

# 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 30/31, 2025— Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## **Humility**

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just

been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn't say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such "regular" folks. What is it that makes people seem so "regular"? Today's readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don't tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.



**Sunday, August 30/31, 2025**  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** *Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*—  
Ancient wisdom insists that the more  
humble we are, the greater we are.  
**Responsorial:** *Psalm 68*—God, in your

goodness, you have made a home for the poor.  
**Reading II:** *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*—Far from  
frightening, our encounter with God will be like a  
glorious holiday.  
**Gospel:** *Luke 14:1, 7-14*—Jesus presents his own  
version of table manners.

**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.



**Donut Sunday Next Week!**  
Thanks to Carole Kilgariff and Cristina Wadsworth, we will celebrate the 80th birthday of Kathleen Beirne at Donut Sunday on **September 7th** in the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center before and after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come to enjoy some juice, coffee, muffins or donuts, and visit with fellow parishioners.

If you would like to sponsor a future Donut Sunday to celebrate, honor, or in memory of someone, please contact Drew Hofmann at 707-539-2706.

MASS INTENTIONS—AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 7			
Sat	30	4:00	†Jim Merriman (Members of SVDP)
Sun	31	10:00	†Sophia Saavedra (Mary Kennedy)
Mon	1		No Mass—Pray a Rosary
Tue	2	8:00	†Bob Kalsey
Wed	3	8:00	†Agnes Orser
		10:30	O.G. For the People of the Parish
Thurs	4	8:00	†Pat Marabella (Len Marabella)
Fri	5	8:00	Intention of Ora Romani (Maryellen Birkland)
Sat	6	4:00	†Harriet Draper
Sun	7	10:00	Intention of Darcy Paquette (Maryanne & Jerry Elliott)

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, 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.

**Pray for Priests in September**

The September calendar of Prayers for Priests is on the Divine Mercy counter in church. Please pick one up and pray for them, and for more vocations to the priesthood.



**Parish Annual Report**  
Inserted in this weekend's bulletin, please see Star of the Valley's Annual Report for fiscal year 2024-2025, provided by our Parish Finance Council. We are very grateful to all of you who support our parish financially, as well as with your time and talents!

**Woman of the Year**

All nominations for Star of the Valley's Woman of the Year award are in and are being counted. The winner will be announced in a future bulletin! Thank you to all who submitted nominations.

More details and reservation information for the luncheon, honoring the winners of each parish on October 11, will be in future bulletins as well. Stay tuned!

	This Weekend — August 30-31	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>EMs:</b>	Jan Rosshirt	Marge Lamb
<b>Lector:</b>	Ted Rosshirt	Mike Hanlon
<b>Server:</b>	Judy Rodgers	John Dolan
<b>Greeters:</b>	Livie Brant	Ceal Geurts Ron Manning
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kathleen Beirne Tom Beirne	Tim Burkhard Clarence Younger

	Next Weekend — September 6-7	
	4:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Sr. Joanne Abrams	Barbara Spotleson	
Gail Passalacqua	John Knight	
Bev Shelhart	Fritz Spotleson	
Bob Chapman	Mardie Hart	
Pat Chapman	Kathy McKeon	
Judy Rodgers	Rick Ragan	
	Clarence Younger	





## PARISH EVENTS—AUGUST 30—SEPTEMBER 7

**Monday, September 1**—Parish Office Closed—Labor Day

**Sunday, September 7**—Donut Sunday—Msgr. Fahey  
Parish Center

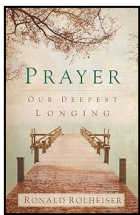
### Weekly Collection Report

Aug 10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Weekly Goal
\$6,076	\$4,927	\$4,393	\$5,365

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

### Second Collections

Next weekend's second collection will be for **Diocesan Seminarians**. Please help those who are in formation and studying for the priesthood in our diocese. We need more priests, and they need our support.

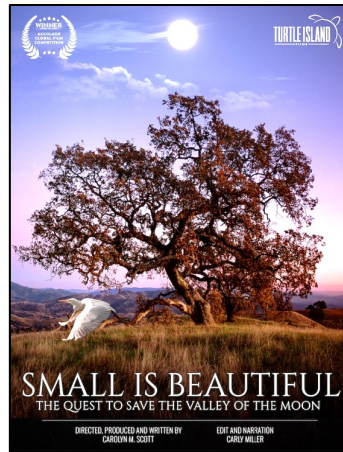


### Spiritual Book Club

Men and women are invited to join in a reflection and meditation using the book *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. Our first discussion will be on Wednesday, **September 17**, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at the church.

## 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.

## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS PRESALE

Starting on **September 7th**, at **Donut Sunday** we will be selling raffle tickets for our Holiday Craft Fair Raffle, which will be held Saturday, November 22. All proceeds go to our parish.

You will be able to preview the various prize items and buy raffle tickets for your favorites. Some of the prizes available include:

- **Victorian Doll House with Furnishings**
- **\$100 Gift Cards to High-End Restaurants**
- **Wine Baskets**
- **Prickett's Garden Center Gift Card & Plant**
- **Quilted Holiday Table Runner with 8 Napkins**
- **Holiday Centerpieces**

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22nd. Winners need not be present.

**Don't miss out! See you at Donut Sunday!**

# Hot Dogs &



**4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9**

Msgr. Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive

**Dinner: \$10**

**Bingo Cards: \$2 each**

All are welcome. If you don't play bingo,  
come for dinner at 5:15 p.m. (approx.)

Dinner: Miller Hot Dogs, Chili, Potato Salad & Dessert

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### 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.



### 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://srdioocese.org/> or contact Stephen Morris  
[dsryouth@srdioocese.org](mailto:dsryouth@srdioocese.org).

### Job Opportunities

The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Santa Rosa has  
an opening for a Program Manager of Faith Formation.  
For more information, please visit our website

[www.srdioocese.org](http://www.srdioocese.org) or email [Lnorcia@srdioocese.org](mailto:Lnorcia@srdioocese.org).

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