

# 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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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 26/27, 2025— Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Bargaining With God**

In the first reading from Genesis today, we hear one of the most protracted deal-making scenes between a human and God in all of the Bible. It was this sort of courageous standing toe-to-toe with the Almighty that helped earn Abraham the reputation of being a fearlessly faithful man, one who lived his end of the covenant and, in deep, trusting faith, would call upon the Lord to live up to the other end. Other ancient religions had accounts of mortals bartering with the divine, but for a mere man to whittle down the divinity's requirements, to stay the wrathful hand of the heavens for the sake of a handful of the innocent, was new and remarkable. Abraham began the trajectory that would find a pinnacle in Christ on the cross, where his own "faith in the power of God" would lead him not to care how many innocent there were, but to offer himself as a sacrifice so that all might be forgiven their transgressions and allowed to live in life eternal.

### **Striking A Scary Deal**

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus gives them the benefit of the doubt: "forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us." It is not too difficult to imagine Jesus looking around at his followers rather pointedly as he says this, eyebrows arched, perhaps emphasizing the word "everyone" as he spoke. This, when truly prayed, is a scary invitation (or challenge) to God: forgive us in the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the same way and to the same degree that we forgive others. Perhaps we count on the Almighty to live up to the forgiveness end of the bargain even when we fail to; we, therefore, don't really seem (**Scary Deal** continued inside.)



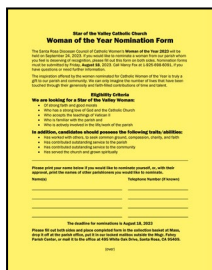
**Sunday, July 26/27, 2025**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *Genesis 18:20-32*—  
 Abraham bargained with God for the  
 safety of the innocent.

**Responsorial:** *Psalms 138*—Lord, on the  
 day I called for help, you answered me.

**Reading II:** *Colossians 2:12-14*—God nailed our sins to  
 the cross of Christ.

**Gospel:** *Luke 11:1-13*—Jesus teaches us to pray and  
 reminds us to persevere in prayer.



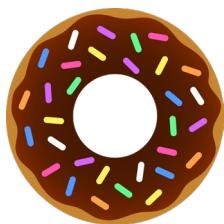
**Woman of the Year**

Inserted in this bulletin you will find a  
 nomination form to fill out for this  
 year's **Star of the Valley Woman of  
 the Year**. Candidates must be  
 practicing Catholic women who, as  
 unpaid volunteers, contributed  
 outstanding service to Star of the  
 Valley and the community.

Please submit the completed nomination form by  
 Friday, **August 29th**. Nomination forms may be placed in  
 the weekend's collection basket, dropped off at, or  
 mailed to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive,  
 Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
 hosts the annual Women of the Year event, honoring  
 women of parishes in the diocese. This year's event will  
 be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Rohnert  
 Park on Saturday, October 11. It will include the Rosary,  
 Mass, and the award luncheon. Reservation forms will  
 be available for anyone who wants to attend.

Star of the Valley's past Women of the Year:  
 2024 Micki Sabourin; 2023 Judy Rodgers; 2019 Jackie  
 Kenilvort; 2018 Cristina Wadsworth; 2017 Blanche  
 Kaiser; 2015 Ruth Fulger & Roberta McElroy; 2013  
 Sherry Busterna; 2012 Mary Jo Henrikson; and 2011  
 Harriet Draper.



**No Donut Sunday in August**

It's summer break time, so there will  
 be no Donut Sunday on August 3rd.  
 Donut Sunday will resume on  
 September 7. If you lose some  
 weight in August, you can gain it  
 back in September! 😊

**MASS INTENTIONS—JULY 26-AUGUST 3**

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)
Mon	28		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	29	8:00	† <b>Al Weinberger</b> (Russ Emery)
Wed	30	8:00	† <b>Joey Cuneo</b> (Maryellen Birkland)
		10:30	<b>O.G. For the People of the Parish</b>
Thurs	31	8:00	† <b>Roberta McElroy</b>
Fri	1	8:00	† <b>Gloria McKay</b>
Sat	2	4:00	† <b>Phil Marvier</b>
Sun	3	10:00	† <b>Martin Kilgariff</b>

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: Mary Jo Henrikson,  
 Bernadette Mulligan and Al Weinberger.



**Volunteer  
 to Support Your Parish**

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.

**(Scary Deal** continued from cover)

to believe the fact that God can reserve the right to say  
 "OK" to this invitation at any time, and make us bear the  
 consequences. A good barometer of whether or not  
 we're truly sincere in our invitation might be whether or  
 not we break out in a cold sweat when we pray it. Can  
 we always count on God to be merciful and forgiving?  
 Yes. Can we always count on God to honor every  
 agreement God enters into? Again, yes.



**This Weekend — July 26–27**

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

<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti	Cristina Wadsworth
<b>Lector:</b>	Gail Passalacqua	Bowman Olds
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Livie Brant Lisa Munoz Flores	Ceal Geurts Kathy McKeon
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	John Knight Clarence Younger

**Next Weekend — August 2–3**

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

Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson
Connie Pearson	Mike Hanlon
Connie Montague	Fritz Spotleson
Bob Chapman Pat Chapman	Kathy McKeon Paula Scull
Ed Montague Michael Sotak	Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

## PARISH EVENTS—JULY 26—AUGUST 3

Zzzzz... Check out SOV's August calendar!

### Weekly Collection Report

July 6	July 13	July 20	Weekly Goal
\$6,030	\$5,104	\$4,292	\$5,365

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

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Black and Indian Missions** which helps local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

### Pun Fun

Last night I dreamed I was a vinyl record. This morning I woke up feeling groovy.

**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



## Summer Reading

Thanks to our parishioner, Michele Osmon, we have 8 new books in our library, some on the New York Times Bestseller list:

- *The Briar Club: A Novel*
- *Escape To Magpie Ridge*
- *The Grapes of Wrath*
- *My Brilliant Friend*
- *She's Up to No Good: A Novel*
- *Sunflower Sisters: A Novel*

And, while you're in the library, check out all the other great books we have.



## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH 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.



## 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 1/2 order.

See flyer on bulletin board.

Imagination is the eye of the soul. —Joseph Joubert



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