giving reliable and expert advice on financial matters. Justine was also a greeter at Mass, a phone-tree caller, and a minister to the sick in the parish. Until she became too ill, Justine spent hours each Saturday and Sunday for years with her good friend Claire Vincent, keeping her company, walking her dog, caring for, and helping her.

Justine is survived by her two sons, Mark and his partner, Myong, David and his partner, Elyse, and grandson Jackson, David's son. Justine is also survived by her beloved companion, a 15-year-old beagle, Mindy, whom she loved dearly.

Justine's sons will host a celebration of life on Sunday, **October 1st**, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Justine's home, 8929 Acorn Lane in Oakmont. All parishioners are invited. Justine will also be honored at a Donut Sunday on January 7, 2024. Please come and celebrate Justine's life with fellow parishioners.

Leave a Legacy

Talk with your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to help you determine how you might include Star of the Valley Parish in your estate planning. Gifts can be cash, property, investments or a portion of an estate. In many cases there can be significant tax advantages.



**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



**Email Scam Spoofed
Monsignor Pulskamp**

If you received an email that says it came from Rev. Msgr. James Pulskamp, **do not reply** to it if it came from “parishoffice2318@gmail.com.” This is not his or the parish’s email address. It’s from someone who spoofed his name and is fraudulent!



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.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Religious Education Congress 2023

This coming 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.

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