

# 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.



## **June 21/22, 2025 – Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

### **A Simple Act**

A man named Jack was preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation. Part of the process was to have the catechumens (those preparing for the sacraments) join other parishioners in various ministries and activities in the parish and in the wider community. Jack was a gregarious, comical, wonderful man who always gave the group a spark of enthusiasm. He was never at a loss for words. One week the group of catechumens went to the local homeless shelter to prepare and serve the evening meal. When we returned from this outing, Jack did not speak for about six weeks. We became concerned, but decided, at the urging of his sponsor, to allow him to take the time he needed to break out of this silence.

### **A Life Changed Forever**

Finally, Jack shared what was going on in his life. He told us that at the homeless shelter, he was front and center. He had positioned himself so that he could ladle the sloppy joe mix onto the hamburger buns and hand the plate to the person in line. He said he was just loving the work, grasping the ladle, spooning the mixture onto the bun, then handing the plate to the next person, when all of a sudden, a deep reality struck him. He said, "This is what my hands were meant to do." Then he shared with us that many of the things his hands had done in his life were sinful and didn't bring life to anyone. He told us again and again that what he was doing at the shelter was what his hands were created to do. Jack's story is a great reminder to each of us on this feast. As people who regularly consume the Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to do what we were created to do: become Christ for one another.



**Sunday, June 21/22, 2025**

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

**Reading I:** *Genesis 14:18-20*—Over bread and wine the mysterious Melchizedek blessed the Lord.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 110*—You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Reading II:** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*—Every time we eat the Lord's body and drink his blood, we proclaim his life-giving death.

**Gospel:** *Luke 9:11b-17*—The feeding of the multitudes.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

### We Are One

Unity is what our sacrament of Communion is about: oneness with God and each other. Yet, because we're human, that communion is necessarily paired up with another sacrament that does the work of reconciling. When unity gets torn, reconciliation repairs the damage. Lately, toxic polarization has been shredding our national unity, creating an illusion of insurmountable division. Media sources sharpen the knives of contrasting worldviews, leading to anxiety and depression, fear and violence. Trust in unity. Resist being recruited in the polarization game.

### Celebrating Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (*Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Jesu Christi*) is a liturgical feast of the Real Presence of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Pope Urban VI having been deeply moved by the [Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena](#), on the input of one of the greatest theologians of the time, St. Thomas Aquinas, established this feast in 1264. The pontiff commissioned Aquinas to compose the liturgical texts for the feast, including hymns that are still sung today, such as "Pange Lingua" and "Tantum Ergo."

For more information, look up *Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, Italy*.

### For the Lonely

Just as God brought Moses, David, Paul, and countless others, including Jesus, into seasons of isolation for the sole purpose of canceling out all the other "noise" just so they could hear His voice and feel His presence, I believe He does the same for us!

—Alicia Searl

## MASS INTENTIONS—JUNE 21-29

Sat	21	4:00	†Jack Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	22	10:00	†John J. Murray (Marcy Fox & Alan Gould)
Mon	23		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	24	8:00	<b>Intention of Aidan V. McCarthy</b> (Maria McCarthy)
Wed	25	8:00	†Bill Schuster (Dick & Blanche Kaiser)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	26	8:00	†Karen de Ferero (Bonnie & Mike Dines)
Fri	27	8:00	†Claire Vincent
Sat	28	4:00	†Yvonne Hanlon (Janis Blanchette)
Sun	29	10:00	†Harriet Draper (Robin Schudel)

Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers: Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Tyler Aytes, Gail Barrett, Jane Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Ki Daniels, Lisa Munoz Flores, Marcy Fox, Ted Gold, Randy Hakala, Rosemary Haver, Alan & Cheryl Hennessy, Tina Howard, Lee Kern, Millie McKay, Karen O'Malley, Lauri Paolinetti, Carol Pascoe, David Reuser, Magda Shelton, Bob Spaulding, Lisa Sullivan, Baby Vincent, Marilyn Warman, Adrian Wells, and Dolores Zeni.

Also pray for those who have died: Eleanore Schiro and Bill Schuster.



### Find Hidden Treasures at SOV

Star of the Valley Church has a library in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, inside the multi-purpose room also known as the Fireside Room. You're welcome to browse, sit and read, and borrow on an honor system from a variety of books and electronic media.

The library is open on weekdays and has a collection of 1,558 books (including two books written by two of our very own parishioners, Magda Shelton and Marcella Fox) and 189 CDs, and DVDs.

Come on in to the library, inside the Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, during the week to check it out.

### Summer Reading List

Book authors and categories in our Star of the Valley Library include: ■ Thomas Merton ■ Henri Nouwen ■ Popes ■ Prayer ■ Meditation ■ Women ■ Apologetics ■ Mary ■ Fiction ■ Biography, and more!



### This Weekend — June 21–22

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

**EMs:** Dennis Sabourin

Cristina Wadsworth

**Lector:** Judy Rodgers

John Knight

**Server:** Micki Sabourin

John Dolan

**Greeters:** Lisa Munoz Flores  
Sherry Rosevear

Mary Bell  
Tim Burkhard

**Ushers:** TBD  
Judy Rodgers

Tim Burkhard  
Clarence Younger

### Next Weekend — June 28–29

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Sr. Joanne Abrams

Marge Lamb

Gail Passalacqua

John Knight

Judy Rodgers

Mike Hanlon

Cathy Hardy  
Pete Hardy

Ron Manning  
Kathy McKeon

Kathleen Beirne  
Tom Beirne

Rick Ragan  
Clarence Younger

## PARISH EVENTS—JUNE 22–28

Summer Break 😊

### Weekly Collection Report

June 1	June 8	June 15	Weekly Goal
\$5,045	\$4,526	\$3,644	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection June 28/29

#### Peter's Pence

Next week we will take up the annual Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietry.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietry.va/en.html).



#### Electronic Giving

If you would like to support our parish through electronic giving, please scan the QR code or go to our website's **Donate Here** page: [giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch](http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/starofthevalleychurch).



#### Ushers Needed to Help with Collections

We have a shortage that you can help fill. Any registered parishioner interested in the important ministry of Ushers, and wanting to serve at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday holiday

Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 during the week.



#### Heritage Friends

All parishioners and friends of Star of the Valley Catholic Church are invited to join our *Heritage Friends of Star of the Valley*. Members of *Heritage Friends* are a part of

Star of the Valley's enduring future by remembering the parish in their estate planning.

Participation in *Heritage Friends* is straightforward. You merely submit the form (found in church, on our website or in our office) indicating your future intention to give a lasting gift without including any amount.

It is recommended that you contact an attorney to assist you in including your intention in your will or trust.

We invite you, after reflective prayer and consideration, to join *Heritage Friends* of Star of the Valley.

#### Point to Ponder

Remember: Whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it, because that's God answering someone else's prayers through you.

## Blessed Eva of Liège

Born in 1205 to a wealthy family of nobles in Belgium, not much is known about the early life of Eva of Liège. At some point in her teens or early twenties, she became an anchoress, living in a cell attached to the Basilica of St. Martin, and she spent her life in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Another nun, Juliana, had a similar devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and befriended Eva. Juliana confided in Eva about a vision she had as a teen during Eucharistic adoration, and also of her desire to institute a feast of Eucharistic veneration. The cause for the feast was elevated to their bishop. St. Juliana died, but Eva continued promoting the cause until it was instituted as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

When faced with the trials of her office of superioress, it was in Blessed Eva's cell where St. Juliana found refuge. Blessed Eva continued the cause for Corpus Christi, and—at the pope's request—it was to her that St. Thomas Aquinas sent a copy of the office of readings he composed for the feast. Holy friends are priceless. How are you a holy friend to others? Who are your holy friends?

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Food & Culture—Friendship Luncheon

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Rohnert Park invites you to celebrate Filipino American Friendship Day with an afternoon of delicious food and lively entertainment at their parish hall on Sunday, **July 6**—all in support of their hall kitchen renovation project. Limited tickets will be available for purchase after Masses starting the weekend of June 7–8. \$25 per adult, \$20 per child, 12 and under for a plate of Chicken Adobo, Pansit, Lumpia and rice, with dessert and bottled water included. For more information or to reserve your ticket, please contact Jennifer Bedoka at 707-888-9672.



#### Married Couples Retreat

Rediscover the joy and depth of your marriage at "Finding Extraordinary Love in the Ordinary." Inspired by the scriptures, this retreat invites married couples to renew their bond and uncover the beauty of everyday love. Through guided activities, meaningful discussions, and time for prayer and reflection, you'll strengthen your connection with your spouse and deepen your faith. Whether you're rekindling the spark or deepening your commitment, this weekend offers a supportive space to grow together. Come and celebrate the sacred journey of marriage in a community that embraces love, faith, and renewal. Join us for this inspiring experience!

Check-in at Christ the King Retreat Center begins at 4:30 p.m. on **July 11th** and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Mass on July 13 at 11:45 a.m. Snacks will be provided after Mass.

[Click Here for More Information](https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/), or call 916-725-4720 ext. 301, or visit <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

**Pun Fun** Irony. The opposite of wrinkly.



## Purpose of Power

We can use power to help others—or to help ourselves. Jesus chooses to feed the multitude and invites his followers to do the same. Lord John Acton (1834-1902), an English Catholic historian, counseled caution with our authority: “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Acton also noted, “Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought” and “The will of the people cannot make just that which is unjust.” Pray for those in positions of power to act wisely and lovingly when exercising their authority.

## Senior Moments (Oakmont Moments)

I just now had a little thought  
That has swiftly sped away.  
Another “senior moment”  
I have more of them each day.

Trying to introduce a friend,  
I simply can’t recall her name.  
Remembering it at midnight  
Is too late, and not the same.

My dear friend doesn’t notice.  
She pretends that all is fine.  
Not worried I forgot her name,  
She’s trying to remember mine.



Forbidden fruits create many jams.

## Welcome to Star of the Valley Catholic Church

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning Catholic, a visitor or new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you’d like to register or receive offertory envelopes, have moved, or have other needs, please complete this form and return it to the parish office or offertory basket.



- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New contact info (address, email, phone number)
- ☐ I’m moving; remove my name from the parish list.
- ☐ I need to talk to a priest. Please call me.
- ☐ I have a question. Please contact me.

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