

# 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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Answering service when the Office is closed.

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Website: [www.starofthevalley.org](http://www.starofthevalley.org)

## **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 19/20, 2025 — Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

### **Speak Up For Yourself**

Rabbinic teaching notes that it is the characters who “stood up” to the Almighty who were most admired in scripture: Moses, who protested his tongue-tied inability to lead the Exodus; Job, who questioned the very will and wisdom of God; Abraham, who bartered for the saving of Sodom and Gomorrah; Sarah, who, just beyond the final verse of today’s first reading from Genesis, will chuckle at God’s fruitful covenant in the womb she believed barren. On the cross, Jesus himself would echo one of the most heaven-defying questions of the psalmist: “Why have you abandoned me?” And, while it may be easy to think of these defiant characters as being short on faith, the scriptures prefer to use their boldness to indicate the depths to which they trusted their relationship with God. Made in the image of their Creator, the people of Israel knew that every solid and intimate relationship should run the entire gamut of human emotions.

### **Who Are You?**

In today’s Gospel passage, Martha joins the ranks of her ancestors who freely contested the situations in which they found themselves. She doesn’t merely gripe about her sister’s laziness; she does it without restraint to the one she addresses as “Lord.” Her tone, “Do you not care?” is somewhat accusatory. She must have felt quite trusting of her relationship with her sister and her Lord, in order to address Jesus in such a forthright manner. Jesus does not hesitate to give her a straightforward reply. He doesn’t contradict the need for the serving that must be done. He would, in fact, one day imitate the servile hospitality of Abraham’s foot-washing. Martha had welcomed him, washed the feet at which Mary sat, (**Who Are You** cont. back page.)



**Sunday, July 19/20, 2025**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *Genesis 18:1-10a*—Sarah and Abraham receive God as a guest.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 15*—He who does justice will live in the presence of the

Lord.

**Reading II:** *Colossians 1:24-28*—The body of Christ suffers and rejoices in our sufferings and joys.

**Gospel:** *Luke 10:38-42*—Martha and Mary received Jesus as a guest.

### Celebrate Marriage Jubilee!

July is quickly coming to an end, but there is still much to celebrate on the final weekend of July 26-27!

On **July 26-27**, the bishops of California have declared the Jubilee of Marriage, a special occasion to honor and uplift the vocation of marriage. Bishop Vasa encourages all parishes in the Diocese of Santa Rosa to celebrate this Jubilee during Masses next weekend.

Additionally, that same weekend we join the global Church in celebrating the Word Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, aligned with the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Families are encouraged to celebrate the Jubilee of Marriage in simple yet meaningful ways:

**Pray Together:** Seek the intercession of Saints Anne and Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Share a Special Meal:** Host a family dinner, look through wedding photos, and reflect on how your marriage has shaped your lives, your faith, and your family's journey.

**Serve Together:** Take part in a family service project that reflects the love at the heart of your marriage. Volunteering in your parish to help those in need, as well as participating in other worthwhile works of mercy, are powerful expressions of married and family love that overflow into society.



### Servers, Lectors & Ushers

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 weekend or weekday holiday Masses, please contact the parish office at 707-539-6262.

### MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 19-27

Sat	19	4:00	† <b>Bill Shuster</b> (Pat Moran)
Sun	20	10:00	<b>Intention of Wendy Papera</b> (Tim Burkhard)
Mon	21		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	22	8:00	<b>Intention of Kasey Papera</b> (Tim Burkhard)
Wed	23	8:00	† <b>John Johnson</b>
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	24	8:00	† <b>Joey Cuneo</b> (Maryellen Birkland)
Fri	25	8:00	† <b>Don Fountaine</b>
Sat	26	4:00	† <b>Gary T. Meagher</b> (Knights of Columbus 1324)
Sun	27	10:00	†† <b>Norma &amp; Frank Fitzpatrick</b> (Mary Stone)

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, David Russell, 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 Al Weinberger.

### Decree on Holy Communion Under Both Species

Some of you have been wondering if and when we will return to the practice of having Holy Communion distributed under both species, like we used to before the COVID pandemic. Bishop Vasa has issued a doctrinal statement reaffirming the Church's teaching that Christ is fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—under either the bread or the wine in the Eucharist. Due to ongoing misunderstandings, the Bishop has outlined clear limits for offering Communion under both species. The short answer is that only the Host will continue to be distributed at regular Sunday and daily Masses and to the homebound.

If you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the office.



**Quail Quip** I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from?



### This Weekend — July 19–20

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

**EMs:** Blanche Kaiser  
**Lector:** Len Marabella  
**Server:** Bev Shelhart  
**Greeters:** Marie Crimaldi  
 Diane D'Ambrogia  
**Ushers:** Ed Montague  
 Judy Rodgers

Barbara Spotleson  
 Bob Zeni  
 Fritz Spotleson  
 Mary Bell  
 Mardie Hart  
 Rick Ragan  
 Clarence Younger

### Next Weekend — July 26–27

4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

Linda Luceti  
 Gail Passalacqua  
 Connie Montague  
 Livie Brant  
 Lisa Munoz Flores  
 Kathleen Beirne  
 Tom Beirne  
 Cristina Wadsworth  
 Bowman Olds  
 John Dolan  
 Ceal Geurts  
 Kathy McKeon  
 John Knight  
 Clarence Younger

## PARISH EVENTS—JULY 19–26

Tuesday, July 22, 11:00 Pastoral Council Mtg.—Bello Rm.

### Weekly Collection Report

June 29	July 6	July 13	Weekly Goal
\$3,798	\$6,030	\$5,104	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**. Our Neighbor-to-Neighbor program supports families in need at Christmastime and throughout the year by helping to keep our Nick's Food Pantry stocked.

### Service

I slept and dreamt that life was all joy,  
I awoke and saw that life was but service,  
I served and understood that service was joy. —Tagore

**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 Jim Warman at 707-230-2682.

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.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Jim Warman at  
Warman804@yahoo.com  
or 707-230-2682

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### Chicken BBQ

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Fort Bragg is hosting their 70th Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday,

**August 3**, from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Enjoy delicious barbeque or smoked chicken, green salad, Mexican beans, rice, garlic bread, dessert, punch and coffee! \$30 for full order, \$25 for ½ order. See flyer on bulletin board.

# NCSC

### Single and Catholic?

Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and

beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on **August 22-24, 2025!** (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions.) This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) For more information and to register visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com).

I'm great at multi-tasking—I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.



### Day Retreat at the Jesuit El Retiro Retreat Center of Los Altos

For Women and Men, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, **July 31**.

Please join us and other friends of El Retiro as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Experience the beauty of our 38 acres while celebrating the gift of St. Ignatius to the Church. Perhaps you may recall a special retreat made here and spend some time remembering how the Lord is active in your life. Lunch will be served. Cost \$50. Register at [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org), or call 650-917-4024. For more information contact Len Marabella at 707-217-1356.

### Camino De Sonoma Summer Healing Festival

Join the walk-a-thon and dinner at St. Eugene's school and track on Friday, **August 22**. For more information and to buy tickets visit [www.caminodesonoma.com](http://www.caminodesonoma.com).

(**Who Are You** cont.) as Abraham welcomed his visitors. She scurried for a meal, as did Sarah for her guests. All necessary, but her anxiety and worry kept her from "the better part" of knowing her sister and knowing Christ. May we all be a bit like Martha, ready to welcome, to bear the burden of serving, to call others to serve with us, but always, with Mary, in the assurance of those who sit attentively at the feet of the Lord.



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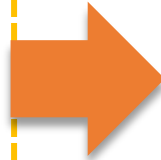
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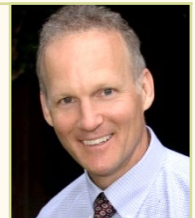
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