

STAR OF THE VALLEY Catholic Church

**495 White Oak Drive
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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.

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*This is the church and parish's mailing address.

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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.



January 18/19, 2025— Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have kept the good wine until now.

“Seeing is Believing”

Turn that saying around and you get “Believing is seeing.” Faith is the gift of looking right through and beyond what is obvious. Believing is seeing

what lies beyond sight. Isaiah had faith. He saw right through and beyond the “forsaken” and “desolate” circumstances of the people. Isaiah saw through to the faithfulness and love of God—and dared to proclaim it.

Saint Paul had faith. Faced with ordinary people struggling with ordinary jealousies and divisions, he told them (and tells us) to look beyond the obvious. One person heals, another works wonders, another preaches. Behind the different gifts is “one and the same Spirit [who] produces all these” gifts.

Jesus’ disciples were developing faith. Through the “signs” of this ordinary-seeming man who went with his mother to a wedding reception, they began to see beyond the visible, to discern divinity at work in him.

It Takes Practice

Like the disciples, we are developing faith. Behind what is obvious lies a divine presence, a hidden reality. And yet not completely hidden. With faith, we glimpse the hand of God at work, especially in our own lives, if we pay attention. When we try to see how everything works for our good, we begin to see the signs of divine love gently moving us.

Not always easy, of course. It takes practice. We must look at our lives and see beyond the obvious. We must practice looking for the miracle, the sign, the presence of the Spirit.



Sunday, January 18-19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: *Isaiah 62:1-5*—As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 96*—Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all

the nations.

Reading II: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*—To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*—At a wedding at Cana in Galilee, Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Key Found at Bingo January 14

A (house?) key with the name “Virginia” on it was found Tuesday night at Bingo in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center. Please come to the office to claim it.

Prayer for Those Affected by the Wildfires

Loving God, our strength and consolation, be with all those who have lost their homes in the southern California wildfires. Comfort them in their distress, strengthen them for the journey ahead, and sustain them with your loving embrace.

Be with us, O God, as we grieve those who have died. Hold tight to the souls of those who were lost. Be with all those who loved and knew them; calm their minds, soothe their hearts, and strengthen them for the struggles ahead. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our model of selfless and life-giving love. Amen.

You Don't Need Permission to Act for Justice

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail” in 1963 in response to a “Call for Unity” statement from white clergy of Birmingham criticizing King’s nonviolent protests for civil rights, encouraging him to settle things in the courts, not take to the streets. Those in authority do not like folks who don’t follow the rules they themselves have established to protect their authority. But faith-filled prophetic leaders, from biblical times down to the present, act on higher authority. The God of justice calls us to question authority.

2025 America Needs Fatima Calendar

Help yourself to a Fatima calendar on the Divine Mercy Counter or in the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center.

MASS INTENTIONS—JANUARY 18–26

Sat 18	4:00	† Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun 19	10:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Joey Cuneo)
Mon 20		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue 21	8:00	† Victor Calvi (Maria McCarthy)
Wed 22	8:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Catholic Charities)
	10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs 23	8:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Diana Mambretti)
Fri 24	8:00	Intention of Joan McCormack (Bunny Schmitt)
Sat 25	4:00	† Agnes Apicella (Mike Apicella)
Sun 26	10:00	† Martin Kilgariff (Diane D’Ambrogia)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Millie McKay, Karen O’Malley, Carol Pascoe, Pricilla Peralejo, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Doris Tietze.

Parish Office Closed Monday, January 20

To honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., the parish office will be closed on Monday, **January 20**.

Pro-Life Novena Prayer

God our Heavenly Father, Source of all life and goodness, Creator of all things, we turn to you with deep humility and ask you to restore respect for the sanctity of all human life in our society and in our world. The culture of death is so pervasive and powerful today that our only hope is to trust entirely in your grace to transform it into a culture of life. We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

A Matter of Head & Heart

“One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong,” the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

Faith In Action

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily.

This Weekend — January 18-19

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

EMs:	Dennis Sabourin	Cristina Wadsworth
Lector:	Connie Pearson	Karen Schraga
Server:	Micki Sabourin	Jim Warman
Greeters:	Gayle Brinker Diane D’Ambrogia	Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
Ushers:	Judy Rodgers TBD	John Knight Clarence Younger

Next Weekend — January 25-26

4:00 p.m. **10:00 a.m.**

Don Shelhart	Liz Garcia
Len Marabella	Mike Hanlon
John Dolan	Judy Rodgers
Jan Rosshirt	Marietta Mancuso
Ted Rosshirt	Ron Manning
Kathleen Beirne	Tim Burkhard
Tom Beirne	Rick Ragan



PARISH EVENTS—JANUARY 18–25

Monday, **January 20**, Office Closed—MLK Jr. Holiday
Tuesday, **January 21**, 10:00 Spiritual Book Club—Church Quiet Room
Tuesday, **January 21**, 11:00 Pastoral Council Meeting—Bello Room
Thursday, **January 23**, 11:00 Finance Council Meeting—Zoom

Weekly Collection Report

Dec 29	Jan 5	Jan 12	Weekly Goal
\$15,893	\$8,178	\$4,511	\$5,365

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

Second Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like a Contribution Statement of your donations to Star of the Valley Church in 2024, please contact the office by phone at 707-539-6262, or email sov@sonic.net.

Ushers Needed to Help with Collections

We have a shortage that you can help fill.

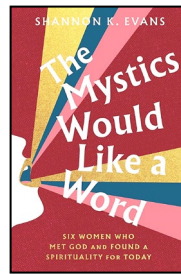
Any registered parishioner, men and women, interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to help take the collections at Sunday, or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 during the week.

Shop With a Conscience

Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on January 18, 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

Process of Creating

Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will. —George Bernard Shaw



Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found A Spirituality for Today* by Shannon K. Evans. Read Chapter 1: *Teresa of Ávila: Trusting Yourself Doesn't Make You a Heretic*, on Tuesday, **January 21**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room of the church.



Peace In Every Step

Thich Nhat Hanh passed away on January 22, 2022. Or, as Buddhists would say, he left his body. This lovely man of peace blessed countless people throughout the world. His passing from our sight causes our hearts to break. Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. called Thich Nhat Hanh “an apostle of peace and nonviolence.” While Thich Nhat Hanh did not take sides in the Vietnam War, he and his fellow monks risked their lives to bring food and comfort to those terrorized by the war. He traveled to Rome to meet Pope Paul VI, seeking help in bringing the war to an end.

Forbidden to return to Vietnam, he found asylum in France, where he established Plum Village, the largest Buddhist Community outside of Asia. Plum Village is an international center of peace, love, and nonviolence. People from the World are welcome to walk in the ways of peace. In his book “The Miracle of Mindfulness,” he reminds us, “Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize; a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child, our own two eyes. All is a miracle.”

Thomas Merton called him his brother. Along with Merton, these two monks of peace blessed the World in extraordinary ways. Likewise, Thich Nhat Hanh called Jesus his brother. In fact, we are all siblings of one another. The interfaith significance of Thich Nhat Hanh's life is enormous. He gave us the language of peace and reconciliation and the practical pathways for creating peace in the World, our relationships, and ourselves as individuals.

He composed a powerful perspective as to how we might embrace one another. In his beautiful book, *Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers*: “We have blood ancestors but we also have spiritual ancestors. If you were born in the West there is a big chance you are a child of Jesus and that you have Jesus as your ancestor. Jesus is one of the many spiritual ancestors of Europeans. You may not consider yourself a Christian, but that does not prevent Jesus from being one of your spiritual ancestors because your great-grandfather might have been a good Christian. He has transmitted to you the seed, the energy, the love, and the insight of Jesus. If you do well, you will be able to help this energy to manifest within yourself.”

Blessed be you, Holy Community, as we remember this peacemaker, Thich Nhat Hanh, one of our beloved spiritual ancestors. May you find peace in every step and love in every breath. —Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Redwood Empire Food Bank Benefit

Parliament Brewing in Rohnert Park will be hosting a night of fun and philanthropy on Thursday, **January 23**. There will be 2 exciting games of trivia along with great food and beer—all for a fantastic cause: to help End Hunger in Our Community.

Doors swing open at 5:30 p.m. The first trivia game kicks off at 6:00 p.m. and the second game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person—with 100% of ticket sales benefiting the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Max of 6 people per trivia team. All ages welcome. Visit <https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=refb&ppid=43#optionList> and see the flyer on the bulletin board.



Prayer Vigil & Walk For Life West Coast 2025

On Friday, **January 24**, Bishop Joseph L. Coffey will lead a Prayer Vigil for

the unborn and protection of the Sanctity of life at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Francisco, starting at 5:00 p.m. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast in

San Francisco on Saturday, **January 25th**, 2025.

For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com. If interested in bus transportation on the 25th, contact the St. Eugene's Church Office at 707-542-6984.



Knights of Columbus "All You Can Eat" Crab Feed

Join us at St. Rose, 320 10th Street on Saturday, **January 25** for a crab dinner with clam chowder, dinner roll, salad, table wine and dessert. Tickets

are \$75. Pasta meal for children 6-11 is \$25, 5 and under are free. Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00 with raffles, music, and "no-host" bar. Purchase tickets at kofc1324.org. Click on Crab Feed, print and bring the receipt or call 707-860-2888.

Crab Feed

Kolbe-Trinity School's annual crab feed, featuring a silent and live auction, live music by The Henry Coopers, and dancing, will take place on Saturday, **February 1st** from 5:30–9:30 p.m. at Roche Winery on 22097A Bonness Road in Sonoma. Tickets are one sale for \$140 now through January 14 at givebutter.com/CrabFeed2025.

All proceeds benefit tuition assistance for the students of Kolbe-Trinity in Napa.



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