

# 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**

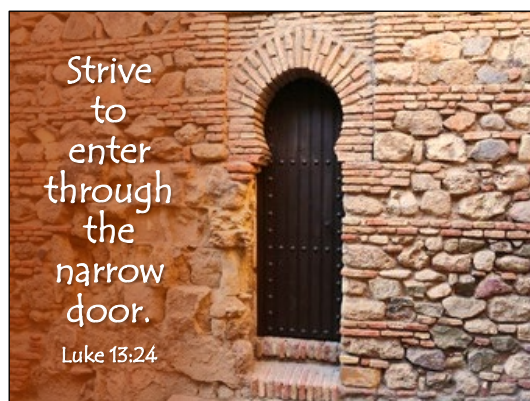
For appointment, email or leave a message in the office  
for Anointing of the Sick by a Priest  
when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

## **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Call the office to arrange visits by a  
Eucharistic Minister for Holy Communion  
when someone is homebound.



## **August 23/24, 2025— Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## **Discipline**

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian

faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today.

Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory of a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts. —Anon.



**Sunday, August 23/24, 2025**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I:** *Isaiah 66:18-21*—Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.

**Responsorial:** *Psalm 117*—Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

**Reading II:** *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*—Discipline strengthens what is weak.

**Gospel:** *Luke 13:22-30*—The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.

**Woman of the Year Nominations Due!**

There's still time to help choose Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year! Please submit your completed nomination form by Friday, **August 29th** by placing it in the weekend's collection basket, dropping it off at, or mailing to the parish office at 495 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

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.

**Invest In Your Parish & Be A Gift**

There are many opportunities to share your time and talents at Star of the Valley. You are needed to help keep our parish a vibrant faith community. Without all of our wonderful volunteers, we would cease to exist, so it is vital, and our responsibility to contribute, not only financially, but our skills as well.

Please see the list of Parish Committees & Ministries that is printed on the back of each monthly calendar and posted on the bulletin boards. If you can lend a hand in a certain ministry, please call the person on the list and get more information. They will be happy to welcome you and train you if needed.

You may also call the parish office for more information or to volunteer. Most of the opportunities are infrequent, only require small commitments of time, and scheduling is based on your availability.

Join the fun of participating, perhaps in a new way; enhance your spiritual life by allowing God to work through you; be a gift to your parish and become closer to your family of faith.

**MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 23-31**

Sat	23	4:00	†Tom Luceti (Linda Luceti)
Sun	24	10:00	†Bill Schuster (Cathy & Pete Hardy)
Mon	25		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	26	8:00	†Marianna Patterson (Maryellen Birkland)
Wed	27	8:00	†Ed Del Monte
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	28	8:00	†Fr. Mario Farana
Fri	29	8:00	†Mary Ann Bowden (Dolores & Bob Zeni)
Sat	30	4:00	†Jim Merriman (Members of SVDP)
Sun	31	10:00	†Sophia Saavedra (Mary Kennedy)

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: Marianna Patterson.

**NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**Grief Support at Holy Spirit Church**

Predictability and routine can be illusive when a loved one has died. Making sense of our new reality can be challenging. Yet, God in His mercy has blessed Holy Spirit Church with a group of grieving men and women who come together monthly for support. Our time together is casual, relaxed and welcoming. We focus on a short Scripture, followed by a reflection giving us focus and comfort around the grieving process. Christian fellowship and optional group sharing is also included.

If you are in need of comfort, support and community around the loss of a loved one, you are most welcome to join us on Wednesday, **September 3, 2025**, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church Hall, 1244 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa. For further information, call Deanna 909-532-0102 or Mary 707-495-3095.

**Christian One Liner**

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.



**This Weekend — August 23–24**

**4:00 p.m.**

<b>EMs:</b>	Linda Luceti
<b>Lector:</b>	Len Marabella
<b>Server:</b>	Connie Montague
<b>Greeters:</b>	Diane D'Ambrogia
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ed Montague Judy Rodgers

**10:00 a.m.**

Kar Hofmann
Karen Schraga
Drew Hofmann
Cathy Hardy Pete Hardy
Rick Ragan Clarence Younger

**Next Weekend — August 30–31**

**4:00 p.m.**

Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb
Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon
Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts Ron Manning
Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger



## PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 23–31

**Friday, August 29**—Woman of the Year Nominations Due  
—Monsignor Fahey Parish Center

### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17	Weekly Goal
\$4,880	\$6,076	\$4,927	\$5,365

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

### Parish BBQ & Welcome Dinner—Huge Success



157 parishioners and friends of SOV enjoyed a wonderful summer event this past week. The food was excellent, the fellowship was magnificent, and the help was fantastic, making the annual Parish fundraiser very successful.

The Raffle winners at the barbeque were: Kar Hofmann and Terie McKenna \$250 each. Russ Emery won the 2nd prize of \$500, and Michael Gough won the grand prize of \$1,000.

Thank you, SOV team and donors, for all of your efforts to make this event so very successful!

### NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH



#### Fund a Future Citizen

On Wednesday, **August 27**, 4:00-6:00 p.m., friends of Catholic Charities will be gathering at Beer Baron in downtown Santa Rosa for an

afternoon of connection, community, and impact. It's a chance to meet neighbors, connect with friends, and hear how together we're helping more families on the path to U.S. citizenship. We're honored to welcome U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson and Santa Rosa Mayor Mark Stapp, who will share how our immigrant neighbors strengthen Sonoma County—and how you can help open the door to opportunity.

Tickets are free, but registration is requested as space is limited. Visit <https://give.ccnwc.org/event/fund-a-future-citizen-beer-baron-bar-and-kitchen/e715320>



#### Special Screening

On **September 8th** there will be a 6:30 p.m. showing of "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" at St.

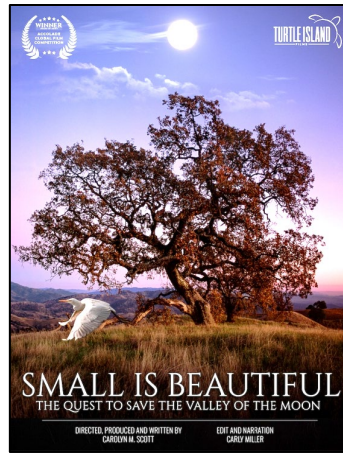
Eugene's Becker Center in honor of the Canonization of Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati. All ages are invited to celebrate together. We all struggle with our devices these days, let's watch the movie together and be inspired. RSVP on <https://srdiocese.org/> or contact Stephen Morris [dsryouth@srdiocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdiocese.org).

#### Truism

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

## SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Local film, *Small is Beautiful: The Quest to Save the Valley of the Moon*, to be shown at Star of the Valley



How many of you have been concerned about fleeing another wildfire through the narrow corridor of Highway 12? This is a real nightmare for many of us who live in Oakmont or along the Highway 12 corridor from Sonoma to Santa Rosa. We are well aware of various residential and commercial development projects that are making our nightmare a reality.

The Star of the Valley Men's Club and Women's Circle is sponsoring a multi-award-winning short documentary film titled, "Small is Beautiful" that explores the challenges facing a small rural community waging a fierce battle against a massive development project threatening to engulf a wildlife sanctuary and a community's way of life.

As climate change intensifies fire seasons, this rural community finds itself not only fighting to protect its natural heritage but also grappling with the potential catastrophic consequences of introducing large-scale development into a fire-prone landscape. The film talks about what is happening with the residential development of the Sonoma Developmental Center and the effect that will have on the Highway 12 corridor.

### Film Introduction



We are honored to have the film's award-winning author, director and producer, **Carolyn Scott**, at the event to introduce and discuss her film. Ms. Scott has 25 years of experience in education, environmental and film endeavors.

### Post-Screening PowerPoint Presentation

Also present at the event will be **Dr. Bean Anderson**, a retired Silicon Valley Engineer and longtime advocate for the preservation of the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) lands. Dr. Anderson is on the boards of two of the nonprofits fighting the development. Dr. Anderson will share a PowerPoint presentation following the film.

### When & Where

Come to the Star of the Valley's Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive on Wednesday, **September 17**. The event will start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The event is free of charge and there is no need for reservations. This is an important event, so please encourage friends and neighbors to attend.

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Trivia Night at Shady Oak

You're invited to join Redwood Empire Food Bank friends for Tap Out Hunger Trivia Night at Shady Oak Barrel House in Santa Rosa on Wednesday, **August 27**.

- Shady Oak Barrel House is located at 420 1st Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.
- Tickets are \$15 per person—100% of proceeds benefit the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Each ticket includes entry to both trivia games and one raffle ticket. Teams can have up to 6 players. All ages welcome!
- Doors swing open at 5:30 p.m. The first round of trivia begins at 6:00 p.m., with the second game starting at 7:00 p.m. Between the two games, we'll hold drawings for a chance to win Shady Oak and Redwood Empire Food Bank swag!
- Come hungry and thirsty! Shady Oak is generously donating a portion of trivia participants' entire tab. MoMo Man food truck will be there serving yummy Indian spice, Nepalese soul & Asian street food.
- Ways to get extra raffle tickets: Bring a bag of food to donate. August is Protein Power Up—bring canned protein for extra kindness points!

Let's come together, test our knowledge, and make a positive impact on our community. To get tickets, visit <https://refb.givevirtuous.org/> or click **GET TICKETS**

### Fall Fiesta at Resurrection Church

Join the fun and enjoy the music and food on Saturday, **September 6**, 2025, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at 303 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa.

### Discerning God's Will for Your Retirement

A weekend retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Friday 4:00 p.m. through Sunday 2:00 p.m., **September 5-7**, 2025. Register by September 4 at <https://jrc.retreatportal.com/calendar/event?programcode=25SON04203> or call 650-917-4000 for more information.

### Marian Theological Conference

You are invited to a powerful weekend of faith, formation and fellowship hosted by the Newman Center Catholic Club of Sonoma State University, **September 26-27**, 2025, at Sonoma State University.

This conference will explore the Church's teachings on the Blessed Virgin Mary, provide meals, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Vasa. Register early for \$60, as capacity is limited. If you can't attend but want to support the students, please sponsor!

Mail your check to SSU Newman Center, 1798 E Cotati Avenue, Pettingrove, CA 94951. Contact us at [NewmanCenterMarianChapel@gmail.com](mailto:NewmanCenterMarianChapel@gmail.com). See the flyer on the bulletin board.



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