

# 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.



## **July 12/13, 2025—Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**



### **The Neighborhood Shack**

Several years ago, a friend and I were walking through our neighborhood. One particular house in the neighborhood of

neatly trimmed front yards and well-kept homes really stood out. In reality this house was a dilapidated shack. As we walked by, a woman from the neighborhood, someone we had never met, asked us if we could assist the couple who lived in this house. We agreed and were led to the rear of the house where we found the couple. They were quite elderly and obviously intoxicated. The man was yelling at his wife and berating her for having left the keys in the locked house. We asked if we could help and were told that there was a window in the front of the house that was unlocked. We got an old chair and positioned it under the window. When we opened the window, the stench that hit us was astounding. We were able to help the man into the open window, since he would not allow us in. He opened the front door, let his wife in, slammed the door shut, and closed the open window.

### **Is Your Catholic "Showing"?**

We asked the neighbor if she knew of anyone, a friend or relative, whom we could call to get these people some help. I will never forget her answer. She simply said, "What church do you two guys go to?" Was our Catholic "showing" that much? Each time I hear the parable of the Good Samaritan I think of this experience. We are all called to give assistance to those in need. I never realized it until that moment, but when we do so, our actions really do say something to those around us. Let's take the time today to ask God to strengthen us in our efforts to help the poor and needy.



**Sunday, July 12/13, 2025**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*—  
 God's law is planted in our hearts.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 69*—Turn to the  
 Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Reading II:** *Colossians 1:15-20*—In the cross all  
 creation is united in Christ.  
**Gospel:** *Luke 10:25-37*—Even the stranger is to be loved  
 as a neighbor.

### Ordinary Time—It's Far from Plain

We often think of things called ordinary as plain,  
 uneventful, or lacking spark or zest. And yet when the  
 Church speaks of "Ordinary Time," she's speaking of  
 something very different.

Throughout the centuries the period of the liturgical  
 year that we call "ordinary" has been divided up in  
 different ways. Our current method of dividing up the  
 year is that Ordinary Time is one continuous season with  
 the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons  
 interspersed in-between. Compared with the great  
 celebrations around these two seasons, Ordinary Time  
 can appear to be, well, ordinary. But let's take a closer  
 look. The Latin root of the word ordinary refers to the  
 practice of weaving, where one unbroken thread weaves  
 back-and-forth creating a beautiful pattern. You can only  
 see this pattern when you step back and take a wider  
 view. And, so it is with our liturgical year.

During the Advent and Christmas season, with the  
 wonder of anticipation and the joyous celebrations of  
 Christ's birth, we are focused on the Incarnation, that  
 great mystery of God with us, Emmanuel. During Lent  
 and Easter our attention turns to the great self-sacrifice  
 of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

But what of Ordinary Time? First, in this context,  
 "ordinary" doesn't mean plain or regular, rather it means  
 numbered or counted. Ordinary Time counts the days  
 from the Christmas season to Lent and from the Easter  
 season to Advent. During these times, the Church calls  
 us to contemplate "the very mystery of Christ in its  
 fullness." How is this mystery weaving through our lives?  
 Where does it appear in our day-to-day experiences?  
 How can we live so that we become ever more aware of  
 the Risen Christ present in the world around us?

With this in mind, I pray that we all find the  
 extraordinary beauty and depth in our lives during  
 "Ordinary Time."  
 —Talib Huff

### MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 12-20

Sat	12	4:00	††Charles Waska & Bob Waska (Frances Waska)
Sun	13	10:00	†Gary T. Meagher (Knights of Columbus 1324)
Mon	14		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	15	8:00	†Fr. Lou Nichols
Wed	16	8:00	†Bernadette Mulligan (Russ Emery)
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	17	8:00	†All Souls (P. Vu)
Fri	18	8:00	†Rizalina Piñgol (Liza Peters)
Sat	19	4:00	†Bill Schuster (Pat Moran)
Sun	20	10:00	Intention of Wendy Papera (Tim Burkhard)

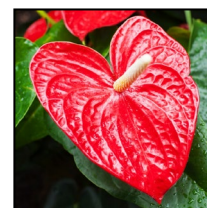
Please keep the sick and those in need in your prayers:  
 Barbara Ahluwalia, Dr. Mike Apicella, Gail Barrett, Jane  
 Borr, Lisa Bragg, Jim Bricker, David Charlton II, Tim  
 Cummings, Michael Curtis, Lola Danielli, Ki Daniels,  
 Elizabeth Dmitriew, Bob Esposito, Lisa Munoz Flores,  
 Marcy Fox, Ted 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:  
 Joey Cuneo and Fr. Louis Nichols.

### Funeral Mass at Star of the Valley

Saturday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.: Harriet Draper.

### Second Collections

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Parish  
 Repair and Maintenance**. Next weekend, the second  
 collection will be for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**.



### News From the Floral Committee

In the basket in front of the altar in  
 the church, three Anthurium plants  
 of the red variety symbolize love and  
 friendship because of their heart  
 shaped leaves. They are tropical  
 plants which love light but not direct  
 sun and are happy in well drained, moist soil. Thank you  
 for your donations to the church for flowers at Christmas  
 and Easter. This also allows the committee to decorate  
 the church for other liturgical celebrations. In June we  
 celebrated The Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost, The  
 Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi.



	<b>This Weekend — July 12–13</b>		<b>Next Weekend — July 19–20</b>	
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>EMs:</b>	Sr. Joanne Abrams	Kar Hofmann	Blanche Kaiser	Barbara Spotleson
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Rodgers	John Knight	Len Marabella	Bob Zeni
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	Drew Hofmann	Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Marietta Mancuso Sherry Rosevear	Ron Manning Judy Monroe	Marie Crimaldi Diane D'Ambrogia	Mary Bell Mardie Hart
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Steve Hipson Clarence Younger	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger



## PARISH EVENTS—JULY 12–19

Thursday, July 17, 11:30 Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

### Weekly Collection Report

June 22	June 29	July 6	Weekly Goal
\$4,117	\$3,798	\$6,030	\$5,365

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



### Servers, Lectors & Ushers

We have a shortage of liturgical ministers, and not just because it's summer time. Please consider and inquire about volunteering and contributing to your parish's

liturgical celebrations as a Lector, Server, or Usher. Any registered parishioner interested in these important ministries, and willing to serve at Saturday, Sunday, or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262 during the week.

### STAR OF THE VALLEY WESTERN

# BBQ

Welcoming Dinner  
**FUNDRAISER & RAFFLE**



**5:00**  
Cocktails & Appetizers

**6:00**  
in the evening

THURSDAY, AUGUST

**14th**

**\$35 PER PERSON**

### Cash Bar

**Menu:** *Hand Rubbed BBQ Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert*

Reservations can be made by placing a check in the Men's Club box by Friday, August 8.

For tables of up to 10 people, place each check in one envelope with the names listed on the front. Questions? Call Dennis Sabourin at 707-815-3361.

New parishioners: Contact Drew or Kar Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

STAR OF THE VALLEY  
MEN'S CLUB  
*presents a*

# PARISH FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

*drawing on*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th**

*during the Parish BBQ  
& Welcoming Dinner*

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

**\$25 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100**

**1st Prize—\$1,000**

**2nd Prize—\$500**

**3rd Prize—\$250**

**4th Prize—\$250**

Raffle tickets will be sold before the weekend Masses until August 10, and at the BBQ.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

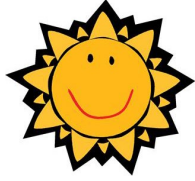
Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 (or 5 for \$100)

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SOV Men's Club  
Mail detached signup form and checks to:  
Star of the Valley Raffle; 495 White Oak Drive;  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
Or contact Dennis Sabourin at  
dmsabourin@icloud.com  
or 707-815-3361

## Point to Ponder

God's love is like clothing that wraps us and enfolds us, embraces and shelters us, surrounds and never deserts us.  
—Elizabeth Johnson



### Need a Little Sunshine?

The Women's Circle has a Sunshine Committee that would like to send a card to anyone who needs prayer or a little sunshine in their life due to illness or loss of a loved one. Please

call any of our Sunshine Ladies: Terry Cutler at 707-280-9995; Paula Scull at 760-809-2760; Carole Kilgariff at 415-370-2083; or Janet Rosshirt at 707-293-4256.



### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH Emergency Prep

Are you prepared for an emergency? Join a free 2-part workshop on emergency preparedness for Sonoma County residents 60+ with expert

speakers, free go-bags, and other incentives! Part 1 is Thursday, **July 17**, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and Part 2 is Thursday, **July 31**, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Council on Aging, 30 Kawana Springs Road, Santa Rosa. Register by July 9, 2025, by calling 707-525-0143 x. 119.

**Pun Fun** Crushing pop cans is soda pressing.

## 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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