

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

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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

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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

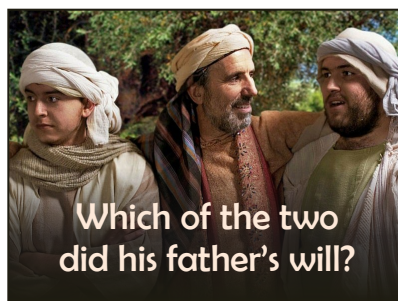
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

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



September 30/October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today Is What Matters

The key in today's passage from Ezekiel is in the turning. What are you turning away from and what are you turning toward? It's not what happened in the past that matters, it's

what you've turned to now. Every day we face choices, choices between right and wrong, choices between justice and injustice, choices between life and death. Each day we must consciously turn toward good.

This parable of the vineyard, like the one of the Last Judgment, is unique to Matthew. The theme of 'saying' versus 'doing' runs throughout his Gospel. It is what you *do*, not what you say, that opens the door to eternal life. In Jesus' story of the Last Judgment, the king does not say to those on his right, "I was hungry and you said you would bring me food" or "I was naked and you told me you would get me some clothes." Similarly, here the son who does his father's will is the one who does the work, whether he said he would or not. Even the chief priests and elders agree. Yet they are not "walking the walk."

Tax collectors, like Matthew, are. They turned away from sin and followed Jesus and are now teaching and preaching and anointing and healing and doing the actual work of building the kingdom of God.

What you said before is irrelevant; what is important is working in the vineyard *today*.



Sunday, October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings

Reading I: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*—Turn away from sin and live!

Responsorial: *Psalm 25*—Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading II: *Philippians 2:1-11*—Christ became obedient even to the point of death.

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*—The one who obeys the Lord, even reluctantly, is the one who does the will of the Father.



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 30—OCTOBER 8

Sat	30	4:00	† Alan Hendricks (Pat Hendricks)
Sun	1	10:00	† Yvonne Hanlon (Kathy McKeon)
Mon	2		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	3	8:00	† Lincoln McCarthy (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	4	8:00	† Mario De Paoli (Lynette Erlach)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	5	8:00	Intention of Myrtle Gunning (Maryellen Birkland)
Fri	6	8:00	† Ava Guerrero (Sam Guerrero)
Sat	7	4:00	† J. Parsons (Livia Brant)
Sun	8	10:00	† Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)

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, Myrtle Gunning, 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, Amelia Stafford, Claire Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Dolores Zeni, and all the sick and suffering.

Also pray for those who have died: Catherine Emery

Celebration of Life for Justine Haugen

Sunday, **October 1**, 2:00-5:00 p.m.: 8929 Acorn Lane

Pray for Priests in October

The October calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church for your taking. Please pray for them as well as for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Donut Sunday—October 1 In Memory of Phil Marvier

Many thanks to Connie Pearson for sponsoring this weekend's Donut Sunday, **October 1**, in memory of Phil Marvier, one of SOV's most active volunteers over the years. Please

come to the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass to remember Phil and **celebrate all SOV volunteers** with mimosas and donuts!

As Phil Marvier would say to any volunteer, **"you're a 10!"**

This Weekend — Sept. 30—October 1

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

EMs:	Micki Sabourin	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Judy Rodgers	Rosemary Haver
Server:	Dennis Sabourin	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Sherry Rosevear Cathy Hardy	Mary Bell Donna Forst & Cricket
Ushers:	Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan

Next Weekend — October 7–8

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Eva McGinn	Marcy Fox
Karen Schraga	Martin Kilgariff
Connie Montague	John Dolan
Bob Chapman	Ester Dolan
Pat Chapman	Judy Monroe
TBD	Clarence Younger



PARISH EVENTS—SEPTEMBER 30—OCTOBER 8

Saturday, September 30, 5:00 Volunteer Appreciation Reception/**Everyone Invited**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
Sunday, October 1, 9:00-Noon Donut Sunday Volunteer Appreciation Reception/**Everyone Invited**—Msgr. Fahey Parish Center

Weekly Collection Report

Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Weekly Goal
\$4,591	\$3,326	\$4,570	\$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

Next weekend's second collection is for **Parish Repairs & Maintenance**.



Spiritual Book Club

Eleven members of the parish attended our first gathering last month. The hour was spent reading, reflecting and sharing. Even if you did not make it to our first meeting, you are welcome to join us at our next one on Tuesday, **October 24**, at 10:00 a.m. in the church Quiet Room. We

will be reflecting on Chapters 4-7 from Joan Chittister's book, *The Monastery of the Heart, Benedictine Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers*.

The book can be purchased on Amazon. Any questions? Email Marcy Fox at marcyfox@gmail.com.

North Coast Catholic Magazine

The **September** issue of the North Coast Catholic is available at the back of the church and in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

October is the month of the rosary. Please see the insert.

Parish Repair & Maintenance

Recent work completed at Star of the Valley buildings includes:

- ▶ Lighting conversion completed in the library at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.
- ▶ Lighting conversion in progress at the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center
- ▶ Water heater replaced at the rectory.
- ▶ Flashing painted on the new church roof.

Upcoming projects include:

- ▶ Repair shades in the church

A 2nd collection will be taken next weekend, on **October 7/8**, for **Parish Repair & Maintenance**.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Star of the Valley
Presents

fall HARVEST DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Happy Hour Hors d' Oeuvres

DINNER MENU

Tomato Bisque & Rolls,
Stuffed Pork Loin with Dried Fruit,
Roasted Carrots with Fresh Herbs,
Potatoes Au Gratin

Dessert: Prepared by Chef at
Vineyard at Fountaingrove Memory Care

FULL CASH BAR

\$25 per person

By reservation only—by October 22

At the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center
495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont

Reservations can be made by placing a
check in the Men's Club box. For tables of
5-10 people, place each check in one
envelope with the names listed on the front.
Reservations fill up fast, so
get your request in early.

QUESTIONS?

Call Jim Warman at 707-230-2682,
or email: warman804@yahoo.com



Redemption House Thank You

The Women's Circle presentation on Human Trafficking, featuring Elizabeth Quiroz and Lisa Diaz McQuaid, founders of the Redemption House of the Bay Area, was a tremendous success. Their presentations were heartrending; they were clear, direct, powerful and inspiring. Both Liz and Lisa shared from personal experience about the abuse they each experienced as four- and five-year-olds, respectfully. They suffered for many years prior to being sex trafficked as teenagers.

Both women are amazingly brave survivors and have dedicated their lives to saving other sex trafficked women. While their stories can be overwhelming, their message is one of tremendous hope. I think everyone in the audience of over 70 left with the understanding that these women were not victims but survivors. As a community, we too can help others become survivors. Knowledge is power, and Liz and Lisa's message gave all of us the strength to help others, and to not judge or be ignorant of the suffering of others in our community of Sonoma County.

A special thanks to Pat Hendricks, Women's Circle Program Chair, for arranging this presentation, and to everyone who came to the program. Thanks to Kathy McKeon who arranged for delicious appetizers and desserts for the event, to Barbara Spotleson, who handled the wine for the event and to Ruth Fulger, whose autumn decorations were lovely. Lastly, thanks to the many volunteers who helped with set-up, food production and clean up.

Women's Circle kitchen volunteers.

Women's Circle



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Synod 2021 2024 **Synod on Synodality October 4-29**
 "Synod" in Greek means "journey together." Pope Francis announced that the upcoming Synod of Bishops will begin in the Vatican on **October 4**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The theme is "For a Church Journeying Together; Fellowship, Participation and Mission."

For the first time, lay people, including women, will serve as full members of the Synod with voting rights. This inclusion is truly groundbreaking. Let us pray together for openness to the Holy Spirit for all gathered.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry Opportunity


Are you tech savvy, bilingual in English and Spanish, and enjoy working with teens and 20 somethings? Looking for a Coordinator of Youth Ministry at a Santa Rosa Parish. Please email Lnorcia@srdioces.org for more information.



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